

How to Listen to a Sermon

Ecclesiastes 1:1-10



DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on August 22:

Received for General Ministries: \$2,874.99
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00
Received for Christian Education: \$363.56
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

Community Offering:

Backpack Buddies \$248.00
Harbor House Ministries \$120.51

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Tent Schools comes alongside Christian leaders in refugee camps and other transitional areas to establish educational opportunity for children fleeing war, persecution and natural disaster. Tent schools and other portable resources are efficient, effective ways to deliver education to displaced children, equipping them with the skills they need for life outside the camps.

September 5: Mission French Africa - Mpindi

September 12: Kid's Food Basket

September 19: Safe Church Ministries

September 26: Family Network of Wyoming

THIS WEEK

Monday, Aug 30

9am Food Pantry
7pm Worship Committee

Sunday, Sept 5

10am Worship

Tuesday, Aug 31

9:15am Tuesday Small Group
6:15pm Life Skills

COMING UP

BLOOD DRIVE, September 8

KICK OFF SUNDAY, Sept 12

ADMIN BOARD, Sept 14

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Sherri DeVries (Custodian)

Liz Boerman (Admin Assistant)

TODAY: Ever since the Protestant Reformation, preaching the gospel has been the central ingredient of the worship service; but what is the point of listening to a sermon every week in church?

NEXT WEEK: Every Sunday service includes an opportunity to give an offering; the weekly offering is not only a way of supporting the ministry of the church, it is also an act of worship.

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August 29, 2021

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 Is Our God
Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee*

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Ecclesiastes 1:1-10*

¹ *The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:*

² *“Meaningless! Meaningless!”
says the Teacher.*

*“Utterly meaningless!
Everything is meaningless.”*

³ *What do people gain from all their labors
at which they toil under the sun?*

⁴ *Generations come and generations go,
but the earth remains forever.*

⁵ *The sun rises and the sun sets,
and hurries back to where it rises.*

⁶ *The wind blows to the south
and turns to the north;*

*round and round it goes,
ever returning on its course.*

⁷ *All streams flow into the sea,
yet the sea is never full.*

*To the place the streams come from,
there they return again.*

⁸ *All things are wearisome,
more than one can say.*

*The eye never has enough of seeing,
nor the ear its fill of hearing.*

⁹ *What has been will be again,
what has been done will be done again;
there is nothing new under the sun.*

¹⁰ *Is there anything of which one can say,
“Look! This is something new”?*

*It was here already, long ago;
it was here before our time.*

Message “How To Listen to a Sermon”

*Speak O Lord
The Lord Our God*

God’s Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

Next Sunday, September 5, will be our final 10am worship time. On Sept 12, we will return to our usual worship time of 9:30am.

FALL MINISTRY KICK-OFF

Save the date! On Sunday September 12, we will kick-off our new ministry year.

- Meet your Church School teachers and youth group leaders (10:40-11am)
- Join us for lunch (11am) – we will serve subs, chips, fruit and a cookie. If weather permits, tables will be available both indoors and outdoors.
- Sign up online or on the Church Life bulletin board in the lobby to let us know that you are planning to attend.
- We also need 12-14 people willing to bake bars or cookies – sign up on the church life bulletin board to help with this.

Contact **Pam Kortman** with questions.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Class begins following worship and ends at noon. Please feel free to join us. For more information, contact **Mike Philo** (lphilos@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook@calvin.edu).

Please note, we will not meet on September 5 or 12 for study.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bob Eggerding - 9/1 (4760 Sheri Lynn Dr Wyoming MI 49519)

Bonnie Houtstra - 9/23 (4253 Redbush Dr Grandville MI 49418)

We give thanks for their lives and wish them God's continued blessings.

STAFFING UPDATE

The Personnel Committee is beginning the search for a part-time custodian as part of our Fellowship staff. Do you enjoy or know of someone who would enjoy a good working atmosphere, working in teams and by yourself, and flexible, part-time hours? Please contact with a member of the Personnel Committee (**Jim Kortman**, **Mike Philo**, or **Mary Wood-Agents**) if you are interested in doing Kingdom work by serving as the custodian for Fellowship Church.

THANK YOU

Lois (**Elaine Vlietstra’s** sister) is doing well and has the okay from her surgeon to go back to her apartment. We are so thankful for successful surgery and her good recovery. Thank you, Fellowship family, for your prayers, cards, words of encouragement, and visits. Thanks be to God! ~ Tom, Elaine and Lois

PRAYER FOCUS

Outreach:

- **Tent Schools International** as they continue their work in refugee camps to provide for educational needs to displaced children.

Continuing Needs:

- Remember in prayer those who journey with grief.
- 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: **Mike Campo**, **Rick Carter**, **Jean Cisler**, **Valerie Fleming**, **Marv Houtstra**, **Len Koetje**, **Randy Kraker**, **Arv Tap**, **Rog Visser**, **Steve Westra**, **Tom & Donna Westra**.

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

LOVE INC FOOD PANTRY

We are open on Mondays from 9am-3pm. Thanks for your ongoing support of donations. Current food needs include:

Cereal (no cheerios, please), snack crackers, pancake mix, condiments (ketchup, mustard, relish, mayo), canned chicken, Ranch dressing, apple sauce, salsa, bags of rice, pop tarts, baby food pouches, facial tissue, Tylenol, ibuprofen and fabric softener/dryer sheets.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive is scheduled for **September 8**, from 2-8pm. Our goal is to collect 24 pints which requires approximately 40 donors. To sign up online go to <https://bit.ly/fellowshipcsrcsept21>. Contact **Myrna Koning** with questions.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

School is back in session and we have 16 children who will return to Central Elementary. The school will identify new children and add them to the program if they will benefit from it.

Our pantry needs for October deliveries will be collected in September and include: *Chicken or Beef chunky Soup, Canned Pastas (Chef Boyardee, etc), Applesauce, and snacks (individual pretzels, popcorn, granola bars)*. Please place items in the wooden box in the lobby. Thank you to all who make this a success and for our team of volunteers who pack and deliver each week. **Sandy Campo** 616-889-3134

LIFE SKILLS

Life Skills continues to meet on Tuesday evenings for class here at Fellowship. We are in need of:

- Volunteers to prepare and serve dinner on September 14
- 2 Volunteers to serve in childcare
- We have a specific need for a *bi-lingual* volunteer as we have a few new participants for whom English is a second language. A translator would be an amazing provision!

Contact **Laura Vanderploeg** (tlvanderploeg@gmail.com) for information and to sign up.