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2 Samuel 9:1-13



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Jan 23 – Feb 5:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 15,100.41
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 800.00
Community Offering: Gideons	\$ 20.51
Pine Rest	\$ 156.44
Rehoboth Chr. School	\$ 166.00

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Kids Hope USA

Through a Kids Hope USA mentoring program, students develop transformative relationships with an additional caring and consistent adult, empowering them to thrive. We connect churches with the neighborhood elementary and middle schools to operate a proven and established school-based mentoring program. Through intentional training and support, churches mobilize volunteer mentors into schools to meet with students once a week and develop a one-on-one mentoring relationship. **And those relationships matter.**

- February 26:** Roosevelt Park Ministries
- March 5:** Desert Streams Ministries (Lont's)
- March 12:** Backpack Buddies

THIS WEEK

Monday, Feb 20

Tuesday, Feb 21
9:15am Tuesday Small Group
6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Feb 22
7pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, Feb 23

Friday, Feb 24

Saturday, Feb 25
8:30pm Youth Group Bowling

Sunday, Feb 26
9:30am Worship
10:30am Church School
10:45am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

Feb 27 Full Council
Elders
Deacons

Mar 5 Youth Group

Mar 13 Exec Board

Mar 14 Social Gathering

STAFF

- Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)
- Barb Sanders (Pastor)
- Andrew Lenhart (Worship)
- Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)
- Katherine Sneller (Custodian)
- Barb Van Ryn (Youth Group)

TODAY: The ABC's of Outward Faith — Nobody wants to be treated as a project; faith that expresses outwardly takes its best shape in authentic relationships with other people.

WEDNESDAY: Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00pm

NEXT WEEK: Pastor Jay Pruum preaching

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February 19, 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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing
To God Be The Glory
Holy Is The Lord*

Prayers of the People

Scripture 2 Samuel 9:1-13

David and Mephibosheth

⁹ David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

² Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?"

"At your service," he replied.

³ The king asked, "Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?"

Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet."

⁴ "Where is he?" the king asked.

Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar."

⁵ So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel.

⁶ When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor.

David said, "Mephibosheth!"

"At your service," he replied.

⁷ "Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table."

⁸ Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?"

⁹ Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's steward, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. ¹⁰ You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table." (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.)

¹¹ Then Ziba said to the king, "Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons.

¹² Mephibosheth had a young son named Mika, and all the members of Ziba's household were servants of Mephibosheth. ¹³ And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table; he was lame in both feet.

Message "Connect | Develop | Enfold"

Take My Life And Let It Be

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY

8:30am Prayer in the Night Group

9:30am Worship

10:30am Church School

10:45am Adult Bible Study

5pm Youth Group – Middle School

6pm Youth Group – High School

CHURCH LIFE

Council nomination letters have been sent out. Please return your completed form to the mailbox of Tamie DeWitte or email tgdewitte@gmail.com by TODAY, Sunday, February 19.

On Feb. 12, 2023 the Congregation voted and approved the Budget for 2023. The Council has ratified the Budget. Thank you for your continued support. -The Executive Committee

Fellowship Church will have an ASH WEDNESDAY service at 7pm on Wednesday, February 22, to commemorate the beginning of Lent.

Next week Sunday, February 26, please join us in participating in the sacrament of communion during the morning worship service.

The Building & Grounds Committee will begin working on some STAGE IMPROVEMENTS in the sanctuary in the coming weeks.

SAVE THE DATE Three congregations...all children of God! Mark your calendars for a combined Worship Service for the congregations of Fellowship, Ivanrest, and South Grandville CRCs on Sunday, April 23 at 10:00 AM in the Calvin Christian High School gymnasium. More information and details to come!

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY The class is in Room 10, and it 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).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Happy Birthday to **Lois Koetje** who will celebrate her birthday on February 22. We give thanks for her life and may she know the gift of God's faithful presence with each new day.

HAVE YOU BEEN HEARD? Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2023 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/4225 to answer the survey questions by **March 31**.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for **Jo Postema**. A few weeks ago she fell on ice. She injured her back and walking is painful. She also scraped her leg which has become infected. Pray that medication will be helpful to manage the pain and bring healing.
- Continue to pray for **Steve and Linda Westra** who are working with and supervising a 16 member DRS (Disaster Response Services) team in Boutte, Louisiana, January 31-February 24. Pray for this team as this week they bring closure to this time of rebuilding and safety as they travel home later this week.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: **Gloria DeWitte, Alvina Huyser**, Ellie Klifman, (**Sheryl Offringa's** mother), **Lois Oom, Rachel Tjoelker**, Barb Voskuil (**Carole Dykstra's** sister).
- For **Kids Hope USA** as they connect students with mentors who care about them and create lasting relationships with a caring, consistent adult.
- 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. Please note, we are no longer collecting Family Fare receipts due to the program ending.

BACKPACK BUDDIES We are collecting for our February weekends. Food needs include:

- canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti, etc. – with meat)
- canned chicken
- fruit cups, applesauce cups
- pasta or rice boxed side dishes to go with chicken (at least 2 servings per box preferred)
- snacks – such as granola bars, fruit snacks, rice krispie treats, pretzels

Thank you for your prayers for the families and generous support of this neighborhood mission. ~Sandy Campo 616-889-3134

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU to all who donated this past Wednesday!