

Anticipation (part 1)

- hype

Micah 2, Luke 3:2-9



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Nov 7-Nov 20:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 7,461.58
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 420.00
Community Offering:	
Desert Streams-Lonts	\$ 60.00
ReFrame Ministries	\$ 13.00
World Renew	\$ 420.00
BackPack Buddies	\$ 20.00
70x7	\$ 150.00

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: The Luke Society

The Luke Society is a Christian ministry that works internationally with indigenous medical professionals to bring healing and hope through Jesus Christ. We support and empower nationals as they serve the Lord among their own people, language and culture, and in doing so, carrying out the Great Commission in Matthew 28 to "go and make disciples of all nations."

December 4: Resonate Global Mission (Rodriguez)

December 11: Denominational Ministry Shares (DMS)

December 18: Wycliffe Bible Translators

THIS WEEK

Monday, Nov 28

7pm Council
7pm Elders
7pm Deacons

Tuesday, Nov 29

9:15am Tuesday Small Group
6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Nov 30

Thursday, Dec 1

Friday, Dec 2

Saturday, Dec 3

Sunday, Dec 4

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

COMING UP

Dec 12 Exec Board

Dec 21 Blood Drive

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

Barb Van Ryn (Youth Group)

November 27, 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: first week of advent — The Christmas season can be filled with a lot of hype. But sometimes all that anticipation can leave us with empty and unmet expectations; the prophet Micah reminds us that what we anticipate and what God actually brings are not always the same thing.

NEXT WEEK: second week of advent

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Candle of Hope

*He Shall Reign Forevermore
Angels From the Realms of Glory*

Communion

*Glorious Day
Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Micah 2, Luke 3:2-9*

² Woe to you who lie awake at night, plotting wickedness; you rise at dawn to carry out your schemes; because you can, you do. ² You want a certain piece of land or someone else's house (though it is all he has); you take it by fraud and threats and violence.

³ But the Lord God says, "I will reward your evil with evil; nothing can stop me; never again will you be proud and haughty after I am through with you. ⁴ Then your enemies will taunt you and mock your dirge of despair: 'We are finished, ruined. God has confiscated our land and sent us far away; he has given what is ours to others.'" ⁵ Others will set your boundaries then. "The People of the Lord" will live where they are sent.

⁶ "Don't say such things," the people say. "Don't harp on things like that. It's disgraceful, that sort of talk. Such evils surely will not come our way."

⁷ Is that the right reply for you to make, O House of Jacob? Do you think the Spirit of the Lord likes to talk to you so roughly? No! His threats are for your good, to get you on the path again.

⁸ Yet to this very hour my people rise against me. For you steal the shirts right off the backs of those who trusted you, who walk in peace.

⁹ You have driven out the widows from their homes and stripped their children of every God-given right. ¹⁰ Up! Begone! This is no more your land and home, for you have filled it with sin, and it will vomit you out.

¹¹ "I'll preach to you the joys of wine and drink"—that is the kind of drunken, lying prophet that you like!

¹² "The time will come, O Israel, when I will gather you—all that are left—and bring you together again like sheep in a fold, like a flock in a pasture—a noisy, happy crowd. ¹³ The Messiah will lead you out of exile and bring you through the gates of your cities of captivity, back to your own land. Your King will go before you—the Lord leads on."

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Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY

9:30am Worship

10:30am Church School

10:45am Adult Bible Study

CHURCH LIFE

TODAY we celebrate the sacrament of communion during the worship service.

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 Dec. 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 27. If you would like to volunteer to help Love Your Neighbor on Dec. 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.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for **Tom and Donna Westra** as Donna receives hospice care for an incurable cancer. *Visitors are welcome, though please call to confirm a visit time.*
- For **the Luke Society** as they work with medical professionals to bring healing and hope around the world.
- 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 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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