

Kingdom Blessing
Matthew 5:1-16



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Oct 30-Nov 12:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 15,851.98
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 740.00
Community Offering: World Renew	\$ 990.00
DMS	\$ 845.05
Desert Streams <i>Lont's</i>	\$ 338.51
Backpack Buddies	\$ 100.00
70x7 Life Recovery	\$ 20.51

Community Offerings

TODAY: Bible League International

Bible League International serves the under-resourced Church with Bibles and training to transform lives worldwide through God's Word. They do this through a Bible study program that trains local church members in evangelism and discipleship, resources and training for church planters, Bible-based literacy programs to teach reading and writing skills, and also have their own translation of the Bible that makes God's Word accessible at a basic reading level (Easy-To-Read Version, ERV).

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

Dec 10: Backpack Buddies

Dec 17: All Belong (Formerly CLC)

THIS WEEK

Monday, Nov 27

6pm Worship Comm. Meets

7pm Full Council

8pm Elders

8pm Deacons

Tuesday, Nov 28

9:15am Tuesday Small Group

12pm "This Too Shall Last" Book Group

6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Nov 29

7pm Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, Nov 30

Friday, Dec 1

Saturday, Dec 2

Sunday, Dec 3

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

Dec 10 Christmas Lunch

Dec 11 Exec

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)

November 26, 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 begins the Sermon on the Mount with a reminder that the kingdom of heaven comes with blessings; they are blessings which meet God's people no matter where they are.

NEXT WEEK: First Sunday of Advent

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

To God Be The Glory
All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name
Nothing But The Blood

Prayers of the People

Scripture Matthew 5:1-16

Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Salt and Light

¹³"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Message "Kingdom Blessing"

Holy Spirit

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY

9:30am Worship

10:45am Church School

10:45am Adult Bible Study

CHURCH LIFE

NEXT SUNDAY 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 by the M&CC bulletin board. Questions? Contact **Pam Kortman**.

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 **TODAY**, 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) or **Dave Cook** (dcook0104@gmail.com).

★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

- Pray for **Mike and Linda Philo**. Linda had hip replacement surgery this past week. Give thanks that surgery went well and pray for a good recovery process.
- 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 **Family Network of Wyoming** as they provide support to those who need it in the community.
- 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

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**

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 through **TODAY**, Sunday, November 26.

Food needs are →

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!