

Making Life Worthwhile

Colossians 1:3-14



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Sep 19-Oct 9:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 20,090.34
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 940.00
Community Offering:	
Rehoboth Chr. School	\$ 95.00
Bible League	\$ 70.51
PRC	\$ 302.00
DMS	\$ 371.82

Upcoming Community Offerings

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.

October 30: Starlight Ministries

THIS WEEK

Monday, Oct 24

7pm Elders
7pm Deacons

Tuesday, Oct 25

9:15am Tuesday Small Group
6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Oct 26

Thursday, Oct 27

Friday, Oct 28

Saturday, Oct 29

5pm Youth Group-Corn Maze

Sunday, Oct 30

9:30am Worship
10:45am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

Nov 6 Youth Group

Nov 14 Exec Committee

Nov 20 Youth Group

Nov 28 Full Council
Elders
Deacons

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

Barb Van Ryn (Youth Group)

October 23, 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: Keeping Christ in Focus – The church in Colossae must be doing something worthwhile, because the apostle Paul is very thankful for them. What can we learn from the Colossian church about making a life of faith worthwhile?

NEXT WEEK: Keeping Christ in Focus

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Better Is One Day
Give Us Clean Hands
Goodness of God*

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Colossians 1:3-14*

Thanksgiving and Prayer

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Message "Making Life Worthwhile"

I Give You My Heart

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY

9:30am Worship

10:45am Adult Bible Study

CHURCH LIFE

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY 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).

TUESDAY SMALL GROUP The Tuesday morning small group plans to begin a new study on November 1; a six-session DVD study by Ray VanderLaan entitled *With All Your Heart: Being God's Presence to Our World*. Those who can meet on Tuesday mornings, 9:15-10:45am, are welcome to participate in this group for a time of learning and fellowship. Questions? Contact **Pastor Barb**

LOST & FOUND The Lost & Found can be found in the corner of the west coat racks near the mailboxes. The coats hanging below the box have all been left here for some time as well. Please check if you've left something at church by October 31, at which time the remaining items will be donated. Thanks!

NOVEMBER SOCIAL GATHERING Join us on Tuesday, Nov 8 at 1pm for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Raymond Trujillo, a Mexican folkloric dancer will be entertaining us with a number of dances in period costumes in the Fellowship Room. Dessert and coffee will be served. Please sign up on the bulletin board or go to https://bit.ly/nov_socialgathering (a link is also in the midweek). A free will offering will be taken to cover expenses. We hope to see you there!

Dear Fellowship family, Thank you for your cards, prayers, visits, and expressions of care following the recent passing of Brad's mom.

The Byl Family

PRAYER FOCUS

- We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Mary Wood Agents**. Mary's husband, Bob Agents, passed away on October 15. May this family know Christ's comfort, peace, and presence with them.
- **Bill Offringa** had cochlear implant surgery a few weeks ago. Give thanks that healing is going well and continue to pray for Bill and Carol as they wait for the implant to be activated on October 26.
- For **70x7 Life Recovery** as they collaborate with churches and the community to break the cycle of crime and incarceration in our community.
- 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, Tom and Donna Westra**.

Please join us on November 13, following the morning worship service for an **All Church Potluck**

We will be inviting Zion Church (the Congolese congregation) to join us for this meal, so bring your hospitality with you as well as your food to share and your own table service!

Please sign up on the M&CC bulletin board, or via the online sign up at: https://bit.ly/all_church_potluck (link is also in the midweek). Sign up to bring a salad (vegetable or fruit), main dish, or dessert; please also include how many in your household will be attending.

Questions? Contact **Pam Kortman** 616.437.0005 or pam.kortman@gmail.com

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU to the Faith & Blue Community Food Drive, in association with the Grandville Police Department, who has filled our food pantry here at Fellowship! At Wedgewood Park on October 8, they collected over 2,000 pounds of food to be donated to 4 local church food pantries, of which we were included. Because of this donation, there are no food items that are needed for the pantry at this time.

BACKPACK BUDDIES We are collecting for our October weekends.

Food needs include:

- canned chicken
- canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti, etc – with meat)
- beef or chicken chunky soup styles
- fruit cups
- Nutrigrain bars
- snacks – such as granola bars, fruit snacks, rice Krispie treats, pretzels

Thank you for your generous support of this neighborhood mission.
Sandy Campo 616-889-3134

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Take this opportunity to show your appreciation to all of the church staff members at Fellowship:

- Tom VanderPloeg, Pastor
- Barb Sanders, Pastor
- Andrew Lenhart, Worship Director
- Laura Williams, Administrative Assistant
- Katherine Sneller, Custodian
- Barb Van Ryn, Youth Group