

South Grandville CRC

Palm Sunday - March 25, 2018

“Hosanna!

Blessed
is the
one
who comes
in the
name
of the
Lord!”

Mark 11:9, NRSV

The Gathering of Christ's People
on the Lord's Day - March 25, 2018

WORDS OF WELCOME

Today, on Palm Sunday shouts of 'Hosanna' ring in our ears as we recall Jesus' triumphal, humble entry into Jerusalem. Let us worship our Savior this Holy week with intense gratitude for His willingness to go to the cross for us to be lifted up to die for our sins. Let's fill these days with deep sorrow for sin and profound recognition of the price that was paid for our salvation.

If you're visiting with us today, we are grateful that you came to join us today on this spiritual journey as we follow Jesus to the cross. Following morning worship everyone is warmly invited to enjoy conversation and refreshments in Friendship Hall.

TODAY'S WORSHIP AT SOUTH GRANDVILLE

This morning, Palm Sunday, Pastor Dan will continue his series titled "The Cost"; *Lenten reflections on what it means to be disciple of a crucified Savior.* The sixth message comes from the text Matthew 27:27-37 titled "The Outcast". This morning's offering will be for the General Fund, which supports the ministries of our church, classis and denomination based on pledges made by its members. The second offering will be taken for the Benevolence.

This evening, Pastor Dan will continue his series titled "You Raise Me Up"- Reflections on Romans 8. The final message was split into two parts, this evening we will look at Romans 8:31-39, titled "Not a Chance". The March evening offerings will be for World Renew-Disaster Response Services.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT SOUTH GRANDVILLE

We will meet for worship this week on Maundy Thursday, March 29, at 7:30pm, to remember the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please prepare your heart to hear God's Word and celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER

NURSERY: *Nursery attendants should arrive by 9:40 AM.*

Today, a.m.: Celeste Stob, Jane Streelman, Dylan Stewart

Next week, a.m.: Kathy VandenBosch, Marie VandenHoek, Jax Vogel

GREETERS: Today: Randy & Linda Veldhouse

Next Sunday: Arch & Kathy VandenBosch

USHERS: *Please be sure to wear your name tag lanyard when ushering.*

Today: Jane Schut, Ike Brinks, SC Deacon, S Deacon

Next Sunday: Al VandenBosch, Ted Howerzyl, Jim Hoekstra, Fred Brunsting

MORNING COFFEE SERVERS: Today: Dave & Pat Joustra, Ade & Char Kaashoek, Jerry & Sally King

Next Sunday: Al & Carol Koetje, Flo Kooistra, Phyllis Kortman, Jack & Ginny Kramer

EVENING COFFEE SERVERS: Today: Arch & Kathy Vanden Bosch

Next Sunday: Jim & Karen Hoekstra

EVENING VIDEO TECHNICIAN: Today: Roger Berg

Next Sunday: Molli Brunsting

Church Bus Driver Next Sunday: Ed Peters

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: *Children's Worship is for children in Pre-K through 2nd grade. The children leave the service at the time indicated in the order of worship and meet in room #8. Children's Worship is dismissed at the end of the service.*

Today's schedule: Lesson: "Lent: Jesus Last Passover"; Leader: Becky Wilson; Helper: Ashleigh Dornbos

Next week's schedule: OFF: Spring Break

LITTLE LAMBS: *Little Lambs is for children ages 2-4. The children leave the service at the time indicated in the order of worship and meet in room #14, which is at the end of the south hallway downstairs. Children may be picked up at the end of the service.*

Today's schedule: Lesson: "Jesus Dies and Lives Again"; Leader: Tracy Mann; Helper: Carter Netz

Next week's schedule: OFF: Spring Break

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors - Want more information about our church's programs? - Please fill out a "Connection Card" located in the pew rack - indicate your interests and place in the offering plate. We would like to get to know you!

Our online Bulletin is posted each Thursday by 3:00 pm on the church's website: www.southgrandvillechurch.org, under "Publications" on the menu.

Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be submitted in writing or emailed to the church office by the end of the business day on Wednesday of each week.

CD recordings of our services are available. Please contact the office if you would like to be added to the list to receive a CD.

Our morning worship services are live-streamed on our website, so if you are unable to attend a morning worship service but you have internet access, you can view the entire service on your computer! Simply go to our website and hover over the word "media" on the menu at the top, then click "Live Stream". You can also watch a service at a later time by clicking on the "archived services" link. Please contact a member of the Technology Committee or the church office if you have any questions.

The **church office is open** Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Our Church Facebook page is filled with information, and is always current.

Encouraging words, verses, church activities and events, sermon information and more is posted. Share, like and comment on the postings to make sure the postings go to your newsfeed. www.facebook.com/southgrandvillecrc

Have a cup of coffee! Serving regular coffee before the morning service for those that are at church early for rehearsals or anyone else who would like to join in a few minutes of fellowship before the service begins. So feel free to come a few minutes early and enjoy a cup of coffee before being seated.

Sign up today if you haven't already for the weekly E-Newsletter "Spotlight" that is distributed every Thursday in your email inbox. Check the e-newsletter box on the "Connection Card", and fill in your email. Please place the card in the offering plate.

Forget your offering this morning? Don't fear! You can text the amount of your offering to 84321 and post to the fund of your choosing.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP AT SOUTH GRANDVILLE

Next week Sunday is Easter! Pastor Dan will lead us in worship, with the text from I Corinthians 15: 50-58. The morning offering will be for the General Fund and the second offering will be taken for Faith Promise.

Next week Sunday evening at 5:30pm we will join the members of Hope CRC in their sanctuary for a combined Easter evening worship service.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: PRAYER NEEDS AND PRAISES

Please call the Prayer/Newsline 246-8860. To add or update the prayer line, please call Pastor Dan, Marc Faasse, or your household elder. To subscribe to the email version, visit our website. Encouragement Cards are in the pews for your use to encourage, express appreciation, or convey the fact that you are praying for a member of our church family.

- We express our deep Christian sympathy to **Gerri Pipping and her family at the passing of her sister, Mrs. Ann Vander Wall**, last Sunday, March 18. May the Lord's promises and presence bring them comfort in their grief.
- **Mrs. Sandy Sloterbeek's** (1) is awaiting results of a biopsy she underwent last week Monday. She will consult with her doctor after the results are known as to the next course of treatment.
- **Mr. Herb Marsman** (4) fell a week ago Friday. Subsequent test didn't reveal any serious injuries, and he is back in Brookcrest.
- **Mr. Larry Groothuis'** (5) surgery scheduled for last week Monday was postponed pending resolution of heart-related issues. Larry and Nancy continue to consult with their doctors, and there's been an adjustment in his medication.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY - OPEN HOUSE INVITATION

The congregation is invited to an Open House to celebrate the 90th birthday of Wilma Vredevoogd. Please join us in the Friendship Hall on Saturday, March 31 from 1:30-3:30pm.

UPDATE FROM THE TRANSITION TEAM

The Transition Team met again on March 15, 2018. Erin and Diane gave an update on the status of the Search Committee. They did not feel that any additional information/decisions were needed from the Transition Team at this point in order for the committee to move forward with the search process.

Ken shared with the team that the Worship Director position would be open on May 20 and that the Admin. Committee would like our team to consider what the Worship Director position and the worship services themselves might look like moving forward. The team identified some of the responsibilities of the position as it is currently structured that would need to continue being done. Some of the responsibilities identified were: liturgy selection, creating the Easy Worship slides, song selections for services, coordination of individuals involved in services, scheduling organist/pianist, leading in music.

The Transition Team is recommending to the Administrative Committee the following:

- 1. We do not replace the Worship Director position as it is currently structured.**
- 2. The Administrative Committee, in coordination with the Worship Committee, begin a search for a musician to serve as a Worship Leader. This position will be responsible for both leading services each week and also developing the praise teams.**
- 3. During the next 12 months we hire a part time worship coordinator from within the congregation to facilitate/coordinate people involved with the worship services and ensure that preparations are made for each Sunday service.**
- 4. The Easy Worship projection slides be completed by the church Administrative Assistant.**
- 5. That our church makes use of a wide variety of musical styles and instruments in a blended manner that will both serve our congregation and also attract those in our community who are seeking a relationship with Jesus Christ.**

Recommendations #1-#4 are intended to be budget neutral. They are not intended to either reduce or increase our staff costs. Our desire is to take this opportunity to consider alternative ways of meeting the needs of staff and the congregation. The topics of discussion for the April 12 meeting will be church structure, an evaluation of the activities and programs within our church, and a review of the Senior Pastor Position description.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

The Council is nominating the following individuals for the offices of elder and deacon:

Elder: Jack Kramer and Brian Reed

Deacon: Gary Bradfield, Pete Retsema, Jane Schut

Two elders and two deacons are needed to serve three-year terms of service beginning June 1, 2018. On Sunday morning, April 8, professing members of our congregation will be asked to vote by ballot to approve these nominees. Affirmative votes for the two elder nominees will effectively elect them to these offices. During the morning worship service on April 15, lots will be cast to select two deacons from the approved deacon nominees.

The Council met last week Monday evening and adopted the following motion:

To discontinue the evening worship service after May 20, 2018, and direct the Worship Committee to explore and recommend alternatives to the evening service to begin in the fall of 2018.

The Council wishes to inform the congregation that the following individuals will be sharing custodian responsibilities beginning on April 1, 2018:

Tracy Mann, Ben Netz, and Kelly Vogel. A schedule is being created where each person will assume responsibility for custodial duties on a four-week rotating basis.

CLASSES, CLUBS, COMMITTEES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck and Eileen Overbeeke plan to end their work as custodians at the end of this week. We acknowledge with deep thanks their devoted service over the past many years.

A Choir for Maundy Thursday and Easter will rehearse this morning, from 11:15am - 12:00pm. Please come directly after church so we can start right away and be done on time. Today will be our final rehearsal. Consider joining us during this Lenten season!

What do you call a bunch of musicians and lovers of music making music together?

A JAM SESSION! I'm looking for people who love music and would like to get together to play, sing and talk all things music. It will be an open invite to our congregation and the community. All are welcome. Bring your own instruments, equipment, gear and voices.

If you'd be interested in helping with the organization of this, or would like to come JAM with us, please contact me! Ben Netz at ben@simplefunction.biz or 616-690-8137.

The Men's Bible Study will meet this week Wednesday, March 28, at 2:00pm. We'll be studying Lesson #7 in 'Discover Ephesians' (Eph. 5:21-6:9).

Lost and Found! A Chico's ladies watch has been found in the church kitchen window, if this is yours, it is in the office.