

Portion Control

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20



Hebrew awkal = _____

Hebrew heleq = _____

⁸Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. ⁹Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God. —Proverbs 30:8–9 (NIV)

TODAY: As Thanksgiving Day is upon us, a little portion control is helpful to keep from stuffing ourselves on too much dinner; portion control is also helpful for embracing gratitude.

NEXT WEEK: First Sunday of Advent – Jesus shows us in the way he arrives at Christmas that he shows up in our very ordinary world; and God continues to show up in our ordinary world today.

DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on Nov 14:

Received for General Ministries: \$3,711.28
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00
Received for Christian Education: \$340.00
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

Community Offering:

Desert Stream – David & Sara Lont \$115.00

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: CRC Chaplaincy & Care Ministry Chaplains are specially trained, called and ordained by the church, and sent by Jesus Christ to provide spiritual care to people in pain or spiritual distress. Donations to the Chaplain Development Fund is strictly used for the training support of chaplains and students in training to become a chaplain.

November 28: Gideons International

December 5: Resonate Global Missions – Jesse & Jari Rodriguez

December 12: Safe Haven Ministries

December 19: Access of West Michigan

THIS WEEK

Monday, Nov 22

9am Food Pantry

Tuesday, Nov 23

9:15am Tuesday Small Group

7pm Full Council

8pm Elders/Deacons

Thursday, Nov 25

9:30am Thanksgiving Worship

Sunday, Nov 28

Sacrament of Communion

9:30am Worship

10:30am Church School

11am Adult Bible Study

5pm Middle School Youth Group

6pm High School Youth Group

COMING UP

BLOOD DRIVE, Dec 1

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Dec 2

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

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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 Is Your Love
Everlasting God
Cornerstone*

Sacrament of Baptism

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Ecclesiastes 5:10-20*

¹⁰ *Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless. ¹¹ As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them? ¹² The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep. ¹³ I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners, ¹⁴ or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when they have children there is nothing left for them to inherit. ¹⁵ Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb, and as everyone comes, so they depart. They take nothing from their toil that they can carry in their hands.*

¹⁶ *This too is a grievous evil: As everyone comes, so they depart, and what do they gain, since they toil for the wind? ¹⁷ All their days they eat in darkness, with great frustration, affliction and anger. ¹⁸ This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. ¹⁹ Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. ²⁰ They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.*

Message "Portion Control"

What Can I Do?

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY:

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

CHURCH LIFE

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism of **Jude Byl**, infant son of **Matt & Sam Byl**.

Next Sunday, November 28, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion during worship.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Join us this Thursday for a Thanksgiving Day worship service at 9:30am. Our offering will benefit Love Your Neighbor (formerly Love INC). If you will not be in church on Thanksgiving Day, please feel free to give at your convenience.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY

Ann Nieuwstraten – **11/21** (4215 Red Bush, Grandville MI 49418)

YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Christmas Youth Orchestra on Dec. 12 - The Youth Orchestra is open to anyone who has played a string or band instrument for at least one year (adults are welcome too!). Rehearsals will be Sunday, Dec. 5 from 11:30am-1pm (pizza will be provided) and Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 7pm-8:15pm. If you are going to participate, please let **Andrew Lenhart** know.

STAFFING UPDATE

The Personnel Committee is searching for a part-time Administrative Assistant as part of our Fellowship staff. Do you enjoy or know of someone who would enjoy a good working atmosphere, and working on a team? Please contact a member of the Personnel Committee (**Jim Kortman**, **Mike Philo**, or **Mary Wood-Agents**) if you are interested in doing Kingdom work by serving in the office at Fellowship Church.

A WORD OF THANKS

The Mission and Community Connections Committee would like to thank the members of Fellowship for their generous donations totaling \$1,305.00 to this year's Family Network of Wyoming Christmas Store. These donations will provide Target gift certificates in the amount of \$50.00 for 26 children!

PRAYER FOCUS

- We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Sandie Davis** and her family on the loss of Sandie's mother, Mae De Boer. May this family know Christ's comfort, peace, and presence with them at this time.
- For those who serve as CRC chaplains who provide spiritual care to people in pain or spiritual distress.
- For the Love Food Pantry and the families that receive support through this ministry.
- For our upcoming Blood Drive and all those who will benefit from donations.
- 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), **Pastor Bill Huyser**, **Len Koetje**, **Randy Kraker**, **Arv Tap**, **Rog Visser** (stroke), **Tom & Donna Westra** (cancer).

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive is scheduled for Dec 1, from 2-8pm. Our goal is to collect 24 pints which requires approximately 35 donors. To sign up go to <https://bit.ly/fellowshipcrrcdec1> or on the M&CC bulletin board in the lobby. We also need some goodies for the canteen. Sign up on the M&CC bulletin board to provide a snack for those donating blood. Contact **Myrna Koning** with questions.

FOOD PANTRY

November reminds us that Thanksgiving is coming. God has given us so many blessings that we can hardly count them all. During Thanksgiving, we also remember that God wants us to show His love and share our blessings with those who do not have as much as we do. The M&CC encourages everyone to join our "THANKS FOR GIVING" Food/Blessings Drive for our Fellowship Food Pantry. There will be a special collection area in the lobby on Sun, Nov 21, Thanksgiving Day, and Sun, Nov 28.

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 ~ **Sandy Campo** 616-889-3134.