Seeking God and others
By Loving
Serving
And Learning together

Central Park Church
November 1, 2026

Pastor Marc Nelesen will be preaching on Matthew 23:1-12 "Always Reforming". Communion will be served.

Order of Worship

We Gather

Prelude – Bea Meier
Ringing of the Bells
Welcome
Christ Candle
"A Mighty Fortress" LUYH #776
Call to worship From Psalm 107
"In Christ Alone" LUYH #770

We Receive

Invitation and Announcements
Prayer of Thanksgiving concluded with the Lord's Prayer
Jesus' words at the Table
Communion
"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" LUYH #825
Thanksgiving Boxes Update
Offering – passing of the plate
Presentation of Offering - *"Doxology"*
Mutual Greeting
Children's Message & Inviting the kids to CPKids
"God is Here" LUYH #246 v.1-3

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for illumination
Scripture: *Matthew 23:1-12*
Page 862 in Pew Bible
Sermon: "Always Reforming"
Prayer

We are Sent

Blessing
"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace" LUYH #938

A Community Seeking God & Others



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

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.

Thank you for all the Birthday Cards and well wishes.

- **Del Bos**

Thank you for the many cards I received for my 90th Birthday.

- **Ralph Holmes**

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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.

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 & Jeanne Westrate are our Hospitality leaders today. Next week (November 8) will be Paul & Lynn Streur. Dan & Jen Streur are our Greeters this morning before and after worship. Next week (November 8) will be Jeanne Kane and Vickie Overway.

A nursery is available on the lower level for children and infants to 3 years old. Our helper today is Liza from Oasis Church. Next week (November 8) will be Shelly Kunkel.

Collecting for the month of November will be **Kim Nevenzel, Jodi Vosburg, Howie Bultman, and Mark Overway.**

Oasis Church will be renting the gym for Sunday morning worship. 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.

The Congregational Life and Care team will be hosting a Fellowship meal on Sunday November 8. It will be a soup bar. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place if you would be able to bring soup to share or a dessert.
They are also requesting Veteran's pictures so they can play a slide show on the Gathering Place TV in honor of Veteran's Day and those that served. Please get the pictures to Jessica by Wednesday the 4th. We do have the pictures saved from last year and will use those this year also.

A combined Park and Central Park Reformed Choir for Thanksgiving Eve service. If you would like to be part of the combined choir rehearsal will be on November 22 at 11am at Park church along with November 25 before the service at 5:45. Contact Jennifer if you have any questions or would like to join.

Wednesday Night Community Dinners served at least 250 people last week for Trunk or Treat. This week we will be having Chili dogs, fries, and dessert.



Are you a crafter? The Central Park Booth is looking for items to sell at this years Holiday Shoppe. Talk to Nancy or Lynn if you would like to donate items.

We have a Facebook event created for the Holiday Shoppe. Please share it on your personal Facebook page with a reminder that we still have spaces available for vendors.

Operation Christmas Child boxes are available in the Gathering Place. Fill your boxes and return them to church by November 15.

<u>Keeping our Micro Pantry well stocked</u>

Here's what we need this week-

- Complete Meals
- Canned Meat
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Fruit Snacks
- Spaghetti & Sauce
- Cans of Ravioli & Spaghetti
- Crackers
- Bar Soap
- Toothpaste

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

As it is cold & flu (and everything else) season… Feel free to greet one another with a nod, fist bump, or any other form of non-contact greeting if you prefer not to shake hands.

Central Park Consistory

Pastor – Rev. Marc Nelesen, PhD
Elders –Kris O'Donnell, Dianne Slager, Kathy TenBrink, Jen Werley, Lynn VanHekken, Judy Prince
Deacons – Doug Kooiker, Kim Nevenzel, Jennifer Streur, Jodi Vosburg, Kyle Wright, Dave VanHekken

Congregational Life and Care Team

For care and prayer
Kris O'Donnell, Vickie Overway, Jennifer Streur, and Jeanne Westrate

And Learning Together

Youth Group meets on Sundays with **MS Students** from 5:00-6:30 and **HS Students** from 6:30-8:00.

Wednesday Nights adult and children's education. Classes start at 6:00 for kids and 6:15 for adults.

Wednesday	5:30 – 6:15 Dinner	Class, topic, speaker in Cornerstone Room, 6:15-7:15
Nov 4		***Generously Reformed*** Suzanne McDonald
Nov 11		***Relinquishment, Adoption, Reconciliation*** Nancy Boote
Nov 18		Praise & Worship Night

Thursday morning Women's Bible study group meets at 10:00am in the heritage room. They are doing the Perfectly Flawed study by Lisa Toney.

Saturday morning Women's Bible study group wrapped up their study in October and will be taking a break for the holidays.

Jennifer's **Book Study on November 6, The Sabbath Way,** has been postponed. Stay tuned for more information.

Next Sunday Pastor Marc Nelesen will be preaching on Matthew 25:1-13 “Keep Watch”.

This Week at Central Park Church:

Sunday November 1

- Middle School Youth Group – 5:00 – 6:30pm
- High School Youth Group – 6:30 – 8:00pm

Monday November 2

- Worship Team meeting – 3:00pm

Tuesday November 3

- Cardio Café – 9:00am
- Exec Team – 6:00pm

Wednesday November 4

- Community Night dinner – 5:30pm
- Children’s education – 6:00pm
- Adult education – 6:15pm

Thursday November 5

- Cardio Café – 9:00am
- Women’s Bible Study – 10:00am
- Volleyball – 7:00pm

Offering:	**Needed/ week**	**10/25/26**	**YTD NEED**	**YTD GIVEN**
General Fund	$7,475	$4,932	$273,422	$244,731
Mission Fund	$547	$0	$22,974	$16,655

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 passed during service. **Thank you for your continued financial support of the ministry of Central Park Church.**