

News & Notes August 27-September 5, 2026

Nursery: Aug. 30: Christie Cleveland, Sept. 6: Marcie Van Tol, Sept. 13: Faith Darland, Sept. 20: Sunny Freeman

Children's Chapel: Aug. 30: Maya G., Sept. 6: Faith Darland, Sept. 13: Julie Weller & Cassie Henry, Sept. 20: Maya Garcia

Welcome Center Host: Aug. 30: Berni Geoghan, Sept. 6: Carol Connell, Sept. 13: open, Sept. 20: Sue Crider

Hall Monitor: Aug. 30: Jim Moser, Sept. 6: Tim Brauer, Sept. 13: Scott VanDuine, Sept. 20: Tom VanAndel

Scripture Reference for Sunday: 1 Peter 4:7-11, Pastor LeMarr Jackson

This Sunday, August 30, will be the last day that the Derrick family will be with the DCC family. We will be hosting a farewell gathering for Derrin, Alishia, and Annelise during the coffee fellowship hour. There will be coffee & treats to nibble on and a basket will be available for cards and/or gifts. Please be sure to attend and support the Derrick family with your prayers, encouragement, and love as we honor Derrin's (and Alishia and Annelise) **16 years** of faithful ministry to Discovering Christ Church.

Compass Kids URGENT Donation Request: We need 2 TV's & a wall mount for one of them. We are requesting nothing smaller than 32 in. and nothing bigger than 42 in. They do not have to be Smart TVs, but they do need to be flat screens. They can be used or new, as long as they work. We would need them as soon as possible to have time to hook them up before Compass Kids begins on Sept. 9th. Questions? Please contact Alyssa Brauer at 231-670-7459.

Special Congregation Meeting Update On Sunday 8/16/26 the congregation voted to affirm calling Rev. James Beezley to be the next Lead Pastor at DCC. With approval from the Alliance of Reformed Churches (received on 8/24) a call is being made this week and if accepted he will start on 9/1/26. Hopefully we will know more by this coming Sunday. Continue to pray for God to bless our church, Pastor Jim (and the rest of the Beezley family—wife Angie, son Jackson, and daughter Jovie) during this time.

Seeking Wonderful People: We are searching for a few volunteers who would be willing to serve and clean-up the Compass Kids' meals on the 3rd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6pm. If you are that wonderful person, please contact Nancy Liebertz at 231-744-4533.

The **Office will be closed** during lunch (12-1:30pm) on Monday, August 31. Please plan accordingly.

Celebratory Church Potluck – NEXT WEEK! You're invited to celebrate the start of a new year of ministry programming at an "all-church" potluck on Sunday, Sept. 6 at 11:30am. We are requesting that each family bring either a main dish, side dish, or dessert to pass. Please note we're capping desserts at 10, so sign up quickly! Please bring table service for your household. DCC will provide beverages for all. Please sign-up at bulletin board A in the hallway by the mailboxes. Please indicate your name, the number attending, and the dish(es) you intend to provide.

The Calvinist Cadet Corps Will Be Starting Soon! Cadets will be held on the **1st, 2nd, and 3rd** Mondays of the month from 6:00-8:00pm in room #32. Boys 8-14 are invited to attend. If you're interested in being a part of this club, please plan to attend our registration in room #32 on Monday, Sept. 14 at 6:00pm. Any questions can be directed to head counselor, Jim Moser, at 231-740-8273.

Ministry Announcements: As we ramp up towards the start of a new program year, the secretary would like to remind those who lead a ministry to make sure it is communicated to the congregation through the News & Notes. Announcements are due to the office no later than Wednesday at noon. As we have many new people in attendance, you're encouraged to be quite detailed as you describe your ministry, when & where it meets, and who can be contacted if there are questions.

Free Stuff! We've worked at cleaning out the Pastor's study from study materials, books, music, décor, etc. If you're interested in procuring any of it, you are welcome to visit room #31 (across from the Prayer Room) and take as you wish.

Alliance of Reformed Churches Gathering Last week several members of Discovering Christ Church attended the Alliance annual “Gathering” in Zeeland, Michigan. Over 400 attendees from all over the USA, representing 8 Alliance Networks were able to experience inspirational worship, excellent speakers and informative breakout sessions. The breakout sessions promoted networking with members from the other networks and churches while hearing talks on various topics. If you would like to know more about the Gathering contact Morry Harms, Mike or Berni Geoghan, John or Laura Kuipers, Dean Fritzemeier, Derrin Derrick, or Steve Cleveland.

Thank you! Our Compass Kids Director, Alyssa Brauer, would like to thank everyone for all the donations for Compass Kids. You are greatly appreciated.

“We would like to thank our church family for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, and funeral visitations we received for the passing of Darlene’s brother, Paul. It’s a great joy to have such caring friends during this time of loss.” -Ray & Darlene Klug

Praises and Prayer Requests

Luke 12:22-31 – Pray that the new pastor and his family will be able to smoothly transition to our church. This would include the needs of his wife and children in making new friends. Pray that they will feel they have always been with us and will know the support and love that Christ calls us to.

We rejoice that Mary Calloway’s first back surgery went well on the 25th of Aug. She will have her second surgery today, Aug. 27. Continue to lift her in prayer during this process.

Please pray for Jose Ramos, 90-year-old father of Pastor Carlos Ramos. Jose was diagnosed with influenza and possibly sepsis and meningitis. Pray for comfort and healing.

Pray for Shirley, 56 years old and a friend of the Ramos’. Shirley has lung, liver, colon, and ovarian cancer. Ten months ago, she was given two years to live. Pray for God’s peace and comfort.

Coleen Briggs asks for prayer for her friend Joyce who has some type of glaucoma. Please pray it gets properly diagnosed and that Joyce’s vision is protected.

We praise God for the healing that has been taking place in Pat Woirol’s life. She is able to be back home now and will need to take her recovery process quite slowly.

Karen Fritzemeier’s cousin Julie now has a clear diagnosis and treatment plan. She has stage 3 rectal cancer that is also in nearby lymph nodes. Praise God, the spot on her lung was not malignant, so it has not metastasized. The surgeon and oncologist met and determined that the best course is to first do chemotherapy, followed by a combo of chemo and radiation. Surgery may come after that. She had the port placed for chemo this morning (08/25) and will hopefully start chemo this week. Thank you for praying for her!

Pray for our youth based on Psalm 119:68. Ask God to help them grasp from His Word a growing awe and assurance that He is good and what He does is good.

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)

Sunday, August 30 - Worship-10:00am (WC), Children’s Chapel Mtg.-11:30am (AP)

Tuesday, September 1 – Staff Meeting-9:30am (FLC-1), Grief Support Group-10am (FH)

Wednesday, Sept. 2 – Hour of Power Prayer Meeting-3:30pm (PR)

Thursday, Sept. 3 – Cadet Council Meeting-7pm (#32)