

HAMILTON REFORMED CHURCH | March 31, 2024

# HEARTBEAT



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**Sunday Morning**  
**Pastor Kevin**

"Who Are You Seeking"  
John 20:1-18

*Christ is Risen*  
*He is Risen Indeed!*

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# *Sunday Mornings at HRC*

## **Worship Locations**

Join us upstairs in the Sanctuary or downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Greeters: Tyler & Jackie Taratuta and family

Next Week (April 7): Brian & Paula VandenBrink

## **Nursery**

A nursery is provided during the worship service for infants through 3 years old. The nursery is located on the main level (west side of the building).

Nursery Volunteers: Bev Ende, Olivia McCormick

Next Week (April 7): Jackie Taratuta, Donna Jurries

## *Today's Activities & Information*

**Children in Worship** and **Sunday School Classes** are off today (March 31) and April 7. They will resume on April 14.

## *Security Team*

If you are interested in becoming part of security at Hamilton Reformed, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen or talk to Tyler Taratuta.

## *Attention Graduates*

Are you graduating from high school or college this Spring? Did you graduate from college this past winter? We would like to celebrate with you! Fill out a graduate form and submit it to the church office along with a photo of yourself (forms are available in the church office or on the ledge outside the library). We will be honoring all of our graduates in May. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

## *This Week*

### **Sunday, March 31**

9:30am Sunday Worship

### **Thursday, April 4**

9:00am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Red Cross

Blood Drive

### **Friday, April 5**

10:00am Pantry

### **Saturday, April 6**

6:00am Men's Bible Study

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Do you like listening to podcasts?

Our sermons are now available online!

Visit our website:  
[hamiltonreformedchurch.org](http://hamiltonreformedchurch.org)  
and click on the podcast tab at the top of the page.

## ***Red Cross Blood Drive***

The next Hamilton area blood drive will be at HRC on Thursday, April 4, from 12:00-6:00pm. For more information or to schedule an appointment (not required), call 1-800-RED CROSS, or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: hamiltonreformed

## ***Concert at Bentheim Reformed***

The Singing Crusaders men's choir will be singing at Bentheim Reformed Church on April 14 at 5:00 p.m. We can hope you can join us!

## ***Author Visit***

On April 18 at 7:00pm, Haven Reformed will welcome Lynn Austin, a well-known Christian author of thirty historical fiction novels. Lynn will speak on her faith, career, and her journey to Holland, Michigan. Her latest novel *All My Secrets* will be available for signing. Light refreshments will be served. Please join us for this special event and bring a friend.

## ***Choir Camp***

Choir Camp Registration is now open! Camp will be held at Messiah's Independent Reformed Church in Holland on June 17-21. Detailed information and registration are available at [messiahs-irc.org](http://messiahs-irc.org). Questions? Contact Roberta Macedo at [rlucenamacedo@gmail.com](mailto:rlucenamacedo@gmail.com). Registration closes May 17 at 11:00am and space is limited, so take your friends, come sing with us, and sign up soon!

## ***April Mission of the Month***

### **Western Theological Seminary**

Western Theological Seminary offers academic study in a nurturing community to prepare men and women for the challenges and opportunities of ministry in today's world. They are rooted in scripture, open to the world, joyful, hopeful and confident in God's purposes. Western prepares students for real-life ministry by offering one of the top seminary educations, focused on individual growth.

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### **Ministry Focus**

Please pray for the many volunteers that work for our Love INC store, Heart to Heart, a long-time ministry that reaches out to the needs of those in our community.

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### **Missionary Updates**

New updates are available at the Missionary Board from:

- Chad Vanden Bosch
- Bethany Flynn

## *Please Pray for:*

- Bev Woldring was hospitalized for a brief time and has now returned home where she continues to recover
- Marion Poll has returned home after a recent hospitalization
- Stu Wassink is now a resident at Bay Point, a memory care ward, at American House

## *A Note of Thanks*

Thank you for the cards, calls and prayers following the passing of my brother. Thanks also to Pastor Ron and Pastor Kevin for kind words shared. All was much appreciated.

Ruth Brink

## *Pantry Volunteers*

If you have volunteered in the Personal Needs Pantry, you should have received an email or hard copy invitation to the Love INC Appreciation Event to be held on April 22. If you volunteered in the pantry in 2023 or 2024 and did not receive an invitation, please contact Bev Ende. RSVPs are due by April 8.

## *National Day of Prayer*

Mark your calendar for the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2, from 12:00-12:50pm at the Hamilton Veteran's Memorial Park (3440 M-40).

## *Please Continue to Pray for:*

### **Continuing Care**

Ryan Lindholm

### **Undergoing Treatment**

Bob Rigterink

Shirley Wassink

### **Friend at Home**

Joyce VanDam

### **Education Volunteers**

Les Meiste

Sandy Mulder

### **Kids Hope Mentor**

Bev Ende

### **Missionary of the Week**

Chad & Dara Vanden Bosch

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## *Tithes & Offerings*

March 24 Total - \$8,012

Offering - \$6,747

E-tithe - \$1,265

*\$8,117 needed weekly  
to maintain budget*



# Updates from Children's Ministry

## Kid Connection

Kid Connection has come to an end for the year and we couldn't be more thankful for everyone who donated, volunteered and attended! We reached 20-25 kids every week and had lots of fun learning about and pretending to be many different zoo animals. We learned how each of these animals have traits that we can learn from to share Jesus. For example, we need perseverance like the tortoise, tough skin like the alligator, and Jesus can transform us like the butterfly.



## Dates to Remember



**March 31 & April 7**

NO Children in Worship  
or Sunday School (Spring Break)

**May 5**

Last Day of Children in Worship  
and Sunday School

**June 16**

Summer Story Time Begins  
(3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

**July 23-25**

Hamilton Community VBS

## Vacation Bible School 2024

Save the dates - it's time for a summer camp adventure with God!

Hamilton Community VBS

July 23-25 (at HRC)

Children ages 3 years old (and potty-trained)  
through going in to 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Many volunteers are needed to help make this event amazing! Different volunteer positions will be needed. We are in need of some key volunteers to help with the planning and leading of key areas. We are also in need of leaders, helpers, etc... Prayerfully consider how you might be able to help. Sign-up information coming soon...



## Summer Story Time!

Throughout the summer months (June, July, and August) we will once again be having Summer Story Time during the morning worship service. Summer Story Time will be for kids ages 3 to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. This year our Bible stories center around water. Check out the bulletin board by the carport entrance to sign up to be a leader or helper.

# *Please remember our April Prayer Buddies in your prayers!*



***Blake Casemier***

**Parents:** John & Libby Casemier  
**Birthday:** January 6  
**Age / Grade:** 8 years old / 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
**I like to:** camp, go swimming, and play soccer  
**Prayer Request:** Please pray for a safe and healthy school year



***Rylee Boerman***

**Parents:** Kirk & Joann Boerman  
**Birthday:** January 5  
**Age / Grade:** 6 years old / kindergarten  
**I like to:** swim, camp, play with dolls, play soccer, color, and catch Pokémon  
**Prayer Request:** Please pray that I continue to grow at my school



***Ashtyn Becksford***

**Parents:** Eric & Jen Becksford  
**Birthday:** September 3  
**Age / Grade:** 14 years old / 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
**I like:** Playing soccer, hunting, riding quads and side by sides, hanging out with friends, weekend trips to our cabin in Baldwin, and pretty much anything outside  
**Prayer Request:** Please pray for a safe and healthy year



***Zoe Rozendaal***

**Parents:** Andy & Erin Rozendaal  
**Birthday:** May 28  
**Age / Grade:** 14 years old / 9<sup>th</sup> grade  
**I like to:** play volleyball and soccer, spend time at the lake, and hang out with friends  
**Prayer Request:** Please pray for a strong first year at the high school

# Student Ministries

**Grow: 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade / Gravitate: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade / The Gathering: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Andy & Erin Rozendaal – Directors of Youth Leadership - hamrefyouth@gmail.com

It is hard to believe the program year has come to an end. That does not mean that we will not be doing anything until next school year. We are hoping to do monthly events for each group to keep us connected as well have a little fun. Keep an eye out for the newsletter and other communications for the specific details of the upcoming events as they get planned.

Gravitate: Outing to Craigs Cruisers - April 17, 5:15-8:45pm

The Gathering: Service project - Details coming soon

Thank you to all who supported the youth programs this year through gift cards, snacks, meals and your prayers. We had a wonderful year of growth and could not have done it without you.

## Mentoring Matters

Each week, as you step into your local elementary (and middle) school to meet with your student, you make a difference. For many mentors, they not only get to invest time and care into their students, they also come away rewarded and inspired.



Check out what some mentors shared about why they meet with their student each week:

- “I mentor because I believe God has placed a calling in my life to be seen as a role model for children. I pray that each hour I spend with my student, they can unwind and look forward to our time.”
- “I mentor because I can see the positive impact our one hour together makes for my student! In the last two years my student has gone from scowling, angry, and not wanting to spend time together, to a smiling girl who is eager to tell me everything that has happened since we last met and doesn’t want me to leave.”
- “I mentor because I believe when kids know that they are seen, heard, and cared for, they can become their best selves.”

The above article is from our recent Kids Hope Newsletter. I wanted to share it with you and to remind you that your time spent mentoring is important to your student, their teacher and to their parents/guardians. But it also goes further than that. When we mentor and pray for our students that are struggling in their daily life, we have become a comfort and a beacon of hope in their lives.

Thank you for giving of your time and sharing your faith. You have made a difference and continue to make a difference every time you meet with your student.

If you are not connected to Kids Hope, but would like to help students within our community, please contact me (Joy Essenburg) at [KidsHopeHRC@gmail.com](mailto:KidsHopeHRC@gmail.com)



# *Consistory Chronicles*

## **February & March Elders / Consistory Meetings**

The Consistory met in February and March to review and address items in the life of the Congregation.

- The Elders offered an invitation for Rev. Suzanne Hart to preach and were pleased to have a Faith Exploration Class for our 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders.
- The Deacons, along with their continued care of the facilities, are in the process of overseeing changes to our Financial Accounting (see note below).
- The Consistory greatly appreciates the many levels of Discipleship and Fellowship that have taken place on Wednesday nights. As we begin looking to the summer, there is the welcome addition this year of a mission trip (July 13-20), as well as our opportunity to host VBS (July 23-25).
- We have updated our QuickBooks software in the office to make things easier and up to date. Due to this we had to rename some of the accounts. The following are the new names and old names of the accounts (fund totals will be reported soon):
  - Budget Fund (formerly General Fund)
  - Projects Fund (formerly Building Fund)
  - Building Maintenance Fund (no change)
  - Memorial Fund (no change)
  - Love Fund (no change)As we know, the tithing envelopes have the old account names on them. We will place money that is designated into the new accounts. If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to one of the Deacons.
- The next Executive Team meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15. The next Elders and Consistory meetings are scheduled for Monday, April 22.

# *2024 Consistory*

## **Elders**

Dave Bakker  
Terry Dougan  
Scott Essenburg  
Calvin Kragt  
Jeff Reuschel  
Jim Van Den Beldt

## **Deacons**

Larry Boerman  
Todd Burton  
Ross Eding  
Rick Eustice  
Tyler Taratuta  
Tom Weerstra

## **Consistory Officers**

### ***Vice President***

Jeff Reuschel

### ***Clerk***

Scott Essenburg

### ***Congregational Life***

Dave Bakker

### ***Spiritual Formation***

Jim Van Den Beldt

### ***Service & Outreach***

Calvin Kragt

### ***Deacon Chair***

Tyler Taratuta

### ***Treasurer***

Rick Eustice

### ***Facility/Property***

Tom Weerstra, chair

Larry Boerman

Ross Eding

### ***Love Fund & Budget***

Todd Burton



# *Easter Flowers*

*Jeff & Laurie Reuschel.....In memory of our granddaughters Faith and Esther Reuschel*

*Don & Tami Folkert.....In memory of son Joshua Owens, and wife Marianne Folkert*

*Jeff, Lisa and Brayden Hulst.....In memory of Karen King and Wes Hulst*

*Mark, Sara and Becky Groenheide, and Drew, Jessi and Aiden Boerman.....In memory of Ivan & Donna Groenheide and Ron Groenheide*

*Donna Ende.....In memory of Harold Ende, Kathy Zemaitis, Aaron Zemaitis and Ryan Ende*

*Phil & Nicki Boerman and family.....In memory of Harv & June Knoper and Jack and Marian Lundy*

*Dave & Sally Elenbaas.....In memory of Darren Elenbaas, Rich & Hazel Elenbaas, Justin & Geneva Tucker, and Al & Mary Rudolph*

*Sherry Kleinheksel family.....In memory of John Kleinheksel*

*Howie & Carol VanderPoppen.....In memory our parents of Ed & Genieva and Fritz & Janet*

*Les & Deb Meiste.....In memory of our parents Gord & Dorothy Brewer and Harlan & Harriet Meiste*

*Lynn & Luanne Elenbaas and family.....In memory of Jack & Phyllis Elenbaas, Shirley Schut, George Hoekstra, and Abigail Foss*

*Mary VanderPoppen.....In memory of Delvin "Duff" VanderPoppen*

*in loving memory...*



# *Easter Flowers*

*Terry & Joan Dougan.....In memory of our parents Richard & Margaret Sanborn, and Millard & Marie Dougan*

*Gord & Linda Poll and Craig & Maddy Poll and family.....In memory of parents, grandparents and great-grandparents Jack & Vera Poll*

*Jack & Ann Eding.....In memory of Howard & Joyce Eding and Justin, Jennie and Jack Lampen*

*Dale & Carla VanderPoppen.....In memory of our daughter Kimberlyn, parents John & Gee Haakma, and Ed and Geneva VanderPoppen*

*Grace Eding.....In memory of Ron Eding, husband and best friend*

*Calvin & Pat Kragt.....In memory of our parents: Arnold & Hilda Kragt, and Leon & Leona Hulsman*

*The Brink family, Boerman family and Greg & Kim Poll family.....In memory of Burt Brink and our parents*

*The McCormick family.....In memory of Mom & Dad McCormick*

*The Bosch families.....In memory of Alvin & Goldie Eding, John & Marcella Bosch, and Dale, Ron, Dawn and Lori Eding*

*The Slagh and Palmer Families.....In memory of Greg Kalmink*

*in loving memory...*



# *Upcoming Fundraiser Events*

## *Grant Me Hope ~ Celebrating Hope*

Thursday, April 18, 6:00-9:00pm at the Holland Civic Center Place

“Celebrating Hope” is Grant Me Hope's annual dinner-auction supporting their mission to find forever homes for foster children. The night will include: Hors d'oeuvres, an amazing dinner, cash bar and more; an expansive silent auction; a live auction with large gifts, experiences, and get-a-ways and a 50/50 raffle and other fun competitive games designed so that both foster children and YOU win!

Purchase tickets online at: [https://grantmehope.ticketbud.com/celebrating-hope-2024-?\\_ga=2.261881101.1677892359.1707308586-1761630067.1696613698](https://grantmehope.ticketbud.com/celebrating-hope-2024-?_ga=2.261881101.1677892359.1707308586-1761630067.1696613698)

## *Make an Impact for Mental Health*

Be Nice invites you to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Love & Lean Walk / Run for Mental Health Come on Saturday, April 27, at 9:00am! Walk or run a 5K or 1.5 mile route on sidewalks, bike paths and trails through the wetlands. Physical activity is good for mental health! The route, which starts at the Zeeland stadium, will be lined with memorial pictures, motivating interaction, sidewalk chalk inspiration, and encouraging message signs. This annual event was inspired by the loss of Zach Kroll, who silently suffered from depression and died at the age of 15. Let's come together as a community to support each other and help reduce the shame and secrecy surrounding mental health so less people struggle silently and more people seek help. More information and registration can be found at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Zeeland/LoveLeanWalkforMentalHealth>

## *Compassionate Heart ~ Hearts In Motion 5K Run/Walk & Flamingo Fun Run*

Thursday, May 2 at Compassionate Heart Ministries

Flamingo Fun Run – 5:30-6:00pm / 5K Walk/Run – 6:30-8:00pm

Grab some friends and sign up today at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Zeeland/HeartsinMotion5kRunWalk10KRun>

## *Right to Life ~ Walk for Life - 5k Walk/Run*

Saturday, May 18 – 10:00am at Lawrence Street Park in Zeeland

Registration begins at 9:30am, and the walk begins with prayer at 10:00am. \$50 in sponsorships/donations will receive a T-shirt. A lite lunch will be served, after the walk.

Pledge sheets are available online at: [www.rtlhofholland.org](http://www.rtlhofholland.org) or stop by the Holland Right to Life office and pick one up!

## *April Ministry Volunteers*

Ministry	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
<b>Greeters</b>	Brian & Paula VandenBrink	Doug & Karen TerHaar	Dale & Carla VanderPoppen	Howie & Carol VanderPoppen
<b>Nursery</b>	Jackie Taratuta Donna Jurries	Erin Rozendaal Zoe Rozendaal	Gracie Bosch Kendra Bosch	Jessi Boerman Drew Boerman
<b>Children's Message</b>	--	Jeff Reuschel	Diane VanLente	Lisa Helder
<b>Camera</b>	Eric Helder	Nathan Hart	Jerry VanLente	Missy Eustice
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Kilee Kleinheksel	Mark Kleinheksel	Ryleigh Becksford	Craig Poll
<b>Sound</b>	Paul Koopman	Colin Eding	Brian Kleinheksel	Jeff Mulder
<b>Pianist/ Organist</b>	Deb Meiste	Nancy Kleinheksel	Sherry Kleinheksel	Deb Meiste
<b>Praise Team</b>	Lane, Calvin, Bev & Kathy	Brian, Tim, Jen, Ashtyn & Anna	Youth Praise Team	Instrumentalists

**Valet Parking:** Dave Mazurek

## *Looking for a Way to Serve the Church?*



There are many ways to get involved at HRC.  
We currently have needs for:

- Cookies for Fellowship Time: Please bring three dozen cookies (homemade or store bought) to be served during our fellowship time on Sunday mornings following the worship service.
- Pantry Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to assist Love INC clients in the Personal Needs Pantry at HRC on Fridays from 10:00am-12:30pm.
- Valet Parking: 1-2 volunteers are needed each month.
- Ring the Church Bell: We are looking for volunteers to ring the church bell on Sunday mornings (you must be at least middle-school aged).
- Summer Story Time: Leaders and Helpers are needed each week in June, July, and August (sign up on the Children's Ministry bulletin board).

Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.



# April

## *Birthdays*

April 1: Andy Rozendaal  
Arlyn Wolters

April 2: Jeff Mulder  
Warren VanderKolk

April 3: Jim VanGeldereren

April 4: Brian Kleinheksel

April 5: Ruth Lubbers

April 9: Dave Bakker

April 10: Bill Sheffield

April 12: Pastor Kevin Hart

April 13: Huntleigh Taratuta

April 14: Ross Eding  
Jackie Taratuta

April 17: Brooke Mulder  
Louis Poll

April 18: Tami King

April 20: Wanda Kraker  
Jack Lezman

April 21: Brian Kempkers  
Vern Klein\*

April 22: Carol VanderPoppen

April 23: Tyler Taratuta

April 26: Madison Fales  
Matthew Fales  
Gloria Haverdink

April 29: Becky Shaffer

April 30: Nicki Boerman

## *Anniversaries*

April 3, 1970  
Terry & Joan Dougan

April 5, 2014  
Craig & Maddy Poll

April 8, 1978  
Jim & Eunice Veldhoff

April 9, 1988  
Cal & Sue Lubbers

April 16, 2016  
Bob & Shirley Berens

April 22, 2022  
Avery & Breanna Calkins

April 26, 1957  
Jon & Eileen Schrotenboer

April 27, 1996  
Kevin & Michelle King

April 28, 1978  
Reed & Debbie Lampen

April 30, 1994  
Rick & Missy Eustice



# Happening in April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>5</b> 10:00am Pantry	<b>6</b> 6:00am Men's Bible Study
<b>7</b> 9:30am Worship 10:30am YPT	<b>8</b> 8:30am Prayer Group	<b>9</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>10</b> 11:30am Library	<b>11</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting	<b>12</b> 10:00am Pantry	<b>13</b> 8:00am Scrapbooking
<b>14</b> 9:30am Worship Children In Worship 10:30am YPT 10:45am Sunday School	<b>15</b> 5:30pm Executive Team Meeting	<b>16</b> 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Quilting Group	<b>17</b> 11:30am Library 5:15pm Gravitate to Craig's Cruiser 7:00pm VBS Mtg.	<b>18</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm 55+ Seniors & Retirees of HRC Event	<b>19</b> 10:00am Pantry	<b>20</b> 6:00am Men's Bible Study
<b>21</b> 9:30am Worship Children In Worship 10:45am Sunday School	<b>22</b> 8:30am Prayer Group 6:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Consistory Mtg.	<b>23</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>24</b> 11:30am Library	<b>25</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting	<b>26</b> 10:00am Pantry	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30am Worship Children In Worship 10:45am Sunday School	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00am Bible Study				

## **Severe Weather Cancellation Guidelines**

If a Tornado Watch or Warning has been posted for Allegan County within one hour prior to a church service or church activity, the service/activity will be cancelled. Also, if a Severe Thunderstorm Warning has been posted for Allegan County within one hour of any church service or church activity, the service/activity will be cancelled. Leaders and chairs of committees have the right to conduct an event during a cancellation if they deem the conditions are safe. In such cases, the leaders and chairs are responsible for notifying members and participants to inform them the event is still taking place and where they will be meeting. Please check one of the following for the status of church activities:

WOOD-TV (woodtv.com) ~ Fox 17 (fox17online.com) ~ WZZM (wzzm13.com)  
HRC Prayer Line (269-751-5422, #18) ~ HRC's Facebook Page