

# Faith That Responds

James 2:14-24



## FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Apr 8-28:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 12,028.28
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 1,352.81
Community Offering:	DMS \$ 460.51
	FCRC Food Pantry \$ 100.00
	World Renew \$ 63.51
	Resonate (Rodriguez) \$ 45.51
	Backpack Buddies \$ 20.00

Through April 2024

Receipts \$127,456.20  
 Expenses \$92,311.02  
 Surplus \$35,145.18

## Community Offerings

### TODAY: Denominational Ministry Shares

The Christian Reformed Church uses ministry shares to fund a variety of ministry programs that start new churches, train servant leaders, support chaplains, resource congregations, and reach out to our neighbors through media and evangelism.

When you give to the ministry shares program you help spread the Gospel around the world. You also support churches within the denomination that need help or are looking to grow their ministry.

<https://www.crcna.org/MinistryShares>

**May 19, 26:** Fellowship Food Pantry  
**June 2:** Desert Streams Ministries (Lont's)

## THIS WEEK

### Monday, May 13

**Tuesday, May 14**  
 9:15am Tuesday Small Group  
 6pm Life Skills  
 7pm Executive Committee

**Wednesday, May 15**  
 7pm Worship Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 16

### Friday, May 17

### Saturday, May 18

**Sunday, May 19**  
 9:30am Worship  
 11 am Adult Bible Study  
 4:30pm Youth Group-Middle School  
 7:30pm Youth Group-High School

## COMING UP

**May 22** Prayer for Synod  
**May 28** Full Council  
 Elders  
 Deacons  
**June 26** Blood Drive

## STAFF

Tom Vanderploeg (Pastor)  
 Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)  
 Andrew Lenhart (Worship)  
 Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)  
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# May 12, 2024

*Mother's Day*



## 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:** The Bible tells us that faith is interactive. This means that the faith God has planted in his people calls for a response; the Bible also gives us a clue to what that response looks like.

NEXT WEEK: Making Room

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*The Praise Is Yours*

*How Great Thou Art*

*This Is Amazing Grace*

### Prayers of the People

### Scripture *James 2:14-24*

#### Faith and Deeds

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? <sup>15</sup>Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup>If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup>In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.”

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. <sup>19</sup>You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

<sup>20</sup>You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? <sup>21</sup>Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup>You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. <sup>23</sup>And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend. <sup>24</sup>You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

### Message “Faith That Responds”

*By Our Love*

### God’s Parting Blessing

#### TODAY

*Mother’s Day*

9:30am Worship

## CHURCH LIFE

**DIRECTORY UPDATES** We are updating the church member directory. Please take some time to look over your information in the current directory and on Elvanto. Paper Directory Update Information slips are in mailboxes, and are to be turned in to the marked slot at the information center by May 26. You may also email the office ([lwilliams@fellowshipcrc.com](mailto:lwilliams@fellowshipcrc.com)). If you need help accessing Elvanto or if you are not currently in the directory, and wish to be, please email the office ([lwilliams@fellowshipcrc.com](mailto:lwilliams@fellowshipcrc.com)) or fill out a slip at the information desk and turn it in to the marked slot at the information center.

**AN INVITATION TO PRAY FOR SYNOD** You’re Invited!. . . Together, all of us are invited to embark on 40 days of prayer leading into Synod 2024. . . . This 40-day prayer initiative begins Sunday, May 5 and continues through Thursday, June 13. These dates were chosen to lead us up to the start of Synod 2024—the annual gathering of the Christian Reformed Church (CRC).

A prayer gathering is being planned for Wednesday morning, May 22, 9:30 - 10:30am with the focus of praying for Synod. Plans are to meet in the Fellowship Room for a time of prayer followed by coffee and refreshments. Questions? Contact **Pastor Barb Sanders** or **Mary Wood- Agents**.

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY** The class is in Room 10, and it will begin around 15 minutes after the end of worship and will end 45 minutes later. All are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact **Mike Philo** ([LMPHILO@aol.com](mailto:LMPHILO@aol.com)) or **Dave Cook** ([dcook0104@gmail.com](mailto:dcook0104@gmail.com)).

★ 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 **Terry and Judy VanHaitsma**. Terry’s brother, Glenn VanHaitsma, passed away on May 2. May this family know God’s comfort, peace, and presence with them at this time.
- Continue to pray for **Gary and Sue Roode** as Gary continues to receive therapy following surgery for a broken hip. Pray for continued healing.
- Continue to pray for **Tom and Barb Smalligan**. Give thanks that healing is going well and pray for continued healing as Tom looks forward to being fitted with a prosthesis in a few weeks.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Aardema, Jayne Barnhill (**Sandy Campo**’s sister), **Jean Cisler**, Randy and Kim Mulder (family of **Bonnie Houtstra** and **Tamie DeWitte**), **Lois Oom**, Katherine Sneller, **Rachel Tjoelker**, Barb Voskuil (**Carole Dykstra**’s sister).
- For **Denominational Ministries** as they provide funding for many of the programs in the Christian Reformed Church. Pray for the churches, leaders, chaplains, and many others who are fed through the support of denominational ministry shares.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

**BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU** to all who donated during the Blood Drive! Congratulations to **Tom Vlietstra** who reached the milestone of **13 gallons donated!!** Our next drive is on Wednesday, June 26, from 1:30-6:30pm. A link to sign up to donate can be found under the event on the church website calendar. [www.fellowshipcrc.com/calendar](http://www.fellowshipcrc.com/calendar)

### MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**FOOD PANTRY** We are once again in need of a few items!

#### Our Needs Are:

crackers	pancake mix	pancake syrup	hearty soups
peanut butter	juice (orange, apple)		gravy
jam	ketchup	salad dressing	honey
tea	diced tomatoes	SPAM	beef stew
pop tarts	canned meats (tuna, chicken)		tuna helper
kid’s cereal	paper towels	facial tissue	toilet paper
hand soap	body wash	dishwashing liquid	
laundry detergent			

\*monetary donations can be made through the deacons.

**Thank you** to everyone who has donated to the pantry!

**BACKPACK BUDDIES** We are currently collecting for May.

#### Our current needs:

snacks: granola bars, rice krispie treats, fruit snacks, cheese or peanut butter crackers, etc.

fruit: fruit cups

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**