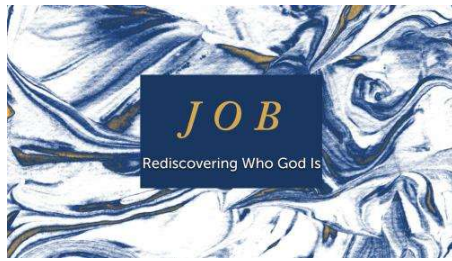


The God Who  
Is Near Us  
*Job 9:25-35; 16:15-21;  
19:23-27*



**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 *Mpindi's* \$ 175.00  
 DMS \$ 20.51

**From the Treasurer:**

**Year to Date Receipts:** \$13,619.20 **Year to Date Expenses:** \$ 18,029.83

**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/>

- Mar 2:** Desert Streams (*Lont's*)
- Mar 9:** Denominational Ministry Shares
- Mar 16:** Fellowship Food Pantry

**THIS WEEK**

**Monday, Feb 24**  
 6pm Worship Committee meets  
 6:45pm Full Council  
 8pm Elders  
 8pm Deacons

**Tuesday, Feb 25**  
 6pm Life Skills

**Wednesday, Feb 26**

**Thursday, Feb 27**

**Friday, Feb 28**

**Saturday, Mar 1**

**Sunday, Mar 2**  
 9:30am Worship  
 10:45am Church School  
 11am Adult Bible Study  
 6:30pm Youth Group – Toby Mac Concert

**COMING UP**

- Mar 10** Exec
- Mar 16** Youth Group
- Mar 24** Elders  
Deacons

**STAFF**

- Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)
- Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)
- Andrew Lenhart (Worship)
- Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)
- Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)
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**February 23, 2025**



**Welcome!**  
**We are glad you are here!**

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME** in our service

*Also available during worship:*  
 Nursery for infants & toddlers;  
 Coloring pages and crayons for kids;  
 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:** As Job finds a path through his moment of struggle, we see his awakening recognition of exactly what he needs: a mediator to step in and advocate on his behalf.

**NEXT WEEK:** Job

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*Better Is One Day*

*Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

*Goodness of God*

### Prayers of the People

**Scripture** *Job 9:25-35; 16:15-21; 19:23-27*

#### 9:25-35

<sup>25</sup>“My days are swifter than a runner; they fly away without a glimpse of joy.

<sup>26</sup>They skim past like boats of papyrus, like eagles swooping down on their prey.

<sup>27</sup>If I say, ‘I will forget my complaint, I will change my expression, and smile,’

<sup>28</sup>I still dread all my sufferings, for I know you will not hold me innocent.

<sup>29</sup>Since I am already found guilty, why should I struggle in vain?

<sup>30</sup>Even if I washed myself with soap and my hands with cleansing powder,

<sup>31</sup>you would plunge me into a slime pit so that even my clothes would detest me.

<sup>32</sup>“He is not a mere mortal like me that I might answer him, that we might confront each other in court.

<sup>33</sup>If only there were someone to mediate between us, someone to bring us together,

<sup>34</sup>someone to remove God’s rod from me, so that his terror would frighten me no more.

<sup>35</sup>Then I would speak up without fear of him, but as it now stands with me, I cannot.

#### 16:15-21

<sup>15</sup>“I have sewed sackcloth over my skin and buried my brow in the dust.

<sup>16</sup>My face is red with weeping, dark shadows ring my eyes;

<sup>17</sup>yet my hands have been free of violence and my prayer is pure.

<sup>18</sup>“Earth, do not cover my blood; may my cry never be laid to rest!

<sup>19</sup>Even now my witness is in heaven; my advocate is on high.

<sup>20</sup>My intercessor is my friend as my eyes pour out tears to God;

<sup>21</sup>on behalf of a man he pleads with God as one pleads for a friend.

#### 19:23-27

<sup>23</sup>“Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll,

<sup>24</sup>that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever!

<sup>25</sup>I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

<sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God;

<sup>27</sup>I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

**Message** “The God Who Is Near Us”

*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

**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 **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.

**BLOOD DRIVE** THANK YOU to all who donated on Wednesday! The next blood drive is on Wednesday, May 21, from 1:30-6:30pm. You may sign up for your appointment through the Versiti website.

[https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/11597672](https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11597672)

★Keep up to date with all the activity of the Church Renewal Lab at [www.fellowshipcrc.com/crl](http://www.fellowshipcrc.com/crl)

## PRAYER FOCUS

- **Chris and David Cook** are still waiting for approval from their health insurance company to cover the heart surgery that Chris needs. Please pray that the insurance will be approved, and that God will strengthen Chris and David as they wait.
- Pray for **Randy and Cathy Kraker**. Randy moved to Waterford Place last week. Pray that Randy and Cathy will experience God’s presence with them as they are kept in His faithful care during this time of transitioning to a new living place for Randy.
- Continue to pray for **Sarah and Rachel Lenhart** as they slowly but steadily recover from concussions. The Lenhart family is grateful for the progress being made due to good doctors and medical treatment. Pray that Sarah and Rachel can resume their normal routines soon.
- Continue to pray for **Gary and Sue Roode**. Give thanks for the progress that Gary has made since his fall. Pray for continued healing and pray for Sue as she cares for him at home.
- Pray for continued healing for **Jerry Ronda** following surgery for bladder cancer, and for **Diane** as she cares for him.
- Continue to pray for **Jean Cisler** as hospice is helping to provide the care that she needs.
- 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

### TODAY

9:30am Worship

10:45am Church School

11am Adult Bible Study