

"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
March 13, 2016
Allendale HS
Fine Arts Center

"...the end."

The facts surrounding the return of Jesus Christ

Part VI: "The Rapture: Not 'IF' but 'When'?"

Matthew 24:29-31, 36-51; Revelation 7:1-17; I Corinthians 15:50-58; I Thessalonians 4:13-18

While there are those who do not believe there will even be a "rapture," most of the discussion regarding "end times" revolves around the timing of the Rapture – the gathering of believers from the earth to meet Jesus in the clouds. Millions have been led to believe that the Rapture is a secret event that could take place at any moment ... but what does the BIBLE say? As believers, the Bible is the final word on anything it reveals. That there will be a time when those who have believed and have died will be raised to life and given new bodies to meet Jesus in the clouds, along with those believers who are still alive and who will be immediately transformed, cannot be questioned on the basis of God's revelation. As for the timing of the Rapture, it must take place prior to God's "Day of the Lord" wrath, for "God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thessalonians 5:9). By examining God's Word, we can and should know approximately when the Rapture will occur, though we cannot know the day or the hour. As in the days of Noah, God WILL deliver His people and then pour out His judgment on those who remain. God says it ... that settles it!

Next Week - Part VII: "The Seven Trumpets: The Beginning of the 'Day of the Lord!'"
Revelation 8:1-13; Zephaniah 1:7-18, 2:1-3

Welcome to Lighthouse Community Church Nondenominational!

The time changes, but our God does not! It is on the basis of that simple truth that we gather to worship the one true God, our Creator, our Savior, our Lord!! Joshua reminded the people of Israel of God's faithfulness when he said, "you know in your hearts and souls that not one word has failed of all the good things the LORD your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one has failed" (Joshua 23:14). In Jesus Christ, God fulfills His promise to save all who believe as His Spirit works within us. Our response must be the same as that of Joshua: "As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD!" (Joshua 24:15). **If you are visiting with us this morning**, we invite you to join us in confessing our faith in the one true God, Father, Son and Spirit, as we lift our hearts in worship, hear Him speak to us in His Word and offer ourselves as living sacrifices of thanksgiving before His throne. He is worthy!



SKATING PARTY THIS WEEK!

Everyone is invited to this FAMILY EVENT for a night of fun & fellowship! The kids' flyers had the wrong times on them...the party is from 6-8pm at Terry Hall Skating Rink THIS WEDNESDAY, March 16th! Admission is \$4 each [which includes rentals]; add an extra \$1 if you prefer Roller Blades. This is a wonderful time for all who participate and observe! See you there!

Little Lambs

We have one adult opening to serve on our Little Lambs team with our 2-4 year old toddlers! Leader's responsibilities are to care for the children with the help of 2 teenage assistants, and lead a short Bible Story Time. All materials and training are provided! See Diane Carter or Erica Haveman for more details or to observe in a classroom!

SUB SALE 2.0

The High School students will be making the subs tonight and will be delivering them early this week. Thank you so much to everyone who ordered subs to help the students raise money. We hope you enjoy your subs!

REACH Mission Trip Meeting

Tonight at 5pm in the Genesis Room, we will be having a meeting for all students who are signed up, or who are interested in signing up for the REACH Mission Trip this summer. All parents are invited to attend as well. The meeting will touch upon some of the details of payment dates, as well as giving us a chance to discuss some different options of things to do on the trip, & to answer any questions you might have. If you've already signed up, please do everything possible to be in attendance this evening. This meeting is VERY IMPORTANT!

Today ...

We rejoice and pray for God's abundant blessing on... *Brinley Grace DeGroot*, daughter of *Jason & Melissa DeGroot*; *Penny Wren Venema*, daughter of *Tim & Jenny Venema*; and *Michael Silas Walmer*, son of *Mike & Susie Walmer*. *Brinley* is being baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit, and *Penny & Silas* are being dedicated to the Lord during our worship this morning. *Tim & Jenny Venema*, and *Mike & Susie Walmer* are also being received as confessing members of Lighthouse this morning. We give thanks to God for His work in the lives of these brothers and sisters in Christ and join with them in committing ourselves to teaching our children, by word and example, what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ; to know, to love and to serve our Father in heaven!

Congratulations to Adam & Ashley Moritz on... the birth of their son, *Sawyer Dean*, born on March 8th! We thank the Lord for His care over *Ashley & Sawyer*, {he was born at home!} and pray for health and growth for this new gift from the Lord in the days ahead!

Welcome home to... *Anna Hill*, *Tyler Gifford* and *Cyle & Tori Boogaard*! *Anna & Tyler* have been serving with the **BSHOP** mission team in India for the past 2 months and *Cyle & Tori* have been serving with the team in Guatemala for the same period of time. We thank God for watching over them, using them for His glory and bringing them safely home. May He bring forth much fruit from their service, in their lives and in the lives of those whom they served! Pray for them as they make the transition back into ministry here.

IMPORTANT informational meeting: Held at *Alas de Aguila Church* {Eagles Wings}, 64th & Winans [south of Lake Michigan Dr.] on **Monday, March 14, @ 7:00 pm**. This will be the last meeting prior to the congregational vote to move forward with the next steps toward construction of Phase #1 {see announcement below}. The recommendation from the *Board of Elders* will be presented for a vote following worship next Sunday morning. Absentee ballots will be available to those who request them by contacting an *Elder* or the church office prior to Sunday, March 20th. This meeting will present further updates from the *Building Finance Team* & the *Construction Oversight Team*. Questions and comments from members of the congregation will be answered & addressed at this meeting so all confessing members of the congregation are strongly encouraged to attend. Childcare will be offered if requested {contact *Erica* at: ericahaveman@lighthouse-ministries.org}.

There will be a Congregational Vote on Phase #1... of our *Building Project* **NEXT Sunday**, following worship. All of this will be explained at the informational meeting tomorrow evening {see announcement above}. Continue in prayer with *Leadership* as we continue to seek God's guidance for this important step into the life of our shared ministry in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Following the vote there will be...** a **Congregational fellowship lunch** in the cafeteria. *Jim & Kara Smith* will be grilling hamburgers & hot dogs; and the *Fellowship Team* will be serving baked beans, chips, & desserts! Plan to join the *Body* as we celebrate the coming of spring, and more importantly, the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ and His resurrection!

Noteworthy ...

The Elders will be meeting on Tuesday, March 15th, 7:00 pm at the house on our property. If you would like to meet with the *Elders* to confess your faith in Jesus Christ or to request baptism for your infant/child or yourself, or if you would like to share your testimony and become a confessing member, please contact *Elder Bob Bruins*, *Pastor Steve* or *Pastor Chad* so we can schedule a time that evening to meet with you.

Ebenezer U.S. ... God is moving as we respond to His command to "Make disciples!" A group of brothers and sisters in Christ from *Lighthouse* will be meeting with a few other brothers and sisters to discuss how to partner together in an effort to establish an equipping ministry similar to that at the *Ebenezer Discipleship Training Center* in Haiti right here in West Michigan and possibly beyond! We will be meeting at the office {unless we run out of room!}, **THIS Thursday, March 17th, @ 7:00 pm**. Please contact *Nate Yonker*, *Pastor Steve*, or *Pastor Chad* if you would like more information or would like to attend. Please pray for God's leading!

Praise & Prayers ...

† **Praise**...for the safe delivery for *Ashley & Adam Moritz* as *Sawyer Dean* was born at home this past Tuesday. Mom and baby boy are home, along with Dad and big sister, *Kendall*. Pray for health and strength for this new addition as we rejoice in God's love and faithfulness.

† **Praise**...for the good progress that *Al Roberts* continues to make during his chemotherapy and for his being able to join the Body once again as we worship the Lord together!

† **Praise**...for a successful thyroid surgery for *Lee Walcott*. Pray for healing and for good results from the surgery.

† **Pray**...for *Barb Aman* as she continues on antibiotics and anticipates possible surgery several weeks from now. Pray for God's peace, that passes understanding, for her & *Tom*.

† **Pray**...for *Elaine Cooper* as she recuperates from surgery. Pray that she would have relief from pain and have a complete and quick recovery.

† **Pray**...for *Julie Bekius* as she continues to recuperate from her recent back surgery. Pray for renewed strength in her back and relief from lingering pain.

† **Pray**...for those who will be sharing at the informational meeting tomorrow {Monday} evening and for a oneness of mind and heart as we seek God's direction regarding the construction of *Phase #1 of our Building Project*.

† **Pray**...for those in your family who do not know Jesus Christ. Pray for opportunities to share the good news of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ with them, and pray for the Holy Spirit to open their hearts and minds to receive Jesus as their Savior and Lord!

† **Pray**...for *Jason & Melissa DeGroot, Tim & Jenny Venema, Mike & Susie Walmer*, as they bring their children for baptism and dedication today. Pray for wisdom to raise their children to know, love and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

♥♥ In appreciation to the Body of Lighthouse...

Our secretary *Lynette Agnew* would like to express her heartfelt gratitude for all of the prayers, gifts, cards, meals & support given to her and her family during her bout with Vertigo. *Lynette* is showing signs of improvement daily, and is very happy to be back to work. To God be the Glory!

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

If you or anyone you know may be interested in donating labor or materials to the proposed building project, or would like to have a chance to bid on any aspect of the construction project, please contact Mark Kidd or Pastor Chad!

Community News...

Do you love to Upscale~Restore~Re-Purpose thrift store finds? If so, come pick through the salvageable but unsaleable goods & tons of clothing at *Holland Rescue Mission's Gateway Center!* Located at 661 E. 24th St. in Holland on Saturday, March 19, from 8am-3pm.

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