

# The Keeper of the Donkeys

The Great Value of Humble Service  
1 Chronicles 27:29-34

I. God Recognizes Humble Service (1 Chronicles 27:30)  
A. God honors all forms of service (Hebrews 6:10, Matthew 10:42)

B. Don't despise small beginnings (Zechariah 4:10)

II. Our Entire Lives as Service to God  
A. Work as worship

B. Serving others is serving Jesus

III. Donkeys in God's Plan  
A. Contrast with horses

B. Carrying greatness humbly

C. Used in God's great plan (Numbers 22, 1 Samuel 9, Matthew 21:1-3)

IV. Keys to Honorable Service  
A. Serve with humility, excellence, and faithfulness

B. Serve understanding you work for the King

V. Conclusion: Living a Life of Service

- Humble service leads to recognition from King Jesus

**TODAY:** David Lont  
**NEXT WEEK:** fear not

## FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Sep 16-Oct 6:

**Received for General Ministries:** \$ 18,979.98

**Received for Christian Education:** \$ 775.81

### Community Offering:

Resonate-Rodriguez	\$ 719.00	World Renew	\$ 307.26
Backpack Buddies	\$ 550.00	DMS	\$ 100.00
Fellowship Food Pantry	\$ 100.00		

### From the Treasurer:

**Year to Date Receipts:** \$214,083.96 **Year to Date Expenses:** \$ 206,585.99  
(through 09/30/2024)

## 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.

**Oct 20, 27:** Fellowship Food Pantry **Nov 3:** Mission French Africa *Mpindi's*

## THIS WEEK

**Monday, Oct 14**

**Tuesday, Oct 15**

**Wednesday, Oct 16**

9:30am The Prayer Practice

**Thursday, Oct 17**

7pm Prayer Practice

**Friday, Oct 18**

**Saturday, Oct 19**

6pm Youth Group Corn Maze

**Sunday, Oct 20**

9:30am Worship

10:45am Church School

11am Adult Bible Study

4:30pm Youth Group-9<sup>th</sup>

6pm Youth Group-11/12<sup>th</sup>

## COMING UP

**Oct 23** Blood Drive

**Oct 28** Elders  
Deacons

**Nov 3** Youth Group

**Nov 10** Prayer Gathering

**Nov 11** Exec

## STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)

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Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)

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October 13, 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

*Here I Am to Worship*

*The Reason*

*Stronger*

**Ministry in Music** Diane J signing “Who I Am”

### Prayers of the People

**Scripture** *1 Chronicles 27:29-34*

<sup>29</sup> Shitrai the Sharonite was in charge of the herds grazing in Sharon.

Shaphat son of Adlai was in charge of the herds in the valleys.

<sup>30</sup> Obil the Ishmaelite was in charge of the camels.

Jehdeiah the Meronothite was in charge of the donkeys.

<sup>31</sup> Jaziz the Hagrite was in charge of the flocks.

All these were the officials in charge of King David’s property.

<sup>32</sup> Jonathan, David’s uncle, was a counselor, a man of insight and a scribe.

Jehiel son of Hakmoni took care of the king’s sons.

<sup>33</sup> Ahithophel was the king’s counselor.

Hushai the Arkite was the king’s confidant. <sup>34</sup> Ahithophel was succeeded by Jehoiada son of Benaiah and by Abiathar.

Joab was the commander of the royal army.

**Message** “The Keeper of the Donkeys:  
The Great Value of Humble Service”

*Make Me a Servant*

*Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly*

### God’s Parting Blessing

#### TODAY

9:30am Worship

10:45am Church School

11am Adult Bible Study

## CHURCH LIFE

**2024 budget pledge forms are available TODAY. Budget pledge forms are due October 21.** Please place completed pledge forms in the marked slot at the information center.

**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)).

**OUTDOOR CLEAN-UP** Outdoor Clean-up Time has arrived. Come join in helping on Saturday Oct 19, mainly to move the cuttings from around the church into trailers to be hauled away. We intend to have a few people doing the cutting and majority doing the moving. The more who show-up, the sooner it gets done. Be sure to bring your gloves and if you want a lawn rake. There are several rakes already at church. If it rains on Oct 19, then the clean-up will be moved to the following Saturday Oct 26. **Building & Grounds Committee**

**CONGRATULATIONS** Congratulations to **Andrew VanderPloeg** and Anastasia Watson on their wedding on October 12. We wish them God’s rich blessing on their marriage. May they continue to grow in Christ’s love and their love for each other.

*We would like to thank the congregation for all the cards, and gifts as we start a new chapter in our lives as a family of three!*

*In Christ Love, Owen, Jodi and Brooklyn*

★ 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

- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Aardema, **Jean Cisler, Randy & Cathy Kraker, Jo Postema, Rog & Mary Visser.**
- 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

### FELLOWSHIP FOOD PANTRY

#### 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** to everyone who has donated to the pantry!

### BACKPACK BUDDIES

Thank you for remembering the Backpack Buddies in prayers and giving. Items needed for the children for October and November include:

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Pasta
- Chunky soups
- Fruit Cups
- Nutrigrain bars

\* gift cards (Aldi, Meijer, Costco) or monetary donations or can be given through the deacons and will be used to purchase food items through Feeding America West Michigan.

**Thank you for your support of this ministry.**

**Sandy Campo** (616)889-3134

### BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, October 23, from 1:30-6:30pm. If you would like to donate, please sign up for an appointment online through the Versiti website. Thank You!

[https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/11404812](https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11404812)