

MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude		Time of Confession	
*Opening Songs		*Song of Response	
<i>Overcome</i>	Screens	<i>Jesus Paid It All</i>	Blue 305
<i>I Will Follow You</i>	Screens	Scripture	Luke 4:14-30 p. 1074
*Reading		Message	<i>A Refusal of Populism</i>
*Song of Worship		*Parting Blessing	
<i>Step by Step</i>	Screens	*Closing Songs	
God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting		<i>Knowing You</i>	Screens
Time with Children		<i>Step by Step</i>	Screens
Prayer Time		*Postlude	
Offering	1st Ministries Fund		
	2nd Missions		

MORNING WORSHIP FOCUS

Jesus could have had the crowds from the get-go. Indeed, he could have grabbed onto the initial excitement that people had toward him and followed the wave. The problem is that populist waves always crash and often accomplish little. Along the way, much is sacrificed to hold onto that the attention of the masses. The harder path is staying true to one's God-ordained purpose even in the midst of people tiring of it. Not many people welcome the truth. It hurts too much. It exposes too much. And so the person driven by pursuing God's path will need to follow the path of the cross. The cross is a lonely path often for the crowds desire an easier path. The crowds also don't like getting reminded of the alternative path, for it displays the shortcoming of their own. But the path of the cross is the only one that leads to life because it is the only path that has truth as its foundation.

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 18, 2018	YTD
Budget	\$ 3,773.26	\$ 26,412.82
Collections received	\$ 2,606.00	\$ 14,609.00
Difference	(\$ 1,167.26)	(\$ 11,803.82)



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

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February 25, 2018



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 **Cris & Randy Westrate** as Cris's mom passed away this past week.
- Pray for **Lauri Meier** as she recovers from knee surgery.
- Pray for **Pearl Doorn** as she continues 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**.

Birthdays This Week

Harold Terpstra, Chris Huff, Everett Dykhuis, Julie Smit

ALICE SLAGER (a former long standing member of our church) will reach her 100th birthday on March 3. Celebrating with her will be Ken, her husband of 68 years, her seven children and their spouses, 21 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. Alice would love to receive birthday greetings at 2111 Raybrook SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today 9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Sunday School
6:00 PM Youth Group
Tuesday 7:00 PM Elders
Thursday 9:00 AM Power in Prayer
7:00 PM Education Team
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 **Missions**.

Next week our second offering will be for **Christian School Support Team Fund (CSST)**.

Comstock Food Pantry

Thank you for all your February donations. **For March we will collect breakfast items - pancake mix, syrup, pop tarts, oatmeal, 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

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.

Cookies for the VA Hospital

We have received a request for cookies for the Veterans Administration for March 12th. Any donations may be made to Steve or Linda French by Sunday, March 11th. Thank you!

Picture Directories

There is an update in your mailbox for your picture directories. Please add it to your current directories. If you have any updates, you can give them to the office at any time. Thank you.
Email: office@comstockcrc.org

HOSPITALITY SERVICES

This Week

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

Next Week

Nursery Lauri & Tyler Meier
Library Chris Huff
Welcome Center Randy & Cris Westrate
Praise Team Kelly Hulst, Lilly Hulst, Mark Terpstra
Tech Team Cris & Randy Westrate