

Resting in the Wilderness

Isaiah 32:1-8, 14-18



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Jan 30-Feb 11:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 8,166.98
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 1,185.00
Community Offering: Audio Scripture	\$ 185.02
Pine Rest	\$ 100.00
World Renew	\$ 20.51

Community Offerings

TODAY: Kids Hope USA

Through a Kids Hope USA mentoring program, students develop transformative relationships with an additional caring and consistent adult, empowering them to thrive.

We connect churches with the neighborhood elementary and middle schools to operate a proven and established school-based mentoring program. Through intentional training and support, churches mobilize volunteer mentors into schools to meet with students once a week and develop a one-on-one mentoring relationship. **And those relationships matter.**

Mar 3: Roosevelt Park Ministries

THIS WEEK

Monday, Feb 26

6pm Worship Committee meets
7pm Full Council
8pm Elders
8pm Deacons

Tuesday, Feb 27

6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Feb 28

9:30am Lent Small Group
"40 Days to a Closer Walk with God"
7pm Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, Feb 29

Friday, Mar 1

Saturday, Mar 2

Sunday, Mar 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

Mar 10 Youth Group Winter Jam
Mar 11 Exec
Mar 17 Youth Group
Mar 25 Elders
Deacons

STAFF

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

TODAY: The prophets speak of God's peace NOT as rest which comes *apart from* our places of wilderness, BUT as rest that comes *even within* our places of wilderness.

NEXT WEEK: Shalom – Journey with the prophets

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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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Praise To The Lord Almighty
Here I Am To Worship
Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee*

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Isaiah 32:1-8, 14-18*

The Kingdom of Righteousness

³² See, a king will reign in righteousness
and rulers will rule with justice.

² Each one will be like a shelter from the wind
and a refuge from the storm,
like streams of water in the desert
and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land.

³ Then the eyes of those who see will no longer be closed,
and the ears of those who hear will listen.

⁴ The fearful heart will know and understand,
and the stammering tongue will be fluent and clear.

⁵ No longer will the fool be called noble
nor the scoundrel be highly respected.

⁶ For fools speak folly,
their hearts are bent on evil:

They practice ungodliness
and spread error concerning the Lord;
the hungry they leave empty
and from the thirsty they withhold water.

⁷ Scoundrels use wicked methods,
they make up evil schemes
to destroy the poor with lies,
even when the plea of the needy is just.

⁸ But the noble make noble plans,
and by noble deeds they stand.

¹⁴ The fortress will be abandoned,
the noisy city deserted;
citadel and watchtower will become a wasteland forever,
the delight of donkeys, a pasture for flocks,

¹⁵ till the Spirit is poured on us from on high,
and the desert becomes a fertile field,
and the fertile field seems like a forest.

¹⁶ The Lord's justice will dwell in the desert,
his righteousness live in the fertile field.

¹⁷ The fruit of that righteousness will be peace;
its effect will be quietness and confidence forever.

¹⁸ My people will live in peaceful dwelling places,
in secure homes,
in undisturbed places of rest.

Message "Resting in the Wilderness"

*I Need Thee Every Hour
Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

God's Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

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).

TUESDAY SMALL GROUP *The Path to the Cross* is a 5 session Ray Vander Laan DVD study. A few people plan to meet for 5 Tuesday mornings beginning March 5, 9:15-10:30am. If you are interested, but not able to attend all the sessions, you are welcome to attend when able. Questions? Please contact **Pastor Barb Sanders**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Happy Birthday to **Terry VanHaitsma** who will celebrate his birthday on March 2. We give thanks for his life and may he know the gift of God's faithful presence with each new day.

THANK YOU

To our Fellowship Family & Friends,

*Thank-you so much for the many kind words, messages, cards & prayers we have received after the passing of our sister Kathy. We have certainly felt God's presence & peace. **Ron & Mae Scholten***

*Thank you for the prayers, visits, and cards we received following the passing of Sharon's sister, Jan Vanderwal. In Christ, **Don and Sharon Winkle***

★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: Rick Aardema, Jayne Barnhill (**Sandy Campo's** sister), **Jean Cisler, Lois Oom**, Katherine Sneller, **Rachel Tjoelker**, Barb Voskuil (**Carole Dykstra's** sister).
- For **Kids Hope USA** as they connect mentors to children needing an additional caring and consistent adult in their lives. Pray that these connections flourish and that the children thrive from their mentorship.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU to all who donated! We had 21 donors give 22 units of blood. Congratulations to **Kathy Kikkert** on reaching 1-gallon donated! The next Blood Drive will be on **Wednesday, May 1**, from **1:30-6:30pm**. Signup online to get on the schedule!

TODAY

9:30am Worship
10:45am Church School
10:45am Adult Bible Study

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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

BACKPACK BUDDIES We are currently collecting for February and March.

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.

We couldn't do this ministry without you.

Your donations are very appreciated!

Sandy Campo