

# Living faith

2015-2016 minstry guide



Georgetown  
Christian Reformed Church



# 2015-2016 Discipleship Calendar

## Fall Session

	Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening
<b>September 2015</b>	13 - Ministry Kick-off	16
	20	23
	27	30
<b>October</b>	4	7
	11	14
	18	21 (no programs)
	25 (no programs)	28
<b>November</b>	1	4
	8	11
	15	18
	22	25 (no programs— all church skating)
	29 (no programs)	
<b>December</b>		2
	6	9
	13	

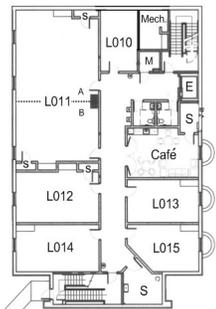
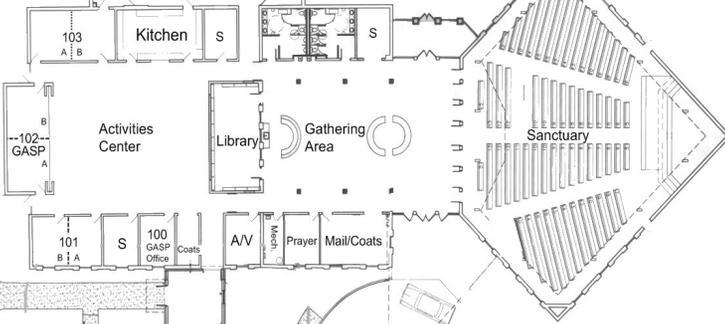
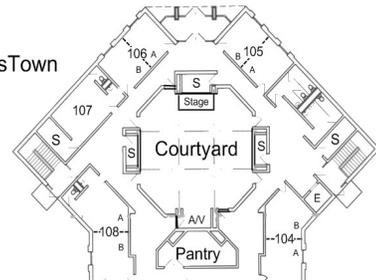
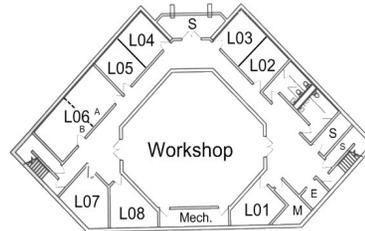
## Winter / Spring Sessions

<b>January 2016</b>		6
	10	13
	17	20
	24	27 (no programs)
	31	
<b>February</b>		3
	7	10
	14	17
	21	24 (no programs— Pinewood Derby)
	28	
<b>March</b>		2
	6	9
	13	16
	20	23

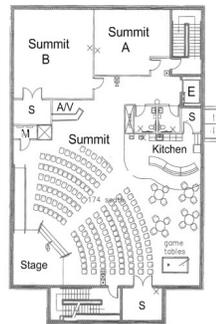


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Lower Level



Lower Level



Upper Level

# Leo's Diner

During most Wednesday nights September – March, Georgetown practices one of its best spiritual gifts – we eat together. Meal times are 6:10-6:40 pm. You need not bring anything other than your appetite and your willingness to engage new friends. You will be served a balanced, family style meal on real plates by real people. It's cozy, simple, quick, and affordable. Donations are accepted to offset costs, but are not required. After the meal a host of classes and programs are offered for children in grade two through adults.

## Adult Discipleship

This year brings a host of excellent faith nurture opportunities. If you are not currently involved in one of our many adult discipleship ministries, programs, and classes, this is the year to begin!

### Wednesday Evening Speaker Series

This year we welcome another outstanding line-up of guest presenters and topics in both the fall and the winter/spring sessions.

- Follows Wednesday Evening Discipleship Schedule
- 6:45 – 7:00 pm Refreshments in the Gathering Area
- 7:00 – 8:15 pm Presentations
- Meets in the Lower Level Room L011

Our fall session is as follows:

**September 16**                      **Caring For One Another In Times of Loss**  
**Bob DeVries and Susan Zonnelt-Smeenge**

Having finished formal careers in both psychology and higher education, Bob and Susan discovered a new calling in helping others through the journey of grief and spousal loss – a journey both of them know firsthand. Bob and Susan's presentation focuses on how church community can become more aware and more sensitive to the lifelong challenges and adjustments that come with spousal loss.

**September 23**                      **Growing in Emotional Intelligence: Healing**  
**Dan Rooks**                              **Responses to Conflict and Strong Emotions**

Many of us were raised thinking it's best to resist and avoid conflict, anger and disappointment. As a result, some of us have a long-distance relationship with these feelings.

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## Food Pantry

In partnership with Love INC, Georgetown provides groceries for a number of families per week who are in need of a food resource. Volunteers give of their time on Wednesdays from 9:00 am — noon to fill grocery orders and Thursdays anytime from 9:00 am — 3:30 pm to hand out groceries to Love INC's clients. Additional volunteers are needed to staff this ministry.

- Micah's House (*home just south of the West/40<sup>th</sup> St. entrance*)
- Key Contact: Joyce Sall (258-8375)

**Missionaries and Ministries:** Georgetown has a global presence through our support for missionaries and ministries in Japan, India, Uruguay, Uganda, Guatemala, and West Africa.

**Through a partnership with Love INC,** we provide school supplies and school clothes to area children and each Easter we donate Easter Baskets to needy children.

**"Serve the World"** is a monthly ministry initiative for the entire Georgetown family. These initiatives focus on such injustices as poverty, homelessness, human trafficking, and hunger.

**Short-term Missions:** A group of Georgetown folk travel to Guatemala each summer. Others travel to other places throughout the world to serve for anywhere from a week to six months or longer. Scholarships and project funding are available in some instances.

## Georgetown Christian Preschool & Learning Center



We serve families in the neighborhood with Christian child care and preschool. Begun in 1990, the goal was to increase the use of the facility from 1 day to 6 days of service. In 2010, changes were made to care for infants and toddlers, increasing our ability to care for and support families.

- Key Contact: Deb Kennedy (669-7300)

# Outreach Ministries

Georgetown Church seeks to be the hands and feet of Jesus, reaching out to those in need in our church, our community, and our world. Steve Mann is the main contact for these ministries and can be reached at 669-5180 ext. 19 or [stevem@georgetowncrc.org](mailto:stevem@georgetowncrc.org).



## Mobile Food Distributions

In partnership with Feeding America, Georgetown provides fresh produce and overstock grocery items for community people in need. Volunteers are always welcome and needed.

- Third Tuesday of every month, unload truck at 5:30 pm, registration begins at 6:30 pm
- At Georgetown Campus
- Key Contacts: Diane Koning (669-6643)

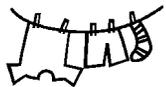


## Michigan Works!

We partner with Michigan Works! to provide a place in which the unemployed and underemployed can access resources that will assist in their job search. Volunteers are always needed to staff this ministry.

- Thursdays 6:00-8:30 pm
- Meets in the Lower level Room L011
- Key Contact: Bill MacDhubhain (808-1541)

**Hospitality House** provides a place for missionaries to come home to while visiting the area.



## Clothesline



## and Footprints

In partnership with area ministries, Georgetown provides clothing and shoes to families in need. Volunteers give of their time on Wednesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2:00 pm to host appointments and organize our inventory. Additional volunteers are needed to staff this ministry.

- Micah's House (*home just south of the West/40<sup>th</sup> St. entrance*)
- Key Contact: Marilyn Bosscher (797-9759)

... This makes for at least two things: 1) few models for how to deal with conflict and strong emotions 2) an inability to put these emotions to fruitful use. However, as Dan Rooks demonstrates, our anger, conflict, and disappointment can serve us rather than us serving them. Dan has been in private therapeutic practice in Holland for 25 years.

## September 30                      **Spiritual Friendship: A Risk Worth Taking** **Rabbi Al Lewis and Pastor Marc**

Since Al's retirement from Temple Emmanuel in Grand Rapids, Al and Marc have grown in their deep love, respect, and appreciation for one another as fellow spiritual sojourners. Join us for a dialogue between Al and Marc with a question and answer period to follow.

## October 7                              **Town Meeting: Sanctuary Renovation**

## October 14                          **Does God Nurture the Exploiter?** **Jeff Roessing**

Taking his cue from Wendell Berry's argument that good farming is a cultural and spiritual discipline, Jeff Roessing started Eighth Day Farm in Holland to cultivate a larger sense of community incorporating personal, ecological, social, and spiritual health. He will be sharing about what it means to live at the intersection of good theology, ethical farming, and community building. Jeff is a graduate of Grand Valley State University and Western Theological Seminary.

## October 21                          **Off**

## October 28                          **Give Is a Four-letter Word** **Jay Bylsma**

Jay Bylsma taught at Trinity Christian College, is a writer, and now in "retirement" continues to enjoy teaching and sharing wisdom he has accumulated "along the way." In this presentation, he shares insights about how men and women relate differently to and with one another in committed relationships. Jay believes quality time, good conversation, and meaningful sexual expression involves thoughtfulness and intentionality.

## November 4                         **The Binding of Isaac** **Travis West**

A group of students from Western Theological Seminary along with their Hebrew professor will offer an enactment – a performance – of the story of the Binding of Isaac from Genesis 22.

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. . . The performance will be done in English and in Hebrew! See and hear the Scriptures come to life and experience an ancient story that never ceases to speak a fresh and relevant word to each generation.

**November 11**                      **Loving Fearlessly, Doing Justice in Honduras**  
**Jill Van Beek**

God calls all of his children to be fearless (*1 John 4:18*) in standing up for the poor, the orphaned, and the widow – building a more just society (*Micah 6:8, Isaiah 1:17*). But too often, fear of our neighbors' oppressors overcomes our love for our neighbors. The Association for a More Just Society (AJS) is a Christian nonprofit organization that has been working for over fifteen years to promote justice in the Central American country of Honduras. AJS has helped thousands of poor Hondurans stand up to powerful and violent oppressors and achieve justice in areas like land rights, labor rights, violence, and corruption. By recounting AJS's experiences, AJS Director of Operations, Jill Van Beek, will challenge and inspire us to discover where and how God is calling them, and the church, to fearlessly stand up to local and global injustices.

**November 18**                      **The Challenges of Islam and the Condition of Women in Africa**

**Dr. Paul and Charlotte Mpindi**

Mission French Africa is a ministry focused on evangelism, discipleship, and stewardship in French speaking Africa. Of particular interest is the spread of radical Islam and the oppression of women. The Mpindis will share how they are working to grow and nurture deep spiritual roots in the African Church faced with the daily pressures of violence, poverty, AIDS, etc.

**November 25**                      **Off**

**December 2, 9**                      **Growing Up: The Risks and Rewards of Adolescence**  
**Julie Yonker**

Dr. Julie Yonker is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Calvin College who specializes in adolescents and life span development. In the first of two presentations, Julie will be addressing some of the practical developmental issues surrounding teen development.

In the second, she will share her insights on religious development in adolescence and early adulthood.

## Technology



The Audio/Visual Team helps us to enter the worship experience more deeply and understand the message more clearly through the use of PowerPoint, pictures, videos, and sound. If you are interested, we can train you in how to lead in this area.

## Drama



Drama brings a message to life in ways that can be powerful and meaningful. The drama team, led by John Arends, is seeking participants of all ages. We are looking for actors as well as writers who can work with message series and themes to create a meaningful way to engage worshippers.

## Sacred Dance



Sacred Dancers help lead in worship by bringing to life different worship songs. These dancers have a passion for the Lord, but need not have any experience. This is open to elementary and middle school girls.

## Leadership



There are many other ways to be involved, such as being part of the Worship Planning Team, leading children's messages, reading Scripture, and praying. Please consider being involved in one way or another in the life of Worship at Georgetown.

# Worship Ministries

In worship, we praise God through the gift of music, celebrate the grace and life that He offers us through Christ, lift one another up in prayer, and learn fresh, yet timeless truths from the Bible. For more information about any of these ministry opportunities, contact Katie Yankee at 669-5180 x22 or [katiey@georgetowncrc.org](mailto:katiey@georgetowncrc.org)



## Praise Band

Worship at Georgetown flows from our praise team singers who lead the congregation in worship with energetic singing that is backed by our instrumentalists who draw us into the music. These are volunteers that have a passion to worship the Lord, love God, and desire to help lead people in communal worship.

We are always looking for more volunteers who love to sing, or have experience playing piano, organ, orchestra (*string, woodwind, brass*), or praise band (*percussion, keyboard, guitars, drums, or other instruments*).

Those of all ages who have a desire to lead worship either by singing or playing an instrument are encouraged to participate. Vocalists and instrumentalists prepare for the services by attending rehearsals which are held on Tuesday evenings.



## Choir

The Choir is a group of all ages that help to lead the congregation in worship several times a year through prepared anthems as well as congregational singing. The Choir will likely lead at special services such as the Candlelight service, Christmas Morning, Maundy Thursday, and Easter services. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday afternoons.

## Visual Arts



Through arts, worshippers are drawn into the presence of God using themes of message series and the church year. We are looking for volunteers to help think creatively and visually.

## SIS (*Sisters In Spirit*)

The New Testament believers carried the Spirit of God as they walked along the shores of Thessalonica, just as believers carry that light today. But what exactly does it mean to live as children of the light? Offered several times each week, this year's study of I and II Thessalonians digs deep into two of Paul's letters that have so much to say to us today.

- Meets on Sundays at 10:45 am, Tuesdays at 8:30 am, Wednesdays at 8:30 am & 7:00 pm and Fridays at 9:45 am. Child care available on Wednesday evenings. Accompanying nursery and children's program are offered on Fridays.
- Meets in the Lower Level Room L012
- Key Contact: Judy Glass (*218-0984*)

## Study of Acts

The book of Acts is the amazing story of what motivated and empowered the first followers of Jesus to spread the life-giving message of the gospel throughout the world. Join us for an in-depth look at how the Holy Spirit moved mightily in the lives of men and women in the most exciting and significant years of the early church.

- Meets on Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:00 am beginning October 14
- Meets in the Lower Level Room L013
- Key Contact: Ron Blouw (*318-0721*)

## Men's Life

Using the Discover Life guide, *Peter: The Making of a Disciple*, this study asks the questions: How did God use Peter? How should we live so that God can use us as he did Peter? Men's Life is informal, discussion oriented, and provides a safe opportunity for men of all ages to go beyond the study and raise a wide variety of questions that are on their mind and heart. Study material will be provided.

- Follows Sunday Morning Discipleship schedule from 11:00—11:45 am
- Meets in the Lower Level Room L011
- Key Contact: Larry Osterbaan (*502-8288*)

## Study of Mark

An in-depth study, reflection, and conversation on the book of Mark led by Pastor Marc. Chapter by chapter, we will explore the message of the book of Mark, discover its surprises, allow the texts to explore us, and think together what it means to follow Jesus. Please bring a Bible, an open mind, and a willingness to learn and grow. First class begins Monday, September 21.

- Held on the first and third Monday of each month from 9:30-10:45 am
- Meets in the Lower Level Room L011
- Key contact: Glenn Bouwkamp (240-6429)

## Ladies Christian Fellowship

We can't change the fact that we are getting older. We may not want to. Age brings many gifts even as it brings many opportunities for continued growth. Join us in a continuing engagement with the book *Growing Older and Wiser*. This study offers a biblical perspective on aging and shows how powerfully God can use those who have grown wiser with the years. First class begins September 22.

- Held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
- Meets in the Lower Level Room L012
- Key Contact: Carol Frede (797-0022)

## AAA

Sometimes regarded as a "seniors group," all adults grown up but young at heart are invited. At times studying, always fellowshiping, often eating, participants enjoy frequent activities and excursions.

- Key Contact: Glenn Bouwkamp (240-6429)

## Small Groups

Approximately two thirds of Georgetown's adult membership are involved in a small group for mutual care, study, prayer and sometimes service. Each group sets its own agenda and meeting frequency. A discussion guide corresponding to the Sunday morning message series will once again be made available September – May.

- Key Contact: Marc Nelesen (669-5180)

## High School *and* Middle School



### Cross Training

Cross Training is an opportunity for students to learn about the truths of God's word.

- Follows Sunday Morning Discipleship Schedule from 11:00-11:45 am
- Refreshments are served following the morning service in the Summit
- 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades – Summit main
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade – Summit B
- 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade – Summit A

## Middle School



Turning Point is a program specially designed for students from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades. It's mission is to energize and equip students to know, live, and share their faith in Jesus. Turning Point is an eclectic mix of Bible lessons, crazy games, service projects, and fun outings.

- Follows Wednesday Evening Discipleship Schedule
- Meets in the Summit from 6:45 – 8:15 pm



Each June, the 8th grade class is invited to work in Lake City, Michigan on a 3-day service experience. The group performs home repairs, light construction, and clean up but also has fun swimming, going for ice cream, playing in the gym, and canoeing.

## Going Public

Going Public is a program designed to prepare teens and preteens to make public profession of faith. The main components of the program are a retreat in the spring, a partnership with an adult Faith Friend, and the creation of a faith expression. Look for more information this winter.

# Student Ministries

Student Ministries features a host of programs for students in grades 6-12. Eric DeYoung, Director of Student Ministries, is the contact person for each of the following ministries. You can reach him at 218-7456, 669-5180 ext. 16 or at [ericd@georgetowncrc.org](mailto:ericd@georgetowncrc.org). Most of the schedules, information, updates, and forms can also be found online at [georgetowncrc.org](http://georgetowncrc.org).

## High School



## Prayer Ministries

A committed group of people meet regularly to pray together and encourage our congregation to pray. They welcome prayer requests in writing, by email ([prayer@georgetowncrc.org](mailto:prayer@georgetowncrc.org)), or by phone (669-5180). On Sunday mornings, prayer team members are available to pray with you or for you after the service. On Monday evenings, you are invited to join them for prayer in the Prayer Room from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. In addition to congregational and community needs, prayer is offered for selected themes each month.

- Key Contact: Ed DeYoung (293-4835)



## Youth Group

Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to join us each weekend for Youth Group. Youth Group hosts worship and small groups twice a month from 5:30-7:30 pm on Sunday nights. On the other weekends we have special activities, retreats, and fun outings.



## Winter Retreat — *January 29-30, 2016*

Join us for our world famous Mystery Retreat! What are we going to do? We can't say, but you can know it will be tons of fun and be a great time to refresh and connect with leaders and fellow Youth Group members!

## Summer Serve 2016 — *TBD*

This summer will feature a trip to a domestic destination for a week of service and fun. Dates to be determined and more details to come this winter.

# Children's Ministries

Georgetown offers a variety of children's programs to assist families in providing a spiritual foundation for children ages infant through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.



## Child Care Center

The Child Care Center is available during our morning worship service. You will be welcomed by a greeter who will assign your child a pager. No caregivers will be scheduled for the evening services. If childcare is needed, stop by the Welcome Center.



## Little People's Worship (3 year olds — PreK.)

Children who are three years of age through Pre-Kindergarten are welcome in Little People's Worship. This program runs from September through May during morning worship. Each class has an age appropriate Bible story with an exciting learning lab to dig into the Bible truth. We use *Hands On Bible Curriculum*.

- Held during the morning worship
- 3-School, PreS. & PreK. meet in rooms 106/107



## Kingdom Kids

All children Kindergarten – 5th grade meet on Sunday mornings from September through March. The children gather in the Courtyard for a time of praise before they separate into smaller groups for biblical instruction.

- Follows Sunday Morning Discipleship Schedule
- For Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Meets from 10:45 – 11:45 am
- Meets in the Courtyard
  1. This year the children will learn how to “Be Strong and Courageous” based on the verse from Joshua 1:9
  2. Children will learn more about Jesus’ life, his miracles and parables, the Holy Spirit, and spreading the Good News.

## Cadets — Boys' Club



Cadets spend the evening pursuing Bible study, badge work, service, and other activities. They will learn more about God and His plan for their lives as they read through the book “Cool Devotions for Guys: Gotta Have God.” Special night events are also planned during the year as announced.

- Follows Wednesday Evening Discipleship Schedule
- For 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys
- Meets from 6:45 – 8:15 pm
- Meets in the Workshop

## GEMS — Girls' Club



GEMS spend the evening pursuing Bible study, craft/badge work, service, and other activities. This year they will learn how to “Choose Truth” based on the verse from Psalm 119:105. Special night events are also planned during the year as announced.

- Follows Wednesday Evening Discipleship Schedule
- For 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls
- Meets from 6:45 – 8:15 pm
- Meets in the Courtyard