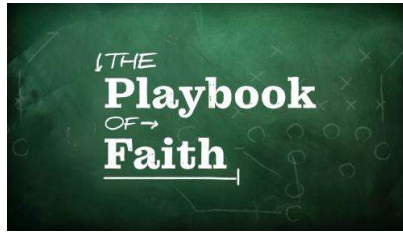


Sabotage

responding to doubt

Nehemiah 4:6-12, 6:5-9



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: World Renew

Compelled by God’s passion for justice and mercy, World Renew join communities in 30 countries around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. They work to address major community development and social justice issues like illiteracy, hunger, malnutrition, unemployment, HIV/AIDS, child mortality, and injustice. They are also active in responding to disasters by clearing debris, assessing needs, training local leaders, repairing and rebuilding damaged homes, and providing and distributing emergency food, water, shelter, and other supplies. World Renew does not receive denominational ministry shares and depends on the regular financial support of God’s people.

- Feb 4: Audio Scriptures
- Feb 11: Pine Rest
- Feb 18: Denominational Ministry Shares (DMS)

THIS WEEK

Monday, Jan 29

Tuesday, Jan 30

6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Jan 31

9:30am Nehemiah Small Group

7pm Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, Feb 1

7pm Nehemiah Small Group

Friday, Feb 2

Saturday, Feb 3

Sunday, Feb 4

9:30am Worship

10:45am Church School

11am Renewal Lab Presentation

4:30pm Youth Group-Middle School

6pm Youth Group-High School

COMING UP

- Feb 10 Youth Group Bowling
- Feb 14 **Ash Wednesday Service**
- Feb 18 Youth Group
- Feb 19 Exec
- Feb 21 Blood Drive
- 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 28, 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 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: Nehemiah faced obstacles while trying to put the vision of his faith into action; what can we learn from Nehemiah’s example in times when we too face obstacles in our life of faith?

NEXT WEEK: Nehemiah – the playbook of faith

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Great Things
The Lord Our God
Cornerstone*

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Nehemiah 4:6-12, 6:5-9*

v. 4:6-12

⁶ So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.

⁷ But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the people of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem's walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry. ⁸ They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. ⁹ But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.

¹⁰ Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall."

¹¹ Also our enemies said, "Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work."

¹² Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, "Wherever you turn, they will attack us."

v. 6:5-9

⁵ Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter ⁶ in which was written:

"It is reported among the nations—and Geshem says it is true—that you and the Jews are plotting to revolt, and therefore you are building the wall. Moreover, according to these reports you are about to become their king ⁷ and have even appointed prophets to make this proclamation about you in Jerusalem: 'There is a king in Judah!' Now this report will get back to the king; so come, let us meet together."

⁸ I sent him this reply: "Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head."

⁹ They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed."

But I prayed, "Now strengthen my hands."

Message "Sabotage – responding to doubt"

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

God's Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

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

On January 21, 2024, the congregation voted and approved the budget for 2024. The council has ratified the budget. Thank you for your continued support. -The Executive Committee

FROM THE DEACONS *The 2023 year end giving statements are now available. A copy of this statement was emailed to you on January 24 using the email address associated with your Elvanto account. If you do not have an email address on file, a hard copy has been placed in your church mailbox. This statement can also be accessed through your Elvanto account. Once you are logged in, go to the "Profile" menu (found by hovering over your name), then choose the "Giving" option. You will see the option to download your statement here. If you have any questions about your statement or have not received one please contact one of the Deacons. Thank you.*

ADULT BIBLE STUDY There is NO study today so that we can hear the update from the Church Renewal Lab Lead Team. Next week, 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).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Congratulations to **Mark & Sheryl Offringa** who will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary today, January 28! We give thanks for their lives and their marriage. May they continue to know God's faithful presence with them.

Thank You! We want to thank you all for the prayers, cards, calls, visits, flowers, food, and genuine love and support after the unexpected death of our son, Bob. Cherish the time God gives you with your dear ones. Don & Ann Aardema and family.

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

PRAYER FOCUS

- **Jun Ling He Zeng's** father had been living with Evan and Jun as her father was not well and had been receiving treatments for cancer, which did not appear to be effective. A few months ago he traveled to China to receive other treatment for the cancer. Follow up tests indicate that these treatments are being effective in fighting this cancer and now there is less cancer. We give thanks with the Zeng family for this encouraging update.
- 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 **World Renew** as they address community development and social justice issues around the world. Pray for their work as they also respond to natural disaster and provide relief and assistance to those affected by them.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

TODAY

9:30am Worship

10:45am Church School

11am Renewal Lab Presentation

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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

BACKPACK BUDDIES We are currently collecting for 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**