



*They will burst into bloom,
and rejoice with joy and singing.*

Isaiah 35:1-2

Borculo Christian Reformed Church

Senior Pastor: Rev. Stephen Terpstra
Pastor of Visitation: Rev. Allen Petroelje

MORNING WORSHIP –April 14, 2024-9:30 A.M.

Minister: Rev. Stephen Terpstra

Organist: Mrs. Marcia Petroelje

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Update from the Gideon's: Cliff White

Gathering

*Call to Worship

*Silent Prayer of Invocation (concluded with the Lord's Prayer)

M: People of God, in whose name is your help?

C: Our help is in the name of the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.

*Greeting

*Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LUYH #521

*Confession of Faith – The Apostles Creed

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn "Jerusalem the Golden" LUYH #488

(3 & 4-year-olds dismissed to Children's Worship)

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18

Sermon: "Who are you doing it for?"

Response & Sending

Prayer of Response

*Hymn "Take my Life and Let it Be" LUYH #863 (1,3,4,5,6)

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" LUYH #351 (1,3,4)

*Offertory Prayer

(offerings for - General Fund, Borculo Christian School, Gideons International)

*Benediction

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH #965

*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

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(Your tithes, gifts and offerings can be placed in the plates in the narthex for the - General Fund, Borculo Christian School, Gideons International)

Welcome to Borculo Christian Reformed Church! We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today! Please join us for refreshments and fellowship following the service. We would love to meet you! We hope you find our church to be God-centered, where you hear the good news of the gospel, are challenged to live according to God's Word, and that you will find good Christian friends. You are most welcome to join us in any of the activities and ministries we offer so that together, we may grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor card in the pew rack and place it in a collection plate (located on the table in the narthex). We would like to offer you additional information about Jesus Christ and our church. If you have a spiritual need, please feel free to speak with Rev. Terpstra or Rev. Petroelje after the service, or send an email to pastor@borculocrc.org or almarpet@sbcglobal.net May the Lord bless you!

April 14, 2024

Current Prayer Needs (*updated/current info.)

We continue to pray for those grieving, including the families of Glenda, Chester, and Braxton.

We thank God that **Joe** had successful surgery and the doctors are confident that they were able to remove all of the cancer. May God grant a swift and full recovery.

Rich was anticipating his stem cell transplant procedure this week; but since he came down with a cold, this has been postponed until he fully recovers. Pray that God may grant him recovery, peace, and patience and that the procedure may take place soon. This procedure will require a two to three week stay in the hospital.

Pray for all those who have cancer and those who are having treatments: Rich

Remember those who live with chronic problems, including illness, pain, weakness, depression, addictions, anxiety, loneliness, strained relationships, and any other personal needs we are unaware of.

Pray for peace in the world, both in the Ukraine/Russia war and between Israel and Palestine. May God have mercy on those caught in the midst of these terrible conflicts.

(For changes this week, contact Rev. Terpstra, Rev. Petroelje or your district elder.)

Notes from the Congregation:

THANK YOU:

"We would like to thank everyone for their prayers while our niece, Harper, was in the hospital. She is doing so much better now, just working on getting all of her toddler energy back! Thank you again." Valerie and Austin Bailey

"Thank you to everyone who remembered us with cards, calls, visits during the loss of our Brother-in-law, Bern Jager. It is good to belong to a caring church who shares your burdens." Ron & Sheryl De Roo

"A BIG thank you to all who helped set up, prep food, washed dishes, cleaned up, or helped in any other way with the Wednesday Night Suppers this year. It was appreciated!" WNS committee

PRAISE:

We praise God for the healthy birth of Grace May to Austin and Valerie Bailey, as well as proud grandparents John and Ruth Tolsma. May God bless this family richly.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Happy 97th Birthday Gerald Haveman – April 15

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We would like to give a warm welcome to our visitors today: Cliff White from Vasser, MI who is the speaker from **Gideons International** this morning, as well as the **choir** from the Libertas Christian School who are joining us this evening. Please be seated **by 6:20pm** for this evening's service.

Church Softball team - Kids ages 8-13 are invited to play on the church softball team this summer! Those interested are asked to sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Games will be played on Wednesday evenings at Borculo, South Olive and Drenthe. The season will run from June 12-July 17. Any questions, please contact Chris Van Huis or Scott Gruppen.

Right To Life- It's Spring again and we are still proclaiming that every life matters and that the pre-born are equally human! I will be participating in the annual **Right to Life 5k Walk/Fun Run** with my family and would love our church family's support. Last year RTL of Holland raised \$13,055 with this event to help keep their outreach running and educating the community, this year's goal is \$15,000! Please leave a check or cash in my church mailbox written to Right To Life of Holland before May 12th to contribute. Also, if anyone would like to join, it's held at Lawrence Street park on May 18th at 10am! Thanks, Angela Gruppen

Talent Survey's will be found in your church mailbox. Please fill them out and return them to the designated box in the narthex. Thank you!

Mark your calendars; **Saturday, April 27** starting at 8:00am is the annual **Church Cleaning Party**. Come when you can; there will be both indoor and outdoor work available. Please bring gloves for outdoor work and pails for indoor work. Snacks and lunch will be provided.

The **2023 Faith Promise overage** came out to \$5,278. This was distributed amongst the mission causes as follows:

Appalachia Reach Out -\$425

MERF - \$425

Scott Geurink - \$425

Mission French Africa - \$425

Multiplication Network - \$425

All Nations Church - \$425

Deb Scout - \$425

One Way Ministries - \$425

Brenda VanderSchoor - \$425

Zero Gravity - \$425

Chris Klynstra - \$425

The remaining amount from the overage (\$603) was retained for local mission/service project use.

MEETINGS & fellowship this week

Today 11:00 AM Profession of Faith Class – council room
Monday 8:00 PM Women's Discipleship
Tuesday 1:30 pm Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 18
7:00 pm Community Outreach Committee meeting
8:00 PM Men's Discipleship
Wednesday 7:00 PM Growing in Grace
7:00 PM Men's Fellowship
8:00 PM Profession of Faith Class
Next Sunday 11:00 AM Profession of Faith Class – council room
8:00 PM Twenty-somethings

Letter Writers (**Envelopes are on the military table)

to Marc & Jill Boeve: Dave and Deb Huizenga

to Steve & Kim Bloem: Jadin and Merissa Hunderman

to Lilly Vander Zwaag: Machiah and Lindsey Kloosterman

Pastor's Prayer Partner: Mark and Sue Wynia

CHURCH PANTRY: In April, we are collecting personal hygiene items – shampoo, deodorant, feminine products, toothpaste, tooth brushes, razors, shaving cream, band-aids and hand lotion

ADDITIONAL NEEDS: Cleaning Supplies

Other specific needs: gallons of Spring water, size 4 diapers, Roloids, Tums, antacids, ready to eat soups, dinners.

Thank you for your help! Any questions about the pantry needs, please see Ella Gruppen. We also need your COUPONS, so please put them on the table in the pantry. (ALSO, children's books and devotionals).

There is a basket in the pantry to collect baby items for the **Family LIFE Center. Baby wipes, diapers, bottles, pacifiers, onesies and blankets are all appreciated! Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS/meetings:

Youth Group: April 21

Church Cleaning Party: April 27

VOLUNTEERS:

NURSERY

TODAY AM: Bridget Sarmiento, Megan Sievers, Brooklyn Gruppen

PM: Xiomara Sarmiento, Ella Gruppen

Apr 21 AM: Christine Moran, Ruth Tolsma, Myla Moran

PM: Karen LaRosa, Sydney Bosch

Apr 28 AM: Bonnie Schrotenboer, Julie Pollard, Cassidy Gruppen

PM: Christine Terpstra, Audrey Mitchell

May 5 AM: Kailyn Clay, Sarah Werkema, Lauren Werkema

PM: Jill Van Huis, Andrew Terpstra

May 9 – Ascension Day Service: Erin Weaver, Sophia Terpstra

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

TODAY: Communion – no children's worship

April 21 Tanya Bosch, Maddie Bosch Lesson 33

April 28 Bev Boeve, Audrey Mitchell Lesson 34

May 5 Kailyn Clay, Brooklyn Gruppen Lesson 51

May 12 Communion – no children's worship

May 19 Jill Gruppen, Cassidy Gruppen Lesson 35

May 26 Rita Austhof, Lauren Werkema Lesson 36

COFFEE SERVERS:

TODAY: Pastor Terpstra Family

Apr 21 Mark and Lisa VanderMeer

Apr 28 Bonnie Schrotenboer, Linda Geurink

May 5 Gayle Garbrecht, Diane McConnell

May 12 Howard and Von Driesenga

OFFERING SCHEDULE

TODAY - General Fund, Borculo Christian School, Gideons International (The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. (gideons.org))

April 21 - General Fund, Tuition Assistance Fund, Bibles for Mexico (Holland - Thousands of faithful volunteers and generous donors have enabled Bibles for Missions Thrift Centers to fund millions of Bibles, New Testaments, Treasures (Audio Bibles), and Scripture portions that have been placed in countries around the world. (biblesformissions.org))

April 28 - General Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, World Renew (We're compelled by God's deep passion for justice & mercy, and we join communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation.)

Requested Announcements:

April 14, 2024 is **Abuse Awareness Sunday** in the CRC. The theme for this year's Abuse Awareness Sunday is Safe People. Safe Congregations. Often, when we think of abuse prevention, our minds go to policies and background checks and hall monitors. While these are all important strategies for abuse prevention, this year we invite people in CRC congregations to reflect on how they might contribute to a safe environment by being a safe person. Learn more and find resources at crcna.org/ChurchYear

Borculo Christian School –

1. BCS will be hosting a clay shoot on Saturday, April 27. Proceeds from this event will go to the general fund of the school. Registration forms are available in the school office.
2. Saturday, May 4, BCS will be having a pancake breakfast and a 5K Fun Run/Walk. The pancake breakfast proceeds will go towards the athletic programs of the school. Registration forms for the fun run are available in the school office.
3. BCS will be hosting a community meal on Friday, May 10 from 4 to 6pm. Hog Wild will be catering the meal. It consists of roasted chicken, hot dogs, potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, mac & cheese, and a roll. Cost is \$14 for adults, kids 4 to 12 cost is \$10, and kids under 4 are free. Please call the school to order your meals! 616-875-8152

Thank you very much for your donations! From Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF) and Appalachia Reach Out (ARO).

UC Celebration Banquet 2024: Please join us on Monday, April 29, at Unity Christian High School (5900 48th Avenue, Hudsonville) for an evening of fellowship and celebration! We will be entertained by the very funny Jolene DeHeer and plans will be shared about the "Expanding Our Mission" project! Arrive between 6:00 and 6:30pm with dinner served promptly at 6:30pm. RSVP by calling 616.662.4011, or email development@unitychristian.org. We hope you can join us. This is a night to thank all of you – our wonderful community of givers – by providing dinner in your honor, and the enjoyment of fellowship with one another.

Crossroads Prison Ministry - Crossroads Prison Ministries connects people in prisons with mentors from churches to develop Christ-centered relationships as they study God's Word together. Learn how, with your help, we will double the size of our ministry over the next five years to reach 70,000 incarcerated students with the hope of the Gospel, by joining one of the free luncheons on: April 24 in Holland, MI; April 25 in Grand Rapids, MI; or May 9 near Chicago, IL. Go to cpministries.org/events for more information and to register for an event.

National Day of Prayer - May 2: Prayer is a powerful thing, and each year a day is set aside for a nationwide day of prayer. South Grandville CRC (4130 Wilson Ave) invites you to join us for a community-wide prayer service on the National Day of Prayer, May 2 at 7PM. We will be praying for the many needs of our world, nation, and local community. "As for God, his way is perfect: The LORD's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him." (2 Samuel 22:31)

North Blendon CRC is hosting a Clay Shoot on Saturday, May 4 and this year will benefit Jim Nyenbrink who is in need of a liver transplant. Surgery will be in Detroit with a year of follow-up visits before care can be transferred to Grand Rapids. Raised funds will help offset the cost of housing, travel, and lifetime anti-rejection medication. Shooters are Needed!! The Clay Shoot will take place at Blendon Pines Gun Club in Zeeland. There will be food, fun, raffles, and prizes. To register, please contact Tena at 616-516-2982 by April 14 to save \$10 and receive a free t-shirt. Cost is \$65 if registered by April 14 and \$75 at the door. Registration is limited to the first 100 people. We also need Sponsors!! Sponsor information is available by contacting Tena at 616-516-2982. Lunch will also be available for non-shooters for \$15 - please RSVP to Tena for lunch.

Pathfinders is organizing a brown bag tour of Shipshewana and Middlebury on July 16. The cost is \$169. Please contact Diane Veldheer for more information and to register to go. 616-396-1983

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Dave Huizenga.....T - Z.....Brandon LaRosa

FAMILY DISTRICTS:

Deacons:

Church Committees – 2024

Executive Committee: E-Steve Schrotenboer, E-Dave Huizenga, E-Russ Overweg, Pastor Terpstra, D-Andy Mitchell, D-Jacob Sporsaro

Discipleship Directors: Steve and Kim Gruppen

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Life & Service Committee: E-Cal Brandsen, D-Andy Mitchell, Ter Sterk, Jeff & Anna Machiela, D-Dan Geurink

Fellowship Committee: E-Dennis Aukema, D-Jacob & Morgan Sporsaro, Pastor & Christine Terpstra, Tammy Walters

Missions Committee: Ken & Deb Austhof, D-Brian Clay, Jamie & Kim Meppelink, Bill & Jody Broekhuizen, Ruth Essenburg, E-Terry Geurink

Community Outreach Committee: Jer & Bev Machiela, Juan & Bridgett Sarmiento, Xiomara Sarmiento, Bob Brunink, Tanya Bosch, Nicole Broekhuizen, Scott & Jill Gruppen, E-Jim Gruppen, D-John Tolsma

****E-denotes Elder and D-denotes Deacon on committees**

SUB COMMITTEES:

Cemetery: Rob Overway, Paul Geurink, Steve Schrotenboer

Meals to families: Linda Geurink

Coffee Servers/Cookies: Tammy Walters

Cake/cookies: Christine Terpstra

Funeral Committee: Mary Nienhuis, Bev Boeve, Bev Geurink

Wed. Night Suppers: Jan Gruppen, Bev Geurink, Harriet Ten Broeke, Linda Geurink, Bonnie Schrotenboer

EMPLOYEES

Secretary: Lisa VanderMeer

Bookkeeper: Kim Meppelink

Cemetery Grounds: Steve Schrotenboer

Custodian: Christine Terpstra

Digital Communications: Kailyn Clay