

“As a child of God you are never alone! Your Shepherd is with you at all times. You never have to call Him into your situation. You never have to wonder where He is. You never have to fear that if things become too difficult, He will abandon you. He goes before you; He walks beside you; He comes behind you. He protects you securely...He comforts you with His strong presence in times of sorrow and grief. He leads you through the valley of the shadow of death. He does not necessarily lead you around the valley as you might wish. There are times when your Shepherd knows that the only way to get you where He wants to take you is to lead you down the path that passes through the dark valley. Yet, at those times He walks closely with you, reassuring you throughout the journey that He still loves you and is with you. It is during those times that you experience His love and compassion in a deeper dimension than you ever have before.”  
 ~ Henry & Richard Blackaby

## Opportunities to Serve at Prosper

<p><b>Security Today</b>  <b>March 14</b>  <b>March 21</b></p>	<p>John Baas          Mark Shaarda</p>	<p><b>Nursery Today</b>  <b>Infant</b></p>	<p>Jaime Haskin          Pam LaFrance          Audrey DeRuiter</p>
<p><b>Sound Today</b>  <b>March 14</b>  <b>March 21</b></p>	<p>Kyle VanHaitsma          Eric Baas          Gary Gandolfi</p>	<p><b>Toddler</b></p>	<p>Chris Dick          Cameron Baas          Katelyn DeZeeuw</p>
<p><b>Power Point Today</b>  <b>March 14</b>  <b>March 21</b></p>	<p>Ellie DeRuiter          Allan Lucas          Jolene Sullivan</p>	<p><b>March 14 Infant</b></p>	<p>Amy DeZeeuw          Holly Hamilton          Claire Sullivan</p>
<p><b>Camera Today</b>  <b>March 14</b>  <b>March 21</b></p>	<p>Emily DeRuiter          Cameron Baas          Joseph Gandolfi</p>	<p><b>Toddler</b></p>	<p>Kelly Koetje          Joseph Gandolfi          Nathan Koetje</p>
<p><b>Sunday School Elder Today</b>  <b>March 14</b>  <b>March 21</b></p>	<p>Mike Yount          Dave Ebels          John Baas</p>	<p><b>Evening</b></p>	<p>Denise Rozema          Lily Sullivan</p>
		<p><b>March 21 Infant</b></p>	<p>Kenda Rivera          Erin J. Koetje          Allison Gladu</p>
		<p><b>Toddler</b></p>	<p>Chris Bode          Adrian VanHaitsma          Brennon Koetje</p>
		<p><b>Evening</b></p>	<p>Shelly DeKam          Katelyn DeZeeuw</p>

If you are not able to serve, please find an appropriate replacement and let the office know of any changes.

*It takes a lot of volunteers to run God's ministry.*



## Welcome to Worship at Prosper Christian Reformed Church

We believe that the Holy Spirit sent by the Father is here today, blessing, encouraging, teaching and empowering us to be the Christ followers we ought to be. Begin your worship with a silent prayer.

Today is the third Sunday in Lent; a season where we remember the events leading up to Easter.

This morning from Mark 15: 21-32 we will consider what place the cross has in the lives of those around Jesus when he was crucified, and ask what place that same cross has in our lives today.



This evening at 6pm, Pastor Todd Kuperus will lead our service. Our message comes from Romans 4 and Lord's Day 7, "Grafted In By True Faith." Pastor Dirk is at Lucas CRC with a pulpit exchange.



### Prayers of Prosper

- ◆ Please continue to pray boldly for Prosper Church! Pray for Pastor Dirk as he leads this congregation. Pray for Council as they meet on Monday.
  - ◆ Pray for Sunday School, Catechism, HS Youth Group, JAM, Cadets, GEMS. Pray that our children will grow mightily in the Lord. Pray for God's grace and peace as they go through the many challenges they are facing.
  - ◆ Pray for the Food Distribution that will take place on Thursday.
  - ◆ Pray for Care Groups and Bible Study groups as they gather together to study God's Word and to support and pray for each other during the good and hard times.
  - ◆ Remember our members who find it difficult to worship with us: Eleanor Ebels, Millie Jenema, Ruth Brinks, Cynthia Bazuin and Judy Steensma.
  - ◆ We thank God for our young families and praise him for the gift of life. Pray for our expectant mothers: Brittany Laughlin and Audrey Cnossen.
  - ◆ Continue to pray for our country!
- Pray for healing and comfort ...
- ◆ for those who deal with chronic pain and illnesses on a daily basis.

*"The prayer of the righteous is POWERFUL & EFFECTIVE"*  
 ~James 5:16

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# Birthdays & Anniversaries

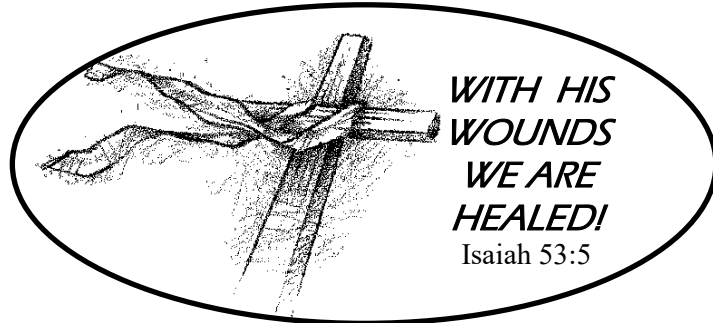
## Happy Birthday to:

Today  
Monday  
Tuesday  
Friday

Jessie Shillings  
Chris Dick  
Lilah Gladu  
Ellen Rozema  
Ryder Williams

## Happy Anniversary to:

Today:  
Jerry & Bev DeRuitter  
Friday:  
Dave & Diane DeZeeuw



**WITH HIS  
WOUNDS  
WE ARE  
HEALED!**  
Isaiah 53:5

## Special Thanks

Thank you so much to all those who helped out with Mark's memorial service—Amy DeZeeuw for singing, Karen Clossen and Karlene Dick for playing the piano, Pastor Dirk for visiting Mark and for your part in the service, the ladies for making cookies and for those who set up and cleaned up. Thank you Prosper Church for having us and doing a good job with it all. You are appreciated!  
~Kim Berkompas

## Small Groups at Prosper

Ladies Afternoon Bible Study – Wed, March 3, 1:30pm at Church. Please study lesson 10, “Patience in Suffering.”

“Connect” Care Group— TODAY, March 7, 7pm at Gary & Megan’s home.



**\*\*Are you interested in joining a Women’s Sunday School Hour Bible study on the book of James beginning after Easter through the end of the Sunday school year? If you are interested or if you have questions, please contact Lynnae Dick at 517-719-0470.**



Starting NEXT Sunday, we will once again have an evening nursery!! Please check the schedule on the back of the bulletin to see if you are scheduled. If you are not on the PM nursery list and would like to volunteer, please let Marjon know—anyone, 5th grade and older!!



## OUR CHURCH SCHEDULE

March 7-20, 2021



### SUNDAY

**9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**10:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL/CATECHISM**  
**6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP**  
**7:00 PM HS Youth -at the BARN**  
**7:00 PM “CONNECT”-at Gary & Megan’s**

### MONDAY

**7:00 PM COUNCIL MEETING**

### WEDNESDAY

**1:30 PM PACKAGE FOOD BAGS FOR DISTRIBUTION**  
**6:00 PM GEMS -at Church**

### THURSDAY

**4:00 PM FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

If you would like to help unload the trailer and bag pantry items, please join us on Wed at 1:30pm.

## February 2021 report



Total monthly budget:	\$38,325.25
Actual collected:	\$37,232.60 (97.1%)
YTD budget:	\$76,650.50
Actual collected:	\$82,447.58 (107.6%)

### Christian Education Fund report:

**Total CEF due for 2020/2021 \$34,262.90**  
(due 5/31/21)  
**Paid YTD: \$9,898.57 (28.9%)**  
**Balance Due: \$24,364.33**



◇ Worship Committee-  
Tues, March 16, 7pm.  
◇ Elders Meeting -  
Tues, March 23, 7pm.  
◇ Deacons Meeting -  
Thurs, March 25, 7pm.  
◇ Maundy Thursday Service-April 1.  
◇ Secret Church 21- “The Great Imbalance” -April 23- more information in the bulletin insert.