Wholehearted [part iii] 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

TODAY: Wholeheartedness is not about doing something that gives you a

NEXT WEEK: Jesus invites us into a wholehearted life in which we can love

result; it is about being something that gives you a purpose.

God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.



DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on Oct 24:

Received for General Ministries: \$2661.62 Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00 Received for Christian Education: \$110.00 Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

Community Offering:

Roosevelt Park Ministries \$168.26

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Bible League International serves the under-resourced Church with Bibles and training to transform lives worldwide through God's Word. They do this through a Bible study program that trains local church members in evangelism and discipleship, resources and training for church planters, Bible-based literacy programs to teach reading and writing skills and have their own translation of the Bible that makes God's Word accessible at a basic reading level (Easy-To-Read Version, ERV).

November 7: World Renew – World Hunger Sunday November 14: Desert Streams – David & Sara Lont November 21: CRC Chaplaincy & Care Ministry

THIS WEEK

Sunday, Nov 7 9:30am Worship Monday, Nov 1 10:30am Church School 9am Food Pantry 11am Adult Bible Study Tuesday, Nov 2

9:15am Tuesday Small Group 1pm Social gathering - Bunko

6pm Life Skills

COMING UP STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor) **ADMIN BOARD**, Nov 9

Barb Sanders (Pastor) MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Nov 11

Andrew Lenhart (Worship) **THANKSGIVING DINNER**, Nov 14

Liz Boerman (Admin Assistant)

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October 31, 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

The Reason
The Lord Our God
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

We Profess Our Faith Together

Prayers of the People

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Message "Wholehearted [part iii]"

From The Inside Out

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY:

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

CHURCH LIFE

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to join- Sundays at 11am in room 10. Questions? Contact **Mike Philo** (Imphilo@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook@calvin.edu).

SOCIAL GATHERING

Join us for our 1st monthly gathering on Tuesday, November 2, 1-3pm here at Fellowship for an afternoon of Bunko and refreshments. We plan for these gatherings to take place on the first Tuesday of each month from 1-3 pm and we welcome all who are available to attend. Questions? Contact **Myrna Koning**, Ellie Postma, Diane Ronda, or Barb Sanders.

FROM THE DEACONS

Over 1 billion people around the world are hungry. Next Sunday, November 7, we'll be observing World Hunger Sunday. Gifts may be given through your Peter Fish envelopes, or in the Community/Missions offering box. God promises in Scripture to fill the hungry with good things and invites us to join in that holy work. Pick up your World Hunger Campaign devotionals today and spend some thinking about what it means to hunger for good in our lives, our communities, and around the world.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday evening zoom group began a new 5-week study on Esther titled <u>You Were Made For This Moment</u> by Max Lucado. Join Max Lucado on a journey through the book of Esther as he reminds us that God need not be loud to be strong, He need not cast a shadow to be present... and He is active even when he appears distant. Dates: Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2 from 7:00-8:00pm. Contact **Laura VanderPloeg** (303)-408-4021 if you are interested.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Our annual Thanksgiving potluck will be on *Sunday, November 14* at 11:30am. Each family is asked to bring a dish to pass, their own table service and, if possible, help with food preparation or clean up after dinner. Sign up on the Church Life bulletin board by November 7. Questions? Contact **Barb VanRyn** (616-644-8619).

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

This year, Fellowship will again be partnering with Family Network of Wyoming's Christmas Store. In the lobby, there is a Christmas tree decorated with envelopes and instructions about giving a Christmas donation to the store. Please return your donation to church by Sunday, November 14. More information can be found on the sheets that have been placed in your boxes. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Wood-Agents at 616-446-3358 or woodagents1@hotmail.com.

2022 PRINT DIRECTORY

We plan to update our print directory for 2022. Beginning next Sunday, November 7, there will be a draft of the directory set out in the coat area of the office hallway. Please take a moment or two to check over your directory listing and make changes if needed. Thank you!

PRAYER FOCUS

- Remember in your prayers those in this world that suffer from a lack of food and may we as a church be able to support many families through the World Renew Peter Fish Collection.
- For the Love Food Pantry and the families that receive support through this ministry.
- Bible League International who serve the under-resourced Church with Bibles and training to transform lives worldwide through God's Word.
- 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, Valerie Fleming, Marv Houtstra (cancer), Len Koetje, Randy Kraker, Arv Tap, Rog Visser (stroke), Steve Westra, Tom & Donna Westra (cancer).

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

LIFE SKILLS/LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

URGENT NEED for Tuesday Nov. 2: Volunteer(s) to prepare and serve the meal for the Life Skills participants. Sign up or let Laura VanderPloeg know today.

Volunteer with Love, Volunteer with Laura. Join Laura VanderPloeg on Dec 10 & 11 at the Love Your Neighbor COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS 2021 at Hudsonville Reformed Church. Shopping Assistants, Gift Wrapping, Restocking and more are needed to help about 100 under-resourced families in Hudsonville, Jenison, and Grandville shop for Christmas gifts. Sign up online (see link in mid-week), or let Laura know you are interested (must be at least 18 years old).

FOOD PANTRY

Help! Our shelves are emptying out! We have an extensive list of needs in the mid-week e-mail. Some of those needs are:

Kleenex, paper towels, dish soap, laundry detergent, fabric softener, hand soap, shampoo & conditioner, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, tuna, canned chicken, taco shells, canned pasta, & crackers.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

We currently have **36 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:

Fruit cups, Nutrigrain bars, boxed pastas (Chicken & Tuna Helper, Pasta Roni etc.), snacks (individual pretzels, popcorn, granola bars) and plastic grocery bags. 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 $^{\sim}$ Sandy Campo 616-889-3134.

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not treat prophecies with contempt ²¹ but test them all; hold on to what is good, ²² reject every kind of evil.

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.