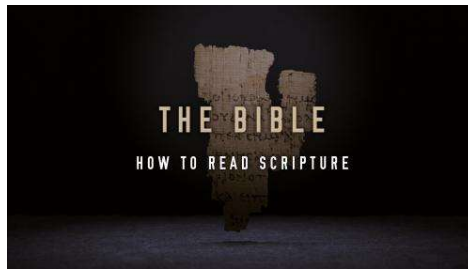


the Bible:  
reading for understanding

John 1:1-18



### FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Jul 15 – Aug 4:

Received for General Ministries: \$ 12,836.40  
Received for Christian Education: \$ 675.81  
Community Offering: Mission French Africa \$ 155.00  
Love Your Neighbor \$ 116.02  
DMS \$ 20.51  
Resonate – Rodriguez \$ 10.00

### From the Treasurer:

Year to Date Receipts: \$178,147    Year to Date Expenses: \$163,499  
(through 07/31/2024)

### 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.

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

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.

Some of the Ministries that receive shares are: Thrive (formerly Congregational Ministries), Resonate Global Mission, ReFrame Ministries, Calvin University, and Calvin Theological Seminary.

**August 18, 25:** Guiding Light    **Sep 1:** Desert Streams Ministries (*Lont's*)

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### THIS WEEK

**Monday, Aug 12**  
7pm Exec

**Tuesday, Aug 13**  
*LYN School Shop*  
6pm Life Skills

**Wednesday, Aug 14**  
*LYN School Shop*

**Thursday, Aug 15**

**Friday, Aug 16**

**Saturday, Aug 17**

**Sunday, Aug 18**  
9:30am Worship  
11am Adult Bible Study

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### COMING UP

**Aug 25** Outdoor Worship Service

**Aug 27** Full Council  
Elders  
Deacons

**Aug 28** Blood Drive

**Sep 8** Fall Kick Off

**Sep 9** Exec

### STAFF

Tom Vanderploeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

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**TODAY:** Christians say that the Bible is the Word of God; but what do we mean by that and how do we understand the words of these ancient texts to be the voice of God?

**NEXT WEEK:** the Bible: reading for identity

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August 11, 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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

*Crown Him (Majesty)*

*Echo Holy*

**Ministry Moment** Backpack Buddies

### Prayers of the People

**Scripture** *John 1:1-18*

#### The Word Became Flesh

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup>children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup>(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

**Message** "the Bible: reading for understanding"

*Build My Life*

**God's Parting Blessing**

### TODAY

9:30am Worship

11am Adult Bible Study

## CHURCH LIFE

*Some birthdays come around every year; a 50<sup>th</sup> 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).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Happy Birthday to **Rachel Tjoelker** who will celebrate her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 16. We give thanks for her life and may she know the gift of God's faithful presence with each new day. Cards can be sent to: Rachel Tjoelker, Grand Brook Memory Care, 5281 Wilson Ave. Wyoming, MI 49418.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** Congratulations to **Bill and Kathy Poel** who will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 23! 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.fellowshipcsrc.com/crl](http://www.fellowshipcsrc.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

- We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Mike Philo** and his family. Mike's brother, Jim, passed away on August 2. May this family know Christ's comfort, peace, and presence with them at this time.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Aardema, **Jean Cisler**, **Rachel Tjoelker**, Barb Voskuil (**Carole Dykstra's** sister).
- Pray for the work of **Denominational Ministries** and the many facets of the Christian Reformed Church that they support. Pray for the missionaries, pastors, chaplains, and congregations who are supported through their work. Pray for Thrive, Resonate Global Mission, ReFrame Ministries, Calvin University, and Calvin Theological Seminary; all who receive ministry shares.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

## MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE "FILL THE BACKPACKS" CAMPAIGN** Wow! Thank you for the many items that have already been donated! Here's a list of the items still needed...

• **16 boxes of Kleenex (any size box)**

No need to sign up to bring Kleenex. If you have a spare box at home or are shopping, will you pick up 1 or 2 and bring them to church Sunday? The last day to bring items is TODAY, August 11.

**We are still in need of shop volunteers on August 13 & 14! There is a link in the Midweek to access the sign up.**

Thank you all for supporting this program!

**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

Take the next step following the sermon series on prayer; sign up to join one of the prayer practice groups beginning in September.

