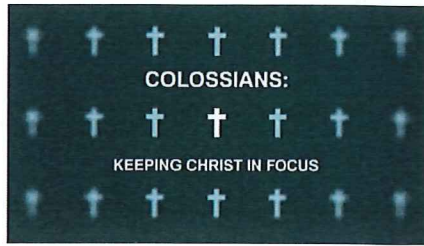


Finding Focus

Colossians 1:24-2:5



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TODAY: Keeping Christ in Focus – the mystery of the gospel can sometimes seem a little blurry when life throws a lot at us; the Bible reminds us how to find our focus back again.

NEXT WEEK: Keeping Christ in Focus

FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Oct 10-Oct 23:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 17292.58
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 480.71
Community Offering: World Vision	\$ 50.00
70x7	\$ 146.00
PRC	\$ 20.51

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: World Renew: World Hunger Sunday

Due to conflict, climate change, and the effects of COVID-19, the number of people suffering from acute food insecurity has grown to over 193 million people globally. Millions more are living day-to-day with precarious access to food. Help World Renew change this story for good by partnering with hungry families around the world to plant, grow, and harvest food. Gifts may be given via the Community/Missions offering.

November 13: Reframe Ministries

November 20: Desert Streams Ministries (Lont's)

November 24: Love Your Neighbor (Fellowship Food Pantry)

THIS WEEK

Monday, Nov 7

Friday, Nov 11

Tuesday, Nov 8

Saturday, Nov 12

9:15am Tuesday Small Group
1pm Social Gathering
6pm Life Skills

Sunday, Nov 13

9:30am Worship
10:30am Church School
10:45am Adult Bible Study
11am All Church Potluck

Wednesday, Nov 9

Thursday, Nov 10

COMING UP

STAFF

Nov 14 Exec Committee

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Nov 20 Youth Group

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Nov 28 Full Council
Elders
Deacons

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

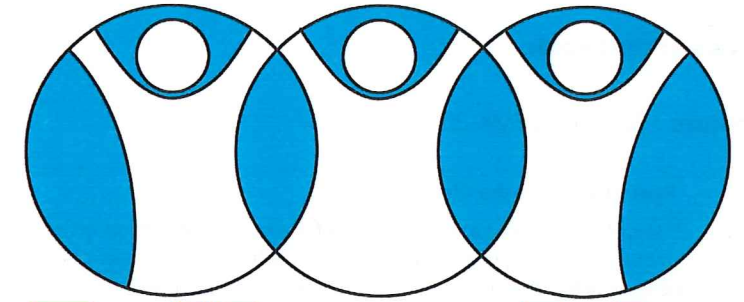
Dec 4 Youth Group Christmas

Barb Van Ryn (Youth Group)

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November 6, 2022



Fellowship

Christian Reformed Church

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

The Reason

Your Grace Is Enough

Ministry in Music *In Christ Alone* (Diane J signing, worship team)

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Colossians 1:24-2:5*

Paul's Labor for the Church

²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

² I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. ² My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

Message "Finding Focus"

The Stand

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

WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY World Hunger Sunday is observed TODAY, November 6, 2022. With the escalation of conflict in Ukraine, food prices around the world surged in 2022. This is happening just as global food systems are recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic – and as catastrophic drought has hit the Horn of Africa. Around the world, families are in need of hope. Please look in your mailboxes for a "Hunger for Good" devotional and a giving envelope. Your giving envelopes will be collected as the community offering TODAY.

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).

NOVEMBER SOCIAL GATHERING Join us on this 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!

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 20.

I would like to thank my Fellowship family, and especially the Tuesday morning small group, for the continuous loving support through prayers and cards that showed the love of Christ to Bob and me as we journeyed through this year's challenges. During these past two weeks since Bob passed away, your comforting expressions of sympathy and love including texts, telephone calls, prayers, sympathy cards, visits, and the beautiful peace lily have blessed and strengthened me and my family. I thank God for all of you.

Mary Wood-Agents

PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for **Tom and Donna Westra** as Donna continues to receive care for incurable cancer.
- For **World Renew** as they address world hunger by partnering with hungry families to plant, grow, and harvest food.
- 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 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! 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
- \$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.

Sandy Campo 616-889-3134

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.

Please sign up THIS week, so that planning can be completed!

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