

Fruit of the Spirit: KINDNESS

Luke 6:27-36



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received May 8-15:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 13,522.23
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 963.56
Community Offering: Mission French Africa	\$ 187.51
Women At Risk Int'l	\$ 77.51

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.

May 29: Pine Rest

June 5: Rehoboth – Ippel's

June 12: Denominational Ministry Shares

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 23

5pm Golf League

Tuesday, May 24

9:15am Tuesday Small Group

6pm Life Skills

7pm Council

7pm Elders

7pm Deacons

Wednesday, May 25

Thursday, May 26

Friday, May 27

Saturday, May 28

Sunday, May 29

9:30am Worship

COMING UP

EXEC BOARD, Jun 14

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

TODAY: The Fruit of the Spirit: KINDNESS – The spiritual fruit of kindness is not about being a nice person; kindness in the Bible is a combination of two expressions: compassion and mercy.

NEXT WEEK: The Fruit of the Spirit: GOODNESS

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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

*Come People Of the Risen King
How Great Thou Art
The Stand*

Graduate Recognition

Volunteer Appreciation

New Member Welcome *Ruth Nevins*

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Luke 6:27-36*

Love for Enemies

²⁷ "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Message "Kindness"

I Will Follow

God's Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

TODAY we recognize 3 graduates – high school (**Preston Zeng**); college (**Courtney VanVugt**); masters (**Bethany VanderPloeg**). Congratulations! We celebrate this accomplishment in your lives and may you know God's faithful guidance and presence in your lives. Thanks to those who have committed to being a graduate prayer encourager during this next year: **Dan & Barb Sanders, Nancy VanDenBerg, and Barb VanRyn.**

TODAY Pastor Tom will lead an adult education session after the worship service detailing the history of the Christian Reformed Church's stance on human sexuality issues, and outlining the current position of the Christian Reformed Church on these matters.

IN APPRECIATION Thanks to those who participated in youth ministry leadership this past year. To those who provided leadership as Church School teachers – Sara Meengs, Jayme Morren, Barb Smalligan, Pastor Tom Vander Ploeg, Dean Dykstra, Sarah Lehart. To those who served as hall monitors - Jack Bosscher, Rick Funk, Jack Emelander, Myrna Koning, Don Winkle, Ellie Postma, Mark Offringa, Jon Meengs. To those who served as youth group leaders – Barb Bruce VanRyn, We appreciate your partnership in sharing Christ's love. Thank you!

STARTING IN JUNE Pastor Tom will lead a class for those interested in making Profession of Faith. See **Pastor Tom** for more information.

SUDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY Will NOT be meeting the next couple weeks. We will resume on June 5. All are invited to join - Sundays at 11am in room 10. Questions? Contact **Mike Philo** (lmp hilo@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook@calvin.edu).

FUNDRAISER Youth Group's ongoing Pop Can Drive is running through the month of June. Please drop off your cans here at church in the special boxes located in the fellowship room.

LIFE SKILLS Life Skills Volunteer Opportunities - May 24 is the next time FCRC is scheduled to provide a meal and childcare. Please let **Laura Vanderploeg** know if you can help.

TODAY

9:30am Worship
10:30am Church School
11am Adult Education
5pm Youth Group – Middle School
6pm Youth Group – High School

PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for **Jo Hanenburg**. A broken wrist was not healing properly, and she needed corrective surgery this past week. Pray for a good healing process.
- Happy birthday to **Alvina Huyser** who will celebrate her 94th birthday on May 28. We give thanks for her life and wish her continued blessings.
- For **Safe Haven** as they help families and individuals escape domestic violence situations. Please pray that through education, empowerment, and community collaboration, they can teach all individuals that they have a right to a healthy relationship.
- 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, Jo Hanenburg, Bonnie Houtstra, Bob Agents and Mary Wood-Agents, Tom Vlietstra, Evan and Jun Ling He Zeng and family.**

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU to all who came out and were able to donate. We had **30 donors** for a total of **32 units** of blood donated. Congratulations to **Jack Emelander** and **Dan Wynia** for reaching 6 gallons donated! THANK YOU to all who donated as well as those who brought food for the canteen. The next Blood Drive will be on September 7, 2022.

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.