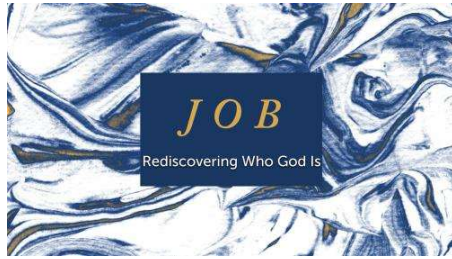


# The God Who Baffles Us

Job 9:22-24; 28:12-23;  
31:16-23, 35-37



## FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Jan 13-Feb 2:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 9,791.31
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 756.81
Community Offering: Guiding Light	\$ 458.02
Mission French Africa <i>Mpindi's</i>	\$ 175.00
DMS	\$ 20.51

From the Treasurer:

Year to Date Receipts: \$284,569.56 Year to Date Expenses: \$ 289,034.65

Difference: (4,465.12)  
(through 12/31/2024)

## Community Offerings

TODAY: World Renew

Compelled by God's passion for justice and mercy, World Renew joins communities in 30 countries around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. They work to address major community development and social justice issues like illiteracy, hunger, malnutrition, unemployment, HIV/AIDS, child mortality, and injustice. They are also active in responding to disasters by clearing debris, assessing needs, training local leaders, repairing and rebuilding damaged homes, and providing and distributing emergency food, water, shelter, and other supplies.

World Renew does not receive denominational ministry shares and depends on the regular financial support of God's people.

<https://worldrenew.net/>

Feb 23: World Renew

Mar 2: Desert Streams (*Lont's*)

Mar 9: Denominational Ministry Shares

## THIS WEEK

Monday, Feb 17

Tuesday, Feb 18

6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Feb 19

1:30pm Blood Drive

Thursday, Feb 20

Friday, Feb 21

Saturday, Feb 22

8pm Youth Group Bowling

Sunday, Feb 23

9:30am Worship

10:45am Church School

11am Adult Bible Study

## COMING UP

Feb 24 Full Council  
Elders  
Deacons

Mar 2 Youth Group-Toby Mac

Mar 10 Exec

## STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)  
Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)  
Andrew Lenhart (Worship)  
Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)  
Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)  
Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

# February 16, 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: The story of Job forces us to confront a God we cannot always understand; like Job, we search for ways to relate to God in moments when we do not understand.

NEXT WEEK: Job

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*Holy Holy Holy  
The Lord Our God  
Exalted Over All*

### Prayers of the People

**Scripture** *Job 9:22-24; 28:12-23; 31:16-23, 35-37*

#### **28:12-23**

<sup>22</sup>It is all the same; that is why I say, 'He destroys both the blameless and the wicked.' <sup>23</sup>When a scourge brings sudden death, he mocks the despair of the innocent. <sup>24</sup>When a land falls into the hands of the wicked, he blindfolds its judges. If it is not he, then who is it?

#### **28:12-23**

<sup>12</sup>But where can wisdom be found? Where does understanding dwell? <sup>13</sup>No mortal comprehends its worth; it cannot be found in the land of the living. <sup>14</sup>The deep says, "It is not in me"; the sea says, "It is not with me." <sup>15</sup>It cannot be bought with the finest gold, nor can its price be weighed out in silver. <sup>16</sup>It cannot be bought with the gold of Ophir, with precious onyx or lapis lazuli. <sup>17</sup>Neither gold nor crystal can compare with it, nor can it be had for jewels of gold. <sup>18</sup>Coral and jasper are not worthy of mention; the price of wisdom is beyond rubies. <sup>19</sup>The topaz of Cush cannot compare with it; it cannot be bought with pure gold. <sup>20</sup>Where then does wisdom come from? Where does understanding dwell? <sup>21</sup>It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing, concealed even from the birds in the sky. <sup>22</sup>Destruction<sup>[a]</sup> and Death say, "Only a rumor of it has reached our ears." <sup>23</sup>God understands the way to it and he alone knows where it dwells,

#### **31:16-23**

<sup>16</sup>"If I have denied the desires of the poor or let the eyes of the widow grow weary, <sup>17</sup>if I have kept my bread to myself, not sharing it with the fatherless <sup>18</sup>but from my youth I reared them as a father would, and from my birth I guided the widow— <sup>19</sup>if I have seen anyone perishing for lack of clothing, or the needy without garments, <sup>20</sup>and their hearts did not bless me for warming them with the fleece from my sheep, <sup>21</sup>if I have raised my hand against the fatherless, knowing that I had influence in court, <sup>22</sup>then let my arm fall from the shoulder, let it be broken off at the joint. <sup>23</sup>For I dreaded destruction from God, and for fear of his splendor I could not do such things.

#### **31:35-37**

<sup>35</sup>("Oh, that I had someone to hear me! I sign now my defense—let the Almighty answer me; let my accuser put his indictment in writing. <sup>36</sup>Surely I would wear it on my shoulder, I would put it on like a crown. <sup>37</sup>I would give him an account of my every step; I would present it to him as to a ruler.)—

**Message** "The God Who Baffles Us"

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

**God's Parting Blessing**

## CHURCH LIFE

**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 **Lois Koetje** who will celebrate her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on February 22. We give thanks for her life and may she know the gift of God's faithful presence with each new day.

Happy Birthday to **Terry VanHaitsma** who will celebrate his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 2. We give thanks for his life and may he 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.fellowshipcrl.com/crl](http://www.fellowshipcrl.com/crl)

**BLOOD DRIVE** On Wednesday, February 19, we will be hosting our first Blood Drive of 2025 from 1:30-6:30pm. If you would like to sign up to donate blood, please use the link in the midweek, scan the QR code on the M&CC board, or go to [https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/11597671](https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11597671)

There's only 13 appointment slots left!  
If you would like to contribute to the canteen,  
sign-ups are on the M&CC bulletin board.  
THANK YOU to all who donate!

### TODAY

9:30am Worship  
10:45am Church School  
11am Adult Bible Study  
4:30pm Youth Group-9<sup>th</sup> grade  
6pm Youth Group-11/12<sup>th</sup> grade

## PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for **Chris and Dave Cook** as they wait for their health insurer to approve the coverage for the heart surgery that Chris needs. May God grant them strength and a sense of His guiding presence during this stressful time.
- Pray for **Randy and Cathy Kraker**. Randy moved to Waterford Place this week. Pray that Randy and Cathy will experience the presence of Christ's Spirit with them and being kept in God's faithful care during this transition of a new living place for Randy.
- Praise God for progress! **The Lenhart family** appreciates the answers to prayers for wisdom with treatments for the concussions sustained by **Sarah and Rachel** from their recent car accident. They are thankful for a new doctor that they saw this week. Please pray that Rachel can rejoin band and other activities soon.
- Give thanks to God for the progress that **Gary Roode** has made since he fell a month ago. He continues to receive PT, OT, and speech therapy at home. Continue to pray for Gary to regain what he has lost as a result of this fall and for **Sue** as she cares for him at home.
- Continue to pray for **Jerry Ronda** as he makes progress towards full healing and recovery at home after his surgery for bladder cancer. Also remember **Diane** in prayer as she cares for him.
- Pray for **Jean Cisler**. She has been declining in health, and arrangements are being made with Hospice to help provide the care that is needed. Pray that Jean will experience the presence of Christ's Spirit with her and being kept in God's faithful care during this time.
- Thank God that the surgery of **Rog and Mary Visser's** daughter, Michelle, went well last week. Pray for continued healing as Michelle recovers at home.
- Pray for the work of **World Renew** as they partner with local churches and organizations around the world to bring life-changing programs that transform communities in every area of need.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

## MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### BACKPACK BUDDIES

Thank you for remembering our 31 Backpack Buddies in your prayers and through your giving.

February food items we are collecting include:

- Canned Chunky Soups
- Canned pastas
- Fruit Cups
- Oatmeal (boxes of individual envelopes)
- Nutrigrain bars

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