

While You Were Sleeping

Mark 4:26-28

**FROM THE DEACONS**

**Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Oct 16-29:**

<b>Received for general ministries:</b>	\$ 8,959.81
<b>Received for Christian Education:</b>	\$ 1,250.00
<b>Community Offering:</b> Backpack Buddies	\$ 600.00
70x7 Life Recovery	\$ 274.25
Tent Schools	\$ 166.51
World Renew	\$ 20.51
Love Your Neighbor	\$ 10.00

**Community Offerings**

**TODAY: Denominational Ministry Shares**

The Christian Reformed Church uses ministry shares to fund a variety of ministry programs that start new churches, train servant leaders, support chaplains, resource congregations, and reach out to our neighbors through media and evangelism.

**Nov 19:** Family Network of Wyoming

**Nov 26:** Bible League International

**Dec 3:** Resonate Global Mission (*Jesse & Jari Rodriguez*)

**THIS WEEK**

**Monday, Nov 13**

**Tuesday, Nov 14**

9:15am Tuesday Small Group  
6pm Life Skills

**Wednesday, Nov 15**

7pm Worship Team Rehearsal

**Thursday, Nov 16**

**Friday, Nov 17**

**Saturday, Nov 18**

**Sunday, Nov 19**

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

**COMING UP**

**Nov 23** *Thanksgiving Worship*

**Nov 27** Full Council  
Elders  
Deacons

**Dec 3** Youth Group

**Dec 11** Exec

**Dec 20** Blood Drive

**STAFF**

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

**TODAY:** We welcome guest preacher pastor Ruth Boven.

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

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**November 12, 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

*Holy Holy Holy (Jesus Reigns)*  
*The Lord Our God*  
*Beautiful One*

### Prayers of the People

**Scripture** *Mark 4:26-28*

#### The Parable of the Growing Seed

<sup>26</sup> He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.

**Message** "While You Were Sleeping" Pastor Ruth Boven

*Speak O Lord*

### God's Parting Blessing

#### TODAY

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

## CHURCH LIFE

**WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY** No child should know the pain of hunger. Together, we hunger for a world where hunger does not exist! Last week was World Hunger Sunday (November 5) and through our gifts, we can help World Renew equip communities with the knowledge and resources they need to change the story of hunger. To learn more, visit [www.worldrenew.net/worldhunger](http://www.worldrenew.net/worldhunger). Your giving envelopes will still be collected as the community offering (along with Denominational Ministry Shares) today.

**MULTIGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS CHOIR** will sing on Sunday morning, December 24 along with the youth orchestra. Anyone middle school age or older is welcome to join the choir. Choir rehearsals will be on Wednesdays 12/6, 12/13 & 12/20 at 6:15pm-7pm. Attend at least 2 rehearsals. Please let **Andrew Lenhart** know if you are planning on singing.

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS** Love Your Neighbor Community Christmas Event is scheduled for Dec. 8 & 9. This year Fellowship has chosen the opportunity to help provide Stocking Stuffers and Gift Wrapping Supplies. Stocking stuffer idea cards and a donation box are on the table in the narthex. Collection begins this week and continues through November 26.

**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)).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Happy Birthday to **Ann Nieuwstraten** who will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 21. We give thanks for her life and wish her God's continued blessings. Cards can be sent to: 935 Oakcrest Lane # 9, Jenison, MI 49428.

★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

- 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 **Denominational Ministry Shares** as they provide funding for ministry programs of the Christian Reformed Church.
- 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

The Missions and Community Connections Committee encourages everyone to join our "**THANKS FOR GIVING**" Food/Blessings Drive for our Love Food Pantry here at Fellowship. There will be a special collection area in the lobby on Sunday, November 19, Thanksgiving, and Sunday, November 26.

#### 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!**

### MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**BACKPACK BUDDIES** Wow and Praise God! This month I felt like I was spending the account down so quickly with 38 children in the program and I prayed often that God would keep providing all that the program needed. When I found out that the account balance had hardly changed despite my spending, I knew it was a God thing.

#### 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**