

Kingdom (In)Equality
Mathew 20:1-16



FROM THE DEACONS

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

Received for general ministries:	\$ 8,959.81
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 1,250.00
Community Offering:	
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: Desert Streams Ministries
David & Sara Lont and family

David and Sara Lont are Fellowship-supported missionaries in Mexico. They pastor a church, translate Christian materials and texts into Spanish, and have an online Bible school (The Advanced School of Ministry).

- Nov 12:** DMS (Denominational Ministry Shares)
- Nov 19:** Family Network of Wyoming
- Nov 26:** Bible League International

THIS WEEK

Monday, Nov 6
7pm Exec

Tuesday, Nov 7
9:15am Tuesday Small Group
6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Nov 8
7pm Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, Nov 9

Friday, Nov 10

Saturday, Nov 11

Sunday, Nov 12
9:30am Worship
10:45am Church School
10:45am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

Nov 19 Youth Group
Youth Group *Friendsgiving*

Nov 23 *Thanksgiving*

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)

November 5, 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 tells a story that shows the kingdom of heaven is full of both equality and inequality at the same time.

NEXT WEEK: We welcome guest preacher pastor Ruth Boven.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

The Praise Is Yours
Holy Roar
Exalted Over All

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Matthew 20:1-16*

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ²He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' ⁵So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

⁷ "Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

⁸ "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

⁹ "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹²'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

¹³ "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?' ¹⁴Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

¹⁶ "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Message "Kingdom (In)Equality"

Amazing Grace

God's Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

Pastor Tom will be away this coming week at a prayer retreat gathering.

WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY No child should know the pain of hunger. Together, we hunger for a world where hunger does not exist! Next week is 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.

Please look in your mailboxes for a "Hunger for Good" insert and an orange giving envelope. Your giving envelopes will be collected as the community offering (along with Desert Streams Ministries/David and Sara Lont) on November 5.

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

★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), **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 **Desert Streams Ministries** and the **David & Sara Lont** as they minister to people in Mexico. Pray for success as reach new audiences through their podcasts and Bible school (both in person and online).
- 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

Our immediate 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 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**