

Midweek News

You Are Invited...To Participate In a Move of God!

September 16, 2026

Praise & Prayer Requests

Bonnie Williams niece Shelby, had a second round of treatment Tuesday. Please pray the treatments work, minimal side effects and she turn her heart and life to Jesus.

Carla DeBoer is having a total hip replacement on Monday, Sept. 21, in Cadillac. Please pray for a successful surgery and recovery.

Church family, We cannot thank you enough for all of prayers for our son Mark. He has been diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukemia. It is treatable but not curable. We believe in a bigger God and know He has a plan. It is so good to be part of this family of God. Thank you again for your prayers. Brad & Betty Matznick

A big "thank you" to all who prayed for me and helped get me to Reed City for my radiation treatments. I have completed the 28 treatments and now trust the Lord's healing. Pastor Jim James 5:16

Phil Winkle's shoulder surgery went well, and he is home He is having a lot of discomfort which is to be expected. We want to thank the congregation for their concern and prayers. Please continue to pray for Phil for relief from the pain and for patience the next six weeks of wearing the sling. Thank you. Kathy Winkle.

Contact Us!

Give us a call for more information about our meetings and ministries:

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Mission Partners

Mike & Missie Anscomb	Josh & Mandy Shaarda
Community Hope	Mission India
Crystal Bartlett	Veronica Ramos
Friends Ministry	World Orphans
Matt & Emily Slack	

Prayers for ongoing illnesses:

Those battling cancer: Jack Mason, Jerry Mulder, Mary VanDuinen, Jim Ikerd

Upcoming Events

September 16: Jr. High Riptide @ 6:30pm

September 17: MomCo @ 9am

September 19: Pancake Breakfast @ 8:30am

September 20: Prayer Partners @ 9am

September 20: Morning Worship @ 10am

September 20: Kids Connections @ 11:15am

September 20: Connections @ 11:30am

September 20: The Current @ 4pm

September 22: Men's Breakfast @ 9am

September 22: Ladies' Bible Study @ 10am



LCCRC Happenings & Information

Sunday at LCCRC! Message Series— Life Can Be Good Again—The Journey to Hope for Those Who are Hurting

The Amazing Exchange—In times of deep loss, our world feels like it's been turned upside down, and we wonder if life can ever be good again. Waves of grief roll in unexpectedly and tears and heartache are a constant companion. Hope begins to take root in our souls when we believe that the ashes and the tears are temporary, that as we give our pain to him, God will gradually replace them with beauty and joy. Are you open to receiving the gifts God has for you?

Jr. High (7th-8th grade) Riptide: Wednesday, September 16, 6:30pm: Middle schoolers, your turn to take over The Rock! Come ready for non-stop energy, crazy fun games, and meaningful time entered on Christ and building genuine friendships. Contact Wes at wes@lakecitycrc.org.

Community Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, September 19, 8:30—10:30am: Come hungry and bring a guest! The Deacons and Fellowship Team are hosting a free Community Pancake Breakfast—you are encouraged to invite a friend, neighbor, or someone in your sphere of influence! Invitations are available at the Information Desk.

Connections: Sunday, September 20, 11:30am: Join us as Steve VanderWeide will be sharing his faith story. Come and be encouraged!

Lunch with Leaders: Sunday, September 20, 12pm: Our staff and leaders would like to meet you! If you are new or newer to Lake City CRC, you are invited to come out and have lunch with church staff and leaders in the Fellowship Hall. This is an informal time to get acquainted, find out a little more about LCCRC, and ask questions you may have. **Please sign-up by Thursday, September 17**, by contacting the church office at office@lakecitycrc.org, or by clicking this link:

<https://lakecitycrc.breezechms.com/form/787f83>

Believer's Baptism and Profession of Faith Class: Sunday, September 27, & October 4: 11:30am—1pm: If you are interested in baptism or making a profession of faith, plan to attend this 2-part class led by Pastor Wes. The class will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up at the Information Desk, contact the church office at office@lakecitycrc.org, or click this link **by Wednesday, September 23**. <https://lakecitycrc.breezechms.com/form/3f3cb292> Pizza lunch will be provided.

Personal Finance Class: Monday, September 28, 6:30pm: A money class for people who'd rather not think about money! Would you like to discover the "Never100 Rule", a simple approach to budgeting, a realistic path out of debt, how to grow your income, and more! Click this link to learn more: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jOQIY19DUOxQpazCN63XNDIYb1YLHNtW/view?usp=sharing> or contact Kaite Jones at katiefio-la@gmail.com. Register now for this 6-week class at the Information Desk or by clicking this link:

<https://lakecitycrc.breezechms.com/form/3f3cb29271>

Whispering Woods Faith Hike on Sunday October 4th. The Fellowship Team invites you to come and enjoy the fall beauty of God's splendor while hiking through the forest along the Manistee River. We will meet at 2:00pm at the US131 Roadside Park, north of Manton. Expect to hike 4-6 miles. Come with good shoes, a water bottle and a sense of adventure. Snacks will be provided. Please register by Saturday, October 3rd by clicking this link: https://chatgpt.com/s/m_6aa7518052788191b338947b09bdf5c0

Congregation Informational Meeting: Sunday, October 4, 11:30am: Plan to attend this meeting as Council will be providing updates on the ministry here at LCCRC.

Freedom in Christ Discipleship Opportunity for Men and Women: Begins Monday, October 5, 7pm: You are invited to come and participate in a powerful small group Freedom in Christ discipleship opportunity. Some key point of the course are: finding out freedom by living in Christ, resolving the effects of even the deepest issues of our past, accepting that nothing we can do makes God love us any more or any less, and learning to deal with repeating patterns of sin. Bring your Bible; Participant's Guides will be provided. Register at the Information Desk or click this link: <https://lakecitycrc.breezechms.com/form/2869377>

Starting Point Class: Sunday, October 11 & 18, 11:30am—1:30pm: Starting Point is a two-part class for those who are interested in becoming members of Lake City CRC or for those who just want more information about LCCRC. Led by Pastor Mical. Plan to join us! Please RSVP to the church office at office@lakecitycrc.org, sign-up at the Information Desk in the narthex, or register online at <https://lakecitycrc.breezechms.com/form/498a65922536496> by Wednesday, October 7. Pizza lunch will be provided; childcare available upon request.

2027 Budget Requests: The Lake City CRC finance committee is starting the process of completing the 2027 church budget. We are requesting that all staff, committee chairs, and program directors turn in their 2027 budget requests by Sunday, October 11, to Jeremy Winkle or Craig Vredevoegd.

LCCRC Happenings & Information—Continued

Backpacks for Kids September Food Focus: Do you wish you could help with the food packs sent home with Lake City School students but just don't have the time? You can help by bringing in **donations** of food! For the month of September our focus is

Children's Ministry Wednesday Evening Programs begin October 7, 6:30pm!

Kingdom Kids: Our Kingdom Kids' program is for boys and girls age PreK4-Kindergarten. Kingdom Kids meet on Wednesday's from 6:30-8pm from October through April on the lower level of the main church building. The class time is designed to teach the kids about God's love for them through lessons, songs, crafts, puppets and more! Registration is now open! Click this link to register or scan the QR Code:



<https://lakecitycrc.breezechms.com/form/ebd2a129kk3799872>

GEMS: Our GEMS' program is for girls 1st through 6th grade. They meet on Wednesday's from 6:30-8:00pm from October through April in The Rock. GEMS is an acronym for **G**irls **E**verywhere **M**eeting the **S**avior, and its purpose is to help girls grow in faith through lessons, prayer, badges, singing, crafts, and more. GEMS Girls' Clubs also strive to nurture relationships between the girls as well as the relationship between the girls and their leaders. We hope to see your girls soon! Registration is now open! Click this link to register or scan the QR Code: <https://lakecitycrc.breezechms.com/form/ebd2a129095130>



Cadets: Our Cadet program is for boys 1st through 6th grade. Cadets meet on Wednesday's from 6:30-8pm from October through April in The Junction. We hold Cadets so that through relationships, devotionals, projects and outings boys have the opportunity to grow in character and faith. Activities include: lessons, prayer, badges, craftsmanship, sportsmanship, mentoring, and more. Registration is now open! Click this link to register or scan the QR Code: <https://lakecitycrc.breezechms.com/form/ebd2a178737599>



KINGDOM KIDS
LOTS OF ADVENTURES, CRAFTS, STORIES, AND MORE FOR PRE-K4, PRE-K5, AND KINDERGARTNERS AS THEY GROW IN THEIR FAITH FORMATION
Registration is open now open.
www.lakecitycrc.org

Wednesdays @ 6:30-8:00 pm
October-April

SCAN ME!



LAKE CITY CRC CADETS HELP NEEDED

SCAN HERE TO HELP WITH A PROJECT

JOIN OUR AMAZING TEAM ON WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 PM!
A Ministry pairing boys (1st - 6th grades) with men to learn about doing life God's way.

Ways you can help:
*Senior Cadet lessons
*Senior Cadet Projects
*General helpers

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
JOEL CLARK
LARRY FEE
OFFICE@LAKECITYCRC.ORG



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Register at www.lakecitycrc.org

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SCAN ME!

Council Congregational Report from September 10, 2026

- An annual report was received from Military Chaplain Timothy Kimbel.
- Council discussed where God is at work: Lake Baptisms, new people visiting, conversation to share the Gospel.
- Profession of Faith and Baptism Class will be September 27 and October 4. Starting Point Class will be October 11 and 18.
- Council reviewed and prayed over names for nomination for Elder and Deacons.
- Communion will be served October 4, 2026.
- Finance Report:
Through August 2026:
General Fund
 - Budget to Date \$474,843
 - Giving to Date \$370,427
 - Expenses to date \$432,567
- White envelope received \$394 for Community Hope.
- Northern Michigan Classis will meet September 29, 2026.
- The next quarterly Congregational Information Meeting will be October 4, 2026 at 11:30am.
- Administrative Team approved a Sabbatical leave policy and updated Paid Personal Time-off policy for staff.
- The Council spent time in prayer for the congregation.

Community Announcements:

Azure: Feed your family better for less! Azure makes getting good food easy and affordable with no items having harmful ingredients. You can order online bulk foods, frozen foods, fresh produce, dairy, cheese and eggs, organic foods, whole foods, supplements, household goods, health and beauty, outdoor and garden and pet foods delivered monthly to Lake City CRC. Information brochures are available at the Information Racks by the church office or by contacting Katie Jones at 630.414.2064.

Surviving the Holiday's Vogel Center CRC is hosting a "Surviving the Holidays" Grief Share session on Saturday, October 24 from 9:00-11:00am. Please contact Pastor Adam (616) 566-7937 with any questions."

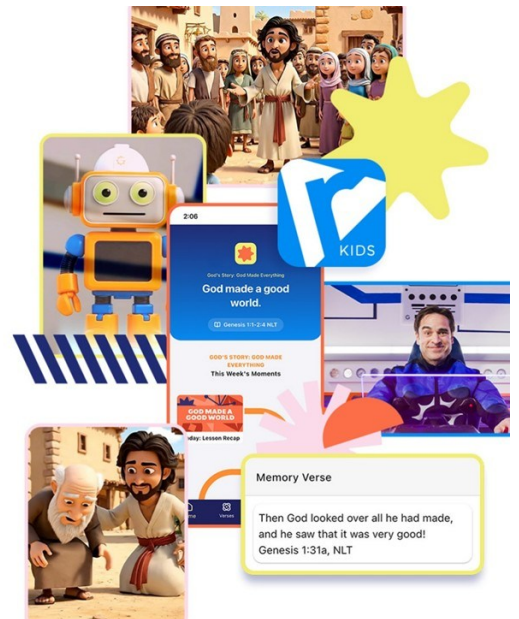
God's Kids

Keep discipleship going all week.

Download the free RightNow Kids app to get lesson videos, conversation starters, and weekly prayer prompts tied to exactly what your child learned today.



Scan this QR code for our free Parent's app.



Believer's Baptism & Profession of Faith Class

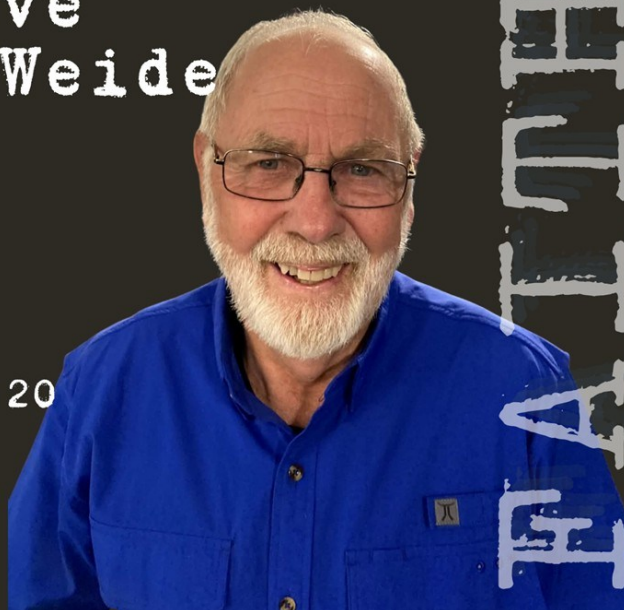
Sunday, September 27 & October 4
11:30am – 1pm in the Fellowship Hall
Sign-up at the Information Desk



Steve
VanderWeide

September 20
During
Connections
@ 11:30

F A I T H
S T O R Y



true / FINANCIAL FREEDOM

HOPE & VISION

Personal Finance Class
Begins Monday, September 28
From 6:30-8pm

Register at the Information Desk



Lunch
with
Leaders



Lunch
with
Leaders



STARTING POINT CLASS

LEARN MORE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP
WITH THE LAKE CITY CRC!

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REGISTER
(OR SIGN UP AT THE INFORMATION DESK)

When? **October 11 & 18 @ 11:30am – 1:30pm**
Where? **Fellowship Hall**

Congregation Informational Meeting

Sunday,
October 4

Following the
Worship Service

PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE



FREEDOM *in* CHRIST

A 10-Week Life-Changing
Discipleship Course

Bestselling Author of Victory Over the Darkness

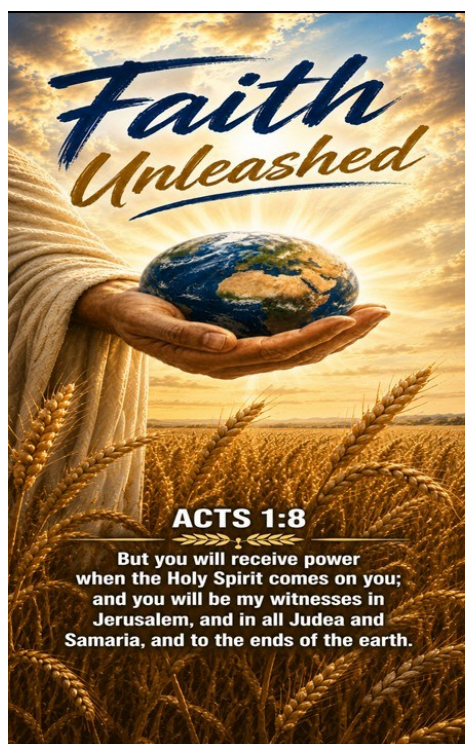
NEIL T. ANDERSON
& STEVE GOSS

NEW! Small Group Discipleship Opportunity for Men!

FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Begins Monday, October 5 – 7pm

Please register at the Information Desk



**Ingathering 2026
Sunday, November 22**

**Supporting our
Mission Partners**

Volunteers Serving on Sunday, September 20, 2026

Greeters

10am	Outside: Dave Embertson, Larry Girardot South: Bob & Pam Joseph East: Nancy Girardot
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Safety Team

10am	Rick Bradley
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Ushers

10am	Adam Quist, Mel Zimmerman, Charlie Workman
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Coffee Hosts

10am	John & Jackie Holyfield
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Nursery Lead

10am	Autumn Horton
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Nursery

10am	Mandy Clark
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Little Lambs

10am	Joel Clark
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Children's Worship

10am	Julie DeBoer
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Kids Connections—11:15-11:50am	Kids Connections—11:15-11:50am
PreK4-K5 year olds: Church lower-level, Classroom #1	PreK4-K5 year olds: Church lower-level, Classroom #1
K6-1st grade: The Rock, Classroom #13	K6-1st grade: The Rock, Classroom #13
2nd/3rd grade: The Rock, Classroom #15	2nd/3rd grade: The Rock, Classroom #15
4th/6th grade GIRLS: The Rock, Classroom # 12	4th/6th grade GIRLS: The Rock, Classroom # 12
4th/6th grade BOYS: The Rock Classroom #14	4th/6th grade BOYS: The Rock Classroom #14
Students & Adults— Sanctuary	Students & Adults— Sanctuary

September Birthdays		
Birthday	First Name	Last Name
September 01	Joel	Rivera
September 02	Alaina	Powell
September 03	Deb	Sietsema
September 05	Emmitt	Fletcher
September 06	Nathan	Pearson
September 09	Marilyn	Bartlett
September 09	Kennedy	Pollington
September 10	Ava	Hicks
September 12	Jennifer	Pugh
September 12	Suzanne	Stahl
September 14	Ashley	Parvu
September 18	Jaykob	Rogers
September 19	Autumn	Horton
September 19	Larry	Stahl
September 20	Patti	Champlin
September 20	Archer	Flint
September 20	Blaine	Hoekwater
September 23	Ana	Denhouten
September 23	Elizabeth	Embertson
September 23	Katie	Jones
September 24	Alejandra	Den Houten
September 24	Danielle	Hoekwater
September 27	Holly	DeBoer
September 28	Doug	Gravitt
September 28	Kathy	Tacoma
September 30	Julie	DeBoer
September 30	Gale	Hoekwater

September Anniversaries		
Anniversary	Couple	Years
September 01	Brooke & Tina-Marie DeZeeuw	25
September 09	Jesse & Wilma Granados	20
September 10	Gerard & Bev Winkle	55
September 15	Casey & Holly Sigafoose	31
September 25	Joel & Mandy Clark	22
September 26	Dave & Linda Embertson	39
September 27	Justin & Danielle Hoekwater	18
September 27	Scott & Laura Powell	23

**Please contact the church
office if there are any
corrections to this list.**

Thank you!