



Song-of-the-Week

Psalm 10 is a prayer for the Lord's help when troubles swell around us. Talk to the children about where they are to find their protection from life's distresses. Sing Psalter #19 with the children this week.

1. Why dost Thou stand afar, O Lord, in our distress?
And why dost Thou conceal Thyself when troublous times oppress?
2. Do Thou, O Lord, arise; O God, lift up Thy hand;
Forget Thou not the suffering poor, The humble in the land.
5. Defend the fatherless and all who are oppressed,
That they by human pride and power may be no more distressed.

Athletics

7th Girls' Basketball – Coach: Jon Engelsma (616-260-8062)
 Tuesday, February 18 at Heritage Chr. 3:45 pm
 Thursday, February 20 Home vs. Adams Chr. 4 pm
8th Girls' Basketball – Coach: Val Minderhoud (616-808-1655)
 Wednesday, February 19 Home vs. Westside Chr. 4 pm
 Thursday, February 20 at Byron Center Chr. 4 pm

*These games bring the season to an end.
Thanks coaches and all who assisted with girls' basketball.
Please wash and return uniforms next week.*

Chapel

Our next chapel is Friday, February 28 at 8:30 am. The 4th grade has asked Rev. C. Haak to speak.

Friends & Family Night

Do you have your calendar marked for Friends & Family Night on Friday, March 14? The theme for the evening is "The Spacious Heavens Declare". On the next clear evening, take your children out in the early evening to view Venus (so bright) in the southwest sky, Jupiter overhead, and Mars (reddish) in the east. I'm sure you can also find the constellation Orion in the southern sky (find those three stars lined up that form the belt). Yes, the glory of God is displayed! Marvel with the children!

Band Festival

The junior high band (6th-8th) will perform three pieces at the CCHS Band Festival this Wednesday at 1:30 pm. Visitors are welcome to come and observe.

Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby is scheduled for March 8 in the gym. Workbees are open from 7-9 pm at CCHS on Wednesday, February 26 and Thursday, February 27.

8th Grade Coffeecake Fundraiser

The 8th graders are selling homemade coffee cakes to raise funds for their class trip. The coffeecakes are sold unbaked and freezer ready. Blueberry, cherry, raspberry, and cinnamon cream cheese are available for \$12 each. Pickup is April 1 from 12:30-4pm and payment will be collected at that time. Place your order by March 8 using the flyer or by visiting <https://forms.gle/W7urdniPKczPsGT47>.

ATTENTION! Do you like to watch the sun come up in the morning or enjoy the laughter and energy of school children in the afternoon and want to help out Hope School? Then I have some job opportunities for you! We are in need of a part or full time bus driver for the 2025/2026 school year. Driving a school bus is a very enjoyable and fulfilling job. This position is ideal for a retired grandparent, or parent looking for a way to help out our school and has some extra time. We are also in need of a Transportation Supervisor. This position involves supervising our buses and bus drivers. It would be beneficial for this position to be filled by someone who is a licensed bus driver, but not absolutely necessary. Please contact Kevin Koole at kevin@mpdfinishing.com if you want more details

Mark Your Calendars

March 6	PR Spelling Bee (at Heritage) – 4 PM
March 14	Friends and Family Night
March 19	Band Solo/Ensemble Festival (at Hope)
April 7-11	Spring Break (no school)
April 23	Kindergarten Program (Hope Church) – 7 PM
May 1	Elementary Music Program (Hope gym) - 7 PM
May 8	Bands/Choirs Concert (Hope gym) – 7 PM

Loving Concerns

We express our Christian sympathy to Elaine Rau and family due to the death of her husband, Mike, recently. Elaine serves as a library aide and was an active member of the School Circle for many years. Also, many of the students referred to Mike as Great Uncle Mike. Job 19:25-25 "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:"

School Circle News

Hot Lunch / Snack Sale – February 19

Hot Lunch: Chicken Servers (please be to school by 11 am): Alyssa Huizinga, Cheri R, Jenn S, Sara S, Margaret S

Snacks provided by: Kerri V, Leah W, Lydia B, Shannon B, Erin C, Stephanie DB, Nelle DM, Dawn DV, Becky DV (Please have 24 homemade, prepackaged snacks to the school kitchen by 9am. Thank you!)

TRIP

TRIP will be sold every Tuesday morning from 8:15-9:00 AM in the classroom to the right at the bottom of the ramp. Please contact Sharla Moelker at 791-6091 with any questions.

Requested Announcements

Join the Hudsonville Protestant Reformed Church young people on Thursday, February 27, from 5 to 7 PM at Hudsonville PRC, for a delicious soup supper and silent auction. Proceeds will go towards our young people attending the convention this summer. We hope to see you there!

Please plan to join the SW Young People's Society for their pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 8th. Breakfast will be served at Southwest Protestant Reformed Church from 8am-10am. Gluten free pancakes will be available during breakfast and cinnamon rolls to purchase on your way out. Proceeds will benefit the 2025 PRYP convention.

Pig in a Blanket Fundraiser: Trinity PRC Young Peoples are taking orders for their annual pig in a blanket fundraiser. These come frozen and work well as a delicious appetizer or meal. The cost is \$15/dozen. To order, email trinityyoungpeople702@gmail.com or text Melissa Schimmel at 616-450-7771. All orders are due by Feb. 28.

Byron Center Young People are selling meat boxes from Byron Center Meats. There are some great possibilities for nice and easy dinners once those spring sports begin and the nice weather is upon us! If you would like to place an order, please contact Sara Lubbers (616-217-1119) or Tressa Lubbers (616-238-6716) from now until March 1st. Thank you for supporting our young people as they raise funds for the 2025 Young Peoples Convention!

Save the date! SW Young Peoples' softball tournament at Whistle Stop Park is being planned for Saturday, May 24, 2025.

Advance notice: Eastside Christian School is planning to host art camp for K-8th graders again this summer. Save the date: July 7-9 (evenings).

Redeemer's 3rd Annual Auction is in the works! If you're able to donate to our online auction this spring, please call or text Kate Bleyenbergh 616-437-6288 for pick up or email your pledge to us at auction@redeemerchrschool.com. Auction details to come. Thanks for your consideration!

SAVE THE DATE!

**27TH ANNUAL
HOPE CLASSIC RACES
5K / 1 Mile**

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Start training early!