

News & Notes January 29-February 7, 2026

Nursery: Feb. 1: Marcie Van Tol, Feb. 8: Jenna Darland, Feb. 15: Christie Cleveland, Feb. 22: Alishia Derrick

Children's Chapel: Jan. 25: Julie Weller, Feb. 1: Maya Garcia, Feb. 8: Julie Weller, Feb. 15: Eavee Walker, Feb. 22: Maya Garcia

Welcome Center Host: February 1: Berni Geoghan, Feb. 8: open, Feb. 15: open, Feb. 22: open

Scripture Reference for Sunday: Pastor Scott, Proverbs 3:5-6

This Sunday, Feb. 1, we will celebrate the **Lord's Table**. We invite the congregation to come with humble and glad hearts in receiving the blessings of the body and blood of Jesus.

There will be a **Sunday School Teachers'** meeting on Tuesday, February 3 at 7pm in room FLC-1.

Let's Get Together! The Church Life Team would like to host a church-wide potluck on Sunday, February 15 after the worship service. It's been a while since we have fellowshiped together in this way and there is no time like the present. Please sign up at bulletin board A by the church mailboxes no later than Feb. 8 so we can set up accordingly. We are asking each household to bring either a main dish, a side dish, or a dessert. Again, please indicate which dish you are willing to bring so we can plan accordingly.

Prayer partners needed for the Honduras team while they are on mission - For each of the 13 team members traveling to Honduras we would love to have at least one individual (more would be great) per each person on the Honduras team committing to pray for them while they are away. The team members will list their prayers and contact information on a sheet for your prayer. Would you be willing to pray? Team members heading to Honduras Feb. 22-28 are Larry & Sarah Gordon, Kim Schugars, Larry Pollack, Dave & Julie Weller, Wade Bates, Shawn Bates, Morry Harms, Scott & Sherri VanArendonk, and Frank & Laurie Kern. Please contact Steve Cleveland and/or Larry Gordon if you are interested.

Connect: Woman to Woman will meet on Monday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Marie Essenberg will be leading us in a **Canvas Painting** event. **This event is for women and girls 8 years and older.** (Girls under 18 need to be accompanied by an adult). "Can't paint?" – well neither can I, so you won't feel out of place. No prior experience is necessary; Marie assures us that everyone can be successful. This is always a great evening of fun, creativity, and encouraging one another—please join us. We are asking for a \$5 donation to cover the cost of the canvas. You are welcome to bring a snack to share. **Please sign up on the bulletin board with your name and the number of people coming with you.** If you have any questions, please contact Michealle Cleveland (730-0165) or Marie Essenberg (750-6241).

SENT - Tithe.ly Giving Statements for the year 2025 were sent via email on January 25. If you did not receive your statement, check your spam/junk folder. Still not there? Contact Deacon Chairman Brad Vander Wall.

Offering Envelope Giving Statements – If you would like a 2025 statement of giving for your tax records, please fill out a giving statement form, located at the Welcome Center, and place it in the offering plate or drop it off in the office. Please remember – the deacons track giving by envelope number ONLY. They will not be able to provide you with a statement without your 2025 offering envelope number. Please allow **2 weeks** for the deacons to process your request.

Orange Hat Society - Everyone's favorite wild-game potluck is happening! The Orange Hat Society potluck dinner will be held here on Friday, March 27 at 6pm for its 18th year. Start planning your menu, keep the date open, and think about who you can invite. Flyers are available at the welcome center to invite others to join you.

Thank You – Tracy Hickman expresses his gratitude to the DCC family for the cards that were received and the prayers offered for him as he recently fought pneumonia. He is feeling much better!

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.

Nathan Dollaway, 413 EWH, 1701 Townsend Dr., Houghton, MI 49931-1193

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

Gloria Bates, 3574 E McMillan Rd., Twin Lake, MI 49457

Lois Dornbos, The Village at Rosy Mound, 17283 Rosy Mound Lane Apt #213, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Student Ministries:

RNR (High School)

- Sunday, February 1, 6-8pm – We will continue the series Love in Chaos and will be discussing *Kind Words* this week.
- Sunday, February 8, (Superbowl Sunday) 2-4pm – ***Super Bowling!*** That's right, we are going bowling at Northway Lanes dressed up like superheroes. Have fun and be creative with your outfit. Prizes for the best costume, high score, lowest score, and more. There will be no RNR that evening.
- February 13-15 are the dates for the Elevate Winter Retreat to CranHill Ranch. Turn in your registration and payment ASAP. See Derrin if you need a registration packet.
- Sunday, February 15, NO RNR MEETING in the evening.
- We are forming a team to return to Alaska June 20-27, 2026. Turn in your application to join the team by February 1.

SWAG (Junior High)

- Wednesday, February 4, 6-8pm – We will be looking at the Biblical Themes of *Gospel of the Kingdom*, *Image of God*, and *The Day of the Lord*.
- Wednesday, February 11, 6-8pm – We will be looking at the Biblical Themes of *The Holy Spirit*, *Public Reading of Scripture*, & *Justice*.

Praises and Prayer Requests

Prayers for the Pastoral Search Process: "Dear Lord, we humbly come before You, acknowledging our need for a new pastor to lead us. You know the heart of our congregation and the unique challenges we face. We ask for a shepherd who will boldly proclaim Your truth, with love and compassion for all."

Sharon Jordan has returned home from the hospital. Her potassium was at a critically low level. Potassium was given through and IV and—praise God—she is doing well.

Pray for our youth based on Psalm 104:1. Ask God to help them grow in giving Him praise with joyful recognition of His splendor and majesty.

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, Jan. 29 – Men's Bible Study-8:30am (AP), Pickleball-9am (FLC), Sewing-9am (FH), Ed. Team-4:30pm (Lib.), Voices of Praise-7pm (WC)

Friday, Jan. 30 – Cadet Overnighter-6pm-Jan. 31 Noon (FLC, K)

Sunday, February 1 - Worship-10:00am (WC), Sunday School-11:15am, Sr. High RNR-6pm (FLC, K)

Monday, Feb. 2 – Pickleball-9:00am (FLC), Cadets-6pm (#32, FLC), Safety & Security Team-7pm (NS)

Tuesday, Feb. 3 – Staff Meeting-9:30am (FLC-1), Spouses Grief Support Group-10am (FH), Search Team-6:15 pm (#31), Voices of Praise-7:00pm (WC), Sunday School Teachers Mtg.-7pm (FLC-1)

Wednesday, Feb. 4 –Hour of Power Prayer Meeting-3:30pm (PR), AWANA-6pm, Jr. High SWAG-6pm (FLC, K)

Thursday, Feb. 5 – Men's Bible Study-8:30am (AP), Pickleball-9am (FLC), Cadet Council-7pm (#32)

Friday, Feb. 6 – Gardner-5pm (FLC)

Saturday, Feb. 7 – Moore (FLC)