

MORNING WORSHIP



Prelude	Congregational Update
Welcome & Call to Worship	Prayer Time
*Song <i>Lord, I Lift Your Name on High</i> Screen	Offering 1st Ministries Fund 2nd Missions Fund
*God's Greeting	Scripture Matthew 4:1-11 p. 1009
*We Greet Each Other	Message <i>Driven to the Desert</i>
*Songs <i>O God, You Are My God</i> Screens <i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i> Screens	Prayer
Meditation on 2 Corinthians 12:7-10	*Song <i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i> G 493
Prayer of Confession & Recommitment	*Parting Blessing
Songs <i>He Giveth More Grace</i> Blue 707 <i>Be Still and Know</i> Blue 585	*Song <i>Like a River Glorious</i> Blue 737
	Postlude

Worship Focus

We understandably do not like the "desert experiences" of life on this earth, but those experiences are as common for us as they are unwelcome. We live now in the time between the Fall into sin and the restoration of Paradise at the end of time on the New Earth. This "time between" is filled with experiences of the desert, when our spirits are dry and thirsty because of setbacks, difficulties, and trials, as God's ways are hidden and His presence isn't felt. However, the Holy Spirit uses these desert experiences as an essential part of God's "rehabilitation" of forgiven, recovering sinners. We get through these desert times by drawing on the strength of Jesus himself, who also went through extreme desert experiences as a human being like us except for sin, and who is our example and present guide today.

Pastor Dan Office Hours

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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

	Nov 18, 2018	YTD
Budget	\$ 3,773.26	\$173,569.96
Collections received	\$ 3,132.00	\$126,305.00
Difference	(\$ 641.26)	(\$ 47,264.96)



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

November 25, 2018



**"My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect in weakness."**

(2 Cor. 12:9)

**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 those recovering from recent surgeries: **Cherie Van, Liz Curtiss, and Bev VanOosterum.**
 -Pray for **Linda Merrill** as she decides if moving to Wisconsin for a job opportunity is the right choice for her.
 -Pray for our shut ins: **Anne Barnes, Joyce Cramer, Marge Cramer, MaryLee Gosnell, Evelyn Izenbaard, Rod Linders, Grace Slager, Billie VanderNaald.**

Birthdays This Week
Leah Hinds

Advance Notice
 Our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00. We will vote on the budget for next year, and receive reports from the Council and from Pastor Dan, with opportunity for questions and discussion. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today 9:30 AM Worship
 11:00 AM Sunday School
 4:00 PM Forgotten God
 Study with light supper
 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 **Missions**.
Next week our second offering will be for **CSST Fund**.

Comstock Food Pantry
 Thank you for your November donations of canned meals - soup, stew, chili, spaghetti.
For December we will collect **boxes of fruit snacks, crackers, snack bars**. Your donations are greatly appreciated & can be placed on the table the entranceway.
 Thank you from the Deacons

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Cadet Fundraiser
 3M First Aid Kits for \$20. These are OSHA approved and sell at retail for the same price or higher. Order by Dec 5 for delivery the week before Christmas. All proceeds will be split between Comstock CRC Cadets and Kalamazoo Cadet Council. An order sheet is on the table in the back of the worship center. Thank you!

Christmas Cards
 There is a bag out to put your Christmas cards in for our church family. Sunday, December 16 is the last morning to bring them in. Thank you.

Holiday Lunch
 Sign up sheets are available for our annual Holiday Lunch on Sunday, December 9. Please join us and invite friends and family.

College & Shut In Care Packages
 Thank you to all who donated for college care and shut-ins. Our shut-ins will receive their goodies with their Christmas cards the week of December 16.

Mission Report
 Budget \$10,200
 Collections \$7,239
 Amt. Remaining \$2,961
 We have 3 collections left in this year's budget: Nov 25, Dec 23 and 30.
 Thank you,
 The Deacons

HOSPITALITY SERVICES



This Week
Nursery Todd & Karen Triemstra
Library Tami Stewart
Welcome Center Steve & Linda French
Fellowship Cookies Bob & Meredith G
Praise Team Leah Hinds, Lexi Hinds, Mark Terpstra
Accompanist Jack Karsten
Audio/Visual Jim & Tina Slager

Next Week
Nursery Linda & Leah Hinds
Library Linda Hinds
Welcome Center Bob & Meredith Gano
Fellowship Cookies Linda Hinds
Praise Team Leah Hinds, Lexi Hinds, Tina Slager, Grace Triemstra
Accompanist Mari Micheals
Audio/Visual Mark Terpstra