

A Time for Everything
Ecclesiastes 3:1-14



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Dec 11-17:

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| Received for general ministries: | \$ 12,537.78 |
| Received for Christian Education: | \$ 615.00 |
| Community Offering: Backpack Buddies | \$ 520.51 |
| All Belong | \$ 35.00 |

Community Offerings

TODAY: Safe Haven

Motivated by Christ's love, Safe Haven has been helping individuals and families find freedom from domestic violence since 1990. Nearly 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have experienced severe physical violence at the hands of an intimate partner in their lives. Safe Haven offers emergency shelters, support groups, case management, safety planning, a 24/7 free and confidential hotline, children's programming, and resources for prevention and education for the community.

Jan 7: Mission French Africa (*Mpindi*)

Jan 14: Love Your Neighbor

Jan 21: World Renew

THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec 31

New Year's Eve
9:30am Worship

Monday, Jan 1

New Year's Day

Tuesday, Jan 2

Wednesday, Jan 3

Thursday, Jan 4

Friday, Jan 5

Saturday, Jan 6

Sunday, Jan 7

9:30am Worship
10:45am Budget Congregational Meeting
10:45am Church School
4:30pm Youth Group-Middle School
6pm Youth Group-High School

COMING UP

Jan 14 Budget Vote
Renewal Lab/Council

Jan 15 Exec

Jan 21 Renewal Lab Presentation
Youth Group

Jan 22 Elders
Deacons

Jan 24 Women's Event

STAFF

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

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December 31, 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: A Time for Everything– New Year's Day is a good time to pause and take inventory of how God apportions our time.

NEXT WEEK: Pastor Dan Mouw brings the message.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Angels From The Realms Of Glory
Sing To The King
Everlasting God

Prayers of the People

Scripture Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

A Time for Everything

- 3 There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
- 2 a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
3 a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
6 a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
7 a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
8 a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

⁹What do workers gain from their toil? ¹⁰I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. ¹¹He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. ¹²I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. ¹³That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God. ¹⁴I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.

Message "A Time for Everything"

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY

9:30am Worship

CHURCH LIFE

Copies of the proposed 2024 budget were in mailboxes last week. There will be a congregational meeting after the service on January 7 for budget Q&A. Fellowship Church members will be able to vote on the budget January 14. Absentee ballots are available at the Welcome Center.

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS We are requesting nominations for the office of Elder and Deacon for terms beginning in May 2024. **Nomination forms are available at the information desk.** Please place completed nomination forms in the appropriate slot at the information desk or email nominations to **Jon Meengs** at meengs.jon@gmail.com. Nominations are due by Sunday, January 7, 2024.

Members of Fellowship CRC,

Your **Building & Grounds Committee** is looking for new volunteers to help oversee the church building and property. We are looking for two individuals to join our committee. The committee meets at a minimum once during the quarter or typically every other month. If you have questions or are interested, please feel free to contact any of the current committee members: **Gordon Bell, Mike Philo, Diane Ronda** or **Jeff DeWitte**

WOMEN'S GATHERING Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 6:30pm. ALL the women of Fellowship are invited to a time of getting together at Jayme Morren's home. Bring a beverage to share (like a bottle of wine) or an appetizer/dessert type of thing. Or, don't bring anything. Please sign up on the bulletin board so Jayme will have an idea of how many to plan on.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Congratulations to **Ron and Mae Scholten** who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on January 3! We give thanks for their lives and their marriage. May they continue to know God's faithful presence with them.

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

PRAYER FOCUS

- **Mark Offringa** had knee replacement surgery last week. Give thanks surgery went well and pray for continued healing and a good recovery process.
- We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Don and Ann Aardema, Jeff and Sheryl Aardema Williams, Laura Williams and Patrick**. Don and Ann's son, Bob, passed away on December 21. May this family know Christ's comfort, peace, and presence with them at this time.
- Pray for **Steve and Linda Westra** who will be working with a 20 member DRS (Disaster Response Services) team in Sarasota, Florida, January 2-27. Pray for safety for team members as they travel and work; and that they will stay healthy. Pray also for the people they work with in Florida. Pray that the clients will experience Christ's compassion and care through the presence and work of this team.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: 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 **Safe Haven** as they provide shelter, safety, and resources to people facing domestic violence situations.
- 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 to everyone who has donated supplies for the pantry! The food pantry will be closed this week due to the holiday being on Monday.

BACKPACK BUDDIES We have finished 2023 school year and we were able to meet and give Christmas break food bags to 9 families who requested them. We are currently collecting for the months of January and February. When school resumes in January we will be adding 5 preschoolers at Central Elementary to the program. This brings us to 43 children. The need in Grandville remains high.

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
- *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**