



Lighthouse
Community Church
Nondenominational

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

Pastor Steve Demers
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Allendale HS
Fine Arts Center

H E I S R I S E N

"Because He Lives!"

I Corinthians 15:1-58

Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen!" (Luke 24:5-6). How many times have you heard those words? Yet how often do you forget the reality of the truth they reveal? **JESUS IS ALIVE!!** In our everyday lives our minds are focused much of the time only on the things of this world. Many of these things are good things, but unless the reality of Jesus reigning over all things at the Father's right hand dominates our thinking each day we will be vulnerable to self-centered, worldly thinking, feeling and living. We will often be overcome with fear, anxiety, and even despair, because we cannot understand all that is going on in our lives and in the world around us. It does and will often appear that evil is winning, when the reality is: Jesus is alive and is seated on His throne and He is working ALL things together for good to those who love Him and who are called to live this life for HIS purposes ... to praise Him in the midst of the storm and to endure and persevere by His power and strength, thus being a witness of HIS grace, wisdom and power to the world around us. And it all begins with the FACT that **JESUS IS ALIVE!** Were it not for that truth, everything else we believe as followers of Jesus would be false. As Paul writes, *"If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied!"* (I Corinthians 15:19). But there is SO much more!! Because HE lives, we who believe in Him live, too! And we will one day live in His perfect presence, clothed in bodies that are imperishable and immortal. Until then we live by faith, not by sight! Rejoice today in the FACT of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and live believing that **HE IS ALIVE!!!**

Next Week: We return to...

"...the end." - Part VII: "The Seven Trumpets: The Beginning of the Day of the Lord"
Revelation 8:1-13, 9:1-21; Zephaniah 1:7-18, 2:1-3

Welcome to *Lighthouse Community Church Nondenominational!*

Many around the world will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ today as though it were only an event that took place a long time ago ... yet the resurrection of Jesus is filled with cause for us to rejoice EVERY day as we follow God's instruction to set our hearts and minds on things above, where Jesus is seated at the right hand of our Father in heaven (Colossians 3:1-2). **If you are visiting with us today** we sincerely invite you to celebrate God's gift of life through faith in His Son Jesus Christ with us. We gather every Lord's Day to worship together as His people, and it is our desire to offer Him our lives in worship every day of the week, whether at home, at work, at school or elsewhere, for His is worthy. By His sacrifice on the cross He redeemed us and by the work of His Holy Spirit we are empowered to live with Him and for Him! Rejoice in the Lord and know that YOUR life has meaning and purpose BECAUSE HE LIVES!!



URGENT Nursery Needs!

God is blessing Lighthouse with an abundance of adorable babies and the Nursery is looking to expand their TEAM! Aside from loving these babes, the perfect candidates for these positions will have a passion for the safety and care of our babies, brainstorm ideas for the current and future needs of the Nursery, and feel confident in teaching others about Nursery & Child Check-In systems. Nursery Team Leaders help set-up & serve in Nursery during Sunday School, {on a rotation with other Team Members} & ensure the Nursery staff is educated & comfortable with their role during the Service. All Nursery volunteers serve once every 9 weeks, & have the flexibility of trading days with other Nursery staff whenever needed! Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to join our Nursery Team & please contact Erica Haveman at: ericahaveman@lighthouse-ministries.org to schedule a training date!

30 Hour Famine

The Middle School students have begun to raise funds and pledges for the 30 Hour Famine, where they will be fasting for 30 hours in order to raise money for children in a school in Haiti. The money will go toward helping feed and supply those at the school.

The actual 30 hour fast will be on April 22-23, where the students will be teaming up with other students from HomeFront Church in Grandville. Please prayerfully consider helping the students raise money for this great cause! If you're interested in helping out, please talk with a middle school student, or contact Adam Moritz at: adammoritz@lighthouse-ministries.org, and he will connect you with a student.

Spring Hill Registration!

Have you registered your kiddos for Spring Hill yet? All Lighthouse kiddos receive half off camp July 18-22, by registering online with code:

"halfllcc2016"

Invite your friends and receive a free Spring Hill water bottle! See Erica for more information on inviting your unchurched friends from school and the community! We want to share Jesus with them at camp this summer and have full scholarships for them!

Today ...

We celebrate the Lord's Supper as we set our hearts and minds on Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension into heaven, from where He rules over all things for His people, the Church! As we approach our Father in heaven in the name of Jesus we come to Him, confessing our sin, trusting in His grace to forgive us through the blood of Jesus shed on the cross, and committing ourselves to serving Him as His Holy Spirit lives within us. We are HIS! Rejoice in the Lord as you share in this celebration with your brothers and sisters in Christ, recognizing that all who believe are part of His one Body. We invite those who are visiting and who trust in Jesus Christ for forgiveness and life, desiring to glorify God as you live to serve Him and His Body, to join with us. **{Note: Children of believers who have been taught the meaning of the Lord's Supper on their own level may accompany their parents and partake of the bread and the cup alongside them}.**

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL next week as area schools are off for Spring Break. We will resume on **Sunday, April 10th**. If you have questions for *Pastor Steve's* class, "Questions you always wanted to ask!" you may email them to him at: pastorsteve@lighthouse-ministries.org.

Congregational vote results: The final official vote on moving forward with Phase #1 of our *Building Project* was **174-21**. Several of you have expressed your desire to approve the project, but were unable to vote for various reasons. Leadership is extremely pleased at the overwhelming number of people who voted. More than 90% of those who are confessing members voted, with nearly 90% of those voting in favor of the recommendation. *The Building Finance Team* has received a commitment letter from a local bank for financing and the *Construction Oversight Team* will be working with the necessary parties to get final bids over the next few weeks. Continue in prayer as we seek God's will and trust His leading!! May the Lord unite our hearts as one in seeking to make disciples and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our community and to the world!

Noteworthy ...

Is God calling you to profess your faith and/or to be baptized? Believing that God has made a covenant of grace with believers and their children, we baptize the infants/children of believers as a sign pointing to God's promise that "whoever call on the name of the Lord will be saved." We also recognize God's call to repent, to believe and to be baptized. Therefore, we offer baptism by immersion for those who desire to testify to God's grace drawing them to Jesus Christ. We are scheduling baptism by immersion on a Sunday morning in **late April or early May**. Please contact *Pastor Chad* or *Pastor Steve* if you desire to be baptized or with any questions you may have.

Membership... "Body Life Class"...what does it all mean? *Pastor Chad* and *Pastor Steve* are scheduling appointments with individuals or families interested in joining the Body here at *Lighthouse*. Because of the difficulty of scheduling classes for people who have different schedules, etc., we are hoping private meetings with one or two families, will allow more of you who have expressed an interest in taking the next step in making a commitment to the Body, to do so without waiting for the next class. Please contact us by email and we will schedule a time to meet with you: cdemers@lighthouse-ministries.org or pastorsteve@lighthouse-ministries.org.

SMILE! Yes, it's that time again! Next week **Sunday, April 3rd**, *Lon & Vicky* will be taking pictures for our photo directory! If you missed out on the other photo shoots, no need to worry... just contact *Lon & Vicky* at: vanbronk63@gmail.com to schedule an appointment. Times will be from 9-10am & 12-1p before and after worship respectively.

Praise & Prayers ...

† **Praise**...Give thanks to the Lord our God for the gift of His Son, for Christ's victory over death and the grave, and for His faithfulness to His children! Praise Him for the gift of forgiveness and eternal life in His presence!

† **Praise...Congratulations!** to *Ashley & Nick Lillie* on the birth of a daughter, *Payton Joy!* We pray for health and strength as she grows and praise God for the marvelous miracle of new life. May she bring much joy to her family as God smiles upon her!

† **Praise**...for continued good reports from *Al Roberts* as he finishes his chemotherapy treatments. *Al* has been able to worship with us again and we thank God for His healing act this time.

† **Praise**...for *Amber Johnson* as she recuperates from surgery. Pray for God's healing and for good results.

† **Pray**...for the many votes last week for Phase #1 of the building project. Pray for oneness of heart and mind of heart and mind as we move forward. Pray for open doors and for continued direction. Pray for the *Construction Oversight Team* as they continue working on all of the preliminary steps.

† **Pray**...for families who are going through difficult times...relationships, finances, jobs, health...Pray for faith and hope to overcome fear and doubt. Pray for wisdom to know God's will and for willing hearts to follow where He leads.

† **Pray**...for those who will be traveling over Spring Break next weekend and the first week of April. Pray for safe travel, good health and spiritual re-creation during time spent with family and friends.

† **Pray**...for those who will be returning from Florida over the next few weeks. Pray for a safe return home and re-acclimating to the beautiful weather here in Michigan!

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

Community News...

Mission Allendale...has switched to a **morning** truck. This **Saturday, April 2nd**, at the *New Options building* {6633 Lake Michigan Dr., across from the old Fire Barn}, join us at 9:00 am for prayer and 9:30 to unload the truck or begin food registration. If you or someone you know is in need of food, please come and receive this Saturday. For more info., find us on Facebook; email: missionallendale.com or call: {616} 895-4057.

The 2016 Unity Christian Music Festival is coming **August 11-13!** Church Ticket Sales take place in April and May. More information will be in next week's bulletin. If you have any questions regarding ticket sales, please contact *Lynette* in the church office at: secretary@lighthouse-ministries.org.

Dodgeball Tournament coming soon!...Come support our active youth while raising funds to benefit *Manna Meals Ministries*. It will take place **Saturday, April 30** at 8:00 am @ *Allendale High School*. All participants will get a free t-shirt and the winning teams will receive gift cards to **Peppino's in Allendale!** The fee is \$60 per 6 person team. Visit *Wausau Homes Allendale* on Facebook to download the registration form before **April 15**. For questions, please call *Drake* at: {616} 988-1630.

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!

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