

## schedules

### **SUNDAY - September 26**

**Ushers:** Team 10 (Chuck DeWitt)  
Mike Katje, Ron Retsema, Dennis Schaaf

**Coffee Hosts:**  
Jay and Mabelle Knochenhauer, Dave and Barb Weesies

**Nursery:** DeeAnn Hordyk, Ruth Marotti

**Little Lambs:** Lyndsey Huisman, Ian Clapp

**Walk Out Worship:** Bev Assink, Claire Clapp

**Greeters:**

Jan Zuidema, John and Kathy Buitenhuis

**Offering:** CROP WALK

**Adult Enrichment:** Jeff Munroe

### **SUNDAY - October 3**

**Ushers:** Team 11 (Brolicks)  
Brolicks, John Buitenhuis, Jim Mulder

**Coffee Hosts:**  
Jim and Bonnie Van Orman, Carl Vertregt, and Ralph Veldboom

**Nursery:** Ann Koch, Jenny Steigenga

**Little Lambs:** Emily Bierma, Aurelia Koch

**Walk Out Worship:** Sherri Van Duyn, Dawn Rotman

**Greeters**

Glen Gronevelt, Gord and Mary Buitendorp

**Offering:** Love in Action Delivery Van

**Adult Enrichment:** David Koetje

## calendar

### **SUNDAY - September 26**

10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service

11:30 a.m. - Adult Enrichment

6:00 p.m. - Focus

### **MONDAY - September 27**

### **TUESDAY - September 28**

7:30 a.m. - Prayer Group

9:45 a.m. - Connections/Story Hour

12:15 p.m. - Connections - Parlor

### **WEDNESDAY - September 29**

10:00 - 12:00 noon - Parish Nurse

1:00 p.m. - Knitters Group

7:00 p.m. - Chaos

### **THURSDAY - September 30**

9:00 a.m. - Ladies Exercise Group

1:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Hour

### **SATURDAY - October 2**

10:00 a.m. - Julia Bosma Memorial Service

### **SUNDAY - October 3**

10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service

11:30 a.m. - Adult Enrichment

2:00 p.m. - CROP WALK

6:00 p.m. - Focus

### **Have a prayer request or praise? Contact the office!**

Join the email prayer line! If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office. 616.842.0710 or email: [admin@secondcrcgrandhaven.org](mailto:admin@secondcrcgrandhaven.org)

For more information on current events, please visit our website:

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## September 26

### weekly news

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**Adult Enrichment:** Jeff Munroe is teaching this week, introducing the work of Thomas Lynch: Michigan's Undertaker Poet. Jeff interviewed Lynch last year for the Reformed Journal. We'll be exposed to some of Thomas Lynch's work, and we'll hear it from the poet's own voice as he works out thoughts of doubt, death and salvation "in fear and trembling".

### **Getting Involved: DIBS! On Resale is looking for MUSCLES!**

Would you be willing to be on our delivery/donation team list? When a pickup or delivery is needed I send out a text and ask for help. If you are available you just need to respond to the text. Questions? Please call 231-798-2252 and ask for Mary or email Mary at [dibs.onresale@gmail.com](mailto:dibs.onresale@gmail.com)

### **Adult Enrichment Schedule:**

**October 3:** David Koetje, Food and Climate: Connecting the Dots

**October 10:** David Koetje, Dietary Solutions for a Warming Planet

**October 17:** Jim Bratt, Ministers in Film and Fiction

**October 24:** Jeff Weima, Paul the Ancient Letter Writer

**October 31:** Pastor Laura de Jong, Body & Soul: Baptismal Solidarity at a Funeral

**November 14:** Dale Schuitema, Hymn Sing!

**November 21:** Mary Hulst, The Church and the Rising Generations

**ATTENTION ALL GROUP LEADERS:** Do you have a church group, club, team or other activity that meets regularly? We'd like to make sure it's listed on the website and church calendar so that people know about it and can join in. Please email Emily with the details: a brief description, who it's for (adults, teens, anyone), date/time/location of your meetings. Thanks!

## looking ahead

**Tool Time Men's Bible Study:** Men, Tool Time will be starting back up on October 9 so make sure to get that in your calendar! The dates will be October 9 and 23, November 6 and 20, and December 4 and 18. The time will be Saturday mornings at 7:30-8:30 in the North Hall at church. Coffee and donuts are provided. Topic: Life and Times of King David.

**Profession of Faith Class:** Making Profession of Faith is a beautiful and important milestone in our lives, in which we get to respond to God's promises in baptism and declare that we trust God with our whole lives. If you are interested in making Profession of Faith this fall, we'll be holding two classes for you on October 31 and November 7. For more information please talk to Rob W.

**CROP WALK:** We are hosting the walk this year. Plan on joining us October 3 at 2 pm. Look in your Friday email for the link to donate.

## youth ministries—Rob Wagenmaker

**Chaos (5th - 8th grade):** The next meeting is Wednesday September 29, 7:00 - 8:30.

**Focus (9th - 12th grade):** The next meeting is Sunday, September 26, 6:30 - 8:00.

## christian school news

**D&W/Family Fare receipts update:** WE DID IT! We reached our goal of 150,000 Direct Dollars and the school will be getting a check for \$1,000, in the next 4-6 weeks! We even have 1,136 toward our next goal. Thank you to everyone for bringing your WHOLE receipts to the boxes in the school office, 2nd CRC, and Once Again. Keep up the good work and have grandparents, neighbors, and friends collect for us too! OUR FAMILY brand items - save the UPC label. Each is worth 5 cents. D&W, Leppinks, and Orchard Market are local stores that carry this brand. We need at least 500 to mail them in.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** - Please take time to download the app. from the App store, designate GHCS, and scan (take a picture of) your grocery receipt within 14 days of shopping. Each one is worth 10 cents for GHC. All our school families, grandparents, and neighbors can participate in this program!! Pass the word.

## parish nurse - Judy Ponstine

Judy will be in the office on Wednesdays during office hours (9-11). If you need her or would like to meet another time please reach out to her. Thanks!

**Mark your calendars:** The next blood drive is scheduled for November 4 from 12 noon to 5:30.

## children's ministries - Emily Bierma

### September 26:

Nursery: Dee Ann Hordyk, Ruth Marotti

Little Lambs: Lyndsey Huisman, Ian Clapp

Walk Out Worship: Bev Assink, Claire Clapp

### October 2:

Nursery: Ann Koch, Jenny Steigenga

Little Lambs: Emily Bierma, Aurelia Koch

Walk Out Worship: Sherri Van Duyn, Dawn Rotman

### October 10:

Nursery: Cathy Brolick, Victoria McCarthy

Little Lambs: Emily Bierma, Vivienne McCarthy

Walk Out Worship: Cindy Brace, Yasmin Vanderheide

## Mpweto Mpweto and Kasase Kanik:

**Update:** Our refugee family consists of just two people: Kasase and Mpweto (pronounced "Pweto"). They are refugees from the Congo who have lived in a refugee camp in Zambia since 1999. We have a team from 2nd who are working together to meet their needs as they settle here and work on becoming independent.

**Prayers and Praise:** Their quarantine ends on Friday the 24th so prayers for them as they get out of their home and explore the area. Prayers that Mpweto finds a job and that they find a nice new place to live. Praise for the relationships that are forming and the people who are coming alongside them.

**Ways to Get Involved:** Our most immediate need is to find a dwelling suitable for them. It ideally needs to be a ground floor apartment or home. Once we find an apartment, we will need to furnish it completely. If you have furniture such as a twin bed, full bed box spring and frame, kitchen table and chairs, please call or email Mabelle Knochenhauer or Greta Hoekstra.

### Special Offerings:

September 26: Crop Walk

October 3: Love in Action New Van

On October 3 there will be a special offering for Love in Action in response to a very specific need that was uncovered this summer by several of our regular volunteers at Love. The van that is used for local and distance pick-ups and delivers is in bad shape. The side back access door is held in place by bungee cords because it no longer closes, the driver and passenger areas are deteriorating, and the van is on the verge of being non-repairable due to age and access to parts. In conversation with Josh Bytwerk, the director, he told us that they have \$10,000 saved for a used van. Considering the rising costs of cars and vans at present, we would love to be able to give Love somewhere between \$6,000 and \$10,000 so that they can purchase a used vehicle that would give their volunteers and staff something that is dependable and safe. Please prayerfully consider what you can contribute to help to make this happen for this organization that works tirelessly to feed, house, clothe, and educate those who are in need in our community. Either write Love in Action Van on your budget envelope with the amount specified or drop an envelope labeled for Love in Action into the collection box or at the office.

### Prayer and Praise:

- **Jean Schuitman:** The Schuitmans would love prayer at this time as they are going through a lot of health struggles. Jean is recovering well from surgery but is very limited on what she can do and Jim is dealing with a significant amount of pain in his shoulder. Pray that they can find a rheumatologist and book an appointment quickly so Jim can get relief for his pain, and that Jean can continue to heal as she helps Jim as well.
- **Sheila Warners:** Sheila is home and continuing to heal. Prayers for her that the pain goes away and she finds peace in this season of healing.
- **Marcia Brace:** Jack and Marcia would love meals as she is home healing after surgery. Check out the meal train to see if you are available to help.
- **Doris Boelens:** Mark and Doris would love weekly meals again. Please check out their meal train.



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, September 26, 2021 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Welcome Visitors, we are glad you are here! Please take time to fill out the welcome card in the pew to place in the offering basket and look for the welcome sign after church during coffee time so we can meet you!*

### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

**Prelude:** "Prelude & Fugue in G Minor"

Bach

**Welcome and \*Greeting**

**\*Call to Worship : Psalm 124**

*If it had not been the Lord who was on our side – let Israel now say –  
If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,  
They would have swallowed us alive  
When their anger was kindled against us.  
The flood would have swept us away...*

*Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.  
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers.  
The snare is broken, and we have escaped.*

*Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

**\*Sing:**

**"Our Help Is in the Name of God the Lord"  
"Living Hope"**

LUYH 498 vv. 1-3  
Wickham/Johnson

## GOD RECONCILES WITH US

**Call to Confession:** Psalm 19: 7-14

*The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the Lord are sure,  
making wise the simple;  
the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;  
the fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much finer gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.*

*Moreover by them is your servant  
warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.  
But who can detect their errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.  
Keep back your servant also from the in-  
solent; do not let them have dominion  
over me.  
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of  
great transgression.*

*Let the words of my mouth and the medi-  
tation of my heart be acceptable to you,*

*O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.*

**Prayer of Confession:**

**\*Sing: "Lord I Need You"**

Maher

**Words of Assurance:**

*"And even the hairs of your head are all counted." – Mt. 10:30*

**\*Song of Assurance: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"**

LUYH 441

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

**Children Sent to Walk Out Worship (5 year olds through 2nd Grade)**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:** Esther 7: 1-6, 9-20, 9:20-22

<sup>1</sup>So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. <sup>2</sup>On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." <sup>3</sup>Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. <sup>4</sup>For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." <sup>5</sup>Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" <sup>6</sup>Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. <sup>9</sup>Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." <sup>10</sup>So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. <sup>20</sup>Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, <sup>21</sup>enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, <sup>22</sup>as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

**Message: "The Joke's On Them"**

Pastor Laura

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Song of Response: "Eternal Weight of Glory"**

Kimbrough

## GOD SENDS US TO SERVE IN HIS LIGHT AND LOVE

**\*Blessing**

**Postlude: "God Grace and God of Glory"**

arr. Held

### **Participants:**

Rev, Laura deJong, preaching  
Rev. Noah McLaren, liturgy & music  
Cathy Schaaf, Organ  
Julie Hordyk, piano  
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