

"We exist to proclaim the reign of Jesus Christ over all things; glorifying and enjoying God, now and forever!"



Lighthouse

Community Church
Nondenominational

Worship Service: 10:15am *Children are dismissed during offering*
Nursery - Rm. 101
Little Lambs - Rm. 102
Children's Worship - Rms. 104-109

Pastor Steve Demers
February 21, 2016
Allendale HS
Fine Arts Center

"...the end."

The facts surrounding the return of Jesus Christ

Part III: "Daniel's '70th' Week"

~ Daniel 9:24-27, 12:11; Matthew 24:1-15; II Thessalonians 2:1-12; Revelation 11:1-3, 12:1-6 ~

When it comes to the subject of "end times," most people immediately think of the book of *Revelation* as the source for information regarding the end of the world. But believing that *Revelation* is highly symbolic and difficult, if not impossible to understand, many leave the study of these things to others. Few people seem to believe that it is important to take a firm "position" on how the end will take place. However, God says that ALL Scripture is important and profitable in order to become a mature disciple of Jesus Christ. That includes what the Bible teaches about "end times!" Much of John's *Revelation* CAN be understood when connected with what the rest of God's Word says about the coming kingdom of God. One "key" to understanding these things is found in Daniel's visions of the future. Taken by themselves these visions are somewhat difficult to interpret, yet when seen in the context of the rest of Scripture they reveal surprising detail concerning future events that even now are impacting our world. One such vision is found in Daniel 9:24-27, and is explained further in the words of Jesus in Matthew 24, and in Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians, as well as in Revelation. As we begin to put the pieces of the puzzle together a picture begins to emerge that gives insight into God's plan and His purpose for "the end."

Next Week - Part IV: "A Crucial Question"

- I Thessalonians 5:1-11; Revelation 3:10; Matthew 24:15-28 -

Welcome to Lighthouse Community Church Nondenominational!

How would you finish this sentence: "Life is filled with ..."? Perhaps, like many, you think immediately of things like "challenges," "trials," "burdens," and other "negative" things. Because we live in a fallen, broken world it is easy to focus on the things that cause stress, worry and anxiety to our hearts and minds, BUT our God reigns! **If you are visiting with us today**, we share with you the same GOOD NEWS that brings hope, joy and peace to our hearts ... the Gospel of Jesus Christ! "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about THESE things ... and the God of peace will be with you!" (Philippians 4:8-9). Rejoice with us in God's grace and love in Christ and live to serve Him, knowing He IS with you and will carry you through the trials and bring you into His kingdom. Live without fear as you put your trust in our Father in heaven, for He is worthy of our praise!

Children's; Youth; & Young Adult Ministries...



Friend NIGHT!!

Wednesday Night ALIVE! is having their annual friend-a-Jama! That's right, bring your friend & wear your pajamas!

We've been learning all about Cooperation, how God gave us all different gifts so we can work together to do more than we could do alone! We are going to invite our friends to share more about God's love for them this week, Wednesday, Feb. 24th! Never been to ALIVE!? This is a great week to stop by at New Options High School from 6-7:30pm!

MOPS

Our MOPS group is growing! God has blessed this ministry beyond our expectations since we started the program this past Fall! We are now in need of 2 more child care volunteers for the following dates, to assist our leader with the current programming for our kiddos 2-5 years old. If you are able to help on either date, please contact Erica Haveman. Thank you for helping us serve local moms with this wonderful ministry!

March 1st ~ 9:15am-11:30am @ Eagles Wings Church

April 12th ~ 9:15am-11:30am @ Eagles Wings Church

SUB SALE 2.0

Starting today, students are taking sale orders for the sub sale! Subs are \$3 each, and all money raised goes toward funding expenses for all youth ministry events for the students. If you're interested (and hungry for subs!), find a student to give your order to, or contact Adam Moritz and he will gladly take your order.

HS Winter Retreat

This weekend the High Schoolers went to Cran-Hill Ranch, for their weekend retreat. While there, they learned more about God and His Word, got to spend time with each other, and have a great time! They will be arriving back at the Genesis Room around 1pm this afternoon. Please pray for safe travels and that God did mighty works in the hearts of all there!

Today ...

Young Adult Ministries {YAM} ...is hosting a fellowship meal today for young adults immediately following worship, in the cafeteria [exit the auditorium on the East side, turn right, following the hallway to the cafeteria]. If you are a young adult {ages 18-30, single, dating, or married}, come join us for a time of fellowship, hear about the latest updates, and the opportunities to grow & serve from our *Young Adult Ministries Leadership Team*.

Body Life Class ...began today & continues next week. A *SECOND* class is being offered on **Tuesday evenings, February 23rd & March 1st** in the *Genesis Room* [located at the Stonebridge Prof. Bldg., 6261 Lake Michigan Dr., Ste. A], @ **7:00pm**. If you are considering becoming a confessing member & would like to learn more about what that means, & about *Lighthouse*, come join us! Contact *Pastor Chad* with any questions: cdemers@lighthouse-ministries.org. If you can't make either class because of work schedules, let us know & we will set up a time to meet with you!

Ministry Teams Meetings ...**Monday @ 7:00pm** in the *Genesis Room*! Come join us as we plan & implement the various areas of ministry in the congregation: *Children's & Youth Ministries; Adult Discipleship; Fellowship; Hospitality; Technology; Promotions; Prayer, & Missions!* God IS at work among us. What gifts has He given you to use to build up the Body & reach out to others? Let us walk alongside you as we partner in the ministry Christ has entrusted to us!

Noteworthy ...

Building Project updates: ...Information concerning the *Building Fund* & an overall financial picture was presented at our 4 informational meetings. If you were unable to attend a meeting & would like the information, please contact your *Elder/Deacon Care Team*, or any member of *Leadership*. The *Construction Oversight Team* & the *Building Finance Team* will be meeting with General Contractors & banks over the next 2 weeks. **PLEASE NOTE the flyer** regarding a special meeting ***THIS THURSDAY, February 25th***, concerning "In-Kind" donations of labor and/or materials that will be held in the *Genesis Room*. The *Elders* are planning another informational update in the near future, possibly as soon as **Monday, March 14th** [mark it down on your calendars!]. We want to hear your questions, so please share them with us! If the teams are able to gather all of the necessary information, we will be presenting it for a vote some time after the March 14th meeting [unless that needs to be extended to gather more information]. Continue praying for wisdom & discernment as we seek the Lord's direction, and for oneness of heart & mind as we rejoice in the Lord's provision for all our needs. He is faithful & we rest in Him!

ADULTS! ...Join us for **"Questions you always wanted to ask!"** *Pastor Steve* is leading this Sunday School class for adults that digs into God's Word to answer common questions about what the Bible teaches on various subjects. You may ask questions about life & applying God's truth to specific situations, or questions about particular theological areas, where Christians differ in the understanding of God's truth, or about what God's Word says about the social issues of our day...or marriage, raising children, or almost anything else. Write your questions down or ask them in class! **We are currently discussing whether Christians can "fall away" and the order of God's activity in salvation.** We would love to have you join us @ 9:00am every Sunday morning in the auditorium!

DON'T forget about the 4th Annual Ebenezer DTC Celebration Night 2016!! ...*Saturday, March 5th*, at *Spring Valley Church* from 5:00-8:00pm. *Lighthouse* would like to have several tables filled for this annual fundraiser. Dinner & dessert will be served, & Guest speaker *Tony Jones* [from Haiti], will be sharing dynamic testimonies of what God has done & is doing through His Word! A sign-up sheet will be available on the 'Ebenezer DTC' table in the entryway, or if you have any questions, please speak with *Nate Yonker* or *Travis Ernst*.

Praise & Prayers ...

✠**Praise**...Wayne & Val Busscher's granddaughter, *Tamber Grace*, born 8 weeks early on December 27th, is being transferred from Detroit to the *DeVos Children's Hospital* in Grand Rapids, for what will hopefully be a short stay. Her parents live in West Michigan, & this will make it much easier on the whole family. *Tamber* is gaining weight & doing well. Praise the Lord & continue praying that she will be able to come home soon!

✠**Pray**...for *Julie Bekius*, as she undergoes her 3rd back surgery tomorrow, February 22nd. Pray for much wisdom for the doctors & for a successful surgery. Pray for *Aaron & the girls* at home, for *Rod & Gwen* as they help out the next few weeks as *Julie* recuperates. Pray for God's peace & for opportunities to testify to God's faithfulness through the trials!

✠**Pray**...*Al Roberts* continues with his chemotherapy treatments. 4 down, 2 to go! Doctors are pleased with his progress, & *Al* seems to be handling the treatments well. Pray for God's healing, renewed strength, & weight gain.

✠**Pray**...for the *High School youth* as they return from their Winter Retreat today. Pray that the seed of God's Word that has been planted continues to bear fruit in their lives as they live to serve Jesus Christ!

✠**Pray**...for the *Building Finance Team & the Construction Oversight Team* as they have a couple of busy weeks ahead with meetings, planning & preparations for the next steps, & communication with the congregation regarding progress toward Phase #1.

✠**Praise & Pray**...for your *Elders* as they serve the Body, and as they deal at times with some "heavy" things. "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account" [Hebrews 13:17]. Pray for their families as they are often away from home several evenings a week. May God bring forth much good fruit from their favors for Him & for Christ's Body.

✉ Are you receiving prayer & info emails? Send Mari Bruins an email at: prayerandinfo@lighthouse-ministries.org to be added to the list!

Community News ...

JOB'S FOR LIFE ...Is a new program starting on Thursday, March 3rd, from 6:30-8:00pm & will meet every Thursday for 14 weeks. This course helps people become more employable, which means it's a great opportunity for area businesses to get involved: These students could become your employees! For more information, or to register to become a participant, mentor or teacher/guest speaker, please contact *Kaitlin* at **Love INC**: kaitlinc@allendaleelove.org, or call (616) 895-5683.

The Allendale Christian School Spring Kids Clothes & Toy Sale ...is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th, from 9am-noon. Spring/Summer infants, kids, teens, & maternity clothes will be available as well as toys, books, games, shoes, etc. If you would like to obtain or activate a seller number, please email *Joleen* at: acsclothesandtoysale@gmail.com.

The Lamont Christian School 7th & 8th Grade present: "The Mysterious Case of the Missing Ring" on Friday, March 4th. Performances are held at *Remembrance Reformed Church*. Tickets are now on sale! Contact the school office at (616) 677-1757 or email: office@lamontcs.org to reserve your tickets.

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