

MORNING WORSHIP



Prelude		Offering 1st Ministries Fund
* <i>Holy Spirit</i>	Screens	2nd Ministry Shares
* <i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>	Blue 320	Scripture Luke 4:1-13 p. 1074
*Prayer		Message <i>Steadying Our Anxious Flesh</i>
* <i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>	Blue 638	*Parting Blessing
God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting		*Closing Song
Prayer Time		<i>The Wonderful Cross</i> Screens
Time of Confession		*Postlude
*Song of Response		
<i>The Power of the Cross</i>	Screens	



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

February 18, 2018

LENT



MORNING WORSHIP FOCUS

As we begin the Lenten season, we turn to the pattern of life that is modeled upon the cross. Jesus' life is lived in anticipation of the cross and his whole life is lived upon the pattern of the cross. The cross challenges the natural flow of our world that seeks to live on its own wisdom. As Jesus demonstrates here, all desire was presented before him, yet it was ultimately temporary and lacking. His love view opens us up to the life-giving pattern of the cross. We open Lent by thinking of the need to fight the temptations that challenge our hearts and seek to be filled with the bread of life.

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

	Feb 11, 2018	YTD
Budget	\$ 3,773.26	\$ 22,639.56
Collections received	\$ 2,969.00	\$ 12,003.00
Difference	(\$ 804.26)	(\$10,636.56)

The Cross Roads of Life

**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 **Lauri Meier** as she recovers from knee surgery. We thank God it went well.

-Pray for **Evelyn Izenbaard** as she continues to recover from recent illness.

-Pray for **Pete DenHartigh** and **Pearl Doorn** as they continue to recover from recent health challenges.

-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**.

New Address

Please update your directories:
Pete DenHartigh
Medilodge of Portage
7855 Currier Drive
Portage, MI 49002

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today 9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Sunday School
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
6:00 PM Youth Group

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 February we will collect canned meals - soups, stew, chili, spaghetti, ravioli, etc.. Your donations are greatly appreciated and can be placed on the table in the entranceway.

Thank you from the Deacons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communicator Articles

Please submit any articles to Lisa by Tuesday, February 27, the March Communicator will come out on Sunday, March 4. *We love to see news and updates from our ministry programs, along with pictures of your group and what they have been working on.* Thank you! You can send articles to Lisa at: office@comstockcrc.org

Nursery Volunteers Needed

The nursery would love to have more helpers. Contact the office if you can help out in the nursery a few times a year. Call 342-2646 or email at office@comstockcrc.org

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 or any prayer requests you might have.

The Student Aid Fund Committee of Classis Kalamazoo invites students from its churches who are planning to pursue full-time ministry in the CRC (undergraduate or graduate level) and are in need of financial assistance for the academic year of 2018-19 to apply no later than April 30, 2018 by contacting Pastor Phil Kok, [269-327-1570](tel:269-327-1570) or philkok@charter.net. Undergraduate students must be at least in their junior year during 2018 -2019. Students presently receiving aid must reapply.

HOSPITALITY SERVICES

This Week

Nursery Mark & Julie Smit
Library Mardell Terpstra
Welcome Center Everett & Marie Dykhuis
Praise Team Sammy Gano, Kelly Hulst, Lily Hulst, Grace Triemstra
Tech Team Cris & Randy Westrate

Next Week

Nursery Todd & Karen Triemstra
Library Mardell Terpstra
Welcome Center Bob & Meredith Gano
Praise Team Chris Huff, Jared Jones
Tech Team Mark Terpstra