

How to Profess Our Faith

Acts 4:8-20



4⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! 9 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, 10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. 11 Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.”

12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. 14 But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. 15 So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. 16 “What are we going to do with these men?” they asked. “Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. 17 But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.”

18 Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! 20 As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

TODAY: Faith is a gift given by God and received in our hearts; in worship we give an expression of our faith by professing what we believe together.

NEXT WEEK: Sometimes we struggle to figure out God’s will for our lives; the Bible gives us a few key principles to help whenever we wrestle with discerning the will of God.

DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on July 11:

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

Community Offering:

Desert Streams/David & Sara Lont \$

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Access of West Michigan - The mission of **Access** is to connect the faith-based community to issues of justice and stewardship within their benevolence outreach by providing casework services at no cost. The shared goal is that a relationship can be built between congregations and their neighbors.

July 25: Raise Up Global Ministries

August 1: Resonate – Jesse & Jari Rodriguez

August 8: Women At Risk

August 15: Harbor House

THIS WEEK

Monday, July 19

9am Food Pantry

Tuesday, July 20

9:15am Tuesday Small Group

6:15pm Life Skills

Sunday, July 25

10am Worship

11:15am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

ELDERS/DEACONS, July 27

ADMIN, August 10

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

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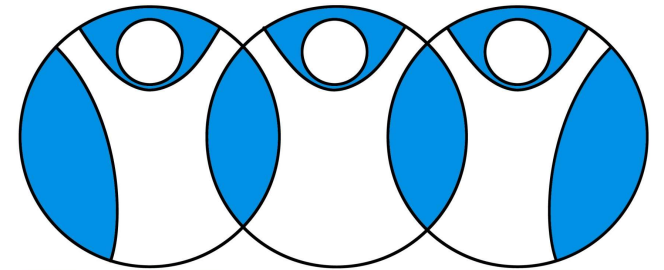
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Christian Reformed Church

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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 Bags” 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

How Great Thou Art
Jesus Messiah
Living Hope

We Profess Our Faith Together

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Scripture Acts 4:8-20

Message "How To Profess Our Faith"

In Christ Alone

God's Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We have been studying the letters of Peter to the early church. Class begins following worship and ends at noon. Please feel free to join us. If you would like more information, contact **Mike Philo** (lmp hilo@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook@calvin.edu).

SUMMER TAILGATING

Join us after worship this morning as we tailgate for lunch! Contact **Pam Kortman** with questions.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to **Lois** and **Len Koetje** who will celebrate their **70th** wedding anniversary on July 20! We give thanks for their lives and their marriage. May they continue to know God's faithful presence with them.

CAKE

Join us after worship this morning for cake and coffee to celebrate and honor the anniversary of **Len & Lois Koetje**.

USHERS NEEDED

Are you willing to spend about 20 minutes on a Sunday morning to help welcome people into worship, provide them with a bulletin, and help them find their seats? The Worship Committee is hoping to start scheduling ushers again for indoor services. All interested volunteers, please reach out to **Shelly Funk** (funk_softball@yahoo.com).

THE FRUIT OF FELLOWSHIP

Some might remember a church paper published monthly many moons ago called "The Fruit of Fellowship". Could it return? Depends on your willingness to be involved. Call **Terry VanHaitsma** at 616.901.2944 with questions.

CORN STAND

Eli & Noah Baldwin are grandsons of Joe Kwiatkowski, owner of Kwiatkowski farms. The boys work during the summer to grow local Michigan sweet corn. Their goal is to sell it locally as their way to make money while off from school over the summer. But they also want to give a portion of their harvest to area food pantries. We are excited to partner with them this year. They have a 2-week permit through the City of Grandville to sell fresh sweet corn in our parking lot. Part of their crop will go to support area Life Skills programs through Love INC. The projected start date is July 23rd (dependent on crop harvest), ending on August 7. Stay tuned for more details on operating hours. Stop by and purchase your fresh corn from their stand!

PRAYER FOCUS

Recent Updates:

- **Steve Westra** had back surgery this week. We give thanks for a successful surgery and pray for a good recovery.

Outreach:

- **Access of West Michigan** as they work to connect the faith-based community to issues of justice and stewardship within their benevolence outreach.

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, Tom & Donna Westra, and Steve Westra**.
- **Mike Campo** fell and fractured a few ribs. We pray for continued healing.
- **Randy Kraker** as he continues to heal from shoulder surgery.

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

LIFESKILLS

Grandville Tuesday evening Life Skills needs childcare volunteers from 6:30-8:30pm on August 10,17,24, & 31. Let **Laura VanderPloeg** know if you are available and willing to help.

LOVE INC FOOD PANTRY

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

Current food needs are: *Tuna Helper, taco shells, taco sauce, pancake syrup, juice, dish soap and deodorant (women's)*.

Keep bringing your Family Fare receipts (slot in Welcome Desk). We are getting close to our goal!

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We are partnering with Love INC and Central Elementary School in Grandville to provide a backpack filled with teacher requested supplies for **29 children**. The children receiving the backpacks are from families that our BackPack Buddies program had supported this past school year. There is an online sign up of needed items at bit.ly/fcrschool. Because these are *specific requests from the teachers, please be mindful of brand, color, size etc. for several items*. We will be collecting the supplies through **August 3**. Your gifts can be brought to church during church office hours (Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9am-12pm) or to church on Sundays. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, there is a slot for that option also. One of the M&CC team will shop for you. Make checks payable to FCRC and note "SCHOOL SUPPLIES" on the outside of your envelope. Thanks! ~ the Missions and Community Connections Team.