

Sabbath - stop

Genesis 2:1-3;

Exodus 20:8-11



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Dec 23-29:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 8,231.08
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 405.00
Community Offering:	DMS \$ 400.00
	Desert Streams-Lont's \$ 100.00
	Love Your Neighbor \$ 55.51
	Benevolence \$ 25.00

From the Treasurer:

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

Community Offerings

TODAY:

Missionary Sunday

Resonate Global Mission *Jesse & Jari Rodriguez family*

Today we are celebrating Resonate Global Mission in Nicaragua: Jesse and Jari Rodriguez and Satisfied Wages for Nicaragua. We praise God with Jesse and Jari for answers to prayer in 2024: the progress made in the adoption of Norlan and Rocio, the building of personal relationships with the farmers by working and praying with them, and the completing of the land survey which is the beginning of the long process to purchase Avodah Farm.

<https://satisfiedwages.blogspot.com/>

Jan 12: Denominational Ministry Shares

Jan 19, 26: Guiding Light

THIS WEEK

Monday, Jan 6

Tuesday, Jan 7

6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Jan 8

Thursday, Jan 9

Friday, Jan 10

Saturday, Jan 11

Sunday, Jan 12

9:30am Worship

10:45am Church School

11am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

Jan 13 Exec

Jan 19 Youth Group Winter Jam

Jan 27 Elders
Deacons

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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January 5, 2025



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: To follow after Jesus is to adopt his overall lifestyle as our own and arrange our daily life around his presence and peace. This does not begin with *doing*, it begins with *stopping*.

NEXT WEEK: Sabbath

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*O Come Let Us Adore Him
Holy is the Lord
Holy Forever*

Prayers of the People

Scripture

Genesis 2:1-3

² Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.
² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Exodus 20:8-11

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Message “Sabbath – stop”

Revelation Song

God’s Parting Blessing

TODAY

9:30am Worship
10:45am Church School
11am Adult Bible study
4:30pm Youth Group-Middle School
6pm Youth Group-High School

CHURCH LIFE

Upcoming dates for the proposed 2025 budget:

TODAY — budget copies available
January 12 — Q&A meeting after service
January 19 — congregational vote

*absentee ballots are available online through the link in the midweek and at the information center; they will be accepted until the congregational vote on January 19.

ELDER/DEACON NOMINATIONS We are requesting nominations for the office of Elder and Deacon for terms beginning in May 2025. **Nomination forms are available at the information desk, as well as electronically, through the link in the Midweek.**

Continuing Elders and Deacons are not eligible for nomination. Please place completed nomination forms in the appropriate slot at the information desk, fill out the online form, or email nominations to **Dave Cook** at dcook0104@gmail.com. **Please submit your nominations by January 12.**

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 **Jean Cisler** who will celebrate her birthday on January 18. We give thanks for her life and may she know the gift of God’s faithful presence with each new day.

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

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for **Steve and Linda Westra** who are working with a 26 member DRS (Disaster Response Services) team in Sarasota, Florida, January 2-24. Pray for safety for team members as they work; and that they will stay healthy. Pray also for the people they work with in Florida. Pray that the clients will experience Christ's compassion and care through the presence and work of this team.
- **Linda Philo** had hip replacement surgery last week. Give thanks that surgery went well and pray for a good recovery process.
- Continue to pray for **Jerry and Diane Ronda** and their family. Jerry had surgery on December 12 for bladder cancer and continues to be in the hospital. It has been found that the resection of the small intestine is leaking. This is a serious complication and prayers for the small intestine to heal on its own are needed.
- Pray for **Resonate Global Mission’s Jesse and Jari Rodriguez** and **Satisfied Wages for Nicaragua**:
 - For planning and safety as Jesse travels to Honduras on January 17 to give a three-day “Work as Worship” workshop as part of a Discipling Marketplace Leaders conference and for Jari as she stays home alone with the children.
 - For the family as the new school year begins on January 20.
 - For the upcoming court dates and paperwork for the adoption of Norlan and Rocio.
 - For wisdom as they navigate the growth of Satisfied Wages in Nicaragua.
 - For continued progress in the long process of purchasing transactions for Avodah Farm.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Aardema, **Jean Cisler, Randy & Cathy Kraker, Rog & Mary Visser.**
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Thank you for remembering the Backpack Buddies in your prayers and year end giving!!

Thank you also to the youth group for choosing BPB as the recipient of their Christmas collection project.

January/February food items needed for the 30 children in the program include:

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Chunky Soups
- Fruit Cups, applesauce cups
- Oatmeal (boxes of individual envelopes)

**Thank you for your support of this ministry.
Sandy Campo (616)889-3134**