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Georgetown Christian Reformed Church
Ministry Guide
2018-2019

2018-2019 Discipleship Calendar

Sunday Mornings: Worship 9:30-10:40 am
 Kingdom Kids 10:45-11:45 am
 Adult/Youth Programs 11:00-11:45 am

Wednesday Evenings: LEO's Diner 6:10-6:40 pm
 Children/Youth 6:45-8:15 pm
 Adults 7:00-8:15 pm

<u>2018</u>	<u>Sundays</u>	<u>Wednesdays</u>
September	9	12
	16	19
	23	26
	30	Oct. 3
October	7	10
	14	17
	21	24
	28 (<i>no programs</i>)	31 (<i>no programs</i>)
November	4	7
	11	14
	18	21 (<i>all church skating</i>)
	25 (<i>no programs</i>)	28
December	2	5
	9	12
 <u>2019</u>		
January	6	9
	13	16
	20	23
	27	30
February	3	6
	10	13
	17	20
	24	27 (<i>Pinewood Derby</i>)
March	3	6
	10	13
	17	20
	24	27

Welcome to Georgetown

Georgetown is a church made up of people of all ages who are drawn by a combination of vibrant teaching and worship, genuine care for each other, and an increasing heart for our neighbors. It's a wonderful place for people to sink down their spiritual roots and grow and serve. This Ministry Guide introduces you to the many ministries and programs Georgetown offers. We encourage you to look it over and become involved. You and we together will be blessed!

Prayer Ministries

After Service Prayer

On Sunday mornings, prayer team members are available to pray with you or for you after the service at the front of the Sanctuary.

Monday Night Prayer

A committed group of people with a heart for prayer meets regularly to pray every Monday evening at 7:00 pm in the Prayer Room.

Prayer Requests

Our Prayer Team prays regularly for members of our congregation, neighbors, and friends. They welcome prayer requests in writing at prayer@georgetowncrc.org, or by calling the church office. Additionally, prayer requests can be placed in the prayer request box in the Prayer Room off of the Gathering Area.

- Key Contact: Sara Duggins (616-669-5180)

Adult Ministries

Sisters In Spirit (SIS): Entrusted: A Study of II Timothy

Final words can be so compelling. In this letter of Paul, he charges Timothy to not be ashamed of the gospel of Christ and encourages him to proclaim it boldly. It's a timely message for Christians today who are often tempted to see their faith as a private matter. Join other women in a comfortable group setting as we study God's Word, share joys and trials, and pray for each other.

- 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
- Accompanying nursery and children's programs are offered on Fridays
- Meets in the Lower Level Room L012
- Key Contact: Cheryl Blouw (616-862-2993)

Men's Life: To Live is Christ: A Study of Paul

The Apostle Paul was a passionate follower of Christ, whose life calling was to point all people, then and now, to the gospel of grace. Join us as we look at the spiritual odyssey of this remarkable man who was completely sold out to the cause of his Lord. Men's Life is an informal, discussion-oriented opportunity for spiritual reflection and encouragement for men of all ages. Study material will be provided.

- Follows the Sunday Morning Discipleship schedule
- Meets in the Lower Level Room L011 from 11:00-11:45 am
- Key Contact: Larry Osterbaan (616-502-8288)

Ladies Christian Fellowship: The Greatest Stories Ever Told

Jesus knew the power of a good story. So often he took an occurrence from everyday life and wove it into colorful, unforgettable stories to explain important spiritual truths. Join us as we reflect on some of these stories - stories that have the power to stretch your mind and heart and shape your soul.

- Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays beginning September 25
- Meets in the Lower Level Room L012 from 7:00-8:30 pm
- Key Contact: Carol Frede (616-797-0022)

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Living on the Ragged Edge

Mark's Gospel is a succinct, vivid account of Jesus' life and ministry. In this chapter by chapter study, we will explore the text and allow it to explore us as we think together what it means to follow Jesus.

- Meets on Wednesdays beginning October 3
- Meets in the Lower Level Room L013 from 6:00-7:00 am
- Key Contact: Ron Blouw (616-318-0721)

Monday Morning Bible Study: A Study of Luke

Luke is a Gospel like none other. If it were not for Luke, we would not know about the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal son, Mary's song, Zaccheus, Jesus sweating like drops of blood, Simon of Cyrene, a thief's welcome into paradise, and a host of other people and stories. Luke tells us 16 parables that no one else does. No other Gospel writer refers to Jesus' death as The Exodus (9:31). The book of Luke highlights the role of women, the poor, and the marginalized as being key players in the work of the Spirit. These key players are present from the beginning of the book all the way to the Book of Acts. Join us as we explore these texts and discuss together what they might mean for us. All ages are welcome.

- Meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays beginning October 1
- Meets in the Lower Level Room L011 from 9:30-11:00 am
- Key Contacts: Arlan Gulker (616-379-5338)

Jay Koets (616-669-5216)

Wednesday Evening REV talks

If you are familiar with the global TED talks, you are aware that experts talk for 18 minutes or less on a topic that is geared toward Technology, Entertainment, or Design (TED). These talks can be informative, entertaining, and innovative. At the very least, they are interesting and engaging.

From September-December, Georgetown Church will host an initiative underwritten by Classis Georgetown called REV talks. Local pastors will have up to an hour to present something that stirs the heart, stimulates new thinking and doing, or encourages the imagination.

These talks are open to the public and will take place most Wednesday nights from September to December as follows:

September 12

Terry Scholten: Alive Ministries

“Being Comfortable With Being Uncomfortable”: Identifying and

Conquering Things That Stop Us From Getting What We Really Want

September 19

Gerry Koning: Trinity CRC

Getting Serious About Creation Care

September 26

Jeff Scripps: Forest Grove CRC

“Better the Sultan's turban than the Cardinal's hat”: What Ancient and Medieval Schisms Can Teach Us About Handling Controversies in the Church Today

October 3

Tom Kragt: Evergreen Ministries

Spiritual Care for People Who Struggle with Drugs & Alcohol and Those Who Love Them

October 10

Josh VanDrunen: Zutphen CRC

1,000 Sermons and Counting

October 17

Tim Holwerda: Bauer CRC

Bee-keeping as a Spiritual Discipline

October 24

Leonard Kuyvenhoven: Ridgewood CRC

Special Needs: Grace, Justice, and Hope in the Community of Faith

October 31: Off

November 7

Brian and Judy Bosscher: Hillcrest CRC

Navigating Faith and Marriage During Health Crises

November 14

Hank Bosma: Jamestown CRC

Pastors, Pickleball, and Pitfalls: Insights From a Therapist to Pastors

November 21: Off

November 28

Susan LaClear: Alive Ministries

Meditative Worship: Taking the Time to Believe What We Sing

December 5

David Jolman: First CRC

Is Anybody Listening: Developing a Vital Skill for Deeper Relationships

December 12

Matt Palsrok: Cottonwood CRC

Reading the Bible with Heart and Mind

- Follows Wednesday Evening Discipleship Schedule
- Meets in the Sanctuary from 7:00-8:15 pm
- Key Contacts: Jack Dik (616-669-5180)

Marc Nelesen (616-669-2085)

Student Ministries

Student Ministries at Georgetown provides a host of opportunities for fun, faith development, and service for Middle School and High School students. Leaders and students seek to share the love of Christ by welcoming all, proclaiming the Gospel, and serving our community and world.

Middle School Ministries

Middle School Cross Training

Cross Training is an educational opportunity for students to deepen their knowledge and love of the Lord and his church. Middle School students explore a host of topics via video based curriculum. Cross Training follows the Sunday Morning Discipleship schedule and meets from 11:00-11:45 am.

Refreshments are served following the morning service in the Summit just before Cross Training.



Turning Point

Turning Point is our main Middle School youth ministry. We seek to energize and equip students to know, live, and share their faith in Jesus. Each Turning Point session is designed to connect with 11-14 year-olds and features a mix of lessons, games, and special outings. Turning Point meets on Wednesday nights following the Discipleship schedule in The Summit from 6:45-8:15 pm.



Lake City Helping Hands

Students finishing 8th grade are invited to participate in a serve trip called Helping Hands. This group travels to Lake City, MI in late June for three days of service and fun.



Going Public

Going Public is a program designed to prepare young people, generally 8th grade or younger, to make public profession of faith. The main components of Going Public are partnering with an adult Faith Friend and composing a faith expression. Going Public is offered each spring.

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High School Ministries

High School Cross Training

Cross Training is an educational opportunity for High School students to deepen their knowledge and love of the Lord and his church. Cross Training follows the Sunday Morning Discipleship Schedule and meets from 11:00-11:45 am. Refreshments are served following the morning service in the Summit just before Cross Training.

Georgetown Youth Group

Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for Youth Group. Youth Group features a mix of activities and usually meets Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm. Connect with Eric for the schedule. Youth Group is about connecting and sharing life and faith together. We worship, discuss, learn, play, and support each other, discovering together what God is calling each of us to be and do.



Service

Each summer a week long service trip is offered in Guatemala in partnership with GRACE Ministries. Other service efforts are incorporated into Youth Group and Turning Point throughout the year. Students also serve the Youth Group by participating in worship and serving on the Student Leadership Team.



Get Involved

- Be an adult Youth Group or Turning Point leader
- Teach a Cross Training class
- Be a substitute teacher
- Bring snacks or dinner
- Be in prayer for Student Ministries
- Encourage students to participate

For more information about Student Ministries,
contact Eric DeYoung at 616-218-4567 or ericd@georgetowncrc.org

Children's Ministries

Our Children's Ministries offer a variety of programs which seek to build relationships and offer sound biblical instruction so that children may experience a personal relationship with God, express and share their faith, and find a safe place to ask hard questions and share their own life experiences.

Child Care Center

Our Child Care Center is available during our morning worship service. You will be welcomed by a greeter who will assign you a pager should your child need you during the service. The Child Care Center seeks to be a loving environment for your children to feel welcomed into the church community at the earliest age.

Little People's Worship

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 activity. Little People's Worship uses Hands On Bible Curriculum.

Kingdom Kids

Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade meet on Sunday mornings 10:45-11:45 am from September through March. Following the service, the children gather in the Courtyard for a time of praise and prayer before they separate into smaller groups for biblical instruction. In both our collective worship and individual classes, we strive to help children learn how to love God, love each other, and serve the world. Kingdom Kids uses the Dwell Curriculum.

Cadets — Boys' Club



Cadets is for boys in 3rd through 5th grade. The evening is spent in devotional time, projects and badge work, service projects, and other group activities. Each grade level is instructed by mentors who invest their time helping the boys discover what it means to love God, love each other, and serve the world. Cadets follows the Wednesday Evening Discipleship schedule from 6:45-8:15 pm in the Workshop.

GEMS — Girls' Club

GEMS is for girls in 2nd through 5th grade. The evening is spent in Bible study, badge work, service projects, and other group activities. Each grade level is led by mentors with a passion to share Christ's love with the girls. This year, through the theme "Be A Blessing", the GEMS will examine II Corinthians 9:8, learning about who we are and how we live in Christ. GEMS follows the Wednesday Evening Discipleship schedule from 6:45-8:15 pm in the Courtyard.



SonShine Worship

SonShine Worship is a summer worship program for children age 4 through 1st grade. During this time, children have the opportunity to hear a Bible story and discuss a theme from the story that they can apply to their daily lives. After songs and a story, the children participate in an activity to help them focus on the theme, then enjoy less structured activity time together.



Little Lambs

Infants through school age children are invited to join Little Lambs on Friday mornings. While mothers meet downstairs for SIS, Sisters In Spirit Bible Study, Little Lambs enjoy singing, playing, and an interactive Bible story lesson in the Nursery. The schedule for Little Lambs follows that of the Friday morning SIS group, which meets from 9:45-11:00 am.



Worship Ministries



We gather each Sunday to worship God and grow in greater intimacy with him. Through relevant preaching, praise and worship, prayer, and sacraments, we hope you are encouraged to grow in your relationship with God and be inspired to love others and serve

the world.

Praise Team

Praise teams lead us in energetic worship that draws us into the presence of God. Those of all ages who desire to sing or play an instrument are encouraged to participate. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings.

Choir

The Choir is a group of all ages that leads the congregation in worship through prepared anthems and congregational singing. The Choir will lead at the Candlelight service (December 23, 2018 at 5:30 pm) and Maundy Thursday (April 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm).



Sacred Dance

Dancers lead by bringing to life different worship songs. Experience is not necessary, just a passion for dancing.

Technology

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

Get Involved

There are many other ways to be involved, such as being part of the Worship Planning Team, assisting with visual arts, leading Children's Messages, reading Scripture, and praying.

For more information about Worship Ministries, contact Katie Yankee at 616-669-5180 or katiey@georgetowncrc.org

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.

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 on Georgetown's campus
- Unload the truck at 5:30 pm and distribution begins at 6:30 pm
- Key Contact: Diane Koning (616-669-6643)

Clothesline and Footprints

In partnership with area ministries, Georgetown provides clothing and shoes to families in need. Volunteers are needed to host appointments and organize our inventory. Donations of lightly used clothing, coats, and shoes are appreciated.

- Located in Micah's House (home just South of the 40th St entrance)
- Key Contact: Cherie Broekhuizen (616-209-2154)

Food Pantry



In partnership with area ministries, 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 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.

- Located in Micah's House (home just South of the 40th St entrance)
- Key Contact: Joy VandenBout (616-669-0092)

Habitat for Humanity

This year, Georgetown, along with other churches in Classis Georgetown, is sponsoring a home being built for the Swierenga family. This project is being done through Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity and will give many an opportunity to swing a hammer, cut a board, or work on various other projects.

Missionaries and Ministries

Georgetown has a global presence through our support for missionaries and ministries in Guatemala, Haiti, India, Uganda, Uruguay, and West Africa.

Guatemala Mission Trips

Each year Georgetown sends adults and teens to serve in Guatemala constructing homes and distributing food and clothing. This year's trip is scheduled for July 11-18, 2019; more detailed information about this trip will be made available in January.

- Key Contact: Eric DeYoung (616-218-7456)

Short-term Missions

Georgetown encourages its members to participate in short-term missions by providing scholarships and project funding.

Georgetown Christian Preschool & Learning Center

Georgetown Christian Preschool and Child Care serves families in the neighborhood by caring for infants through school age children. Georgetown



Christian Preschool and Learning Center provides a caring environment for children to develop and thrive while their parents are working in a variety of jobs throughout the community. The staff is directed by Deb Kennedy, who has been serving in this role for 22 years.

- Key Contact: Deb Kennedy (616-669-7300)

Fellowship and Care Ministries

LEO's Diner

On most Wednesday nights September through March, Georgetown comes together for a family style meal from 6:10–6:40 pm before separating to attend programs and classes for all ages. Bring your appetite and your willingness to engage new friends in good conversation! Donations are accepted to offset expenses but are not required.

- Key Contacts: Jeanne Kallemeyn (616-669-2125)
Joann Gelder (616-836-0753)

Hospitality

A concerted effort is made to welcome and provide assistance to members and guests on Sundays before and after our services and special events. Ushers, greeters, and valet parking volunteers are all available to help. Information is provided at the Welcome Center in the Gathering Area. Refreshments are served after every morning service.

- Key Contact: Marc Nelesen (616-669-2085)

Young Adult

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) team is committed to providing care and connecting with young adults who have been out of high school seven years or fewer. The YAM team delivers care packages, responds to care needs, conducts a wedding gift ministry, and advocates for young adults in the life of the church.

- Key Contact: Eric DeYoung (616-218-4567)

Small Groups

Approximately two-thirds of Georgetown's active, adult membership is involved in a small group. Each group decides on the frequency of their meetings and the content of their study. Our small groups generally meet for study, service, support, or socially. This year, our church theme is: Go and Do Likewise. For groups wishing to dig deeper into this theme, we have four different resources that align with the topic of actively loving others and being a good neighbor. See Pastor Marc for details.

- Key Contact: Marc Nelesen (616-669-2085)

AAA

AAA is a senior ministry for adults that are grown up but young at heart. At times studying, always fellowshiping, often eating, participants enjoy frequent activities and excursions.

- Key Contacts: Arlan Gulker (616-379-5338)
Jay Koets (616-669-5216)

Friendship Ministry

For over twenty years, Georgetown's Friendship Ministry has been building relationships and nurturing friendships with individuals with disabilities from Georgetown and other churches in West Michigan. Monthly meetings consist of meals and activities that have included bowling, White Cap's games, Unity football games, movie nights, and the cherished "Christmas Party / Talent Show." Leaders and members are truly blessed!

- Key Contacts: Brett and Greta Huizenga (616-822-1081)

SNBC – *Singles Not By Choice*

All marriages come to an end; some end with the death of a partner, some end with separation and divorce. Some people choose not to be married, some long to be. We recognize that a lot of church ministry, programming, and church culture tends to be geared toward couples. This is a group by and for women who find themselves supporting and encouraging one another along the way. In many cases, participants are *in transition* having been in a long-term relationship or who are in the process of leaving one. In some cases, those who are single by choice find themselves having something to receive as well as offer the group. Newcomers are welcome; seasoned veterans who have "been there" are welcome too.

- Key contacts: Sheryl Baas (616-318-5752)
Pastor Marc (616-669-2085)

Shepherding Care

Elders, deacons, and care providers provide encouragement, support, and care in a wide variety of ways to members of all ages.

- Key Contact: Marc Nelesen (616-669-2085)

Volunteer Service Ministry – *partnering peoples’ gifts with congregational and community needs.*

Our Volunteer Service Ministry (VSM) is a short-term, helping ministry of the Georgetown Church deaconate. This ministry links people’s practical, hands-on, household and repair needs with other people of our congregation who are willing to use and share their gifts. To date, more than 60 Georgetown members are in our database of people-resources for addressing congregational and community needs. A detailed brochure for this ministry can be found at the Welcome Center or in the church office.

- Key contacts to volunteer or to receive assistance:

John Arends (616-291-1811)

Church office (616-669-5180)

Lori Brower, Deacon Chair (616-550-7323)

Pine Rest Church Assistance Program

Georgetown has a contracted relationship with Pine Rest Christian Services that enables all members of Georgetown to have three free visits *per issue*, per year. (i.e. relationship issues, substance abuse issues, and anxiety *each* qualify for three free visits). These visits are anonymous and confidential. Georgetown receives a quarterly report of the number of members who utilize these services, but names are not associated with the data. More detailed information is available at the church office and the Welcome Center.

- To make an appointment: (616-281-6305)
- Crisis Call: (1-800-678-5500) 24 hours a day

Severe Weather Policy

1. If a tornado warning or watch is in effect one hour before a regularly scheduled worship service or a weekday meeting, the worship service or meeting is canceled. Cancellations will be announced on television station WOTV 8.
2. If a tornado warning arises during a worship service or weekday meeting, the service or meeting will be immediately ended and people will be given the option of returning to their homes or taking refuge in the lower level of the church.
3. All week-day youth meetings are canceled if school has been canceled that day due to severe weather.

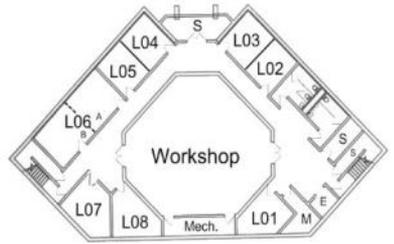


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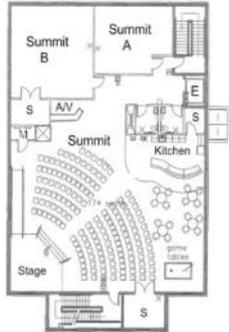
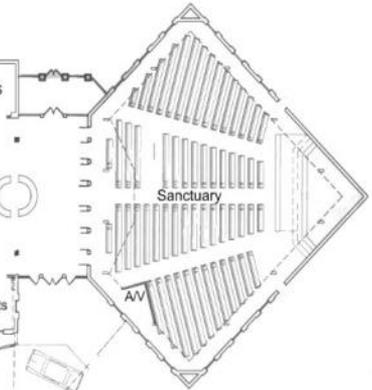
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