

Westview CRC Communicator
A Stephen Ministry Congregation
September 5, 2010

WELCOME

We welcome one another for worship today. May God guide us as we build relationships with him, each other, our neighbors and our world.

OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Morning worship – Pastor Sid Draayer will preach from Genesis 26.

Evening worship – Our evening service will be at West Leonard CRC.

Next Sunday morning – Pastor Sid Draayer will preach. We will celebrate communion. Please join us for our Fall Ministry Celebration. A picnic style lunch will be served downstairs in the Assembly Room.

Next Sunday evening – Seminarian Nate VanDenend will preach from Mark 3:13-35 – The One Who Ties Up the Strong Man.

STAFF, OFFERINGS & COUNCIL NEWS

You will notice that the pulpit area – is still under construction this week. The progress made is no small accomplishment and we are very grateful for all those volunteers who worked so hard this past week in order to reach this point. We will acknowledge them more specifically in a few weeks, but thank you for your flexibility in the mean time.

Council News – The carpet, loop and pulpit area (yes, there will be some modifications to the pulpit area to enhance elements of worship) will begin this week Monday, Sept. 30. The project may take a few weeks to complete. We ask that the congregation consider helping us with donations to offset the cost of this project. If you are willing to donate, please do so by placing a check in the offering plate (please write “carpet/loop/pulpit area” on the memo line) or contact Mary in the church office. Thank you for your support.

Offering Schedule

Sept. 5 am – Firstfruits

Sept. 5 pm – Service at West Leonard CRC

Sept. 12 am – Benevolence

Sept. 12 pm – Calvin College

From the Deacons – Over the past couple months we have been able to support numerous worthy benevolent needs. As a result, the balance in the benevolent account is running low. Please remember you may always give to benevolence using your budget envelopes. There will also be an opportunity to replenish this balance during our morning offering on Sept. 12. Thank you for your support.

VIS – is looking for someone to help out a man who needs his lawn cut, and needs to be weeded and he has some things that he wants moved from the basement to his garage. If you are available to lend a hand, would you contact Chris Miller or Kurt VanVels, your VIS deacons, for more information.

Westview has created a community – on TheCommon.org and would like more serious members. TheCommon.org is an online tool that matches needs and abilities inside a community. The Diaconate has invited Jay Kroll Marketing and Relationships representative to our Adult Ed on Sunday, September 19th. Please mark your calendars and I encourage you to watch the video and see for yourself! Website is www.thecommon.org.

YOUTH

SOLE Group – Kick off party for all 6th thru 8th graders – Tubing party at Bykerk's Cottage on Crockery Lake on Sept. 11. Meet at church at 2pm. You will be dropped off at church at 9pm. Bring towels, bathing suits, life jacket (if you have one) and cookies or brownies to share. RSVP to Dianna by Sept. 9 at 453-7316 or 914-6376.

PARENTS: We need drivers. Call Dianna if you can drive either way or both ways.

SOLE Group – 1st meeting will be Sept. 19 at 7pm in the Assembly Room.

GEMS – Girls grades 2nd thru 6th – It's time to start thinking about GEMS again! This years theme is FEED THE FIRE. Mark your calendars for our kick off night on Wed., Sept. 15 from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the church basement. We hope you will join us for a night of devotions, prayer, crafts and snack to kick off our GEMS year. Our leaders this year are Melissa Mercer, Molly VanDerLaan, Carolyn Phillips, Laurie Dykstra and Sue Thornell.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Coffee Break Staffing Needs – Beginning Tues, 9/21 –

TUESDAY AM:

Bible study leader

Story Hour assistant

Nursery helpers: 2,3 or 4, can be shared time

TUESDAY PM:

Men's Bible study assistant

Child Care: 1 or 2, can be shared time

Please pray about your involvement this year. Call Sally Postma at 785-8746 for more information and to volunteer.

Worship Center Leader Needed – The worship center is running low on leaders. Would you please consider filling this need? The schedule can be flexible. Please contact Nina VanHeulen if you can help.

Volunteers Needed – to make and serve coffee after the morning worship service for the months of September through December. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the kitchenette.

Congregation – Please prayerfully consider being prayer partners with SOLE Group members for the month of October. We will have a dinner at our November 21 meeting to which you will be invited. You will be able to meet and spend time with the student that you prayed for in October. Call Dianna DeVries or wait for signups in September.

Sunday School Classes – will resume on September 19.

The Church School Committee – asks you to please consider using your gifts and talents to serve the children and teens of our church. We have openings for TEACHERS in 6th, 9th and 10th grades this year. If you would rather teach every other week with another adult, please let us know! We also have a need for a TEACHER HELPER in the 2nd grade. Please contact Jeff Groggel or Deb Miller.

CHURCH LIFE

[re] Connect September 12, 2010 ...

For several weeks now you have seen this in the Communicator. What is it all about? In keeping with Westview's new mission statement, the Worship Committee is planning a day to celebrate and reaffirm our connections with each other, with our neighbors, and most importantly, with God. During the morning worship service, we will celebrate Communion together, as well as dedicate our newly refurbished piano. Immediately following the service, there will be a Ministry Open House in the Friendship Room highlighting the many opportunities Westview offers for involvement – ways to “connect” with God, each other, and our neighbors. A picnic-style lunch will be served downstairs in the Assembly Room. The main course will be provided (hamburgers and hot dogs), and we are asking those attending to bring a dish to pass as follows: Last name begins with A-6: bring a salad. Last name begins with H-R: bring a side dish (such as baked beans, cheesy potatoes, etc). Last name begins with S-Z: bring a dessert. There is no sign up sheet. This event will be open to our neighbors and will be promoted on our sign in the yard, and at Appletree Mobile Home Park. Please feel free to invite your neighbors as well. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Sturuss or any member of the Worship Committee.

Garnet Jewels – Sorry Ladies but our sign up sheet for our Meijer Gardens outing got lost so would you please sign up again. Please sign up by Sept. 12. Thank you.

Westview Women's Book Club – will be hosted by Sue VanderVennen on Thurs., Sept. 16 at 7:30pm. We hope you will be able to join us. Our book for discussion is same kind of different As me by Ron Hall & Denver Moore. It is the story of a modern-day slave, an international art dealer, and the unlikely woman who bound them together. See Marijo for a book.

GAPS – Save the date – Our first meeting will be Sept. 26 at 8pm in the Lounge. There will be snacks and desserts. Come with ideas for what you would like to study this year. Any questions? Call Jim & Molly VanDerLaan at 677-2202.

Thank You – The Betty VanderHyde family would like to thank you folks for serving coffee after Betty's funeral. Also for the 10 yeears Mom has been back at Westview, your fellowship, friendship and kindness was all part of Mom's spiritual walk with the Lord. The family of Betty VanderHyde

OUTREACH / MISSIONS / SOCIAL ACTION

Appletree Good News Club – We are in need of a Bible leader for our K-5th grade on Tuesday afternoon. Please prayerfully consider being one of God's tools to further his kingdom. Any questions? Call Josie Buskard.

Middle School and High School Bible Clubs at Appletree – The Middle School group that meets on Wednesdays from 3-5:30pm is in need of 1-2 people who are willing to help out. The newly formed High School group will meet on Mondays. They also need 1-2 helpers. For both of the “job listings” above, the

pay is “out of this world” (as in heaven!) Our need for more helps stems from the wonderful fact that the students at Appletree are begging for the clubs to continue on THROUGH high school! Prayerfully consider working in this field which is ripe for harvest! Call either Ron Postma, Sharon Wiersum or Caryn Boelema.

Fall Mission Trip – The CRWRC has many needs and opportunities to serve our Lord with our hands. TENNESSEE / KENTUCKY: The same late-May storm that caused major flooding in Nashville also flooded many smaller communities in TN and KY. Some clean up is still needed, and also the beginnings of reconstruction in Nashville and a number of rural communities. We are looking at the first week in November. Leaving Oct. 31 and returning Nov. 6. Any questions? See Larry Groggel.

During the months of August and September – Meijer is again offering \$10 donation cards. These donation cards will be converted into gift cards for the Northwest Food Pantry. Once again, the Meijer Alpine Store has been designated for the Northwest Food Pantry. The donation cards are available on the table in the Friendship Room. Your help to restock the pantry shelves will be deeply appreciated. This is a good way to build relationships with our neighbors. Questions? Call Fred Burghgraef

NW Food Pantry – month of September – **TUNA OR OTHER CANNED MEATS**. All other grocery items are also welcome.

Embracing Kingdom Life – VIS Leadership Training Event 2010 – this year’s event will feature “open workshops.” You just have to register and then come and choose your workshops that evening! The date is Thurs., Sept. 30 from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Brookside CRC. See the tables in the Friendship Room for a list of the workshops. If you are a leader of any group or head of a committee, you just might want to attend. Check out the list of workshops and see if something interests you. Then let Mary (in the church office) know this week and she’ll register you.

Persecuted Christian for the month of September – The Voice of the Martyrs contacts report that Muslims are coming to Christ in record numbers in Iran. Despite increased persecution in recent months, believers in Iran are courageously sharing Christ with Muslims and lives are being changed. Pray the new believers will grow in their faith. Ask God to protect and encourage believers in Iran. Pray believers will use their testimonies to draw nonbelievers into fellowship with Christ.

The food pantry needs your help! The last week has been a record setting week with 140 families coming in for help. With this number of people, our current supplies of cereal, canned vegetables, elbow macaroni, beans and spaghetti sauce are all gone. Our shelves need to be restocked. We are asking your help in accomplishing this goal. Donations can be left at church or at the pantry. You can also help by purchasing Meijer gift cards for \$10 at the Alpine Meijer.

Today – September 5, 2010

Custodian – Kurt

Sound – AM & PM – Mike

Video – AM & PM – Dan Kloet

9:30am Morning Worship Service

6:00pm Evening Worship Service at West Leonard CRC

Mon-6 10:00am Mens Camaraderie & Coffee

Tues-7

Wed-8 5:45pm Westview Golf League – Gracewil

6:30pm Worship Committee

Thu-9 6:15am Men's Bible Study – lounge

Fri-10

Sat-11 9:30am Angel Food
SOLE Group kick off at Bykerk Cottage

Nursery

AM Chad & Stacy Groggel

Worship Center – See you September 12

See you September 12

Little Lambs – You are a special helper too

Monica VanWienen, Evan Miller, Katie Dykstra

Rover Greeter Schedule

AM – Dave & Sharon Wiersum

Parsonage Ladies – Trudy Block

Medical Response

AM – Norm Noordeloos & Pam Westhouse

PM – service at West Leonard CRC

Coffee Makers – Bob & Marlene Vermaire

Next Sunday – September 12, 2010

Custodian – Mark

Sound – AM & PM –

Video – AM & PM – Keith VanWienen

9:30am Morning Worship Service

10:45am Church School Teacher Meeting

6:00pm Evening Worship Service

Nursery

AM Katie & Christian Ouding, Rachel Bigelow

PM Pat Buist, Kaleigh Bykerk

Worship Center – See you September 12

See you September 12

Little Lambs –

Vets Facility Transp. – Todd Sturuss

Sandy Erickson Transp – Tom & Josie Buskard

Walker Meadows Transp –

Rover Greeter Schedule

AM – Lou & Jan VanderWal

PM – Bill & Sue VanderVennen

Parsonage Ladies – Joyce Koets

Ushers for September & October

AM –

PM –

Medical Response

AM – Pam Westhouse & Dan Hoekema

PM – Norm Noordeloos & Sue VanderVennen

Coffee Makers – Bob & Marlene Vermaire

Elder – Greeters - September – Jack Buist & Jim Veldheer

Elder – Prayer – September

AM – Mel DeVries PM – Mike Westhouse

Let'sRecycle

(Boxes for items under tables in Friendship Room)

- Empty inkjet, laser and toner cartridges
- Greeting cards (fronts only)
- Cellphones
- Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, 9 volt, etc.)