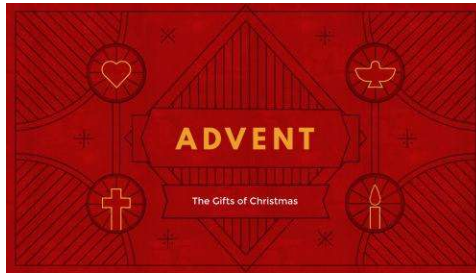


The Gift of Love
Romans 5:12-21



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Nov 17-Dec 1:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 13,927.11
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 1,260.81
Community Offering:	
Backpack Buddies	\$ 1,721.02
Desert Streams/Lonts	\$ 760.00
Fellowship Food Pantry	\$ 225.00
Love Your Neighbor	\$ 107.00

From the Treasurer:

Year to Date Receipts: \$251,128.76 **Year to Date Expenses:** \$ 264,303.92
(through 11/30/2024)

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.

Dec 15, 22, 29: Love Your Neighbor

THIS WEEK

Monday, Dec 9

7pm Exec

Tuesday, Dec 10

6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Dec 11

Thursday, Dec 12

Friday, Dec 13

after basketball Youth Group Movie Night

Saturday, Dec 14

Sunday, Dec 15

9:30am Worship

11 am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

Dec 18 Blood drive

Dec 25 Christmas Worship

Jan 13 Exec

Jan 27 Elders
Deacons

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)

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December 8, 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: Second Sunday of Advent — A perfect gift reflects both the giver and the one receiving the gift. In the birth of Jesus, God gives a gift of love that reflects both God’s generosity of grace, as well as our need to receive God’s grace.

NEXT WEEK: Third Sunday of Advent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Angels from the Realms of Glory
My Soul Magnifies the Lord
How Firm a Foundation

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Romans 5:12-21*

Death Through Adam, Life Through Christ

¹²Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

²⁰The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Message "The Gift of Love"

What Can I Do

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY

9:30am Worship
11:30am Christmas Lunch
4:30pm Youth Group Christmas Party – Middle School
6pm Youth Group Christmas Party – High School

CHURCH LIFE

TODAY we invite you to stay after the morning worship service for a Christmas lunch/Pastor Barb's retirement party.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY There is NO Adult Bible Study due to the activities after church; we will resume class next week. 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).

To All of Our Fellowship Family,
We have asked for so many prayer requests for the past year. We also have had so many of these prayers answered. Thank you so much for being prayer warriors. Thanks too for every card we received. Thank you for being constant support. **Rog & Mary Visser**

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

Thank you for many years- a few decades- of participating in Christ's ministry with you. Thank you! I give thanks for friendships made and am deeply grateful for the joy of experiencing ministry with you. As we continue the journey as followers of Christ, I am confident of God's faithful presence and the Spirit's transforming guidance in each of our lives. I will continue to pray for Fellowship as this congregation continues to seek being a faithful witness of Christ's grace, hope, and presence with us. A retirement thank -you letter has been placed in each mailbox, and also in the information center for those who do not have a mailbox. The LORD bless you and keep you.
Grace and Peace in Christ, Pastor Barb Sanders

DECEMBER BLOOD DRIVE

The holidays are here, and your blood donation is greatly needed! Our next drive is Wednesday, December 18, from 1:30-6pm in the Fellowship Room. A Sign Up for the canteen is on the M&CC Bulletin Board. Use this link to schedule your appointment today!
https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11404810

PRAYER FOCUS

- **Lois Koetje** fell at home a few weeks ago and has been receiving rehab therapy at Corewell Rehab Leffingwell. Give thanks that she been able to return home. Pray for continued healing and regaining strength.
- Pray for **Jerry and Diane Ronda** and their family. Jerry has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. Surgery is scheduled for December 12 to remove the bladder.
- 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, Bonnie Houtstra, Randy & Cathy Kraker, Rog & Mary Visser.**
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

FELLOWSHIP FOOD PANTRY

Needed Items Are:

Instant oatmeal Breakfast bars Apple juice Peanut butter
Jelly Salsa Diced tomatoes White rice
Tuna/chicken helper Canned chicken/ tuna Salad dressings
Applesauce Snack crackers Kleenex Paper towel
Shampoo/conditioner for men and women
Body wash for men/women Toothpaste Mouthwash
Laundry soap Laundry softener/sheets Dish soap

Thank You for supporting our neighborhood mission!

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.
Sandy Campo (616)889-3134