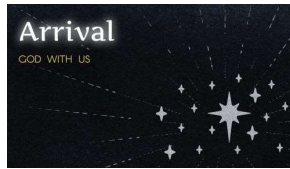


Arrival -- Rerouted

Matthew 4:1-11



Old Testament Passages:

Numbers 14:29-34

Numbers 32:8-13

DEACONS REPORT

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

Received for General Ministries: \$6,418.00
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00
Received for Christian Education: \$433.00
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

Community Offering:

Gideons International \$65.00

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Resonate Global Mission

Jesse and Jari Rodriguez are missionaries serving in Jinotega, Nicaragua. They partner with a ministry located in Grandville, Discipling Marketplace Leaders (DML). DML educates, equips, and empowers the local church to establish a ministry that disciples every believer to live out work as worship and mission.

December 12: Safe Haven Ministries

December 19: Access of West Michigan

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



December 5, 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)

THIS WEEK

Monday, Dec 6

Thursday, Dec 9

Tuesday, Dec 7

Sunday, Dec 12

9:15am Tuesday small group
1pm December Social Gathering

9:30am Worship
10:30am Church School

Wednesday, Dec 8

COMING UP

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY, Dec 12

ADMIN BOARD, Dec 14

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Dec 16

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

TODAY: Second Sunday of Advent – No one likes to have their life rerouted in directions that appear to be wasted; Jesus shows us that God uses these waiting times for his purposes.

NEXT WEEK: 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.

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LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS are available at the sound booth

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*My Soul Magnifies the Lord
Angels We Have Heard on High (Gloria)
Joy to the World/Shout for Joy*

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

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Numbers 14:29-34, 32:8-13, Matthew 4:1-11*

¹Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."
⁴Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:
"He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."
⁷Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Message "rerouted"

He Shall Reign Forevermore

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY:

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

CHURCH LIFE

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

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

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.

CAROL SING

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.

SOCIAL GATHERING

The December monthly gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec 7, 1-3 pm here at Fellowship. Plans are to play Bingo, sing some Christmas carols, and a time of refreshments. All who are available to attend are welcome. Questions? Contact **Myrna Koning, Ellie Postma, Diane Ronda, Sharon Walcott, or Barb Sanders.**

ADULT EDUCATION

On Sunday, Dec 12, during Adult Education, **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. Hope you are able to be part of this time following on Dec 12, 10:45 – 11:30 (meeting in the sanctuary).

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 Jesse and Jari Rodriguez as they educate, equip, and empower church leaders in Nicaragua to establish their ministry of discipleship.
- 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.
- Pray for those who journey with grief following the recent death of a loved one.
- 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

We had a fantastic blood drive. There were 27 donors and 30 units were given. Thank you to all who gave! Our next blood drive will be on Feb 2, 2022; please save the date.

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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