

MORNING WORSHIP



Prelude	Offering 1st Ministries Fund
*Call to Worship	2nd Ministry Shares
*Songs of Praise	Scripture Luke 15:25-35 p. 1094
<i>There Is Joy in the Lord</i> Screens	Message Counting the Cost
<i>Lord Most High</i> Screens	*Parting Blessing
<i>Firm Foundation</i> Screens	*Closing Song
God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i> Blue 630
Time of Confession	*Postlude
*Song of Response	
<i>How Deep the Father's Love for Us</i> Screens	
Prayer Time	



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

March 18, 2018

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MORNING WORSHIP FOCUS

The road of the cross leads us to the territory of decision and counting the cost. What will our lives be about? What will hold the highest sway? As Jesus instructs us here, he calls us to give exclusive loyalty to him and to let nothing stand in the way. If we sit down and calculate the cost of what our lives will be about and if we live life on our own terms, it will be in the end found wanting. We cannot build a true life for ourselves outside of the plan of God. We cannot be formidable and conquer the challenges of life outside of a complete surrender to Jesus and his way. Jesus demands utter loyalty because he knows what we need to flourish. We need him.

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

	Mar 11, 2018	YTD
Budget	\$ 3,773.26	\$ 37,732.60
Collections received	\$ 2,041.00	\$ 27,741.00
Difference	(\$ 1,732.26)	(\$ 9,991.60)

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

- Praise God that **Bernadene Dykstra's** cancer is in remission.
- Pray for those in recovery, **Pearl Doorn & Lauri Meier**.
- Pray for **Sue Raskin** as she is having shoulder surgery this upcoming Friday.
- Pray for those close to our church who are struggling with cancer—our missionary **Lauren Markel** with a tumor and **Alex Silva**.
- Pray for our nomination process for elders and deacons that God will provide leadership for our congregation.
- Pray for the God's leading as we seek an interim pastor beginning in May.

Birthdays This Week

Val Denton

Good Friday & Easter

As we anticipate remembering and celebrating what Jesus did to give us life and hope, mark down these special services.

Good Friday - March 30 at 7 pm
Easter Sunday - April 1 at 9:30 am

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 Last 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**, which supports the broader discipleship and missional work of our congregation.

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

Mission Update

Budget - \$10,200
Collections YTD - \$1,251

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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!

Kalamazoo YFC

Youth For Christ Kalamazoo COME SEE THE STORY Evening Opportunity March 20th 6:00-7:30
RSVP online at www.kalamazooyfc.org or call Jan Larkin 269-254-2312 "Give Life To Your Story"

Installation

On Sunday, March 25, we will acknowledge Rev. Joshua Amaezechi as a pastor serving in the Kalamazoo County Jail. We are serving as his calling church and will install and bless him in that role.

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.

HOSPITALITY SERVICES



This Week	Next Week
Nursery Mike & Karen Tiesman	Nursery Kelly & Lily Hulst
Library Karen Tiesman	Library Karen Tiesman
Welcome Center Dale Cramer	Welcome Center Morrie French
Praise Team Sammy Gano, Grace Triemstra, Randy Westrate	Praise Team Chris Huff, Jared Jones
Tech Team Mark Terpstra	Tech Team Jim & Tina Slager