

"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  
April 3, 2016  
Allendale HS  
Fine Arts Center

## "...the end."

The facts surrounding the return of Jesus Christ

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

The words of an old hymn declare, "This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget, that though the wrong seems oft so strong, GOD is the Ruler yet!" In "the end," evil does not win!! Over and over the prophets speak of the coming "day of the Lord." Their references to this day point clearly to a horrible time of judgment, when God pours out His wrath upon the peoples of the nations of the earth, upon all who have not believed in or worshiped Him, the one true and only God. While the wrath of God has been revealed in various ways throughout the centuries, the "day of the Lord" wrath is far more comprehensive and is connected to the unbelief of those on the earth who have continued to reject the Gospel of Jesus Christ and so to reject God Himself. These have replaced the worship of God with the worship of the Antichrist and so will receive the judgment they deserve. In revealing His just judgment, God upholds the honor of His Name and of His Son Jesus Christ. This time of judgment on the earth is a prelude to the eternal judgment that is to come upon all who reject God's revelation and His offer of salvation through faith in the Savior, Jesus. God's wrath is just, and in pouring it out He upholds His glory in the sight of all mankind and the host of heaven. God has revealed these things to those who believe to assure us that justice will be done and evil will not win. By His grace, we who believe will overcome and will inherit the kingdom!

Next Week - Part VIII: "The Two Witnesses, the Dark of the Beast and the Seventh Trumpet"  
Revelation 10-14; Daniel 12:11-12

Welcome to Lighthouse Community Church Nondenominational!

In spite of the temperatures today and the talk of ... (snow) ... April typically ushers us into the time of spring and the sprouting of new life all around us. The changing of the seasons is actually a reminder of the unchanging nature of God. Our Creator has ordained the seasons of the year ... and He has ordained the "seasons" of our lives. It is God's faithfulness in every season that testifies to His love for His children, for those who draw near to Him through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. **If you are visiting with us today** we rejoice that God has brought you here to worship Him with us and we pray that His Spirit will speak to you through His Word, drawing you to set your heart and mind on things above, where Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father. As part of Christ's Body, we are here to serve you and to share His love with you. Please let us know how we can pray for you or if you have any needs by filling out one of the Body Life Prayer/Needs Request forms that can be found inside the Friendship Folders. Place the completed form in the containers on the table in the hallway as you exit the auditorium this morning. We hope to see you again!



**TWO WEEKS ONLY!**

Our MOPS group is still collecting gently used shoes of all types and sizes for 2 MORE WEEKS! All of the proceeds collected from our shoe drive will be used to continue our MOPS ministry, and will be donated to third world countries. Since 'Spring has Sprung,' and spring cleaning is on your to-do list, please consider donating your children & adult sized shoes to our MOPS group! Shoes can be dropped off at the office, or you may contact Erica to schedule a pick-up time, and we will come get them from you!

**Spring Break!**

There will be no Youth Group tonight for the High School, and no Youth Group on Weds. for the Middle School, due to Spring Break. Have a great and safe week! If you'd like to get together during the day this week to hang out and have fun, let Adam know and he will help organize a get-together!

**SPRING HILL HOST HOMES!**

July 18-22 we will welcome the Spring Hill Staff to Lighthouse to share the Gospel with our children at Day Camp! Those wonderful college staff members also need a place to rest & recharge at night! If you have space at home to house 2-5 staff members with a place to sleep & eat breakfast each morning, please contact Erica Haveman. We are in need of 5 more host homes, so this would be a wonderful opportunity to SERVE as the Body, if you are unable to join us during the days at camp!

**REACH Mission Trip**

A reminder to all those going on the Mission Trip this summer: Your 1st payment and your paperwork was on Friday. Please get it to Adam, ASAP! Feel free to contact Adam with any questions you might have.

## Today ...

**We extend our deepest sympathy to Mary, Rachael, Andrew & Matthew Gage** in the passing of their husband and father, *Duane*. We rest in the promise of God that through faith in Jesus Christ, *Duane* is now in the presence of His Father in heaven, joining with the angels and that great multitude surrounding the throne of the Lamb of God, his Savior, the Lion of the tribe of Judah! By His Spirit we pray for God's comfort to be theirs as we share His love with them in the days ahead.

**Pictures for our Photo Directory** are being taken by *Lon & Vicky Van Bronkhorst* in the Choir Room before and after worship this morning. If you didn't get on the schedule but would like your pictures taken or updated, stop in and see if they can fit you in. A big "THANK YOU" to *Lon & Vicky* for their continued service in taking the photos, and keeping our directory up-to-date, and *Lynette* for putting it all together!

**Sunday School resumes NEXT Sunday, April 10th!** Classes for all ages, including children, youth, young adults and adults are offered so the whole family can grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ through the study of His Word. Is there ANYTHING better or more important to do from 9:00-10:00 Sunday mornings?? Come join us!

**Have you been attending Lighthouse for a while?** Is God moving you to make a commitment to this part of Christ's Body? *Pastor Steve & Pastor Chad* will meet with individuals and/or families who believe God is calling to make *Lighthouse* your "church home." Please contact either one of them, {**see back of bulletin**} to schedule an appointment. "Commitment" is the work of God's Spirit within us moving us to understand God's call to live together in community for His glory! When God unites our hearts to serve Him it is a beautiful picture of His love and grace and power at work in His people. We hope to hear from YOU!

**Do you have QUESTIONS about Baptism?** We are anticipating scheduling a Sunday for baptism by immersion some time in *late April* or *early May*. If you have not been baptized and want to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, believing in God's promise that "*whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,*" please contact *Pastor Steve* or *Pastor Chad*, to schedule a time to see and to discuss the meaning of baptism and to share your testimony. For those who are new to *Lighthouse*, you can check out our statement on baptism online in our "*Statement of Belief.*" Believing that baptism points to God's promise to save those who believe, we baptize or dedicate the children of believers, and we baptize by immersion those who desire to be baptized when they profess their faith in Jesus. {Note: If you were baptized as a child and the circumstances in your life move you to desire to be baptized as an adult, we will be happy to meet with you, too!}

## Noteworthy ...

**Phase #1 Building Update:** *The Construction Oversight Team* will be continuing with meetings this week as they work toward having the *General Contractors* bid on the project. There are still many preliminary steps that need to be taken such as the appraisal process through the bank for the final approval of the construction loan and mortgage (should we need one!), which cannot begin until the bids are in and finalized. Pray for wisdom and guidance through these steps as there are many details. Watch for further updates from *Leadership* and the *Building Finance Team*. As noted previously, it is our heart's desire to move to Phase #2 as soon as possible, allowing us to have our own worship center once again. For that to happen, Phase #1 needs to be fully funded. If God is moving you to contribute to the *Building Fund*, now is a great time to do so! And if you have friends or family members who have the ability to help, share our story with them. Together, let's see what God will do!!

**Save the Date!**...Please mark your calendars to join us on **Saturday, May 21st** at *Hudsonville Lanes* as we '**Bowl for the Building!**' This will be our 3rd year of obtaining pledges, winning prizes, eating & enjoying fellowship with one another! We still need sponsors for this event, so even if you don't bowl, come join us for food, fun and fellowship! A sign-up sheet will soon be available at the '*Get Connected*' table, or you can contact *Sue Nichols* for more details.

**Tickets for the Unity 2016 Christian Music Festival** {August 11-13} are on sale from April 1 - May 29! The prices are as follows: *1-Day \$20 each; 3-Day \$40 each; Family Pass {3-Day pass for families of 5 or more} are \$175 per family*. If you'd like to purchase tickets through *Lighthouse*, please see *Lynette* in the church office. Payments must be received before you are put on the list. Tickets will be distributed via email and printed by the ticket buyer, so each buyer must provide an email address. If the buyer doesn't have an email address, they will need a family member or friend who can get the email and print the tickets for them. For more information please contact *Lynette* at: [secretary@lighthouse-ministries.org](mailto:secretary@lighthouse-ministries.org), or call the office at: (616) 895-4349.

## Praise & Prayers ...

✠**Praise...**for a successful knee surgery for *Nancy Brouwer*. Doctors were able to repair the damage. Pray for good healing as *Nancy* recuperates.

✠**Praise...**for progress towards Phase #1 of the Building Project. Pray for open doors and for wisdom for the *Construction Oversight Team* as they have their final meeting before going out to bid later this week.

✠**Pray...**for *Mary, Rachael, Andrew & Matthew Gage* as they grieve *Duane's* passing and seek God's comfort and guidance for each new day. Praise God for the testimony to God's grace in Jesus Christ that has been given through them and their family. May God bring forth fruit from His Word.

✠**Pray...**for *Bekah Vander Helm* who is traveling with a group of students in Spain. Pray for health, safety and opportunities to be a light pointing to Jesus!

✠**Pray...**for *Becky Van Eck & her husband, Eric*. *Becky* has been put on bed-rest at the 20-week mark of her pregnancy and they have a 2yr. old daughter as well. Pray for health for both *Becky* and the baby, and for strength and help to carry on in the weeks ahead.

✠**Pray...**for those from *Lighthouse* who are engaged in **TEC {Teens Encountering Christ}** this weekend. Pray for leaders and for those who are coming to learn of Christ. Pray that the Spirit of God will open hearts and minds, and move some to confess Christ as they wrap up their day.

✠**Pray...**for Leadership as the *Elders & Deacons* seek to care for the Body. Pray for these men and for our *Shepherds' Helpers* as they make contacts and labor to encourage and serve all those who are part of the *Lighthouse* family, and beyond.

✠**Pray...**for discernment regarding *Mission Allendale* as the New Options building will no longer be available. Pray for *Brian Brethauer* and others who have led this ministry as decisions are made regarding its future.

✉ Are you receiving prayer & info emails? Send Mari Bruins an email at: [prayerandinfo@lighthouse-ministries.org](mailto: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...

**Love INC of Allendale** is seeking participants & sponsors for the 6th annual golf outing. Have fun while helping out the community, and have a chance to win great prizes! Registration fee is \$65 per golfer {due May 15}. For sponsorship opportunities, call Love INC at: (616) 895-5683.

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