Wholehearted [part 1]

Mark 12:28-34



TODAY: What if the greatest commandment to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength is less of a chore to check off our task list, and more of an invitation to be whole?

NEXT WEEK: We welcome pastor **Ron Fynewever** to bring the message from the gospel of John.

DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on Sept 26:

Received for General Ministries: \$11,346.30

Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00

Received for Christian Education: \$191.00

Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

Community Offering:

Family Network of Wyoming \$138.51

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Jack & Cindy Ippel volunteer at Rehoboth Christian School, a

Fellowship-supported mission in New Mexico. RCS was founded as a ministry to the Native American people of the Four Corners region. Today, RCS continues its ministry through education with multiculturalism as a backdrop. RCS is committed to building students up not only intellectually, but also spiritually and emotionally, helping them grow into mature Christians.

October 10: World Vision

October 17: CRC Disability Concerns
October 24: Roosevelt Park Ministries
October 31: Bible League International

THIS WEEK Thursday, Oct 7

Monday, Oct 4 7pm Women's Bible Study (online)

9am Food Pantry Sunday, Oct 10

Tuesday, Oct 5
9:30am Worship
10:30am Church School
9:15am Tuesday Small Group
11am Adult Bible Study

6pm Life Skills

5pm Middle School Youth Group
6pm High School Youth Group

COMING UP STAFF

ADMIN, Oct 12 Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Oct 14 Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)
Sherri DeVries (Custodian)
Lia Reserver (Admin Assistant)

Liz Boerman (Admin Assistant)

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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

The Reason Stronger

Sacrament of Communion

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Prayers of the People

Scripture Mark 12:28-34

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

³² "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

Message "Wholehearted [part 1]"

I Give You My Heart

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY:

9:30am Worship 10:30am Church School 11am Adult Bible Study

CHURCH LIFE

This morning we will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion together.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We have been studying the letters of Peter to the early church. Class begins at 11:00 and ends at 11:45. Please feel free to join us. If you would like more information, contact **Mike Philo** (lmphilo@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook@calvin.edu).

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school meets at 10:30am and ends at 11:15am.

- Age 4yrs 5th grade meets in room 5
- 6th-8th grade meets in room 8
- 9th-12th grade meets in room 6

FRUITS OF FELLOWSHIP

The next edition of the Fruits of Fellowship is available at the Welcome desk. Please let the office know if additional copies are needed.

PRAYER

Keep my anger from becoming meanness.

Keep my sorrow from collapsing into self-pity.

Keep my heart soft enough to keep breaking.

Keep my anger turned towards justice, not cruelty.

Remind me that all of this, every bit of it, is for love.

Keep me fiercely kind.

Amen. — Laura Jean Truman

(source: https://dojustice.crcna.org/article/justice-prayers-september-29-

2021)

PRAYER FOCUS

Missionaries:

 Jack & Cindy Ippel as they continue their volunteer work at Rehoboth Christian School. Continue to pray for the staff and students at RCS who have been personally affected by Covid.

Congregational Needs:

- We give thanks for those who serve on committees under the guidance of council to accomplish the many tasks to operate our church.
- That the person to be our custodian is chosen not by our selection but with God's help.

Continuing Needs:

- Pray for those who journey with grief following the recent death of a loved one. We remember the families of Ron Dykstra and Pearl Tap who passed away during this past year.
- Remember in prayer those who are not able to worship with us on Sundays: 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, 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. Our Church Pantry has been visited by **14 families** in the last **2 weeks** making our shelves looking sparse. Some items we could use are:

Cereal, Canned Tuna, Tuna and Hamburger helper, Pancake syrup and Pancake mix, Salsa, Canned pasta, Spaghetti Noodles, Mustard, Mayo, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Bar Soap, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, Kleenex.

Keep bringing your Family Fare receipts (slot in Welcome Desk). We are getting close to our goal! Thank you for your ongoing support of donations.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

We currently have **33 children** from Central Elementary in our program. Feeding America continues to be a good source for many needed food items through the CARES and USDA programs but some items we use are not available through the agency. Our needs for the coming weeks include:

- Chicken or Beef chunky Soup
- Canned Pastas (Chef Boyardee, etc)
- snacks (individual pretzels, popcorn, granola bars).
- Cash donations or gift cards to Meijer, Aldi & Costco can be given through the deacons.

Please place items in the wooden box in the lobby. Thank you for showing Christ's love to our neighbors through your support of this ministry ~ Sandy Campo 616-889-3134.