



Bentheim Reformed Church

Announcements - January 4, 2026



On **Tuesday, January 20**, Women's Ministries will be having Mel Brummel of Hamilton teach a self-defense class from 7-8:30 p.m. Mel has served as a police officer for 43 years, including 27 years as a tactical officer. His experience includes 12 years as a sniper and K-9 handler, as well as nearly 40 years as a defensive tactics and firearms range instructor. He also has been actively involved in Neighborhood Watch programs for over eight years. Currently, he is serving as a detective at Gun Lake Public Safety. Mel is passionate about teaching and equipping women of all ages with the knowledge, skills, and awareness needed to stay prepared and confident in everyday life situations.



Congregational Challenge: Your challenge is to invite a friend, neighbor, coworker, or someone in your life to Church Made Simple on Wednesday nights and attend with them. Enjoy a coffee, latte, or tea in the cafe while creating relationships with those in our community. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.



Our new Elders are Craig Jipping and Paul Scholten. Our new Deacons are Phil Brower and Craig Mesbergen.



Summer Camp: The church will cover 50% of the camp registration fee to students that regularly attend Sunday morning worship services and/or WOW/Sunday School. The camps the church partner with to provide this offer are Camp Geneva, Cran-Hill Ranch, and SON-Life Camp. The promo code for Camp Geneva is 26Bentheim50P and for Cran-Hill is SC1024575-sc2026. For SON-Life, bring your receipt to Jess Hassevoort and we will reimburse you for half.



- Middle School Ministry is in need of 1 more male leader. Middle School Ministry meets on Wednesdays from 6:15-8:15 p.m. September through April.
- A coordinator for the Faith Builders & Faith Seekers Sunday School is needed. The coordinator recruits teachers with the help of the Education committee, organizes the teacher schedules, and papers the prepicked curriculum & supplies.

If you are interested in either of these roles reach out to Helen Derk.



If you would like to purchase a Tasty Treasures IV cookbook for \$12, contact Jess Hassevoort (jessica@bentheim.org or 616-889-9467).



The outside steps from the upper lot to the lower lot are closed for the winter. Please try to park on the level you need as much as possible or use the inside stairs to get where you need to go.



The nursery is looking for additional nursery assistants (4th grade - 17 years) to provide care for children ages 0 to 2 during the morning worship service. If you are interested in helping, please contact Heather Scholten or Jess Hassevoort.



If you would like to join in the fun of the Supper for Six nights, please let Helen Zeerip know or sign up at www.bentheim.org/supper.

Groups gather once per quarter.



Dorr CRC would like you to join them for Soup for Seniors on **Thursday, January 15** at noon for a delicious lunch and visit with old and new friends! Invite a neighbor too!



Love INC's urgent pantry needs are canned tuna, canned chicken, canned fruits, Tuna Helper, cereal, mac & cheese, evaporated milk, eggs, peanut butter, jelly, soups, and crackers. If you are able to donate any of these items, please drop your donations off at the bin by the Information Center or the Love INC office Monday-Friday, 9a-3p.



"Big, beautiful thanks to you for such a generous collection of items! Our team was blown away at all the love you have shown for so many children in foster care. Your partnership means so much to us. Together we can provide necessities for today and hope for tomorrow. With gratitude - Lisa Hoeve & Team"



Are you passionately prolife? Energetic and outgoing? Think you have what it takes to engage pastors, motivate adults, and energize the youth for the prolife movement? Can you pick up the phone and make a call? Schedule a meeting and shake a hand? Competently deal with rejection and opposition? Grand Rapids Right to Life is hiring a part-time, self-motivated, laser-focused Prolife Ambassador. To apply, send a resume and stellar cover letter to GRRTL, Attn: Laura, PO Box 901, Grand Rapids, MI 49509.

March for Life, sponsored by Right to Life of Holland Area will begin at 11 a.m. on **Saturday, January 24** with a walk around Centennial Park and end with devotions and prayer at Central Avenue CRC Church at 11:30 a.m.

Triumph of the Heart is a powerful film about Maximillian Kolbe, a Catholic priest who volunteers to join nine men in an Auschwitz starvation bunker and fights to forge a brotherhood of hope in the darkest place on earth. Attend a private screening of this film on **Thursday, February 12** at 7 p.m. at Celebration! Cinema North. Tickets are \$10 each and must be purchased in advance. To purchase tickets, visit www.grrtl.org/film



Bible Study Fellowship: Women today face a multitude of challenges like struggles with insecurity, broken relationships, guilt, overwork, or loneliness. Countless women have found peace, comfort, hope, security, and answers to life's big questions by exploring God's Word. As a group member, you will personally study Scripture and answer questions each day. Once a week you will meet for a small group discussion of the lesson, hear from a teaching leader how the truths of Scripture can be applied to daily life, and receive comprehensive notes on the Scripture passages you studied. The weekly meetings will be on **Tuesdays** at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. To sign up, visit join.bsfindernational.org/class/10099