

Runway Approach

Matthew 3:13-17



Old Testament Passages:

Exodus 14:19-22

Joshua 3:14-17

DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on Nov 21:

Received for General Ministries: \$3,398.00
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00
Received for Christian Education: \$485.00
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

Community Offering:

Resonate Global Mission \$105.00

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Safe Haven Ministries

Motivated by Christ's love, Safe Haven has been helping individuals and families find freedom from domestic violence since 1990. Nearly 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have experienced severe physical violence at the hands of an intimate partner in their lives. Safe Haven offers emergency shelters, support groups, case management, safety planning, a 24/7 free and confidential hotline, children's programming, and resources for prevention and education for the community.

December 19: Access of West Michigan

December 26: ASJ (Assoc. for a More Just Society)

January 2: Backpack Buddies

THIS WEEK

Monday, Dec 13

Tuesday, Dec 14

9:15am Tuesday small group

7pm Admin Meeting

Wednesday, Dec 15

Thursday, Dec 16

6:30am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, Dec 19

9:30am Worship

10:50am Carol Sing

COMING UP

CHRISTMAS EVE, Dec 24

CHRISTMAS, Dec 25

NEW YEAR'S DAY, Jan 1

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

TODAY: Third Sunday of Advent – Sometimes we think of advent as a time to prepare ourselves for the arrival of Jesus; God shows us in the story of Israel that we are being prepared for Jesus.

NEXT WEEK: Fourth Sunday of Advent – We welcome Dr. Jeffrey Weima from Calvin Theological Seminary who brings a message taken from Matthew 1.

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December 12, 2021

Welcome!
We are glad you are here!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in our service

Also available during worship

- Nursery for infants & toddlers
- "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

*O Come All Ye Faithful
Hark the Herald Angels Sing
O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Baptism of Jude Byl

Prayers of the People

God's Gifts to the World - lighting the candle of joy

Scripture *Exodus 14:19-22, Joshua 3:14-17, Matthew 3:13-17*

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

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Joy to the World

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY:

9:30am Worship
10:30am Church School
5pm Youth Group Christmas Party

CHURCH LIFE

TODAY we celebrate the sacrament of baptism as **Jude Byl** is received within God's covenant family.

PLEDGES

TODAY pledge forms for the 2022 budget are in mailboxes. Please return pledges to the marked slot at the Welcome Center by January 2.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Will not be meeting today, Dec 12; next week, Dec 19; nor the week after, Dec 26.

CAROL SING

Next Week on Sunday, December 19 at 10:50am-11:20am, we will be singing traditional Christmas Carols in the sanctuary. Please join us for a worshipful time celebrating these songs.

GIVING ENVELOPES

If you are currently using giving envelopes but would like not to receive them next year, or are not receiving them but would like a set next year, please inform your district deacon.

ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY, during the Adult Education following the service, **Gary Roode** will be sharing his testimony of God's faithfulness and presence in his life as share reflections on his accident which occurred last year. (meeting in the sanctuary).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To Gloria DeWitte who will be celebrating her birthday on Dec 28. Cards may be sent to: Vista Springs #33, 2708 Meyer Ave SW, Wyoming, MI 49519.

Many thanks to everyone who was a part of the Christmas Youth Orchestra and Worship Team Singers today!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We invite you to drop a Christmas Card in the mail to members at Fellowship who are "shut-in", or missionaries who are supported by Fellowship.

Gloria DeWitte

Vista Springs #33, 2708 Meyer Ave SW, Wyoming, MI 49519

Lois Oom

Waterford Assisted Living 3202, 1725 Port Sheldon, Jenison, MI 49428

Rachel Tjoelker

Grand Brook Memory Care #29A, 5281 Wilson, Wyoming, MI 49418

Jack and Ciny Ippel

PO Box 41, Rehoboth, NM 87322

Paul and Charlotte Mpindi

2221 Ridgewood Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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PRAYER FOCUS

- For Safe Haven Ministries as they help people find freedom from domestic violence in the community.
- 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.
- We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Rog and Mary Visser** and family. Rog's brother, Marion, passed away on December 3. We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Don and Ann Aardema** and family. Their daughter-in-law, Tracey, passed away on December 5. May the Visser and Aardema families know Christ's comfort, peace, and sustaining presence with them.
- 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

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support as we serve our community. We have served 12 households so far this month. Some items we could use are:

Mustard, Grape jelly, Soft flour tortillas, Taco seasoning, Brownie mix, Macaroni noodles, Ground coffee ****please note: we have been overly blessed with canned vegetables and are not in need of more at this time****

BACKPACK BUDDIES

We currently have **39 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 and applesauce cups, NutriGrain bars, boxed pastas or rice (Chicken & Tuna Helper, Rice-a-Roni, Pasta Roni, etc.), snacks (individual pretzels, popcorn, granola bars, fruit snacks) 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.

David and Sara Lont

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