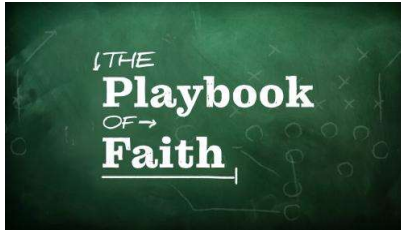


Prayer (and Planning)  
responding to the Holy Spirit  
*Nehemiah 1:4-2:10*



### FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Jan 1-7, 2024:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 4,105.00
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 285.00
Community Offering: MFA-Mpindi	\$ 115.00
Backpack Buddies	\$ 40.00

### Community Offerings

#### **TODAY: Love Your Neighbor**

Their mission is to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities. Through their partnerships, they coordinate over 50 different ministries. Fellowship CRC helps to offer a Life Skills Program that empowers individuals toward authentic life transformation and a food pantry.

Jan 28: World Renew

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### THIS WEEK

#### **Monday, Jan 22**

6pm Worship Committee Meets  
7pm Elders  
7pm Deacons

#### **Tuesday, Jan 23**

6pm Life Skills

#### **Wednesday, Jan 24**

9:30am Nehemiah Small Group  
6:30pm Women's Event  
7pm Worship Team Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, Jan 25**

7pm Nehemiah Small Group

#### **Friday, Jan 26**

#### **Saturday, Jan 27**

#### **Sunday, Jan 28**

9:30am Worship  
10:45am Renewal Lab Presentation  
10:45am Church School

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### COMING UP

**Feb 4** Renewal Lab Presentation  
Youth Group  
**Feb 10** Youth Group Bowling  
**Feb 14** Ash Wednesday Service  
**Feb 18** Youth Group  
**Feb 19** Exec  
**Feb 26** Full Council  
Elders  
Deacons

### STAFF

Tom Vanderploeg (Pastor)  
Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)  
Andrew Lenhart (Worship)  
Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)  
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# January 21, 2024



**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

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**TODAY:** Nehemiah had a vision of an ambitious plan for God's people; it was essential for prayer to be the link which allowed Nehemiah to know the vision for God's people and to act upon it.

**NEXT WEEK:** Nehemiah – the playbook of faith

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*The Praise Is Yours  
This Is Amazing Grace*

### Communion

*Jesus Messiah  
Nothing But The Blood*

### Prayers of the People

### Scripture *Nehemiah 1:4-2:10*

**v. 1:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Then I said:

“Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>6</sup>let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father’s family, have committed against you. <sup>7</sup>We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.

<sup>8</sup>“Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, <sup>9</sup>but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.’

<sup>10</sup>“They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. <sup>11</sup>Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.”

I was cupbearer to the king.

\*\*\*the entire passage can be found on page 750 in the Bibles under your seats.\*\*\*

**Message** “Prayer (and Planning) – responding to the Holy Spirit”

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)  
Holy Spirit*

### God’s Parting Blessing

## CHURCH LIFE

**TODAY we will be celebrating the sacrament of communion during the worship service.**

**There will be a brief congregational meeting after the service TODAY for members to vote on the proposed 2024 budget.**

**NEXT SUNDAY everyone is invited to stay after the worship service to hear an update from our Church Renewal Lab lead team.**

**NEHEMIAH SMALL GROUP** The Church Renewal Lab provides several Scripture Reading Guides throughout the 2-year process. Currently congregations are encouraged to read the book of Nehemiah. Pastor Tom will be preaching a sermon series on the book of Nehemiah and there will also be an *opportunity to participate in a 3-session Nehemiah small group on Wednesday mornings, 9:30-10:30am January 24,31, February 7; or on Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:00pm January 25, February 1, 8.* Sign up online or on the bulletin board in the narthex. Questions? Contact **Pastor Barb Sanders, Pastor Tom VanderPloeg, or Laura VanderPloeg.**

**WOMEN’S GATHERING - TODAY** is the last day to sign up for the women’s event taking place this Wednesday, January 24th at 6:30pm at **Jayme Morren’s** home. Please bring whatever you want to drink and a snack to share, or just come and don’t bring anything at all. There will be plenty. (4705 Leanne Ct SW, Grandville, MI 49418).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Happy Birthday to **Ann Aardema** who will celebrate her birthday on January 24. We give thanks for her life and may she know the gift of God’s faithful presence with each new day.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** Congratulations to **Mark & Sheryl Offringa** who will celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on January 28! 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](http://www.fellowshipcrc.com/crl).

## PRAYER FOCUS

- We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Sharon Walcott** and family. Sharon’s Daughter-in-law, Susan, passed away on January 16. May this family know Christ’s comfort, peace, and presence with them at this time.
- Last week **Mike Philo** and **Ron Scholten** each had hip replacement surgery. Give thanks that surgeries went well and pray for a good recovery process for both.
- Continue to pray for **Steve & Linda Westra** who are working with a 20 member DRS (Disaster Response Services) team in Sarasota, Florida, January 2-27. Pray for safety for team members as they 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), Jan (**Sharon Winkle’s** sister).
- For **Love Your Neighbor** as they partner with and mobilize local churches in a variety of ministries. Pray for the families/individuals who participate in the Life Skills program Love hosts here at Fellowship.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

## MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**FOOD PANTRY** Thank you to everyone who has donated supplies for the pantry!

**BACKPACK BUDDIES** We are currently collecting for the months of January and February.

**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**

## TODAY

9:30am Worship  
*After Worship* Budget Vote  
10:45am Church School  
10:45am Adult Bible Study  
11am Renewal Lab meets with Council  
7pm Youth Group-High School