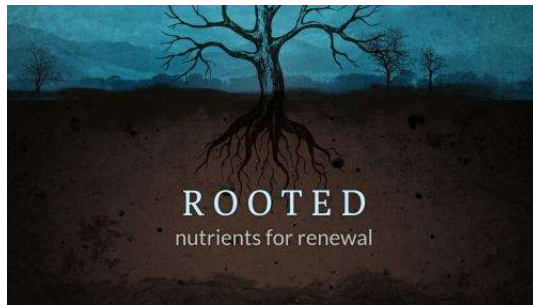


Abiding

John 15:5-17



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Dec 30-31:

Received for general ministries: \$ 7,550.00
 Received for Christian Education: \$ 90.00
 Community Offering:

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Love Your Neighbor

Their mission is to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities. Through their partnerships, they coordinate over 50 different ministries. Fellowship CRC helps to offer a Life Skills Program that empowers individuals toward authentic life transformation and a food pantry.

January 15: World Renew

January 22: Gideons

January 29: Pine Rest

January 8, 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

THIS WEEK

Monday, Jan 9

7pm Exec Board

Tuesday, Jan 10

9:15am Tuesday Small Group

1pm Social Gathering

6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Jan 11

Thursday, Jan 12

Friday, Jan 13

Saturday, Jan 14

Sunday, Jan 15

9:30am Worship

10:30am Church School

10:45am Adult Bible Study

5pm Youth Group – Middle School

6pm Youth Group – High School

COMING UP

Jan 15 Youth Group

Jan 19 Youth Group Winter Jam

Jan 23 Elders
Deacons

Feb 5 Youth Group

Feb 13 Exec Board

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

Barb Van Ryn (Youth Group)

TODAY: Rooted — nutrients for renewal: Some of the things that Christians identify as faith-goals are actually byproducts; the real faith-goal for Christian identity is much less complicated.

NEXT WEEK: Rooted— nutrients for renewal

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Shout to the Lord
Let All Things Now Living
What a Beautiful Name*

Prayers of the People

Scripture *John 15:5-17*

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

Message “Abiding”

What Can I Do

God’s Parting Blessing

TODAY

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

CHURCH LIFE

NEXT SUNDAY we will be celebrating the sacrament of communion together during the worship service.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY *Class resumes TODAY, January 8.* 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).

CHURCH SCHOOL *Classes resume TODAY, January 8.*

TUESDAY SMALL GROUP Tuesday morning Bible study group will begin meeting again this Tuesday, January 10. All who are available at this time are welcome to participate in this group, 9:15-10:45am Questions? Contact **Pastor Barb**.

USHERS The Worship Committee is looking for a few more volunteers to serve as USHERS on Sunday mornings. Please contact **Andrew Lenhart** if you would like to know more or would like to serve.

JANUARY SOCIAL GATHERING The January gathering is schedule to meet Tuesday, January 10, 1-3pm here at Fellowship. All who have this time available are welcome. Questions? Contact **Myrna Koning, Ellie Postma, Diane Ronda, Barb Sanders, Sharon Walcott**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Happy Birthday to **Jean Cisler** who will celebrate her birthday on January 18.

Happy Birthday to **Ann Aardema** who will celebrate her birthday on January 24.

We give thanks for their lives and may they know the gift of God’s faithful presence with each new day.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Give thanks that **Alvina Huyser** has been able to return home. Pray for continued regaining of strength following having pneumonia.
- For **Love Your Neighbor** as they provide Life Skills classes to those who are in need as well as provide many other ministries. Pray that they can effectively mobilize churches to transform lives and communities.
- 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, Len and Lois Koetje**.

*A prayer email is sent each weekday. Some people who have subscribed are not receiving these emails, and we have made an effort to try to correct this. If you are subscribed to the prayer email and not receiving an email each weekday, please let **Pastor Barb** know. We will work on finding a way to communicate to all who would like to receive these daily prayer emails.*

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

FOOD PANTRY The Missions and community Connections Committee would like to thank everyone for joining our **“THANKS FOR GIVING”** Food/Blessings Drive for our 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