

Do Not Be Afraid
1 John 4:16b-21



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Oct 7 – 27:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 11,451.31
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 1,015.81
Community Offering:	Fellowship Food Pantry \$ 192.51
	DMS \$ 120.51
	Resonate-Rodriguez \$ 70.51

November 10, 2024

Community Offerings

TODAY: Denominational Ministry Shares (DMS)

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.

Nov 17, 24: Backpack Buddies

Dec 1: Desert Streams Ministries – Lont's



Welcome!

We are glad you are here!

THIS WEEK

Monday, Nov 11

Friday, Nov 15

Tuesday, Nov 12

Saturday, Nov 16

6pm Life Skills

Sunday, Nov 17

Wednesday, Nov 13

9:30am Worship

Thursday, Nov 14

10:45am Church School

11am Adult Bible Study

6pm Youth Group Worship Night

COMING UP

Nov 23 Youth Group Friendsgiving

Nov 25 Full Council
Elders
Deacons

Dec 8 Christmas Dinner
Youth Group Christmas Party

Dec 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)

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: To the extent that fear is a choice we make, the apostle John offers an alternative choice instead of fear. The choice to love not only deepens our union with Christ, it is the remedy to fear.

NEXT WEEK: Gratitude

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)
This Is Amazing Grace
You Alone Can Rescue

Prayers of the People

Scripture 1 John 4:16b-21

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Message “Do Not Be Afraid”

Build My Life

God’s Parting Blessing

TODAY

9:30am Worship
10:45am Church School
11am Adult Bible Study
4pm Prayer Gathering

CHURCH LIFE

Join us for a **PRAYER GATHERING** at Fellowship Church **TODAY** at 4pm.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH/RETIREMENT PARTY We invite you to stay after the morning worship service for a Christmas lunch/Pastor Barb’s retirement party on Dec 8. Pulled pork, buns, dessert, drinks, and table service will be provided. Salads/fruit is needed; sign up to bring one when you RSVP. You can RSVP by going to <https://bit.ly/4fSfikX> (the link is also in the midweek) or by signing up on the M&CC bulletin board. Questions? Contact **Pam Kortman** or the office.

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).

Thank you for your prayers. My surgery went well, and my recovery is progressing. Your cards were a blessing and reminder of being a part of God’s family with some also giving me a laugh. Praise God for healing! **Sandie Davis**

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

Update on Fellowship CRC and its engagement with the decisions of Synod 2024

The Council would like to thank each of you for your participation in the meetings and the listening groups.

The input from the listening groups has been compiled and it shows that there is significant diversity of opinion among our congregation to the decisions of Synod 2024.

During the upcoming holiday seasons, we would like to focus instead on the things that unite us: Thanksgiving to God for all that He has done and the celebration of the gift of incarnation of Jesus Christ.

We plan to continue this conversation after the first of the year. Please pray for our congregation as we restart those discussions in 2025.

Thanks again for your participation and prayers,
Shelly Funk
Council President

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for the work of **Denominational Ministries** and the many facets of the Christian Reformed Church that they support. Next week (Nov 17), on Chaplaincy Sunday, churches throughout the CRCNA will take time to pray for and encourage the frontline work of chaplains. Thrive (through ministry share funding) endorses, trains, advocates, and provides care for these specialized ministers and pastors as they serve in institutional settings.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Aardema, **Jean Cisler, Randy & Cathy Kraker, Jo Postema, Rog & Mary Visser.**
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Our church will be partnering again this year with Love Your Neighbor for their annual Christmas store event, **Community Christmas**. This event offers parents/guardians the opportunity to shop gifts for their children. In 2023, Love Your Neighbor served almost 100 families and are planning the same this year. **M&CC has chosen to help by collecting STOCKING STUFFERS and GIFT-WRAPPING SUPPLIES.** A collection box will be available in the foyer through **Sunday, Dec 1.**

Some ideas for stocking stuffers are: fun socks, card games, matchbox cars, activity books, fidget toys, small stuffed animals, hair ties, nail polish, lotion, hygiene items, journals, snacks, candy, etc.

As well as collecting these items, if you would like to volunteer to help at the event Friday, December 6, or Saturday, December 7, at Hudsonville Reformed Church, go to <https://bit.ly/3UgGSzJ> to sign up!

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

FELLOWSHIP FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for the monies donated to the pantry through the community offerings this last month. We’ve experienced a significant increase in the request for food during the last few months. During September and October alone 45 clients have stopped in requesting food. That averages to about 75 bags of groceries given during that time. Your donations of food and money is much appreciated in helping to keep our shelves stocked!

Our Needs Are:

crackers (graham & saltine) strawberry jam juice
pop tarts coffee instant oatmeal laundry detergent
men’s body wash men’s shampoo
*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!! December food items needed for the 30 children in the program include:

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Pasta (spaghetti O’s type items)
- Fruit Cups, applesauce cups
- Oatmeal (boxes of individual envelopes)
- Gift Cards: we will again offer Christmas break food baskets and, if possible, we would like to include a \$25 Meijer gift card so that they can purchase Christmas dinner items and perishable foods. We anticipate 10-12 families will RSVP for a food basket. You can give gift cards to me or through the deacons (mark them for Backpack Buddies).

Thank you for your support of this ministry.

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