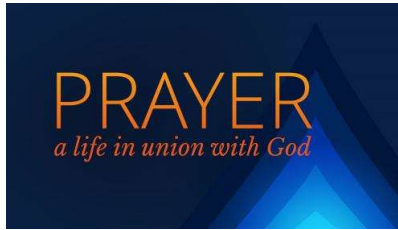


Making Room in Your Life for Prayer

Jonah 2:1-10; 4:1-11



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Jun 24-Jul 14:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 11,682.33
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 957.30
Community Offering: Resonate-Rodriguez	\$ 405.51
DMS	\$ 330.00
Backpack Buddies	\$ 221.02

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.

<https://lovewm.org/>

July 28: Love Your Neighbor

August 4: Mission French Africa (*Paul & Charlotte Mpindi*)

August 11: Denominational Ministry Shares

THIS WEEK

Monday, Jul 22

Tuesday, Jul 23

6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Jul 24

7pm Women's Bible Study

Thursday, Jul 25

Friday, Jul 26

Saturday, Jul 27

Sunday, Jul 28

9:30am Worship

11am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

Aug 7 Women's Small Group

Aug 12 Exec

Aug 27 Full Council
Elders
Deacons

Aug 28 Blood Drive

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)

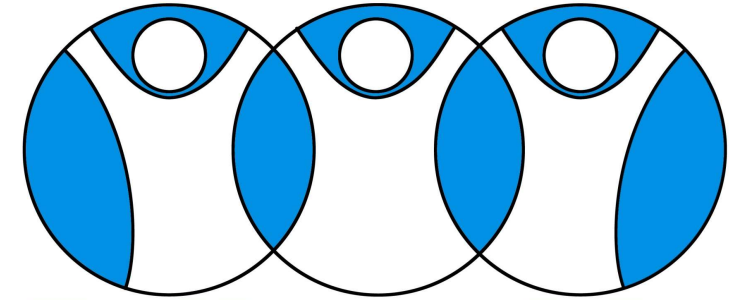
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Christian Reformed Church

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: Jonah gives us an example of both a prayer that makes room in his heart, and a prayer that shuts out room in his heart. We can learn from Jonah the ways in which our own hearts either make room for prayer, or shut out room for prayer.

NEXT WEEK: Prayer That Makes Room in Your Life

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

Goodness Of God

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Jonah 2:1-10; 4:1-11*

² ¹From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. ²He said: "In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry. ³You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. ⁴I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' ⁵The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. ⁶To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit. ⁷"When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. ⁸"Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them. ⁹But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good I will say, 'Salvation comes from the Lord.'" ¹⁰And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Jonah's Anger at the Lord's Compassion

⁴ But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

⁴But the Lord replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

⁵Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. ⁷But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

"It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

¹⁰But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

Message "Making Room in Your Life for Prayer"

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Lord I Need You

God's Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

Some birthdays come around every year; a 50th only once. Be there on October 6.

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) or Dave Cook (dcook0104@gmail.com).

NEW ADDRESS Gary & Sue Roode have moved. Their new address can be found in the Elvanto member directory online, or by contacting the office.

VOLUNTEER REMINDER If you volunteer in any capacity at Fellowship, you can let the office know of upcoming unavailability through Elvanto. On your member page, click "Unavailability" at the top of the page. On this page, you can submit dates that you (or a family member) are unavailable to serve. If you have any questions or need help accessing your Elvanto profile, please contact the office (lwilliams@fellowshipcrc.com). Thank You for serving Fellowship!

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

Congregation: Please be aware and we seek your cooperation, that if you are in the church building anytime from Thursday evening till Monday morning, the three doors into the fellowship room must be locked before you leave the building. The purpose of the locked doors is to allow people to use the sanctuary without having access to the back area of the building based on rental agreements. **Building and Grounds Committee**

PRAYER FOCUS

- A prayer update: *Thanks for praying for Randy and Kim Mulder, members of our family. We give thanks that they are both stable and enjoying good health this summer. Thanks. In Christ, Bonnie Houtstra and Tamie DeWitte*
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Aardema, **Jean Cisler**, Jim Philo (**Mike's** brother), **Gary & Sue Roode**, **Rachel Tjoelker**, Barb Voskuil (**Carole Dykstra's** sister).
- Pray for **Love Your Neighbor** as they create bridges in the community – connecting resources and services to under-served families in Hudsonville, Jenison, and Grandville.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

TODAY

9:30am Worship

11am Adult Bible Study

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE We are again partnering with Love Your Neighbor and Central Elementary School in Grandville to provide teacher requested school supplies for **30 children**. Please use the SIGNUP GENIUS link for the list of needed items:

<https://bit.ly/fcrgschool>. Because these are *specific requests from the teachers, please be mindful of brand, color, size etc. for several items*.

We will be collecting the supplies through **August 11**. Your gifts can be brought to church during church office hours (Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9am-12pm) or to church on Sundays beginning July 14. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, there is a signup slot for that option also. Make checks payable to FCRC and note "SCHOOL SUPPLIES" on the outside of your envelope and drop it in the slot at information desk.

Any Questions? Call, email, or text **Linda Westra**.

Thank you! **Missions and Community Connections Team**

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

Our Needs Are:

crackers (graham & saltine)

hearty soups

strawberry jam

gravy

juice

tea

SPAM

beef stew

pop tarts

coffee

honey

laundry detergent

*monetary donations can be made through the deacons.

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

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Summer food collection for the August start of school.

Canned Chicken

Canned Pasta

Chunky soups

Fruit Cups

Nutrigrain bars

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Sandy Campo (616) 889-3134