

Remember the Sabbath

Matthew 11:27-12:14



DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on May 16:

Received for General Ministries:	\$5,797.39
Avg. weekly collection should be:	\$6,445.00
Received for Christian Education:	\$226.56
Avg. weekly collection should be:	\$629.20

Community Offering:

ReFrame Ministries \$74.02

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: ICCF (Inner City Christian Federation) assists more than 2,200 low-to-moderate income families each year. They are a nonprofit housing corporation, whose leadership is motivated by, and programs shaped by, its belief that all people deserve safe, clean, affordable housing. God has called them to seek justice in their community in response to the saving love of Jesus Christ, that others may see His love in action.

May 30: CRCNA – Worship Ministries

June 6: Rehoboth Christian Schools – Ippels

June 13: Love INC

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 24

9am Food Pantry

Tuesday, May 25

9:15am Tuesday Small group

6:30pm Life Skills

7pm Full Council

Thursday, May 27

7pm Women's Bible Study (online)

Sunday, May 30

10am Worship

COMING UP

LIFE SKILLS, June 1

OUTDOOR WORSHIP, June 6

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Sherry DeVries (Custodian)

Liz Boerman (Admin Assistant)

TODAY: The fourth commandment is about more than just a day for church; it is about a pattern of sabbath rest which sets our hearts upon God in all our days.

NEXT WEEK: The third commandment is about more than blasphemy; it is a commitment to always seek the one true God as he reveals himself in scripture.

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Welcome!
We are glad you are here!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in our service

Also available during worship

- Nursery for infants & toddlers (*currently unstaffed)
- "Busy Boxes" with kid's bulletin & activities
- Puzzle & sermon notes written by Pastor Tom for students Grades 3 & up (found by weekly bulletins)

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS are available at the sound booth

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

God's Will For Our Lives

Children's Message *(Jayme Morren)*

Children age 3yrs - 5th grade are invited to come forward and choose a hoop to sit in as they hear a special message.

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Matthew 11:27-12:14*

²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." **12** At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. ² When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath." ³ He answered, "Haven't you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴ He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests. ⁵ Or haven't you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent? ⁶ I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. ⁷ If you had known what these words mean, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent. ⁸ For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." ⁹ Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, ¹⁰ and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to bring charges against Jesus, they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" ¹¹ He said to them, "If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? ¹² How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." ¹³ Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other. ¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.

Message "Invitation to Live [remember the sabbath]"

*Lord I Need You
Way Maker
Great Things*

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY:

9:30am Worship
10:30am Church School
5:30pm Middle School Youth Group
6:30pm High School Youth Group

CHURCH LIFE

IN APPRECIATION

Thanks to those who participated in youth ministry this past year. To those who provided leadership as GEMS/Cadet leaders - **Jayme Morren, Lauren Hageman** and **Mary Bouma**. To those who provided leadership as Children's Worship and Church School teachers - **Sara Meengs, Linda Westra, Jayme Morren, Sarah Lenhart, Kara Kerkstra, Tom Bouma, John Kramer, Pastor Tom VanderPloeg** and **Nancy VanDenBerg**. To those who served as hall monitors – **Jack Bosscher, Rick Funk, Jack Emelander, Myrna Koning, Ellie Postma, Russ Ballinger, Don Winkle, Jon Meengs** and **Mark Offringa**. We appreciate your partnership in sharing Christ's love. THANK YOU!

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

Beginning next Sunday, May 30, Fellowship Church will be moving our Sunday worship time to **10:00am** for the summer.

COVID UPDATES

With recent changes in CDC guidance, Fellowship Church has updated its COVID and mask policies. Please see our website (www.fellowshipccr.com) for more details.

COFFEE

Coffee will be available after the service outdoors in the patio area (weather permitting).

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We are pleased to announce the resumption of Sunday morning Adult Bible Study on June 6. We will be studying the letters of Peter to the early church. Class will begin at 11:15 and will adjourn at noon sharp. Please feel free to join us. If you would like more information, contact Mike Philo lmphilo@aol.com or Dave Cook dcook@calvin.edu. The class will be limited to 25 people in compliance with church guidelines.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Outdoor worship returns this summer. Beginning in June, we will meet outdoors for worship on the first and third Sundays of the month (June 6 and June 20). Bring your own lawn chair, sunscreen, hat as we gather near the circle drive.

In the case of uncooperative weather, we will make a decision by 8am on whether to move worship inside and will send out an email blast to all church members and post it on our website and social media.

SUMMER TAILGATE PICNIC

Pack your own picnic and stay for lunch outdoors following our outdoor worship services on June 6 and June 20.

PRAYER FOCUS

Community Outreach:

- For ICCF as they follow God's call to seek justice in their community in response to the saving love of Jesus Christ, that others may see His love in action.

Continuing Needs:

- Remember in prayer those who are not able to worship with us on Sundays and have restrictions on visitors: **Gloria DeWitte, Lois Oom, and Rachel Tjoelker**.
- Remember in your prayers those who have ongoing health needs and concerns: **Rick Carter, Jean Cisler, Valerie Fleming, Len Koetje, Arv & Pearl Tap, Mary Visser, Tom & Donna Westra**.

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

BLOOD DRIVE

We had a great blood drive on Wednesday, May 12. Here are the details - Goal: **24**
Number of Donors: **30**
Successful Donations: **26** whole blood, **3** double red = **32!**
Lives saved in our community: **84!!**
Save the date – September 8, for our next blood drive.

LIFESKILLS

Praise God we are back in-person on Tuesday evenings. We had three families start the Life Skills Budget class taught by **Brad Byl**. **Sandy Campo** is providing supervision for one MS student. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry through prayer and financial donations. God is at work! If you would like to know more talk to **Laura VanderPloeg**.

LOVE INC FOOD PANTRY

We are open on Mondays from 9am-3pm. Thanks for your ongoing support of donations.

Did you know that we can earn money for the food pantry by collecting Family Fare receipts? Drop yours in the slot at the Welcome Desk!