

Escape Room

Philippians 2:12-18



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Mar 27-Apr 16:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 18,518.05
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 1,450.00
Community Offering: Resonate (Rodriguez)	\$ 105.51
Love Your Neighbor	\$ 55.51
Women at Risk	\$ 20.51
World Renew	\$ 225.00

Community Offerings

TODAY: The Luke Society

The Luke Society is a Christian ministry that works internationally with indigenous medical professionals to bring healing and hope through Jesus Christ. We support and empower nationals as they serve the Lord among their own people, language and culture, and in doing so, carrying out the Great Commission in Matthew 28 to "go and make disciples of all nations."

May 7: Mission French Africa (*Paul and Charlotte Mpindi*)

May 14: Denominational Ministry Shares

May 21: Family Network of Wyoming

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 1

4:45pm Golf League

Tuesday, May 2

9:15am Tuesday Small Group

6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, May 3

Thursday, May 4

Friday, May 5

Saturday, May 6

Sunday, May 7

9:30am Worship

10:30am Church School

10:45am Listening Circles

5pm Youth Group-Middle School

6pm Youth Group-High School

COMING UP

May 9 Social Gathering
Exec

May 17 Blood Drive

May 23 Council
Elders
Deacons

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Barb Van Ryn (Youth)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

April 30, 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: *Escape Room* — Sometimes it may seem like the goal of Christian life is to escape from all that is evil and unhappy in this world; but the apostle Paul frames the "escape room" of this world a little differently in his letter to the Philippians.

NEXT WEEK: *Holy Habits* – faith practices that make the Christian life more meaningful

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Holy Roar
Battle Belongs
Same Power
Yes I Will

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Philippians 2:12-18*

Do Everything Without Grumbling

¹²Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

¹⁴Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.”^[a] Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. ¹⁷But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁸So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

Message “Escape Room”

Facing A Task Unfinished

God’s Parting Blessing

TODAY

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

CHURCH LIFE

TODAY is a youth-focused worship service. Welcome to our youth group students here with us today!

RENEWAL LAB INVITATION Invitation to participate in Renewal Lab discussion on May 7. Sign up to be part of a “listening circle” group meeting after the worship service NEXT WEEK. These small group conversations will allow church members to speak into issues surrounding Fellowship Church’s future direction. To sign up, either use the link provided in the Midweek Email or you can sign up at the information center.

RENEWAL LAB SURVEY The Church Assessment survey for the Renewal Lab is now available and will be open through the end of the week. Find the Church Assessment survey at www.fellowshipcpc.com/crl. Paper copies can be picked up from the information center.

CAKE SUNDAY TODAY, after the service, **Mike and Linda Philo** invite you to join them in the Fellowship Room after the worship service for a cake Sunday to celebrate their 25th anniversary.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION On May 21 we will be recognizing the graduates of high school, college, and beyond. If you or your son/daughter is graduating high school, college, or grad school (or graduated mid-year), please complete an information sheet found at the information center or in the midweek email. Once it is completed, please return it with a digital photo to the office by May 7. You may also e-mail your information to lwilliams@fellowshipcpc.com.

FLOWER PLANTING The Building & Grounds committee is looking for someone who would be interested in planting flowers on the church grounds, specifically around the church sign. If you are interested, please contact **Scott Rickers**.

MAY SOCIAL GATHERING The May Social Gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, from 1-3pm here at Fellowship. All who are able to attend are welcome. Questions? Contact **Myrna Koning, Ellie Postma, Diane Ronda, Barb Sanders, or Sharon Walcott**.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Congratulations to **Rog and Mary Visser** who celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary on May 1. We give thanks for their lives and their marriage. May they continue to know God’s faithful presence with them.

INCOMING ELDER AND DEACON APPOINTMENTS We are blessed and joyful for our members who have accepted God’s call to serve as Elders and Deacons. There will be no drawing of lots as God has perfectly filled our need. Installation will take place on May 7. Please pray for each as they begin their service.

Elders – Mary Wood-Agents, Mary Bouma

Deacons – Kathy Kikkert, Bill Offringa

Bruce Morren will be continuing as an Elder for 1 more year.

We would like to thank the retiring Elders and Deacons for their time, talents, and willingness to serve:

Paul Lubbers – Elder

Barb Smalligan - Deacon

Rog Visser – Elder

Tamie DeWitte – Deacon

Tamie DeWitte, Executive Committee Clerk

PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: **Ann Aardema, Alvina Huyser**, Ellie Klifman, (**Sheryl Offringa’s** mother), **Lois Oom, Rachel Tjoelker**, Barb Voskuil (**Carole Dykstra’s** sister).
- For **The Luke Society** as they work with medical professionals around the world to bring healing and hope through Jesus Christ. Pray that they can continue to empower indigenous people as they serve the Lord among their own people, carrying out the Great Commission.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

BACKPACK BUDDIES We are collecting for our April and May weekends.

Food needs include:

- canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti, etc. – with meat)
- canned chunky soups – beef or chicken
- 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, etc.

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