

## **News & Notes** March 19-28, 2026

The **Feeding America Food Truck** will be here on Friday, March 20 at 10am. You are always welcome to help distribute food and/or participate in the “Bit-of-Bible” that is offered in the Family Life Center from 9-9:15am. Anyone in need of food assistance is encouraged to come.

**Nursery:** March 22: Karen Fritzemeier, March 29: Jenna Darland, April 5: Alyssa Brauer, April 12: Marcie Van Tol  
**Children’s Chapel:** March 22: Maya Garcia, March 29: Eavee Walker, April 5: Julie Weller, April 12 Eavee Walker  
**Welcome Center Host:** March 22: Laurie Kern, March 29: Berni Geoghan  
**Scripture Reference for Sunday:** Pastor Carlos Ramos, 2 Corinthians 13:5.

### **Search Team Update:**

- The Pastoral Search Team has met a couple of times lately, praying for wisdom in seeking Godly council.
- Jesus calls us to love each other—our church family, the pastor God is leading us to, as well as our team members—just as He loved us. We pray that we will love well.
- We are making progress and are thankful for your prayers, support, and encouragement. Please pray for wisdom as we seek to do His will as we continue this process.

**DUE SUNDAY! Connect: Woman to Woman** will be meeting on March 23 at 7:00pm. We will be preparing care packages for our college students living away from home and our active military personnel. We are planning to put together 7 boxes, 2 for men, 4 for women, and one for a couple. **We hope you would like to help us with donations.** Some ideas we have for the care packages (but not limited to) are notes of encouragement, gift cards (for gas and food), sweet and/or salty snacks, mac & cheese cups, individual cereals servings, individual microwaveable meals, warm socks, personal care items, etc. *Please—no hand sanitizer (it is flammable and has special shipping requirements).* **Please bring your donations to church by Sunday, March 22** and place them on the counter in the lobby. Thank you!

**A FREE, basic CPR class** will be offered at our church on Tues. March 24 at 5:30pm and will also include instruction on managing the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). Everyone is invited to learn what to do in this type of emergency. Practice equipment will be available. Information/education received is based on American Heart Association recommendations. Spots are limited so please RSVP directly to Mike Geoghan at 231-557-8920. We will offer this class again in the future if you’re unable to make this date.

**Last AWANA** – March 25 will be the last AWANA meeting of the year. A deep and sincere “THANK YOU” to everyone who has volunteered their time and efforts for this ministry. Thank you for your willingness to serve and allowing God to work through you.

**Sign-Up for the Orange Hat Dinner!** On Friday, March 27 at 6:00pm you’re invited to participate in our wild-game potluck dinner. Bring your favorite game/fish dish or a dessert to share, your own table service, and any favorite mounts/trophies you’d like to display for all to see. Grab your friends and family and come celebrate the glory of God displayed in nature, hunting, and fishing for the evening. Sign up at the bulletin board across from the church mailboxes so we know how many to set up for. Fliers are available at the welcome center for you to take and share around the community.

We will be hosting a **Good Friday service** here on April 3 at 7pm. We will also be participating in the Lord’s Supper at this time

**Sweet Breads for Resurrection Sunday Coffee Fellowship** – We will be offering an extra treat of homemade sweet breads following the service on Resurrection Sunday, April 5. We’d like to offer sweet breads, gluten-free sweet breads, and nut-free sweet breads. If you would like to donate a loaf or two, please sign up at bulletin board A located across from the mailboxes. Please have your bread in the kitchen by 9am on the 5th. Thank you!

**Used-Items Sale** This year’s sale will be held on Friday, April 24, 9am-4pm and Saturday, April 25, 9am-1pm. We will be accepting donated items starting on Monday, April 20 through Wednesday, April 22. Donated clothing should be clean and gently used. We have many different jobs for those who would like to be a part of this ministry—from setting up tables, to helping on the day of the sale. Please call Carolyn Matthews at 744-7559 or Nancy Liebertz at 744-4533 with any questions.

Discovering Christ Church has been invited to support the **LifeWise Academy** at Reeths-Puffer Schools. This is a program started in 2019 presenting the gospel to elementary students DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. Students can be legally released from public school during the day provided the classes are held off school property, privately funded, and parent -permitted. Students are equipped with a solid foundation of values and beliefs rooted in God's Word. If this is something that you want to know more about and/or would like to be the DCC contact person, please contact Steve Cleveland for more information at: [srcleveland@aol.com](mailto:srcleveland@aol.com) or 231.215.0080.

**From the Safety and Security Team:** We rely on your help to identify ways we can make our property and ministries a safe and inviting environment. We encourage you to speak up if you see anything that may be of concern to our people or property. If you see an issue or suspicious activity, please contact the office or Derrin Derrick so the team can address it as needed. Thank you for your partnership. [Derrin@discoveringcc.com](mailto:Derrin@discoveringcc.com)

**College Student of the Week:** Take time to send a note of encouragement to our young adults who are living away from home while attending college or a trade school.

**Linnea Pothoven**, 3201 Burton St. SE, Kalsbeek 117, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

**Home-Bound Friends of the Week:** Take a moment to send a card, make a phone call, or visit the following friends.

**Richard Vitek**, 4041 Leclare St., Muskegon, MI 49444

**Coral Wiles**, 1050 Walnut Grove Dr., Norton Shores, MI 49441

### **Student Ministries:**

#### **RNR (High School)**

- Sunday, March 22, 6-8pm – Our topic will be *Good Friday*. What is it, and why is it good?
- Sunday, March 29, 6-8pm – Our topic will be *Easter/Resurrection Sunday*.
- Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday and Spring Break – No Meeting
- Sunday, April 12, 6-8pm – We will resume our regular meetings

#### **SWAG (Junior High)**

- Wednesday, March 25, 6-8pm – We will be looking at the *Resurrection and Easter*. This will be our last regular meeting of SWAG for the program year.

### **Praises and Prayer Requests**

2 Timothy 4:1-5 Pray that God would increase our next pastor's passion for preaching the Word of God and that he would boldly proclaim the truth.

Angie Harms had hand surgery on March 18. Pray for her as she recovers and will be unable to use her right hand for the next 3 months.

Dean Fritzeimer's dad is struggling with edema in his legs. Pray for strength for his mom as she tends to him and for pain relief and healing for his dad.

Prayers for our Youth based on James 1:22. Ask God to help them grow in desire and strength to carry out their part in doing His will.

**Church Facility Calendar:** Worship Center (WC), Family Life Center (FLC), Kitchen (K), Library (Lib.), Next Steps (NS), Fellowship Hall (FH), Prayer Room (PR), All-Purpose Room (AP)

Thursday, March 19 – Pickleball-9am (FLC), Men's Bible Study-9:30am (NS)

Friday March 20 – Feeding America Food Truck-10am (FLC), Athletic Sensations Baton Class-6pm (FLC, FLC-1)

Saturday, March 21 – Brauer-8am (FLC, K)

Sunday, March 22 - Worship-10:00am (WC), Sunday School-11:15am, Sr. High RnR-6pm (FLC, K)

Monday, March 23 – Pickleball-9:00am (FLC), Connect: Woman to Woman-7:00pm (FLC, K),

Tuesday, March 24 – Staff Meeting-9:30am (FLC-1), Voices of Praise-7:00pm (WC)

Wednesday, March 25 – Hour of Power Prayer Meeting-3:30pm (PR), AWANA-6pm, Jr. High SWAG-6pm (FLC, K)

Thursday, March 26 – Pickleball-9am (FLC), Men's Bible Study-9:30am (NS), Athletic Sensations Baton Class-6pm (FLC, FLC-1)

Friday March 27 – Muskegon Twp FD training-8am (Parking lot), Orange Hat Wild-Game Dinner-6pm (FLC)

Saturday, March 28 – Geoghan-10am (FH, NS), Cadets-5pm (FLC, K)