

The Cost of the Kingdom  
Matthew 13:44-46



### 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: Love Your Neighbor**

Their mission is to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities. Through their partnerships, they coordinate over 50 different ministries. Fellowship CRC helps to offer a Life Skills Program that empowers individuals toward authentic life transformation and a food pantry.

- Oct 15: World Renew
- Oct 22: Tent Schools International
- Oct 29: 70x7

### THIS WEEK

**TODAY, Sunday, Oct 8**

- 9:30am Worship
- 10:45am Church School
- 10:45am Adult Bible Study
- 1pm Renewal Lab Team Meets

**Monday, Oct 9**

**Tuesday, Oct 10**

- 9:15am Small Group-Faith Practices, Session 2
- 7pm Exec Board

**Wednesday, Oct 11**

- 10am Gathering Event
- 7pm Worship Team Rehearsal

**Thursday, Oct 12**

- 7pm Faith Practices Encouragement

**Friday, Oct 13**

**Saturday, Oct 14**

**Sunday, Oct 15**

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

### 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)
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October 8, 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** — The Bible talks about the kingdom as something which exists within our world today; but that doesn't mean the world shares equal priority with the kingdom.

**NEXT WEEK:** The Kingdom Starts in Your Backyard

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Call to Worship

*Praise The Lord  
How Great Thou Art  
Your Grace Is Enough*

## Prayers of the People

**Scripture** *Matthew 13:44-46*

### The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

<sup>44</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup>When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

**Message** “The Cost of the Kingdom”

*Knowing You  
What A Beautiful Name*

## God’s Parting Blessing

### TODAY

9:30am Worship  
10:45am Church School  
10:45am Adult Bible Study  
1pm Renewal Lab Team Meets

## CHURCH LIFE

**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](mailto:LMPHILO@aol.com)) or **Dave Cook** ([dcook0104@gmail.com](mailto:dcook0104@gmail.com)).

**OCTOBER GATHERING EVENT** Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 11, for the first Gathering Event of the year. We will be meeting at church at 10am to tour Guiding Light Mission. We will have the opportunity to learn about the impact that Guiding Light has on the community and we will be served lunch. On the way home there will be an optional stop at Marge’s Donuts for dessert for those that are interested. If you would like to come, sign up by **TODAY, Sunday, Oct 8**, on the M&CC bulletin board or email **Diane Ronda** ([dianeronda@gmail.com](mailto:dianeronda@gmail.com)) to reserve a spot.

**\*Note:** All ages are welcome to attend The Gathering events. This year we are meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY of the month.

**THANK YOU** to all who came out to Grandville’s Fall Fest to support our Youth Group’s scarecrows! We had a great time, and the youth group appreciates your support! THANK YOU, from the **Youth Group & their leaders** \*\*\*see the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room for pictures\*\*\*

★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

- Pray for **Jean Cisler**. She fell recently and sustained a broken hip and pelvis. Pray for a good healing process.
- We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Jean Cisler**. Her brother, Art, passed away last week. He had been failing in health for a few years and journeyed with Alzheimer’s. May this family know God’s comfort and presence during this time.
- 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 **Love Your Neighbor** as they provide life skills classes and mobilize churches to meet community needs. Pray for the families who receive help and guidance through the Life Skills program here at Fellowship.
- 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.

## 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.