

## GULL LAKE LADIES DAYS

**For the men whom are never invited and the curious who have never gone.**

I recently realized Jim and I have been here at Comstock for 25 years. And for most of those years there has been a group attending Ladies Day at Gull Lake Ministries (GLM).

SO-What is it?

GLM hosts a 1 day retreat offered on Tue-Fri, same program each day. The retreat focuses on topics which build you up in your walk with Christ and includes music ministry, a speaker, a delicious lunch, fellowship and - a touch of shopping! Past speakers I have heard include Carol Kent, Liz Curtis-Higgs, Pam Farrel and Elisa Morgan.

This years' speak was Chrystal Evan Hurst whom is one of Tony Evans' daughters (Don't know Tony Evan? Talk to Jim!). The theme was Being the Best You. Chrystal writes a blog "Chrystals' Chronicals" if you want to get to know her better and she has written 2 books-one with her father called Kingdom Woman.

Using Moses' history Chrystal challenged us to examine our lives and see how God has uniquely prepared us for ministry - Wherever we are! A few key points included:

- Just like packing for camp, God has custom packed us with EVERYTHING we need to fulfill his calling in our lives-are we using it? This includes pain and 'seasons' in our life that are challenging.
- God gives us positioning and passion, so stay focused and true to the calling, fan the flames of the gift(s) God has given you and throw yourself into it, remembering mastery takes time.
- Are we SELF COACHING in negativity? Saying things to ourselves like: Who am I? Who are you God-can you be trusted? What if...? I Can't! I Don't Want To!
- How to SELF COACH for success:

Coach our LIPS-what we say to ourselves; Coach our HEAD-think right thoughts about yourself (how does GOD see you?); Coach our HANDS-be a doer, not just a hearer; Coach our HEARTS-our emotions should guide us, not govern us-don't let fear lead.

For such a small portion of scripture what a depth of application! Can you see why I love Ladies Day?

How about seeing yourself there next year?...And men-make it easy for the Ladies (believers or not) in your life to go, encouraging this time away, removing obstacles like childcare, gifting tickets etc.

What a way to build our church!

by Tina Slager

# DEVELOPING OUR TRANSITION STRATEGY AND PROCESS

I've been getting to know the leaders and many of the people of the congregation, and I've been discussing the transition process of that would be best for this congregation. As I've said before, "transition" is a matter of going from "here" to "there." We have to define "here," and what is good about it and what needs to change going forward. We also have to define "there," as God shows us where and what he wants us to be. Then we have to chart a course and plan the steps that will get us from here to there with God's help. Doing all of this doesn't just happen all by itself; we need to have a process that we all understand and follow together.

As I've begun to discuss this process with the Council and others in the congregation, we are finding it helpful to think of the congregation as a body with "systems" that need to work well together in order for "The Body" to be healthy. I think there are four basic systems that lead to health in "The Body" when they are all strong. They are:

## **UPREACH**    **Worship**

- how public worship services are planned, conducted and "regulated"
- how we individually draw near to God throughout the week.

## **INREACH**    **Discipleship/Faith Formation** -- personal growth toward Christ-likeness.

### **Subsystems:**

youth ministries, pastoral care, fellowship, catechesis (teaching), service (diaconal ministries), and other ways in which we come together to grow spiritually.

**OUTREACH** -- taking the initiative, and creating the ways and means, for those outside the church to know Christ and to be increasingly included in his Body's upreach and inreach.

**LEADERSHIP**    In the CRC, the Council is Christ's agent to lead and govern the congregation's life. The main challenge in Christian congregations is to keep the Council in the driver's seat, and to keep the members of the congregation informed, authorized and empowered to do what they need to do in the church's life.

The Council and I have started to devise steps to implement this process of improving the congregation's upreach, inreach and outreach. We are committed to informing the members of the congregation to the best of our ability what specific steps we are taking in each of these areas, and how you may be able to work with us at each step. If you have questions or other input, don't hesitate to share it with me or any of the Council members.

Pastor Dan

# Birthdays

- 1 Billie VanderNaald  
Kelly Hulst
- 4 Tina Slager
- 7 Mike Tiesman
- 8 Mardell Terpstra  
Owen Smit
- 10 Adam Gardner
- 24 Molly Selles
- 25 John Schaap
- 26 Joel Larkin
- 27 Carol VanderLugt

# Anniversaries

- 8 Ben & Kelly Hulst
- 9 Mark & Julie Smit
- 26 Dean & Val Denton
- 28 Bob & Meredith Gano

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Cris & Randy Westrate have a "mother-in-law" apartment for rent for suitable person. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with great room, kitchen and 3 season porch as well as garage space. Located on East Main St., Galesburg address. If interested call 269-343-3113.

## JULY SCHEDULES

### NURSERY

- 1 Jack & Joanne Karsten
- 8 Bob & Meredith Gano
- 15 Chris Selles & Grace Triemstra
- 22 Rachel Slager & Lexi Hinds
- 29 Becky Smith

### OFFERINGS

- 1 Ministries/CSST Fund
- 8 Ministries/Benevolence Fund
- 15 Ministries/Ministry Shares
- 22 Ministries/Missions
- 29 Ministries/Missions

### COMSTOCK FOOD PANTRY

Fruit Snacks, Crackers, Snack Bars

### WELCOME CENTER

- 1 Randy & Cris Westrate
- 8 Jan Larkin
- 15 Roger & Chris Selles
- 22 Jo & Ken Linders
- 29 Todd & Karen Triemstra

### FELLOWSHIP COOKIES

- 1 Linda French
- 8 Jan Larkin & Cherie Van
- 15 Kelly McCormick
- 22 Roger & Chris Selles
- 29 Mark & Julie Smit

### Librarians

- 1 Karen Triemstra
- 8 Karen Tiesman
- 15 Kay Triemstra
- 22 Tami Stewart
- 29 Karen Triemstra

### PRAISE TEAM

- 1 Jerry D, Dean D, Dave J, Jeremy S, Owen S, Mark S, Leah H, Lexi H, Mark T. Tech: Cris & Randy W
- 8 Jack K, Dean D, Dave J, Jeremy S, Owen S, Kay T, Tech: Mark T
- 15 Mari M, Dean D, Dave J, Jeremy S, Owen S, Tech: Mark T
- 22 Jack K, Dean D, Dave J, Jeremy S, Owen S, Mark T, Grace T, Sammy G Tech: Jim & Tina S
- 29 Mari M, Dean D, Dave J, Jeremy S, Owen S, Leah H, Lexi H, Randy W. Tech: Mark T

# JULY 2018



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:30 Worship	2	3	4	5 9:30 Power in Prayer	6	7
8 9:30 Worship	9 6:00 Hobby Night	10	11	12 9:30 Power in Prayer	13	14
15 9:30 Worship	16	17 7:00 Council w/ Deacons after	18	19 9am Power in Prayer	20	21
22 9:30 Worship	23	24 7:00 Elders	25	26 9am Power in Prayer	27	28
29 9:30 Worship	30	31				