

Wonderful Counselor
Isaiah 11:1-10



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Nov 13-26:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 8,691.81
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 445.81
Community Offering:	
Fellowship Food Pantry	\$ 495.00
Backpack Buddies	\$ 125.00
Bible League Int'l	\$ 125.00
Family Network Wyoming	\$ 85.51
World Renew	\$ 50.00
DMS	\$ 20.51

Community Offerings

TODAY: Resonate Global Mission
Jesse & Jari Roddriguez

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 discipled every believer to live out work as worship and mission.

Dec 10: Backpack Buddies
Dec 17: All Belong (Formerly CLC)
Dec 24: Partners Worldwide

THIS WEEK

Monday, Dec 4

Tuesday, Dec 5
6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Dec 6
7pm Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, Dec 7

Friday, Dec 8

Saturday, Dec 9

Sunday, Dec 10
9:30am Worship
10:45am Church School
10:45am Carol Sing
11:30am Christmas Lunch

COMING UP

Dec 11 Exec
Dec 13 Holiday Gathering
Dec 20 Blood Drive
Dec 25 *Christmas Worship*

STAFF

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

TODAY: First Sunday of Advent — And he shall be called...**Wonderful Counselor**; Jesus is the savior who guides us.
NEXT WEEK: Second Sunday of Advent

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December 3, 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

O Come O Come Emmanuel

The First Candle of Advent

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
Angels From The Realms Of Glory*

Communion

*Glorious Day
Hark The Herald Angels Sing*

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Isaiah 11:1-10*

The Branch From Jesse

¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

² The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—

³ and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;

⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.

⁷ The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the
nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

Message "And he shall be called... **Wonderful Counselor**"

His Name Shall Be

God's Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

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

CHRISTMAS LUNCH We invite you to stay after the morning worship service for a Christmas Lunch on December 10. Pulled pork, buns, drinks, and table service will be provided. Salad/fruit and desserts are needed; sign up to bring one when you RSVP. You can RSVP on Signup Genius through the link in the Midweek or sign up on the sheet on the M&CC bulletin board. Questions? Contact **Pam Kortman**.

CAROL SING Please join us for a Carol Sing in the sanctuary after the worship service on Sunday, December 10. We will finish by the time the Christmas Lunch is ready.

CHRISTMAS YOUTH ORCHESTRA will play on Sunday, December 24. The Youth Orchestra is open to anyone who has played a string or band instrument for at least one year (adults are welcome too!). Rehearsals will be Sunday, December 17, from 11:30am-12:30pm in the youth group room (a pizza lunch will be provided in the Fellowship Hall after Church School) and Wednesday, December 20, at 7pm-8:30pm. Please let **Andrew Lenhart** know if you are going to participate.

HOLIDAY GATHERING Plan to attend the Holiday Gathering on Wednesday, December 13, at 12pm. We will have a meal together and then a fun activity that you won't want to miss. Sign up on the bulletin board or email: dianeronda@gmail.com to reserve your spot. All ages are invited to attend. We hope to see you there! ~**The Gathering Team**.

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).

*Thanks for the cards, calls, and visits I received to remember and celebrate my 90th birthday. Thank you! In Christ, **Ann Nieuwstraten***

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

From the Treasurer: Financial report thru 10/31/23: Revenue \$243,630.43 Expenses \$255,558.71
Please prayerfully consider end-of-year offerings in the coming month so that we may close the gap between our revenue and expenses for 2023.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Bob Aardema, Rick Aardema, Jayne Barnhill (**Sandy Campo**'s sister), **Jean Cisler**, 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 **Resonate Global Mission** and **Jesse & Jari Rodriguez** as they empower and teach work as worship to people in Nicaragua. Pray as they are currently seeking to build a permanent home/farm that will allow the local ministry to become self-sustaining.
- 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
2pm Renewal Lab Team Meets
4:30pm Youth Group-Middle School
6pm Youth Group-High School

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

FOOD PANTRY

Current Food Pantry needs are:

canned meats (chicken and tuna), spam, instant mashed potatoes, beef stew, ready-to-serve soups, cereal (hot & cold), graham crackers, chicken broth, mayonnaise, laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo, facial tissue, and toilet paper.

Thanks for supporting the Fellowship Food Pantry!

BACKPACK BUDDIES We are currently collecting several items for food bags for our 38 Backpack Buddies.

Our current needs:

- Snacks: granola bars, rice krispie treats, fruit snacks, cheese or peanut butter crackers, etc.
 - Fruit: applesauce, small boxes of raisins (bags of 12 little boxes are great)
 - Canned chunky soups
 - Canned Chicken
 - Nutrigrain bars
 - *\$25 gift cards for Christmas family baskets (they can purchase perishables and meat for their Christmas meal)
 - *Cash donations can be made through the deacons
 - *Food donations can be placed in the wooden box in the narthex.
- Thank you for your generosity and continued support! **Sandy Campo**