

A Rather Ordinary Faith

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Galatians 5:22-26

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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: Resonate Global Mission Jesse and Jari Rodriguez

Jesse and Jari Rodriguez are missionaries serving in Jinotega, Nicaragua. They partner with a ministry located in Grandville, Discipling Marketplace Leaders (DML). DML educates, equips, and empowers the local church to establish a ministry that disciples every believer to live out work as worship and mission.

Aug 13: Denominational Ministry Shares **Aug 20:** Harbor House
Aug 27: Starlight Ministries

THIS WEEK

Monday, Aug 7
4:45pm Golf League

Tuesday, Aug 8
9:15am Ray VanderLaan Small Group
11am Faith Practices Encouragement

Wednesday, Aug 9

Thursday, Aug 10

Friday, Aug 11

Saturday, Aug 12

Sunday, Aug 13
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)

TODAY: Pastor Chris Schoon, ThD, is 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".

Next Week: Rev. Dr. Paul Mpindi is preaching on John 4.

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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

*Fill This Place
Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee
How Great Is Your Love*

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Galatians 5:22-26*

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Galatians 5:22-26

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Message "A Rather Ordinary Faith" Rev. Chris Schoon

Holy Spirit

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY

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

CHURCH LIFE

BACK TO SCHOOL Thank you to those who have contributed to the "Stuff the Backpacks" campaign! The backpacks are almost filled. Just a few items are still needed. Will you help meet our goal?

- \$ donations for 23 headphones at \$2.75 each
- 8 containers sanitizing wipes (any size)
- 18 boxes Kleenex (any size)

There is a sign-up for the needed items at <https://bit.ly/fcrschool>. Please use the sign-up genius for your donations to avoid receiving duplicate items. If you can't access the sign-up, contact **Linda Westra** to inform her what you are donating (call/text/email info is in church directory). If you are making a monetary donation for the supplies/backpacks, drop your donation in the slot marked "SCHOOL SUPPLIES" at the information center. 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 of 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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Congratulations to **Pastor Tom and Laura** who will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on August 13! We give thanks for their lives and their marriage. May they continue to know God's faithful presence with them.

★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 **Resonate Global Mission** and **Jesse and Jari Rodriguez** as they serve the people in Nicaragua
- 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