Everything We Needed

HEBREWS

Hebrews 13:15-16, 20-21

Two Offerings

Two Responses

TODAY: Resurrection Day — the new resurrection life we have in Jesus comes with a purpose and a reason; the author of Hebrews concludes the book by telling us what new resurrection life means for us. **NEXT WEEK:** The Fruit of the Spirit: LOVE — There is no character trait more central to the Christian life than *love*; it is what we have received inwardly from God, and what we express outwardly to the world.

DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on April 10:

Received for General Ministries:	\$5,641.28
Avg. weekly collection should be:	\$6,445.00
Received for Christian Education:	\$335.00
Avg. weekly collection should be:	\$629.20

Community Offering:

World Renew

\$404.51

Upcoming Community Offerings

May 8: Mission French Africa-Mpindi

TODAY: 70x7 Life Recovery

70x7 brings hope to men and women coming home from prison or jail by providing meaningful community, employment success, and a deepening relationship with God. Their vision is to see the collaborative action of church, commerce, and community break the cycle of crime and incarceration. They provide training and instruction that lead to long-term employment, which provide for physical needs. They also set-up mentoring relationships that lead to purpose and potential.
April 24: Backpack Buddies
May 1: Servant's Center

April 17, 2022



THIS WEEK

Monday, Apr 18 Tuesday, Apr 19 9:15am Tuesday Small Group

6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Apr 20 Thursday, Apr 21 Friday, Apr 22 Saturday, Apr 23 Sunday, Apr 24 9:30am Worship 10:30am Church School 11am Adult Bible Study 5pm Youth Group-Middle School 6pm Youth Group-High School

COMING UP	<u>STAFF</u>
ELDERS, April 26	Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)
DEACONS, April 26	Barb Sanders (Pastor)
	Andrew Lenhart (Worship)
ADMIN, May 10	Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)
BLOOD DRIVE, May 11	Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

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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
- "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

Christ the Lord Has Risen Today Crown Him With Many Crowns

We Profess Our Faith Together Isaiah 25:6-9

Great Things This Is Amazing Grace (free to be seated during songs)

Prayers of the People

Scripture Hebrews 13:15-16, 20-21

¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Benediction and Final Greetings

²⁰ Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Message "Everything We Needed"

Exalted Over All

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY: 9:30am Worship

CHURCH LIFE

The wooden crosses on the stage come from the Cholla Cactus plant. The 'arms up' and 'arms out' formations of the crosses for Easter are symbolic of our new life in Christ, and our embrace within the resurrection community of God's people.

CHURCH SCHOOL

There will be NO church school today, April 17 due to the holiday. Classes will resume April 24.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We will NOT be meeting today due to Easter. Next week, April 24, 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 an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship on May 10. The *Silvertones* will be entertaining us with songs from the past at 1pm in the Fellowship Room. Coffee and cake will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board or go to https://bit.ly/SG_may_10 to RSVP to this event. A freewill offering will be taken to cover expenses.

Incoming Elder and Deacon appointments:

Shepherding Elder – Shelly Funk (1 needed) Service Deacons – Linda Philo, Kathy Kikkert (1 needed)

We are blessed and joyful for the members who have accepted God's call to serve. There will be no drawing of lots for Elder as God has perfectly filled our need. On April 24, we will be drawing lots to fill the position on Deacon. These terms begin in May. Please pray for each as they begin their service.

We would like to thank the retiring Elders and Deacons for their time, talents, and willingness to serve: Randy Kraker, Admin Elder Sherri Funk, Admin Deacon Tom Vlietstra, Shepherding Elder Matt Byl, Service Deacon Marc VandenBerg, Service Deacon

New Council installation will be on May 1.

PRAYER FOCUS

- We extend our sympathy and prayers **to Marc and Nancy VanDenBerg and family**. Nancy's father, Frank Dornbush, passed away on April 8. May this family know God's comfort, peace, and presence with them.
- Pray for **Bonnie Houtstra**. Bonnie is scheduled to have shoulder replacement surgery on April 19. Pray surgery goes well and for a good recovery process.
- Continue to pray for **Jo Hanenburg**. She fell and broke a wrist. Pray for a good healing process.
- Continue to pray for **Tom Vlietstra** as he heals from back surgery.
- Continue to pray for **Evan and Jun Ling He Zeng and family**. Jun Ling He is experiencing intense headaches, and she has been diagnosed with an arachnoid cyst on her brain. Pray as she has more doctor appointments and receives more information regarding possible treatment.
- For **70x7** as they provide community, employment success, and offer a relationship with God to men and women coming home from prison or jail. Pray for them as they provide a way to break the cycle of crime and incarceration for those they minister to; and that those seeking help find purpose and guidance in life.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.
- 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, Len Koetje, Gary Roode, Bob Agents and Mary Wood-Agents.

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

FOOD PANTRY

We are continuing to collect receipts from Family Fare to our next goal. Please put them in the marked slot at the information center. Thank You!

BACKPACK BUDDIES

If you would like to donate to the Backpack Buddies ministry, our food requests for the next month include:

- canned chunky style soups Beef or Chicken
- TUNA helper type side dishes
- applesauce cups
- granola bars and other snack items
- 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.