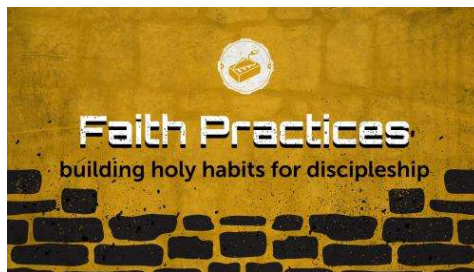


Faith Practices:
prayer
Matthew 6:5-14



Resources for prayer: www.crcna.org/faithpracticesproject

TODAY: Faith Practices – The faith practice of prayer is a way in which we actively submit ourselves and our world to God's ongoing transformational work in Christ by expressing ourselves to God and listening for God to engage with us.

Next Week: Faith Practices – Pastor Chris Schoon, the U.S. co-director of Thrive (the new name for the reorganization of the merged Congregational Ministries of the CRCNA) and the author of "Faith Practices".

FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Jul 10-23:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 9,751.98
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 880.00
Community Offering: Love Your Neighbor	\$ 20.51
World Renew	\$ 85.51
Audio Scripture Ministries	\$ 30.00

We have received the following request from The Leadership Development Team of Classis Grandville to help meet the needs of an unusually high number of seminary students for student fund support.

*Classis Grandville Churches,
God is calling people into full-time ministry and we need your help to financially support our seminary students from Classis Grandville. In the Fall of 2022, we supported two students with tuition assistance through loans that can be forgiven based on their years of service to the CRC - 10% per year of service. In the Spring of 2023, we supported 4 students. In the Fall of 2023, we have 6 students we would like to support. We have a current need to raise an additional \$6,000 to support these students.*

The Deacons will be collecting money through August 13 for this need. If you are able to help with this cause, please label your gift "Classis Grandville Student Support" and place in any of the collection baskets or note this cause in the memo line if giving online. Thanks!

Community Offerings

TODAY: Misson Aviation Fellowship

MAF is a family of organizations led by people in countries around the world who have a similar vision of taking Christ's love into the most remote places on earth. MAF-US collaborates with our sister organizations to meet spiritual and physical needs in 37 different countries. Collectively, our fleet of 135 airplanes serves some 1,500 non-profit, churches, and humanitarian organizations.

Aug 6: Resonate Global Mission (Rodriguez)

Aug 13: Denominational Ministry Shares **Aug 20:** Harbor House

THIS WEEK

Monday, Jul 31
4:45pm Golf League

Tuesday, Aug 1
6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Aug 2

Thursday, Aug 3

Friday, Aug 4

Saturday, Aug 5

Sunday, Aug 6
9:30am Worship
10:45am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

Aug 15 Exec

Aug 22 Elders
Deacons
Council

STAFF

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

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July 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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Great Things
O Come to the Altar

Prayers of the People

Speak O Lord

Scripture *Matthew 6:5-14*

Prayer

⁵“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

¹⁰your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us today our daily bread.

¹²And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.’

¹⁴For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Message “Faith Practices: prayer”

Build My Life

God’s Parting Blessing

TODAY

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

CHURCH LIFE

BACK TO SCHOOL Wow! Thank you for the many items that have already been donated! Here’s a list of the items still needed....

\$ donations for backpacks, Expo markers (pre-purchased items); Crayola Washable Markers; Highlighters; Ticonderoga #2 pencils; Headphones;
1 pair earbuds; Sanitizing wipes; Kleenex

There is a signup with the specifics of the needed items at <https://bit.ly/fcrschool>. Because these are specific requests from the teachers, please be mindful of brand, color, size etc. for the items. Please use the Sign-Up Genius for your donations. If you can’t access the sign up, contact **Linda Westra** (call/text/email, info is in church directory). If you are unable to shop or use the Sign-Up Genius, we will gladly do the shopping. Just help by putting a donation in the slot marked “**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**” at the information center; or mail it to the church. Make checks payable to FCRC.

Thank you! **Missions and Community Connections Team**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY For the remainder of the summer, we are using videos from Walking the Bible Lands by Dr. Wayne Stiles to visually visit the land of the bible, read bible passages and have relevant discussions. 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** (dcook0104@gmail.com).

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY A few people plan to meet on Tuesday mornings, 9:15-10:45am, beginning August 8, to view the Ray VanderLaan DVD “Walking with God in the Desert.” Throughout life we each experience difficult places of loss, pain, and disorientation. This seven session DVD series encourages one to be attentive to seek God in desert places of life as we travel with God’s people through their wilderness journey. All are welcome to attend. If you have a prior commitment for some of the weeks, you are welcome to attend the weeks when you are able. Questions? Contact **Pastor Barb Sanders**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Happy birthday to **Rachel Tjoelker** who will celebrate her 84th birthday on August 16. We give thanks for her life and may she know the gift of God’s faithful presence with each new day. Cards can be sent to: Rachel Tjoelker, Grand Brook Memory Care #29A, 5281 Wilson Ave., Wyoming, MI 49418

★Keep up to date with all the activity of the Church Renewal Lab at www.fellowshipcrc.com/crl.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Bob Aardema, Rick Aardema, 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**, Katherine Sneller, **Rachel Tjoelker**, Barb Voskuil (**Carole Dykstra**’s sister).
- For **Mission Aviation Fellowship** as they serve many other non-profits in bringing God’s Word around the world.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

BLOOD DRIVE The next Blood Drive will be on Wednesday, August 30, from 2-7pm. If you would like to sign up to donate, a link can be found on the Versiti website or the church website under upcoming events.

FOOD PANTRY We in the food Pantry are once again accepting donations.

Food items needed are: canned chicken, chunky soups, hamburger/tuna helper, salad dressings, fruit cups, Nutrigrain bars, crackers, pop tarts, kid’s cereal, peanut butter, jelly, paper towels, and hand soap

Thanks for supporting the Fellowship Food Pantry!

BACKPACK BUDDIES Continue to pray for the Backpack Buddies program and the children at Central Elementary as the school year begins! We are well stocked for the first month of the new school year.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers and generous support for these children and their families.

Sandy Campo - 616.889.3134