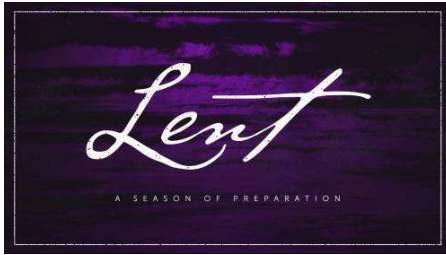


The Heart
to Serve
Isaiah 55:1-9;
Luke 13:1-9



we serve because we long to see a _____ in the
lives of the people we are serving

Hebrew *shuwb* “turn” = _____

repentance is not only a step away from the
_____ habits that _____ our
world,

it is also a step towards the _____ habits that
_____ of our world

salvation in Christ is not just what we are saved _____, it is also
what we are saved _____

TODAY: Third Sunday of Lent — Jesus comes not only to serve his
people and bring salvation, but also because his heart longs for a
desired outcome to take place in the hearts and lives of his people.
NEXT WEEK: Fourth Sunday of Lent

FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Feb 3-Mar 16:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 8,317.48
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 508.00
Community Offering:	
Backpack Buddies	\$ 350.00
Fellowship Food Pantry	\$ 208.00
Desert Streams-Lont’s	\$ 191.51
Benevolence-General	\$ 169.79
DMS	\$ 135.51
World Renew	\$ 20.51

From the Treasurer:

Year to Date Receipts: \$46,531.40
Year to Date Expenses: \$ 43,673.54

Community Offerings

TODAY: Fellowship Food Pantry

The Fellowship Food Pantry is operated by volunteers who have been trained by the Love Your Neighbor staff. The Call Center provides resources and referrals and emergency food support to the Grandville community who are in urgent need of help.

<https://www.fellowshipcpcr.com/food-bank/>

- Mar 30:** Life Skills
- Apr 6:** Resonate Global Mission – *Rodriguez family*
- Apr 13:** Denominational Ministry Shares

THIS WEEK

Monday, Mar 24
6:45pm Elders
6:45pm Deacons

Tuesday, Mar 25
6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Mar 26

Thursday, Mar 27

Friday, Mar 28

Saturday, Mar 29

Sunday, Mar 30
9:30am Worship
10:45am Church School
11am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

- Apr 13** Congregational Listening Circles
- Apr 14** Exec
- Apr 17** Maundy Thursday Worship communion
- Apr 19** Youth Group Worship Night

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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March 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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

The Reason

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Take My Life and Let It Be

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Isaiah 55:1-9; Luke 13:1-9*

Isaiah 55:1-9

Invitation to the Thirsty

55 “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

²Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.

³Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

⁴See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples.

⁵Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.”

⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

⁷Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

⁸“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.

⁹“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Luke 13:1-9

Repent or Perish

13 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

⁸ “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

Message “The Heart to Serve”

Broken Vessels

God’s Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

LISTENING CIRCLES Council will be holding Listening Circles to hear feedback on the six statements that were shared in the recent letter to the congregation on 3/9 (digital access can be found in the Midweek).

Feedback gathered will be used to help determine the best way forward for Fellowship. We will be holding Listening Circles today, 3/23, and 4/13. **Please sign up for one of those dates, but not both.** Signup is available online and at the Information Center.

Thank you for your prayer and participation in discerning God's will for our church!

EASTER FLOWERS Easter Flower order forms are at the Information Center. There is also an online order form accessible through the link in the midweek (payment instructions on form). If you would like to purchase flowers, please have completed order form and payment to the marked slot at the Information center or to the office **TODAY, Sunday, March 23.** Thank You!

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY There will be NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY TODAY due to the congregational listening circles. Class will resume 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).

★ Find daily scriptures and prayers for LENT in the *Seeking God’s Face* devotional — www.seekinggodsface.org

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

PRAYER FOCUS

- We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Jean Cisler**. Jean passed on March 19. May Jean’s family and friends know Christ's comfort, peace, and presence with them at this time. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 27, at Matthyse Kuiper DeGraaf Funeral Home (Grandville).
- Continue to pray for **Dave and Chris Cook**. Although many details are pending, it looks like Chris’ surgery may be approved soon!
- **Sarah and Rachel Lenhart** are thankful for progress in healing from concussions. Rachel’s headaches are gone. Pray for diligence for her with lots of PT exercises as she continues healing.
- Continue to pray for **Gary and Sue Roode** as Gary makes progress toward regaining strength, and for Sue as she cares for him at home.
- Continue to pray for **Randy and Cathy Kraker** as Hospice is helping to provide care for Randy at Waterford Place.
- “Thank you again for all the prayers and encouragement for my latest hip replacement revision surgery. I’m frustrated with being back on restrictions for a while, but thankful surgery was scheduled so quickly and I can get outside to walk in the nice weather while recovering. God is good, all the time.” **Linda Philo**
- For the **Fellowship Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry. Pray also for the volunteers who staff the pantry each week, as they firsthand are seeing the food insecurity being experienced in our community.

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

BACKPACK BUDDIES

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

We are currently well stocked with canned chicken and with plastic grocery bags but there are few things we need for March/April :

- Fruit Cups
- Nutrigrain bars
- Canned pastas

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

TODAY

9:30am Worship

10:45am Church School

11am Congregational Listening Circles