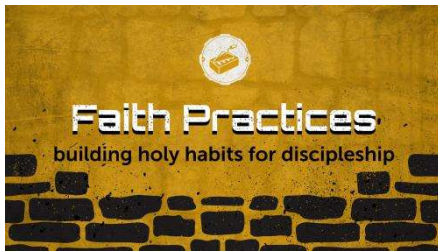


Faith Practices: generosity

2 Corinthians 8:1-15



**FROM THE DEACONS**

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received May 15-28:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 11,928.00
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 535.00
Community Offering: DMS	\$ 122.00
Family Network Wyoming	\$ 68.00
PRC	\$ 235.00

**Community Offerings**

**TODAY: Rehoboth Christian School**

RCS was founded as a ministry to the Native American people of the Four Corners region in New Mexico. Today, RCS continues its ministry through education with multiculturalism as a backdrop. RCS is committed to building students up not only intellectually, but also spiritually and emotionally, helping them grow into mature Christians.

- June 11: Backpack Buddies
- June 18: ThereforeGo Ministries
- June 25: ASJ

**THIS WEEK**

- Monday, Jun 5**  
4:45pm Golf League
- Tuesday, Jun 6**  
6pm Life Skills  
7pm Exec
- Wednesday, Jun 7**

- Thursday, Jun 8**
- Friday, Jun 9**
- Saturday, Jun 10**
- Sunday, Jun 11**  
9am Prayer for Synod, Room 10  
9:30am Worship  
10:45am Adult Bible Study

**COMING UP**

- June 27** Elders  
Deacons

**STAFF**

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



Resources for generosity: [www.crcna.org/faithpracticesproject](http://www.crcna.org/faithpracticesproject)

**TODAY:** Faith Practices – Generosity is freely sharing with others the many gifts God has given us. A spirit of generosity arises from gratitude. As we imitate Gods own generous nature, our generosity overflows to bless the people around us.

**June 4, 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)

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*Fill This Place  
He Reigns*

### Communion

*Remembrance*

### Prayers of the People

**Scripture** *2 Corinthians 8:1-15*

#### The Collection for the Lord's People

**8** And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. **2** In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. **3** For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, **4** they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. **5** And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. **6** So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. **7** But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

**8** I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. **9** For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

**10** And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. **11** Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. **12** For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

**13** Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. **14** At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, **15** as it is written: "The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little."

**Message** "Faith Practices: generosity"

*What Can I Do*

**God's Parting Blessing**

#### **TODAY**

9am Prayer for Synod, Room 10  
9:30am Worship  
10:45am Adult Bible Study

## CHURCH LIFE

**TODAY** we will celebrate the sacrament of communion together during the worship service.

**Last Sunday, May 28, was the day of Pentecost, when the gift of God's Spirit was given to the Church and we celebrate God's work among the nations of the world. At Fellowship, we are celebrating Pentecost today as part of our worship service. The flags represent some of the countries in which ministries of the Christian Reformed Church is sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**Pastor Tom will be away next week as a delegate to Synod. Please direct any pastoral care needs to Pastor Barb or your district Elder/Deacon.**

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy Birthday to **Don Aardema** who will celebrate his birthday on June 10.

Happy Birthday to **Tom Westra** who will celebrate his birthday on June 14.

Happy Birthday to **Lois Oom** who will celebrate her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 15.

We give thanks for their lives and wish them God's continued blessings!

**MEMBER DIRECTORY** We are in the process of updating the member directory. Please take some time to check your contact information on Elvanto. If needed, you may edit your information on the website. There are also paper copies of what will be printed in the directory in your mailbox. Once you have made any corrections or okayed the information, either place the slip of paper into the marked slot at the information center or email the office at [williams@fellowshipcrc.com](mailto:williams@fellowshipcrc.com). Thank You!

★Keep up to date with all the activity of the Church Renewal Lab at [www.fellowshipcrc.com/crl](http://www.fellowshipcrc.com/crl).

### PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for **Terry VanHaitsma**. He had hip replacement surgery last week. Give thanks that recovery is going well.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Jayne Barnhill (**Sandy Campo's** sister), Ellie Klifman, (**Sheryl Offringa's** mother), Kim Mulder (family of **Bonnie Houtstra** and **Tamie DeWitte**), **Lois Oom**, **Jo Postema**, **Rachel Tjoelker**, Barb Voskuil (**Carole Dykstra's** sister).
- For **Rehoboth Christian School** as they minister through education to the Four Corners region of New Mexico. Pray for their new graduates as they go out into the world after graduation.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.
- **Pastor Tom** is a delegate to Synod this year. Pray for Pastor Tom and delegates as they prepare for Synod, which meets June 9-15. A 40 -Day Prayer Guide has been written to encourage and guide prayer. At Fellowship, we are planning times of prayer on Sundays before the worship service, 9:00 - 9:15am. *For those able to participate in this time of prayer we meet in room 10.*

### OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

**BACKPACK BUDDIES** We give thanks to God for the amazing support that FCRC has given to our neighbors through the Backpack Buddies Program this year and the past 14 years. We will continue to collect over the summer months for the following items. This will allow us to resume in the fall with a well stocked pantry.

For June we will be collecting the following:

- canned chunky soups – beef or chicken
- fruit cups, applesauce cups
- Nutrigrain bars
- (Any other items you wish to donate will be gladly accepted)

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

~**Sandy Campo** 616-889-3134