

Eternal Peace with God

Romans 5:1-5

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

From the Treasurer:

Year to Date Receipts: \$243,823.86 Year to Date Expenses: \$ 246,650.76
(through 10/31/2024)

Community Offerings

TODAY: Backpack Buddies

We have partnered with Central Elementary in Grandville. The school provides breakfast and lunch for the school week, but to provide for weekend needs for children who are food insecure, food is collected or purchased, packed in bags, and delivered to school to be sent home.

<https://www.fellowshipcrc.com/backpack-buddies/>

To see a list of current Backpack Buddies needs, there is a list in the Missions & Community Connections section of the bulletin. They are currently collecting for December and Christmas Break food baskets.

Nov 24: Backpack Buddies

Nov 28 (Thanksgiving): Love Your Neighbor

Dec 1: Desert Streams Ministries – Lont’s

THIS WEEK

Monday, Nov 18

Friday, Nov 22

Tuesday, Nov 19

Saturday, Nov 23

6pm Life Skills

Sunday, Nov 24

Wednesday, Nov 20

9:30am Worship

9:30am Prayer Practice Group

10:45am Church School

Thursday, Nov 21

11am Adult Bible Study

7pm Prayer Practice Group

COMING UP

STAFF

Nov 25 Full Council
Elders
Deacons

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)
Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)
Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Nov 28 Thanksgiving Worship

Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)

Dec 8 Christmas Dinner
Youth Group Christmas Party

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Dec 9 Exec

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

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November 17, 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

TODAY: Pastor Evan Heerema is a retired Minister of the Word who formerly served at Covenant CRC in Cutlerville and Ideal Park CRC in Wyoming. He also worked at Kuyper College as the Director of Career Development and Service Learning.

NEXT WEEK: Pastor Barb Sanders

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

10,000 Reasons
Holy Holy Holy
Exalted Over All

Prayers of the People

Scripture Romans 5:1-5

Peace and Hope

5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Message "Eternal Peace with God" Rev. Evan Heerema

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY

9:30am Worship
10:45am Church School
11am Adult Bible Study
6pm Youth Group Worship Night

CHURCH LIFE

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).

I am grateful for all the attention I received during my illness. All the cards & food helped me to recover. Thanks for everything. Jo Postema

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

PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for **Pastor Tom**. He had surgery this past week to remove a kidney stone. Give thanks this procedure went well and continue to pray for a good recovery process.
- Pray for **Mary Visser**. For several months she has not been feeling well with a constant feeling of nausea. In August she had surgery to remove her gall bladder thinking that would help, but the nausea has continued. She has had several dr. appointments and is now scheduled for a procedure for a scope into her stomach on November 29. She is on a cancellation list. Pray that she will be able to have this procedure soon and that this will provide helpful information.
- Pray for the work of **Backpack Buddies** as they provide sustenance for families in our community facing food insecurity. Pray that the families may be blessed by the food they receive.
- 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

THANKS FOR GIVING

November reminds us that Thanksgiving is coming. God has given us so many blessings that we can hardly count them all. During Thanksgiving, we also remember that God wants us to show His love and share our blessings with others. The Missions and Community Connections Committee encourages everyone to join our **"THANKS FOR GIVING"** Food/Blessings Drive for our Food Pantry here at Fellowship. There will be a special collection area in the lobby on Sunday, November 24, Thanksgiving Day, and Sunday, December 1. Please refer to the Fellowship Food Pantry list in the Midweek for needed items.

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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