

puzzles

1 Samuel 16:2b-13



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Jan 9 – 22:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 11,998.58
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 750.81
Community Offering: World Renew	\$ 140.51
Kid's Food Basket	\$ 40.00
Gideons	\$ 155.00
Mission French Africa	\$ 20.51
Backpack Buddies	\$ 20.00

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Pine Rest

Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services is called to express the healing ministry of Jesus Christ by providing behavioral health services with professional excellence, Christian integrity, and compassion. Pine Rest is the third largest non-profit behavioral health provider in the U.S., offering a full continuum of services including psychiatric urgent care, inpatient and partial hospitalization, residential, outpatient and teletherapy services, addiction treatment and recovery, extensive child and adolescent programs, senior care services, as well as specialized assessment and treatment clinics.

February 5: Rehoboth Christian School (Ippel's)

February 12: Denominational Ministry Shares

February 19: Kids Hope USA

THIS WEEK

Monday, Jan 30

Tuesday, Jan 31

9:15am Tuesday Small Group
6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Feb 1

Thursday, Feb 2

Friday, Feb 3

Saturday, Feb 4

Sunday, Feb 5

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

COMING UP

Feb 13 Exec Board

Feb 15 Blood Drive

Feb 19 Youth Group

Feb 27 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)

January 29, 2023



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: Puzzles – sometimes trying to figure out how God works in our lives feels like a puzzle; the prophet Samuel learned a little something about that, and it remains as a lesson for us today.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Our God
Battle Belongs
Echo Holy
O Come to the Altar*

Prayers of the People

Scripture 1 Samuel 16:2b-13

The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

⁴ Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

⁵ Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord."

⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Message "Puzzles"

I Will Follow

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY

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

CHURCH LIFE

BUDGET Copies of the proposed budget are available at the information center. They were also placed in your mailbox this week.

On February 5, there will be a Q& A time after the morning service to review the proposed 2023 church budget.

On February 12, after the morning service, there will be a vote on the proposed 2023 church budget.

Absentee ballots will be available on January 29 and should be turned in to the marked slot at the information center no later than February 12. If you would like to absentee vote electronically, a link will be available in the midweek email starting on February 2.

SUNDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION/PRAYER GROUP You are invited to join a six-session group exploring the book *Prayer in the Night: For Those Who Work or Watch or Wait* by Tish Harrison Warren. This group will explore this book on six Sunday mornings before the worship service (8:30-9am) in February and March (February 5,12,19; March 5, 19, 26). If you are interested but not able to attend all the sessions, please come to the times you can attend. Questions? Contact **Pastor Barb**. More information on the book can be found in the midweek email.

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).

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for **Steve and Linda Westra** who will be working with and supervising a 16 member DRS (Disaster Response Services) team in Boutte, Louisiana, January 31-February 24. Pray for safety for team members as they travel and work; and that they will stay healthy. Pray also for the people they work with in Louisiana. Pray that the clients will experience Christ's compassion and care through the presence and work of this team.
- Continue to pray for **Sheryl Offringa's** mother, Ellie Klifman. She has COPD and has been hospitalized for the past two weeks with difficulty breathing as she recovers from pneumonia. Pray for Ellie as she is transferred to rehab for continuing recovery.
- Continue to pray for **Carole Dykstra's** sister, Barb Voskuil. A recent pet CT indicates cancer, a rare and aggressive form, has returned. Barb is beginning chemotherapy.
- For **Pine Rest** as they provide care and treatment to people with mental health conditions through both inpatient and outpatient care.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

FOOD PANTRY Thank you for your continued support of the Fellowship food pantry.

BACKPACK BUDDIES We are collecting for our January 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
- plastic grocery bags

Thank you for your prayers for the families and generous support of this neighborhood mission.

~Sandy Campo 616-889-3134

BLOOD DRIVE The next blood drive will be on Wednesday, February 15. You can sign up to donate through the link in the Midweek email.