

Keeping Christ in Focus

Colossians 3:15-17, 4:2-6



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Oct 24-Nov 6:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 6,467.00
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 1,350.00
Community Offering:	
Starlight Ministries	\$ 25.00
Resonate-Rodriguez	\$ 500.00
70x7	\$ 20.51
Desert Streams-Lonts	\$ 500.00
Backpack Buddies	\$ 30.00
World Renew (World Hunger Sunday)	\$ 1,288.00

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Desert Streams Ministries (Lonts)

David and Sara Lont are Fellowship-supported missionaries in Mexico. They pastor a church, translate Christian materials and texts into Spanish, and have an online Bible school (The Advanced School of Ministry).

Updates for the Lont's ministry in Mexico are posted on the Missions bulletin board.

November 24: Love Your Neighbor (Fellowship Food Pantry)

November 27: The Luke Society

December 4: Resonate Global Mission (Rodriguez)

THIS WEEK

Monday, Nov 21

Friday, Nov 25

Tuesday, Nov 22

Saturday, Nov 26

Wednesday, Nov 23

Sunday, Nov 27

Thursday, Nov 24

Thanksgiving
9:30am Worship

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10:30am Church School
10:45am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

Nov 28 Full Council
Elders
Deacons

Dec 4 Youth Group Christmas

Dec 12 Exec Board

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)
Barb Sanders (Pastor)
Andrew Lenhart (Worship)
Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)
Katherine Sneller (Custodian)
Barb Van Ryn (Youth Group)

November 20, 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 Bible gives some helpful advice on ways we can keep Christ as the focus of our faith.

THURSDAY: Thanksgiving Day worship 9:30am

NEXT WEEK: first week of advent

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Fill This Place
Way Maker
Everlasting God*

Ministry Moment Resonate Global Mission: Jesse and Jari Rodriguez

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Colossians 3:15-17, 4:2-6*

Colossians 3:15-17

¹⁵ And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

Colossians 4:2-6

An Encouragement for Prayer

² Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. ³ Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. ⁴ Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should.

⁵ Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be gracious and attractive^[a] so that you will have the right response for everyone.

Message "Keeping Christ in Focus"

*Take My Life and Let It Be
Build My Life*

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY

9:30am Worship
10:30am Church School
10:45am Adult Bible Study
5pm Youth Group-Middle School
6pm Youth Group-High School

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).

POP CANS Youth Group's Pop Can Drive is BACK! Please drop off your cans here at church in the special boxes located in either the Fellowship room or the Youth room. Funds raised will go to off-set the cost of the Youth room renovation. The drive will run through the end of December.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR Love Your Neighbor Community Christmas Event is scheduled for December 9 & 10. This year Fellowship has chosen the opportunity to help provide Stocking Stuffers and Gift Wrapping Supplies. Stocking stuffer idea cards and a donation box are on the table in the narthex. Collection begins this week and continues through November 20. If you would like to volunteer to help Love Your Neighbor on December 9 or 10 at Hudsonville Reformed Church, please sign up via the link in the midweek email.

MULTIGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS CHOIR will sing on Sunday, December 18. Anyone middle school age or older is welcome to join. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays 11/30, 12/7 & 12/14 at 6:15pm-7pm. Attend at least 2 rehearsals. Please let **Andrew Lenhart** know if you are planning on singing.

CHRISTMAS YOUTH ORCHESTRA The **Christmas Youth Orchestra** will play on Sunday, December 11. 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, December 4 from 11:30am-1pm in the youth group room (a pizza lunch will be provided after Sunday School) and Wednesday, December 7 at 7pm-8:30pm. Please let **Andrew Lenhart** know if you are going to participate.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to **Ann Nieuwstraten** who will celebrate her birthday on November 21. We give thanks for her life and wish her God's continued blessings.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for **Tom and Donna Westra** as Donna receives hospice care for an incurable cancer.
- For **Desert Streams Ministries and the Lont Family** as they pastor and teach in Mexico. Pray for the members of their church as they finish their building and that everything can go smoothly as they hope to be able to worship inside it in December.
- 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**.

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

FOOD PANTRY November reminds us that it is time for Thanksgiving. God has given us so many blessings that we can hardly count them all. During Thanksgiving, we also remember that God wants us to show His love and share our blessings with those who do not have as much as we do. The Missions and Community Connections Committee encourages everyone to join our **"THANKS FOR GIVING"** Food/Blessings Drive for our Fellowship Food Pantry. There will be a special collection area in the lobby on Thanksgiving Day, Sunday, November 27, and Sunday, December 4.

Items needed are: cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, breakfast bars, granola bars, jams & jellies, juice, cake mix, instant potatoes, pasta, pasta sauce, canned tomato pastas, canned chicken and tuna, tuna and chicken helpers, hearty soups, crackers, cookies, peanut butter, gravy, ketchup/mustard, ranch dressing, dish soap, shampoo/conditioner, shower gel, laundry detergent, toilet tissue, paper towels, kleenex

BACKPACK BUDDIES We are collecting for our November and December weekends. Food needs include:

- 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
- \$25 Meijer gift cards to include with Christmas food baskets for each family so they can purchase turkey and/or other meat for their Christmas dinner.

Thank you for your generous support of this neighborhood mission.
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