# Wholehearted [part iv]

Philippians 4:4-13, Matthew 11:27-30



**TODAY**: Jesus invites us into a wholehearted life in which we can love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

**NEXT WEEK**: Pastor Tom begins a new series on giving thanks.

#### **DEACONS REPORT**

## Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on Oct 31:

Received for General Ministries: \$4,820.28

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

Received for Christian Education: \$130.00

Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

**Community Offering:** 

Bible League International \$115.00

#### **Upcoming Community Offerings**

**TODAY:** World Renew – **World Hunger Sunday** there are 821 million people who lack regular access to food. Each year, thousands of churches join World Renew to raise awareness and funds that respond to hunger and bring sustainable hope. Gifts may be given via Peter Fish envelopes, or in the offering basket.

**November 14**: Desert Streams – David & Sara Lont **November 21**: CRC Chaplaincy & Care Ministry

November 28: Gideons International

**December 5**: Resonate Global Missions – Jesse & Jari Rodriguez

**THIS WEEK** 

Thursday, Nov 11
Monday, Nov 8
6:30am Men's Bible Study

9am Food Pantry 7pm Women's Bible Study (online)

Tuesday, Nov 9 Sunday, Nov 14

9:15am Tuesday Small Group
6pm Life Skills
7pm Admin Board
11:30am Thanksgiving Lunch

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

COMING UP STAFF

THANKSGIVING DINNER, Nov 14 Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

FULL COUNCIL, Nov 23 Barb Sanders (Pastor)

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP, Nov 25

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)
Liz Boerman (Admin Assistant)

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**November 7, 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**

Here I Am To Worship Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

#### **Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Scripture** *Philippians 4:4-13, Matthew 11:27-30* 

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. <sup>10</sup> I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

<sup>27</sup> "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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Holy Spirit

## **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).

#### FROM THE DEACONS

Today is World Hunger Sunday. Each year, thousands of churches throughout North America join World Renew to raise awareness and funds that respond to hunger and bring sustainable hope. Each of the 821 million hungry people on our planet is as special and precious to God as you are. Gifts may be given via Peter Fish envelopes or in the Community/Missions offering box. Thank you for giving as you are able to a ministry that firmly believes that God can "accomplish abundantly far more than all we ask or imagine."

#### THANKSGIVING DINNER

Today is the last day to sign up for our annual Thanksgiving potluck will take place next *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. 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 next Sunday, November 14. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Wood-Agents at 616-446-3358 or woodagents1@hotmail.com.

#### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study will meet on Thursday, November 11, from 6:30-7:30am at Red Geranium Café. This week we are looking at chapters 5 & 6 in *Letters*. Contact **Pastor Tom** for a copy of the book and additional details.

#### 2022 PRINT DIRECTORY

We plan to update our print directory for 2022. Beginning today, there will be a draft of the directory 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. Please let us know if you have inadvertently missed your listing! Thank you!

#### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY**

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

#### THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Join us on Thanksgiving Day (November 25) for worship at 9:30am. Our offering will benefit Love INC. If you will not be in church on Thanksgiving Day, please feel free to give at your convenience. Please note "For Love INC." on your check or envelope.

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

- Continue to pray for **Pastor Bill** and **Alvina Huyser**. Pastor Bill has been experiencing intense back pain. X-rays show fractures in the lower spine, osteoarthritis, and deterioration of the hips. Pray that medicine will be helpful to alleviate the pain.
- 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.
- 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

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**

Thank you for your continued support filling our pantry shelves. Some of our current needs are:

Cereal, pancake mix and syrup, Pop Tarts, juice, Ranch dressing, beef-veg soup, Tuna Helper, crackers, canned potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, mandarin oranges, dish soap, laundry detergent and bathroom tissue.

#### **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.