



Georgetown Church

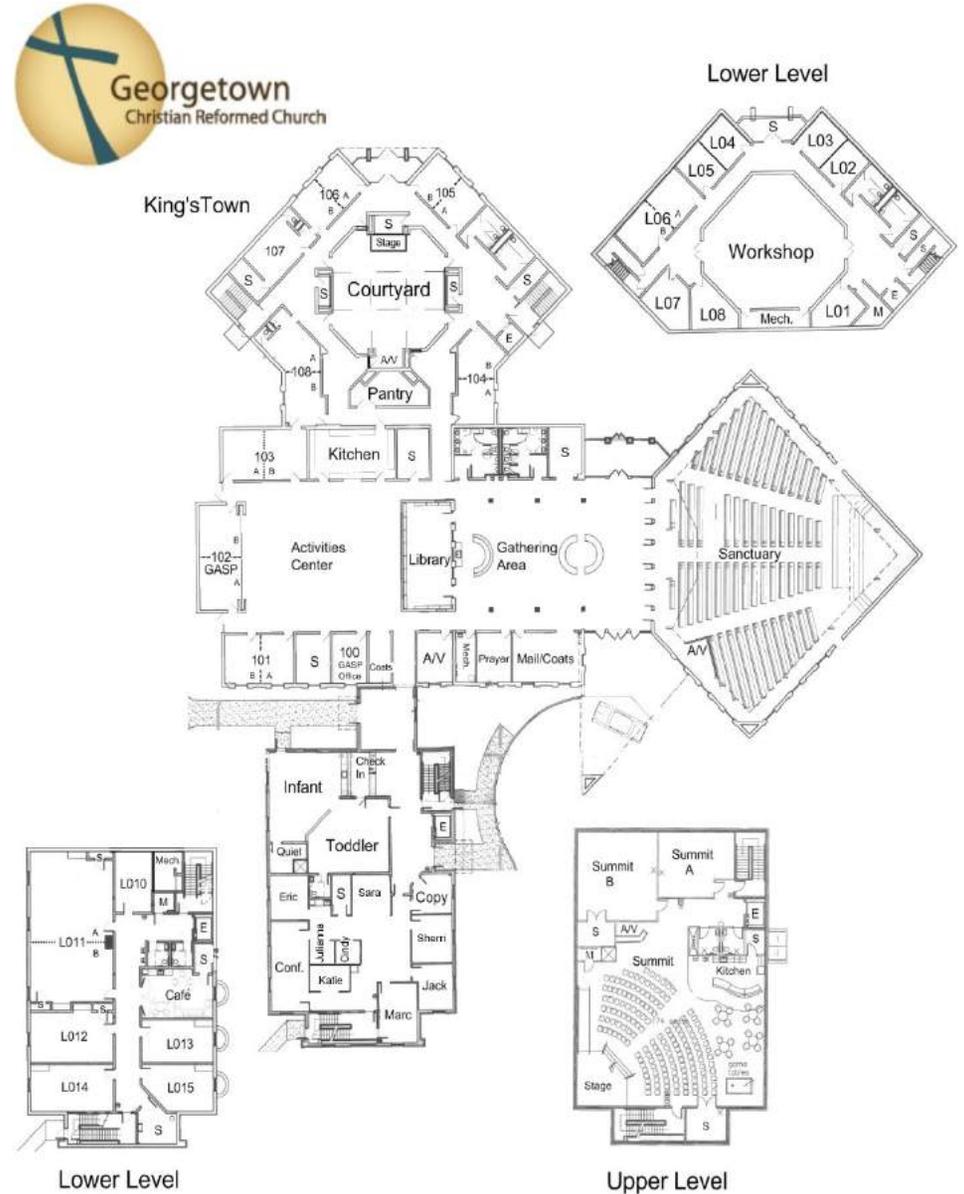
MINISTRY GUIDE 2019 - 2020

2019-2020 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

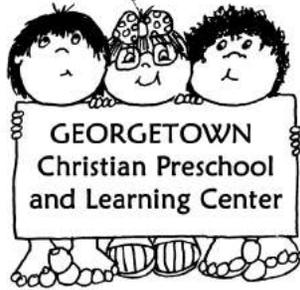
<u>2019</u>	<u>Sundays</u>	<u>Wednesdays</u>
September	1 (no programs) 8 15 22 29	4 (no programs) 11 18 25
October	6 13 20 27 (no programs)	2 9 16 23 (no programs) 30
November	3 10 17 24	6 13 20 27 (church skating party)
December	1 (no programs) 8 15 (no programs) 22 (no programs) 29 (no programs)	4 11 18 (no programs) 25 (no programs)
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January	5 12 19 26	1 (no programs) 8 15 22 29
February	2 9 16 23	5 12 19 26 (Pinewood Derby)
March	1 8 15 22 29	4 11 18 25



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. Programs include Preschool, a Learning Center, Before and After School Care, and Summer Care. The staff is directed by Deb Kennedy, who has been serving in this role for 23 years.

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



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

Prayer team members are available to pray with you or for you after the morning service in the Prayer Room off the Gathering Area.

Sunday Morning Prayer

A committed group of people with a heart for prayer meet regularly to pray every Sunday morning at 8:30 am 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): Twelve Women of the Bible

This Bible study focuses on a group of amazing women in the Bible. Their stories are not fairytales, their road was not easy, and their examples are not perfect. They lived in times and places quite different than ours. Yet they teach us lessons that are deeply practical, holding up a mirror to our lives and souls that will help you better understand your own story. 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 and 7:00 pm, and Fridays at 9:45 am. First classes begin Friday, September 13 and the week following.
- 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: Keeping Faith with God's Gifts

Let's face it, we like our stuff. We're not unlike many other Americans who tend to view themselves by what they own – their homes, cottages, cars, or retirement plans. We worked hard for these things we say. But the Bible asserts everything we have and everything around us belongs to God. It tells us we're managers of his belongings. What does this mean for us? Join us as we think together about what it means for us to be good stewards of this earth and everything God has entrusted to our care. Men's Life is an informal, conversation-oriented opportunity for spiritual reflection and encouragement.

- 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)

Small Groups:

Approximately two-thirds of Georgetown's adults are involved in a small group. Each group decides on the frequency of their meetings, the content of their study, and nature of their gatherings. If you would like to participate, contact Pastor Marc.

- 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)
Ryan Kooiman, Deacon Chair (616-947-2266)

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.

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)

Post Married and Singles

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)

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: A Study of Mark's Gospel

Mark's gospel is the most succinct, vivid account of Jesus' life and ministry. In this continuing study led by Ron Blouw, we will explore the text beginning with chapter 8 and allow it to explore us as we think together what it means to follow Jesus.

- Meets on Wednesdays beginning October 2
- 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 found nowhere else. His gospel highlights the role of women, the poor, and the marginalized as being key players in the work of the Spirit. Join us as Pastor Marc leads this continuing exploration of the gospel of Luke beginning with chapter 7. All ages are welcome.

- Meets every other Monday beginning September 30
- 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)

Ladies Christian Fellowship: The Greatest Stories Ever Told

We all have days when little problems seem to pile up, when we feel overwhelmed by fears and challenging circumstances, when doubts begin to overwhelm our beliefs. The Psalms contain a collection of authentic, sometimes joyful, sometimes pain-filled cries of the heart. Join us as we reflect together on some of the most beloved psalms that have provided perspective, encouragement, and confidence to so many over the years.

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

Fall Speaker Series:

Classis Georgetown is once again sponsoring a Fall Speaker Series at Georgetown Church. Speakers have been asked to choose presentations that are topics that they care deeply about or are a significant part of their life or calling.

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

September 11

Bob and Laura Keeley: Educators and Authors

Dear Parent: A Guide to Family Faith Formation

September 18

Joe Jones: President and CEO of Grand Rapids Urban League

Topic Pending

September 25

Cindy Holtrop: Pastor of Ridgewood CRC

A Personal Journey Through Depression; Caring for Yourself and Others

October 2

Dr. Daniel Rooks: Holland Psychotherapist

Topic Pending

October 9

Tom Kragt: Recovery Pastor of Evergreen Ministries

The Impact of Addiction on Families and Relationships

October 16

Cindy Holtrop: Pastor of Ridgewood CRC

Wrestling with God

October 30

Jeff Scripps: Pastor of Forest Grove CRC

Crusaders and Reformers: What do These Movements Have to do with Each Other? What Effect do They Together Have on Christians Today?

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:

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

Spark Program

This year, Georgetown is partnering with the Spark after-school program to support students in the community. This is an after-school mentorship program that takes place in area public schools with the intent to help students grow character, develop leadership skills, and to build community. The program runs throughout the school year from 3:30-5:00 pm Monday through Thursday each week. In addition to sending mentors to the schools, Georgetown is also involved with the Spark Random Act of Kindness program, which blesses students in the schools through Break Boxes, Hygiene Baskets, and in other ways.

- Key Contact: Julianna Kempema (616-669-5180)

Missionaries and Ministries

Georgetown has a global presence through our support for missionaries and ministries in Bangladesh, Guatemala, 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 9-16, 2020; 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.

For more information about Outreach Ministries, contact Julianna Kempema at 616-669-5180 or juliannak@georgetowncrc.org

November 6

Neal Plantinga: Author and former President of Calvin Seminary
Supplying the Front Lines: A Veteran Seminary Teacher Explains How to Help Preachers

November 13

Len Kuyvenhoven: Pastor of Ridgewood CRC
Support Issues for Families with Children with Special Needs

November 20

JP Sundararajan: RCA Director of Global Mission
The Prodigal Son; the Bollywood Version

November 27

Off for Thanksgiving Break

December 4

Gerry Koning: Pastor of Trinity CRC in Jenison
Little Mussel Big Muscle; How God Cares for His Creation

December 11

Marc Nelesen: Pastor of Georgetown CRC
Adoption: Inside and Out

- 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 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 before Cross Training begins.

Turning Point

Turning Point is Georgetown's Middle School youth group. 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.



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 –12:00 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)

Forgotten Man Ministries

Georgetown is partnering with Forgotten Man Ministries, a prison ministry with the Ottawa County Jail. Some ways to get involved include a postcard ministry to write notes of encouragement to the inmates, working with the library ministry at the jail, ministering to the men and women in the jail, among other opportunities.

- Key Contact: Julianna Kempema (616-669-5180)

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 22, 2019 at 5:30 pm) and Maundy Thursday (April 9, 2020 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

High School Ministries

High School Cross Training

Cross Training is an 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 before Cross Training begins.

Georgetown Youth Group

Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for Youth Group. Youth Group features a mix of activities and meets Sunday evenings. Connect with Eric for the 2019-2020 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.

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 for infants through three years of age 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.

Children's Worship

Children who are three years of age through Pre-Kindergarten are welcome in Children's Worship. This program runs from September through May during morning worship. The children have an age appropriate Bible story with an activity. Children's Worship uses Hands On Bible Curriculum.

SonShine Worship

SonShine Worship is a summer worship program for children age 3 through 1st grade and takes place during morning worship. 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.

Kingdom Kids

Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade meet on Sunday mornings from 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.

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 "Loved", the GEMS will examine I John 3:1, learning that God tells us our true self is not found in who we are, but in who He is! GEMS follows the Wednesday Evening Discipleship schedule from 6:45-8:15 pm in the Courtyard.

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.

For more information about any Children's Ministries, contact Cindy DeVries at 616-669-5180 or cindyd@georgetowncrc.org