

**Seeking God and others
By Loving
Serving
And Learning together**



**Central Park Church
March 1, 2026**

Pastor Marc Nelesen will be preaching on Acts 9:1-19
"Turnarounds" for the second Sunday in Lent. Communion will
be served.

Order of Worship

We Gather

Prelude – Jennifer Kramer

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

"Sing to the King"

Call to worship

"Come People of the Risen King"

We Receive

Invitation and Announcements

Prayer of Thanksgiving concluded with the Lord's Prayer

Jesus' words at the Table

Communion

"Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"

Mutual Greeting

Presentation of Offering *"Doxology"*

Children's Message

Inviting the Kids to CPKids

"Just as I Am"

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for illumination

Scripture: Acts 9:1-19

Page 958 in Pew Bible

Sermon: "Turnarounds"

Prayer

We are Sent

Blessing

"Be Thou My Vision"

(hearing loop available)

A Community Seeking God & Others



To send out an email **For Prayer and Care** contact Jessica Stam:
at 616-820-9329 jessica@centralparkchurch.org

- **Roger Sal** is a Freedom Inn for rehab due to Parkinsons.
- **Marge Streur** is at Resthaven in the recovery unit.
- **Ralph Holmes** is at Freedom Inn for rehab after his hospital stay.
- **Nancy Deters** is home recovery from her Knee replacement surgery. Surgery went well.
- **Lynn**, one of our Wednesday night dinner attenders, had a biopsy done this week and is waiting for the results. They think it is Basal Cell Carcinoma cancer. Pray for results and treatment.

Thank you my church family for all the cards, calls and prayers after my surgery. Thank you also Pastor Marc for the visit in the hospital
- Rich Machiela

A group meets every Sunday morning from 9:25-9:45 for prayer in the Overlook Room. You are welcome to join to pray or to be prayed for. In addition, the second Sunday of every month, prayer team members are available after the morning service at the front of the sanctuary and would be glad to pray with or for you there, or if you prefer, in a more private setting.

By Loving & Serving

Worship Online- To catch the livestream or watch the service later, click on the link on our website homepage and go to the Central Park Church YouTube Channel.

A nursery is available on the lower level for children and infants to 3 years old. Our helper today is Jeanne Kane. Next week (March 8) will be Jenn & Hailie Streur.

Stay for a bit following worship and enjoy coffee and cookies. Coffee is also available before and during the worship service. Please use one of the covered cups. Char Bouwens and Jeanne Westrate are our Hospitality leaders today. Next week (March 8) will be Jim & Judy Prince. Kim & Val Nevenzel are our Greeters this morning before and after worship. Next week (March 8) will be Doug Kooiker and Jim Zeedyk.

St. Willibrord will be renting the gym for Sunday morning worship through March. Please do not use entrance D on Sunday mornings so we don't interrupt their service. The downstairs will be closed for use, except the nursery. They will also be meeting on Wednesday and Friday evenings in the sanctuary.

Busy bags for kids will be available in the Narthex on the shelves with the bulletins for kids to use during the service. They will have activity pages in them that will go along with the class teaching in Central Park Kids.



Central Park's Kids Easter Egg Hunt will be on Wednesday March 25. It will be our year end party to the Wednesday night community dinners. If you would like to donate candy for the easter eggs, there is a container in the Gathering Place to drop it off. We will also be having our Cake walk for the kids. Bring a sweet treat in the week of March 22.

Monday, March 9 the church widows will resume meeting at Russ' south for supper at 4:45pm. Contact Pat Doolittle if you have any questions.

Keeping our Micro Pantry well stocked

Here's what we need this week-

- Boxed Cold Cereal
- Snacks – Jello, fruit snacks, granola bars, pudding cups and fruit cups
- Jelly
- Complete Meals
- Boxed Rice, Knorr Pasta sides, Pasta Roni Pasta mix
- Snacks – Fruit snacks, crackers
- Kleenex, Hand sanitizer, Hand and Dish Soap
- Shampoo & Conditioner

Help us support our community by donating items to keep the pantry full. Keeping our Micro Pantry stocked this week is Nancy Deters.

Wednesday night community dinner served 83 people last week. We will be having baked chicken quarters, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and dessert for dinner this week.

And Learning Together

MS/HS Students meet on Sundays at 6:30pm.

Everyone has a story. During Lent, we are reflecting on the Christian life as a journey and will be encouraging everyone to think about high points, low points, and pivot points in our journeys. Join Bill VanBruggen and others on Sundays March 15 and 22 to discover and talk about your story in ways to meaningfully connect with others. These two gatherings will be relaxed, conversational, meaningful, and helpful. If you have questions, connect with Bill. These two meetings will take place in the Cornerstone Room and begin 10 minutes following worship each Sunday.

Monday Morning Women's bible study meets at 10:00am.

Wednesday Nights –

Mar 4	🕒	Jeff Monroe Telling Stories in the Dark 2
March 11	🕒	Jeff Monroe Telling Stories in the Dark 3
March 18	🕒	Jeff Monroe Telling Stories in the Dark 4
Mar 25	🕒	End of year party

Jeff Monroe, editor of Reformed Journal and author of the book Telling Stories in the Dark; finding healing and hope in sharing our sadness, grief, trauma, and pain will be our Wednesday night speaker Feb 25-Mar 18. On Wed, Feb 25, he will be introducing and summarizing his book and then inviting participants to join in reading and discussing select chapters for the following three Wednesday nights. Copies of the book are available in the Gathering Place and in the Cornerstone Room. Books and descriptive promotional materials are available at the discounted price of \$20 each. Proceeds and the books belong to *Reformed Journal*.

Saturday Women's Bible Study meets every other week; they are studying Experiencing Contagious Joy.



Save the Date for VBS 2026... June 15th – 18th in the evening.

Next Sunday Pastor Marc Nelesen will be preaching on Exodus 15-17 “Lean and Mean; the wilderness” for the Third Sunday in Lent.

This Week at Central Park Church:

Sunday March 1

- Way of the Lord Study in the Cornerstone Room – 4:30pm
- Dinner after Bible Study – 5:30pm
- Students – 6:30 – 8:00pm

Monday March 2

- Women’s Bible Study – 10:00am

Tuesday March 3

- Cardio Café – 9:00am
- Executive Team Meeting – 6:00pm

Wednesday March 4

- Community night Dinner – 5:30pm
- Kids classes – 6:00pm
- Adult education – 6:15pm

Thursday March 5

- Cardio Café – 9:00am
- Open Volleyball – 7:00pm

Saturday March 7

- Women’s Bible Study – 10:30am

Offering:	2/22/26	YTD %
General Fund	\$2,070.00	65%
Mission Fund	\$1,250.00	82%

Two ways to give from your smart phone.

- Text the keyword GiveCPC to 616-201-3550
- Scan our Giving QR Code

Contributions can be made online through the church website, by mail, dropped off during office hours or placed in the baskets at the sanctuary entrances. **Thank you for your continued financial support of the ministry of Central Park Church.**



Today is the last Sunday to turn them in! The Consistory is actively seeking nominations from the congregation of men and women who have gifts, passions, and ability to serve. This year, we are seeking nominations for 4 Consistory positions. You will find a packet with information and a nomination sheet in the Narthex by the bulletins or the information table in the Gathering Place. Please complete it and turn it into the church office by Tuesday, March 3.

New, newer, or newish to Central Park? Are you curious about Central Park, its ministries or who it is trying to be or where it is trying to go? Have you ever wished someone would give you a tour of the building? Have you ever wondered about getting closer to the church, getting baptized, professing your faith, transferring your membership, or joining the work of ministry? Join us on Sunday, April 19 following worship for 30-45 minutes for some light nibbles, refreshments, and great conversation. RSVP to Jessica in the church office 616-335-9462 or jessica@centralparkchurch.org

Lenten Journey - Join us this Lent, February 18-April 12, as we explore themes of journey and pilgrimage in the life of Israel and the ministry of Jesus. Jennifer Kramer will be hosting a Bible study on Sunday afternoons (4:30pm) that will walk through N.T. Wright's book *The Way of the Lord: Christian Pilgrimage Today*. A signup sheet is on the information table in the Gathering Place, please sign up if you will be attending the Bible study so we know how many to plan for.