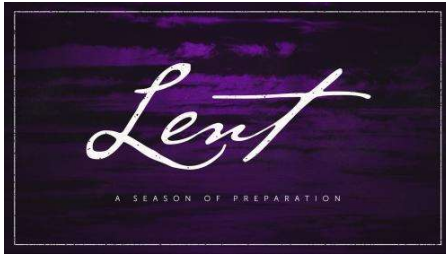


The Call to Serve  
Deuteronomy 26:1-11;  
Luke 4:1-13



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

**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.

**Mar 16, 23:** Fellowship Food Pantry

**Mar 30:** Life Skills

**THIS WEEK**

**Monday, Mar 10**

6pm Worship Committee meets  
7pm Exec

**Tuesday, Mar 11**

**Wednesday, Mar 12**

**Thursday, Mar 13**

**Friday, Mar 14**

**Saturday, Mar 15**

**Sunday, Mar 16**

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

**COMING UP**

**Mar 24** Elders  
Deacons

**Apr 14** Exec

**Apr 17** Maundy Thursday Worship

**Apr 19** Youth Group Worship Night

**STAFF**

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)  
Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)  
Andrew Lenhart (Worship)  
Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)  
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**March 9, 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:** First Sunday of Lent — Jesus begins his ministry of service from a place of emptiness; the call to serve is not dependent on what we have, but on what we give up.

**NEXT WEEK:** Second Sunday of Lent

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*Great Things  
This is Amazing Grace*

### Prayers of the People

**Scripture** *Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Luke 4:1-13*

#### **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

#### **Firstfruits and Tithes**

**26** When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, <sup>2</sup>take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name <sup>3</sup>and say to the priest in office at the time, “I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” <sup>4</sup>The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: “My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. <sup>6</sup>But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. <sup>7</sup>Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. <sup>8</sup>So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup>He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; <sup>10</sup>and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.” Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. <sup>11</sup>Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

**Luke 4:1-13** →

**Message** “The Call to Serve”

*I Will Follow*

### Communion

*The Wonderful Cross*

### God’s Parting Blessing

## CHURCH LIFE

**TODAY we celebrate the sacrament of communion during our Sunday worship service.**

**TODAY is the first Sunday of lent. There will be an opportunity in the service to receive the imposition of ashes for those who would like to participate.**

**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 by **Sunday, March 23**. Thank You!

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY** Class resumes today, March 9. 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** (LMPHILLO@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook0104@gmail.com).

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

#### **Luke 4:1-13**

#### **Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness**

**4** Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup>The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup>If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

<sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

<sup>9</sup>The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup>For it is written:

“‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;

<sup>11</sup>they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

## PRAYER FOCUS

- **Linda Philo** is scheduled for surgery on Thursday, March 13, to replace the socket from her first hip replacement done in 2023. The socket did not adhere to the bone as it should (because of a cyst) and has shifted out of position. Please pray for successful surgery and recovery.
- Pray for **Chris and Dave Cook** as they continue to wait for insurance approval for Chris’ heart surgery. Pray that God will uphold and strengthen Chris and Dave during this lengthy process.
- **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.
- Continue to pray for **Jean Cisler** as Hospice is helping to provide care for her.
- Pray for **Denominational Ministries** as they support the missions of the CRC. Pray for the work of **Denominational Ministry Shares** and the many facets of the Christian Reformed Church that they support. Pray for the missionaries, pastors, chaplains, and congregations who are supported through their work. Pray for Thrive, Resonate Global Mission, ReFrame Ministries, Calvin University, and Calvin Theological Seminary; all who receive ministry shares.
- 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.

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 Adult Bible Study