

## Welcome to Haven Reformed Church!

We invite any to join us every Sunday for our 9:30 a.m. worship celebration! Feel free to take a Bible and/or any literature from our lobby table that you could use yourself, or to hand out to others.

Questions? Desire prayer? Please chat with an elder, any member, or any staff after the service.

For any adult with us this morning, we invite you to attend our adult Sunday school class in the Fireside Room beginning at 10:40.

### Ministry Participants for Mar. 19 – Mar. 26

#### Allegan Medical Care Center Volunteers:

**March 22:** Sharon Stoel and Judy Cotts

**March 29:** Becky Kempkers and Sheryl Veldhoff

#### Children & Worship:

**March 19 - 9:30 am:** Amber, Cameron, Madison Lugten

**March 26 - 9:30 am:** Marcy Burton, helper needed

#### Coffee Servers:

**March 19:** Cal & Rhonda Oldebekking

**March 26:** Servers needed

#### Greeters:

**March 19 – 9:30 am:** GEMS Girls

**March 26 – 9:30 am:** Ken & Nancy De Good, Larry & Diane Kempkers

#### Haven Hospitality Crew:

**March 23:** Kirk Van Order

**March 30:** NO MEETING

#### Nursery (for infant through 2 years old):

**March 19– 9:30 am:** Sara Vander Wall, Makenna Ramsey

**March 26– 9:30 am:** Becky Kempkers and Zack Bouwman

#### Ushers:

**March 19 – 9:30 am:** GEMS girls

**March 26 – 9:30 am:** Mike & Kathie Eding, Phil Knoll

Thank you to our GEMS Leaders that come each week to bless the lives of our girls:

Kate Blauwkamp

Carrie Johnson

Dawn Nyhof

Rose Rockhold

Tracy Crandall

Emily Lezman

Sheila Plockmeyer

Becky Van Huis

\*and to the parents and grandparents who helped in a number of ways throughout the year.

## Haven's Prayer Page

### We pray for our shut-ins...

✠ Irma Babinski, Resthaven Maple Woods, Holland

✠ Marcia Rienstra – Hospice care at Grace of Douglas, Douglas

✠ Ruth Righeterink – American House of Holland

✠ Winna Sal – Royal Park, Zeeland

✠ Homebound: Janet Dykstra, Lois Lugten, Kim Schaap, Minnie Sloothaak, Doug Sprik

### We unite our hearts in prayer on behalf of our church family and friends...

✠ Diane Boeve [sister of Lynn E.] completed chemo; waiting for results of PET scan

✠ Janet Clements, recovery following right hip replacement surgery; therapy

✠ Shirley Dangremond, recuperating following gallbladder surgery

✠ Christel de Waard, Cinthia Sibaja, adjustment to new surroundings in Taiwan; YWAM missions

✠ Jeff Etheridge, continued healing following right knee replacement surgery; therapy

✠ Chris Groenheide [Mary's daughter-in-law] undergoing chemo treatments

✠ Kim Leslie [Amber Lugten's mom] oral chemo treatment; cancer on spine

✠ Peggy Meeuwssen, Stage 3 pancreatic cancer; undergoing chemo

✠ Alison Rockhold (daughter of Brian & Rose) healing of left arm; brace for 3 weeks

✠ Gregg Stoel, recovery following left knee replacement surgery

✠ Jen Timmer [wife of Pastor Chris, Dunningville RCA] recent diagnosis of breast cancer

✠ Pastor Ron, safe travel to China on Saturday; Leadership Resources International

✠ James Williams [father of Jim] courageously battling Stage IV colon cancer

✠ This season of Lent, a time of self-examination, repentance, prayer and fasting

✠ Students, teachers, and families making preparations as Spring Break approaches

✠ Sunday School teachers, leaders and helpers as we finish out our year next Sunday

✠ Seeking God's wisdom and guidance for His mission and ministry through Haven's people

✠ Revival, renewal, recommitment in our hearts, communities, churches and world

✠ Those in leadership positions for our nation and those serving to protect our country

✠ Missionaries serving the Lord around the world; those persecuted for their faith in Christ

✠ World events and personal items to pray into...

### We consider it our privilege to pray with and for you...

Submit prayer requests to: Lynn@havenchurch.com, or

751.7321, ext. 106

*"The Lord is near to all who call on Him."* Psalm 145:18

# Haven Reformed Church



**March 19, 2017**

~ 9:30 a.m. ~

## GEMS Sunday

**"The Touch That Turns the Kingdom Upside-down"**

Rev. Dan Ackerman

Executive Leader of Zeeland Classis

*"But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."*

Mark 10:14 (NRSV)



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9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*Haven's Mission Statement:*

*HRC exists to enable people to know Jesus Christ, to grow in Him, and to show Jesus to others.*



# Worship Celebration

March 19, 2017 Lent 3 9:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude..... Paul Connelly

God's Greeting/Call to Worship..... Pastor Ron VerWys

*Introductory Remarks/1 John 3:1-3*

\* Opening Hymns #708 *Behold What Manner of Love*

#78 *I Love You, Lord*

Sheryl Veldhof, piano/Paul Connelly, organ

\* Opening Prayer

\* Greeting one another

**GEMS** Litany Reading: *Love Overflows*

**Leader:** True love has one source-God. It's who He is; it's what He does. God's love overflows!

**GEMS:** Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so!

**Congregation:** We are thankful that God's goodness and love follow us-they chase after, pursue, hound, and woo us all the days of our lives! (Psalm 23:6)

**Leader:** Can you think of anything the world needs more than God's love? Relationships are strained and broken. Words can cause damage and harm. And that's the stuff close to home. Beyond our clubs and communities it's more of the same.

**ALL:** Everyone needs God's love!

**Leader:** And when we accept God's pursuing love, it changes us. Receiving His love makes our love increase and overflow, too.

**GEMS:** *May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else just as ours does for you* (1 Thessalonians 3:12)

**Congregation:** Jesus said: "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all our soul and with all your mind, 'This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself'*" (Matthew 22:37-38)

**ALL:** Jesus said the greatest thing we can do is love God and love people-family, friends, and everyone else. From the overflow of His love, we love!

**GEMS** Presentation: (**Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior**)

*Sharing their Motto: Micah 6:8; their Theme Verse: 1 Thessalonians 3:12; Song: "One Thing Remains"; and Testimonies and Expressions of appreciation*

Hymn of Response: Congregation singing GEMS song:

*One Thing Remains*

Children, ages 3-5, are dismissed for *Children & Worship*

Announcements/Updates

Congregational and Offertory Prayer

Offertory/Offering: *General Fund* ..... Paul  
*2<sup>nd</sup> offering for GEMS national program*

[please sign and pass the Friendship Pads down the pew]

\*Hymn of Preparation #495 (all vs.) *Jesus Loves Even Me*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: *Mark 10:13-16* (NT, p. 40), *Luke 18:9-17* (NT, p.70)

Sermon: "***The Touch That Turns The Kingdom Upside-down***"

Rev. Dan Ackerman, Executive Leader of Classis

Prayer of Application

\* Closing Hymn #574 (vs 1,2,3) *A Child of the King*

[Elders move to the doors to greet you]

\* Benediction

\* Dismissal/Postlude; (enjoy coffee, fellowship; attend SS)

**[\*=Please stand if you are able]**

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## This Week at Haven (Mar. 19–Mar. 26, 2017)

**Sunday (today):** ..... **March 19**

9:30 am 9:30 am Worship/GEMS Sunday ~ Sanctuary

10:40 am Education/Sunday School hour ~ Haven

10:40 am Coffee/Fellowship Time ~ Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm Kingdom Ambassadors ~ Gun Lake

**Tuesday:** ..... **March 21**

9:00 am Mom's in Prayer ~ Heritage Room

9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Flavia) ~ Fireside Room

**Wednesday:** ..... **March 22**

6:15 pm GEMS/Cadets ~ Haven Campus

6:15 pm MidZONE ~ Youth Room

7:00 pm Haven Prayer Group ~ Heritage Room

**Thursday:** ..... **March 23**

6:00 pm Love INC ~ Haven Campus

**Next Lord's Day** ..... **March 26**

9:30 am Worship Celebration ~ Sanctuary

10:40 am Education/Sunday School hour/last week ~ Haven

10:40 am Coffee/Fellowship Time ~ Fellowship Hall

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## Haven Announcements:

**Haven Highlights:** The March edition of the *Highlights* (our newsletter) is in your mailbox - extras are on the lobby table. You can also find it online at [www.havenchurch.com](http://www.havenchurch.com) under the "Resources" tab.

**Special Offering** – today there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> offering for the GEMS organization.

**Easter Memorials** – this year we will again support Audio Scripture Ministries and Bibles for the Hamilton class of 2017 with our donations for Easter Memorials. Please use the enclosed form in the bulletin. The donation amount is \$10 for the first memorial and \$5 for each memorial after. (Please use a separate envelope and put in the collection plate or drop it off at the office). Memorials are due by April 12.

**Hungry for Christ:** Look on the lobby table today to sign up for volunteer opportunities to help with Hungry for Christ's food distribution. Saturday, April 29, 10 am - noon. Many hands make for light work, and for much joy in serving together!

## Youth:

**MidZone** – Meets at 6:15 in the basement Youth Room

**HS Sunday School class** will be watching and discussing the **Risen** movie for the two weeks of **March 19 and 26**. Come join us! We'll be watching the movie in two parts as we use the film to wrap up our reading through the Gospel of Mark "The Things Jesus Did". This will take us up to spring break and hopefully set the stage for a great Easter season of how God will speak to our hearts through His Spirit!

**HS Journey Overnight** - Our tentative date for our next activity will be the weekend of **April 28-30**. Put it on your schedule!

**Colorado Challenge Student and Parent Meeting** will be Sunday March 26 at 6 pm in the Haven Youth Basement. This is a required meeting where you will receive all your paperwork and instruction as we prepare for this summer trip.

## Community:

**The Crazy Horse Restaurant** in Holland is going to have a fundraiser for Love INC on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. They are donating 20% of their profits that evening to Love INC. JCI of Holland is matching whatever that final figure is!

**Sunday, March 26 at 6 p.m.,** Hamilton Reformed Church is hosting a Prayer Service for Crops and Industry. You are invited to join them for the service in which they will call upon God's blessing for a new season of planting and harvest and for an ongoing blessing upon our local and global economy.

**Golfers:** It's time to find a partner for this year's golf league. We will again be golfing at Diamond Springs Golf Course on Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. from May through August. More details and sign-ups will follow soon. Encourage your friends! Questions call Becky Kempfers [\(269\)751-4311](tel:2697514311).

**Love INC is hiring** a caseworker for Hamilton Life Skills. This person would work on every Thursday afternoon and evening for 5-7 hours. Please see job description posted on our website ([loveincnwa.org](http://loveincnwa.org)) or contact Jean Eding @ [loveincje@frontier.com](mailto:loveincje@frontier.com). Applications will be received until April 14<sup>th</sup>.