

MORNING WORSHIP



Prelude	Prayer
*Call to Worship	Offering 1st Ministries Fund 2nd Ministry Shares
*Opening Praise <i>And Can It Be</i> Gray 267:1-4	Scripture Hebrews 2:10-18 p. 1255
*Prayer	Message <i>Part of the Family</i>
*Songs of Praise <i>Good to Me</i> Screens <i>No Longer Slaves</i> Screens	*Parting Blessing
God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting	*Closing Song <i>The Wonderful Cross</i> Screens
Mission Celebration <i>Steve Newland & Paul Jennings</i>	*Postlude

MORNING WORSHIP FOCUS

One of the most powerful social control mechanisms is shame. When someone transgresses within a community, whether it be a family, a religious community, or a nation – shame can be a powerful tool to control the person or the climate. A good dose of shame can be healthy, but often shame is that which keeps a person enslaved to the power of the dark. Shame can be used to prop up the one's own self-righteousness and scapegoat the transgressor. God breaks that cycle in Jesus. As this text tells us, "he is not ashamed to call us brothers." It's not that we don't have things to be shameful about – for sure we do – but that God's forgiveness in the person of Christ frees us from the slavery to shame. We are welcomed into the family of God with open arms.

Adult Sunday School

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for deeper learning of the Christian faith.

CHILDREN/ NURSERY INFO

Nursery: children birth-3 years at end of the east hall

Sunday School: available for kindergarten-adults from 11:00 - 12:00 from September - May.

Hearing assistance is available.

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Ministries Fund Deacon Report

	<u>Jan 7, 2018</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$ 3,004.03	\$ 3,004.03
Collections received	\$ 1,061.00	\$ 1,061.00
Difference	(\$ 1,943.03)	(\$ 1,943.03)



We are called to love God wholeheartedly and to love others by leading them to commitment and maturity in Jesus Christ.

January 14, 2018



Celebrating God's Mission

**Welcome to Comstock
Christian Reformed Church**

Our desire is that you find this fellowship a place of true worship and community.

Let us know if we can assist you in any way. It is our joy to serve you!

PRAYER CONCERNS & PRAISES

-Pray for **Pearl Doorn** as she recovers from a broken hip and wrist. She has been transferred to a care facility in Parchment.
-Pray for **Bernadene Dykstra** as she deals with cancer.
-Pray for those close to our church who are struggling with cancer—our missionary **Lauren Markel** with a tumor and **Alex Silva**.

Birthdays This Week

Mark Smit, Chris Terpstra, Tyler Meier

Youth for Christ Sunday!

This morning, we welcome two of our missionaries, **Steve Newland & Paul Jennings** with **Youth for Christ** as they share with us their ministry amongst teens in our community. We praise God with them for all that God is doing to proclaim the gospel in our community!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today 11:00 AM Sunday School
6:00 PM Youth Group
Tuesday 7:00 PM Council
8:00 PM Deacons
Wednesday 6:30 PM GEMS
6:30 PM Cadets
Thursday 9:00 AM Power in Prayer
Sunday 9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Sunday School

OUR GIVING

Morning Offering

The first offering is for our **Ministries Fund**, which allows us to effectively carry out the ministries of our church. Our second collection this morning is for **Ministry Shares**.

Next week our second offering will be for **Missions**.

Comstock Food Pantry

For January we will have a “giver’s choice”. Your donations are greatly appreciated and can be placed on the table in the entranceway.

Thank you from the Deacons

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards and visits while I was in the hospital and at Borgess Gardens. It was all very much appreciated. Betty Tuinier

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We can always use more nursery volunteers, you are usually only scheduled four times a year. Thank you to all who already volunteer. Please prayerfully consider if you can help out our church in this ministry. Call Lisa in the office at 342-2646 or email office@comstockcrc.org to volunteer.

Coffee Servers

We are in need of more people to serve coffee and cookies after church. Talk to Marie Dykhuis. Thank you!

Power in Prayer

All are welcome to join us on Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM for prayer time here at our church as we lift up the prayers of our church, our community, and our country. Talk to Tina Slager for more information.

Calvin College Center Art Gallery Presents "The Beautiful" - Jan 12 - Feb 18 (Opening reception: Jan 25, 6-8 pm) "The Beautiful" gathers more than 35 contemporary works of art executed in a variety of media and genres that bear witness to beauty as it appears to us in the complex landscape of contemporary culture. For more information: civa.org/exhibits/the-beautiful

HOSPITALITY SERVICES

	This Week	Next Week
Nursery	Bob & Meredith Gano	Nursery Chris Selles & Grace Triemstra
Library	Linda Hinds	Library Kay Triemstra
Welcome Center	Mark & Julie Smit	Welcome Center Mike & Karen Tiesman
Praise Team	Leah & Lexi Hinds, Mark Terpstra	Praise Team Kelly Hulst, Randy Westrate
Tech Team	Jim & Tina Slager	Tech Team Mark Terpstra