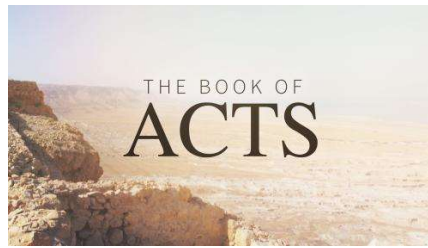


Snapshot of a Church Recommissioned

Acts 1:1-11



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Aug 28-Sep 4:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 10,017.76
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 465.00
Community Offering: Love Your Neighbor	\$ 90.00
Tent Schools Int'l	\$ 20.51
World Renew	\$ 49.51

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Mission French Africa (Mpindi)

Paul and Charlotte Mpindi are missionaries supported by Fellowship. Mission French Africa is a radio and discipleship ministry which exists to preach and teach the Gospel to win French speaking Africans to Christ, to disciple African Christians in Biblical stewardship, and encourage the Body of Christ in America. They have three follow-up centers in Africa (Congo, Central African Republic, and Benin), where more than 10,000 visitors come monthly for pastoral counseling, discipleship, and spiritual mentoring.

September 18: Denominational Ministry Shares (DMS)

September 25: Bible League International

October 2: Rehoboth Christian School (Ippel's)

THIS WEEK

Monday, Sep 12

7pm Exec Board

Tuesday, Sep 13

9am Ryzelbol Dairy Farm Tour

6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Sep 14

Thursday, Sep 15

Friday, Sep 16

Saturday, Sep 17

Sunday, Sep 18

9:30am Worship

10:30am Church School

10:45am Adult Bible Study

5pm Youth Group-Middle School

6pm Youth Group-High School

COMING UP

ELDERS, Sept 26

DEACONS, Sept 26

YOUTH GROUP, Oct 2

EXEC, Oct 10

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

September 11, 2022



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

TODAY: Themes from the Book of Acts — God's people are given a mission. The stories in Acts show us how that mission takes shape in the church; it is a mission that still takes shape in the church today.

NEXT WEEK: Lessons from the early church – themes from the book of Acts

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Holy Roar
This Is Amazing Grace
Cornerstone*

Prayers of the People

Scripture Acts 1:1-11

Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven

¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

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I Will Follow

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY

9:30am Worship
10:30 Church School
11:30am Lunch

CHURCH LIFE

TODAY stay for lunch after the service.

ACTS WEEKLY READING SCHEDULE You are invited join us as we read through the book of Acts together. Copies of the weekly reading schedule are at the Welcome Center.

CHURCH SCHOOL Church school, age 3- grade 12, is scheduled to begin today. Youth group is scheduled to begin on September 18.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY There will be **NO** Adult Bible Study today due to lunch after the service. The class time will begin around 15 minutes after the end worship and will end 45 minutes later. All are welcome to attend. Questions contact **Mike Philo** (LMPHILO@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook@calvin.edu).

SMALL GROUPS New Small Groups will be starting in the fall. If you are interested in joining a group please complete this survey online through the link in the midweek. Paper copies can be found at the welcome/information counter. Please return them to the marked slot by **TODAY**, September 11.

RYZEBOL DAIRY FARM This is the last day to sign up for the Ryzebol Farm tour and lunch at Grant Depot following the tour. We will leave church at 9:00 am on Tuesday, September 13 and we hope that you are able to join us. Sign up at the bulletin board, or email dianeronda@gmail.com to let us know that you plan to join us. Hope to see you there.

RUN, JOG, OR WALK a 5K with **Laura and Pastor Tom**. Love Your Neighbor is holding its annual 5K fundraiser on Oct. 8 @ 10am. \$25.00 dollar race entry fee gets you a free shirt and a fun morning! Dogs and Strollers welcome. All money raised goes to purchase food for Life Skills Families. For more information talk to **Laura** (616-408-4021) or register via the link in the midweek.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Happy Birthday to **Bonnie Houtstra** who will celebrate her 88th birthday on September 23. We give thanks for her life and may she know God's faithful presence with each new day.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Give thanks for church school teachers and youth group leaders: **Hannah Meengs, Sara Meengs, Jayme Morren, Barb Smalligan, Dean Dykstra, Pastor Tom, Sarah Lenhart, Bruce & Barb VanRyn**. Pray for encouraging beginnings to a new ministry year.
- For **Mission French Africa** and the **Mpindi Family** as they spread the word of God to French-speaking Africa. Pray for the Mpindi's as they travel between Michigan and Africa and for the people who visit their centers in Africa.
- 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 prayer those healing from surgery and those who have ongoing health needs and concerns: **Valerie Fleming, Jo Hanenburg, Len and Lois Koetje, Ellie Postma, Bob Agents and Mary Wood-Agents, Tom and Donna Westra**.

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

FOOD PANTRY Some items that are need for the pantry are:

Canned pasta (ravioli), peanut butter, taco shells, flour tortillas, cold cereal, pasta salad, noodles, canned tuna and chicken, granola and breakfast bars, juice (apple, grape, orange), laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid

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 We are collecting for our October weekends.

Food needs include:

- canned chicken
- canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti, etc – with meat)
- fruit cups
- Nutrigrain bars
- snacks – such as granola bars, fruit snacks, rice Krispie treats, pretzels
- Halloween candy for treat bags

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BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU to all who participated in our Blood Drive! We were able to collect **32** units of blood for use in our community! Congratulations to **Myrna Koning** for reaching a total of 7 gallons donated to date! Congratulations also to **Haley Oosterink** in reaching 1 gallon donated! All of these donations will save 88 people in our community. The next blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, December 21.