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<sup>3</sup> You devour them, flog them, break their bones, and chop them up like meat for the cooking pot— <sup>4</sup> and then you plead with the Lord for his help in times of trouble! Do you really expect him to listen? He will look the other way! <sup>5</sup> You false prophets! You who lead his people astray! You who cry “Peace” to those who give you food and threaten those who will not pay!

This is God’s message to you: <sup>6</sup> “The night will close about you and cut off all your visions; darkness will cover you with never a word from God. The sun will go down upon you, and your day will end. <sup>7</sup> Then at last you will cover your faces in shame and admit that your messages were not from God.”

<sup>8</sup> But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the Lord, fearlessly announcing God’s punishment on Israel for her sins.

<sup>9</sup> Listen to me, you leaders of Israel who hate justice and love unfairness <sup>10</sup> and fill Jerusalem with murder and sin of every kind— <sup>11</sup> you leaders who take bribes; you priests and prophets who won’t preach and prophesy until you’re paid. (And yet you fawn upon the Lord and say, “All is well—the Lord is here among us. No harm can come to us.”) <sup>12</sup> It is because of you that Jerusalem will be plowed like a field and become a heap of rubble; the mountaintop where the Temple stands will be overgrown with brush.

**Message** “Anticipation (part 2) – not what we expected”

*What Can I Do*

### God’s Parting Blessing

#### **TODAY**

9:30am Worship  
10:30am Church School  
10:45am Adult Bible Study  
11:30am Youth Orchestra Practice  
4:30pm Youth Group Christmas Party-Middle School  
6pm Youth Group Christmas Party-High School

## CHURCH LIFE

**The Deacons are requesting that all giving for the 2022 calendar year be received by Sunday December 25 in order to be recorded on your 2022 giving statement. Thank you!**

**PLEDGES** Pledge forms were placed in your mailbox last Sunday. Please return pledges to the marked slot at the information center by Sunday, December 25.

**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.

**MULTIGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS CHOIR** will sing on Sunday, December 18. Anyone middle school age or older is welcome to join. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday 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; and is open to anyone who has played a string or band instrument for at least one year (adults are welcome too!). Rehearsals will be TODAY, 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.

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR COMMUNITY CHRITMAS** This year, Love’s Community Christmas event is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9 and Dec. 10, 2022 at Hudsonville Reformed Church. The number of families reaching out to us for Christmas support increases each year. We anticipate serving around 400 adults and children this year. In order to accomplish this, we need your help. There are still volunteer opportunities available to help on the nights of our Community Christmas. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up via the link in the midweek email.

**DECEMBER SOCIAL GATHERING** The December monthly gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 1-3 pm here at Fellowship. Plans are to play Bingo, sing some Christmas carols, and a time of refreshments. If you have a white elephant gift, please take for Bingo prizes. All who are available to attend are welcome. Questions? Contact **Myrna Koning, Ellie Postma, Diane Ronda, Barb Sanders, or Sharon Walcott.**

## 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.*
- Pray for **Alvina Huyser**. She is hospitalized with pneumonia. Pray that the medicine and care she is receiving will be helpful to bring healing and regaining strength.
- For **Resonate Global Mission** and the **Rodriguez family** as they educate, equip, and empower the local churches in Nicaragua to establish a ministry that disciples every believer to live out work as worship and mission
- 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 thru TODAY, Sunday, December 4.

**BACKPACK BUDDIES** We are collecting for our 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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