

Knowing My Place in the Kingdom

Matthew 18:1-5, 21-35



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Sep 11-17:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 9,025.18
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 533.00
Community Offering: Mission French Africa	\$ 35.50
Backpack Buddies	\$ 80.51
Access	\$ 40.00
GEMS	\$ 140.00

Community Offerings

TODAY: World Renew

Compelled by God's passion for justice and mercy, World Renew join communities in 30 countries around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. They work to address major community development and social justice issues like illiteracy, hunger, malnutrition, unemployment, HIV/AIDS, child mortality, and injustice. They are also active in responding to disasters by clearing debris, assessing needs, training local leaders, repairing and rebuilding damaged homes, and providing and distributing emergency food, water, shelter, and other supplies. World Renew does not receive denominational ministry shares and depends on the regular financial support of God's people.

Oct 22: Tent Schools International

Oct 29: 70x7

Nov 5: Desert Streams Ministries (*Lont's*)

THIS WEEK

Monday, Oct 16

Tuesday, Oct 17

9:15am Small Group-Faith Practices,
Session 3

6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Oct 18

Thursday, Oct 19

Friday, Oct 20

Saturday, Oct 21

Sunday, Oct 22

9:30am Worship

10:45am Church School

10:45am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

Oct 23 Elders
Deacons

Oct 28 Youth Group Corn Maze

Nov 5 Youth Group

Nov 13 Exec

Nov 19 Youth Group

STAFF

Tom Vanderploeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

October 15, 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: *Kingdom* — Jesus shows us that there is a pattern by which we are to live within the kingdom, because it is the same pattern by which God brought us into the kingdom.

NEXT WEEK: Profession of Faith service

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Praise The Lord
Our God
Today Is The Day*

Ministry in Music *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*, Diane J. signing

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Matthew 18:1-5, 21-35*

The Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven

¹⁸ At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

² He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. ³ And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Message "Knowing My Place in the Kingdom"

Who You Say I Am

God's Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

2024 budget pledge forms are available TODAY. Budget pledge forms are due October 29. Please place completed pledge forms in the marked slot at the information center.

NEXT SUNDAY we have the privilege of hearing the Profession of Faith of **Brooklyn Tenhopen**.

GIVING ENVELOPES Hi Fellowship family! We're already nearing the end of the year and it's almost time to order new giving envelopes for the year 2024! If you DO NOT want them and have been receiving them would you please let me know soon? I will need to be placing an order soon for them. Thanks in advance for letting me know! **Pam Kortman** pkortman@gmail.com 616.437.0005

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** (dcook0104@gmail.com).

CHURCH REKEYING On Wednesday, October 18, the church is being rekeyed. If you currently have a key to get in to church, it will no longer work. If you think you need to have access, please contact **Scott Rickers** or **Gordon Bell** for a replacement key.

★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), Susan (**Sharon Walcott's** daughter-in-law).
- For **World Renew** as they address a variety of issues around the world. Pray that they are able to effectively help those facing both social and justice issues, as well as those in disaster zones.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry. Pray that they are able to meet the growing demand in our community.

TODAY

9:30am Worship
10:45am Church School
10:45am Adult Bible Study
4:30pm Youth Group-Middle School
6pm Youth Group-High School

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

FOOD PANTRY Thank you for your ongoing support of the Love Food Pantry! We've had an increase in clients the past few months. We serviced 10 families in the last two weeks!

Our immediate needs are...canned meats (especially chicken), salad dressings, yellow mustard, hotdog/hamburger relish, jams/ jellies, pancake syrup, tortilla shells, flour, sugar, cornstarch, kidney or chili beans, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, snack crackers, snack bars and laundry soap, bath soap, dish soap, shampoo, and hand soap.

Thanks for supporting the Fellowship Food Pantry!

BACKPACK BUDDIES The first month of school has revealed much need in our community. We are currently at 38 children, one of our highest years since we started the program. Hungry children have a hard time learning in school and we want to help them succeed. We appreciate your help in the past and for filling our pantry now for coming weekends!

our current needs:

Snacks: granola bars, pretzels, fruit snacks, etc.
Fruit: applesauce, fruit cups, small boxes of raisins
Canned chunky soups
Canned Chicken
Nutrigrain bars

cash donations can be made through the deacons

Please place your donations in the wooden box in the narthex.

Thank you for your continued support! **Sandy Campo**