

MORNING WORSHIP



Prelude		*Songs of Response	
*Opening Songs		<i>Onward Christian Soldiers</i>	Blue 731
<i>Agnus Dei</i>	Screens	<i>The Battle Belongs to the Lord</i>	B 732
<i>Shout to the Lord</i>	Screens		
<i>Behold Our God</i>	Screens	Scripture	Luke 4:31-3 p. 1075
God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting		Message	<i>The Battle Is Spiritual</i>
Prayer Time		*Parting Blessing	
Offering 1st Ministries Fund		*Closing Song	
2nd CSST Fund		<i>He Reigns</i>	Screens
Time of Confession		*Postlude	



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

March 4, 2018

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MORNING WORSHIP FOCUS

With Jesus, we see that the battles in this life are not just against flesh and blood, but against deeper powers that seek to control. As the coming king who was bringing in a new kingdom, it is important to note that Jesus didn't battle the overlords of Rome, but the overlords of spiritual darkness. His battle against the darkness opens us up to consider how we must battle as well. We cannot merely engage the world and its challenges as on the level of flesh and blood, but must recognize the spiritual darkness that underlies much of it. We do not fight this on our own because we have a Savior that has defeated the darkness and he has given us his Spirit. Jesus shows us to be aware and to seek the spiritual strength we need to follow him on the path to victory.



The Cross Roads 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 25, 2018	YTD
Budget	\$ 3,773.26	\$ 30,186.08
Collections received	\$ 2,761.00	\$ 17,370.00
Difference	(\$ 1,012.26)	(\$ 12,816.08)

**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.
- Pray for **Pearl Doorn** as she continues to recover from recent health challenges. She was in the hospital for a couple days this week with breathing difficulties. Pray for strength.
- 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

Karen Tiesman, Darlene Cramer, MaryLee Gosnell, Trudy Nagel, Judy Joling, Braden Smit

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts and cards upon the passing of Cris's mom. Mary was a very private person, so not much was shared outside of the family. She was ready to go and passed peacefully with her children surrounding her. Special thanks to Mark T. for covering tech duty at short notice for us.

With Love, Randy and Cris Westrate

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today 9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Sunday School
Tuesday 3:30 PM Kids Club @Forest Academy
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 the **Christian School Support Team Fund (CSST Fund)**.

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

Comstock Food Pantry

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

Cadet Swim Night Change

Due to a problem with the pool, the Cadet Swim Night, scheduled for this Wednesday, has been cancelled. We will have a regular Cadet meeting from 6:30 - 8:00 here at church.

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!

Basketball Camp

The Evangelism Team is considering whether we can continue to host our summer basketball camp outreach. With Pastor Ben no longer able to lead this, we are in need of a main coach or pair of main coaches that could design and lead the instruction and game play. If you would be interested in this, please talk to Jan Larkin. If we do not receive interest, we will likely not hold the camp this year. Thank you for considering this!

HOSPITALITY SERVICES

This Week		Next Week	
Nursery	Lauri & Tyler Meier	Nursery	Becky Smith & Lexi Hinds
Library	Chris Huff	Library	Chris Huff
Welcome Center	Randy & Cris Westrate	Welcome Center	Don & Barb Vanderlugt
Praise Team	Kelly Hulst, Lily Hulst, Mark Terpstra	Praise Team	Leah Hinds, Lexi Hinds, Chris Huff, Jared Jones
Tech Team	Cris & Randy Westrate	Tech Team	Jim & Tina Slager