

February 25, 2024

Morning Worship

GATHER

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 63: 1-4

*Song: **Be Unto Your Name vs 1-2**

*God's Greeting

*Song: **Come, People of the Risen King vs 1-3**

THANKSGIVING

Congregational Prayer

Deacon Report

Ministry Update: Set Free Ministries/Clay Shoot Fundraiser

Offering

Children's Message

[Children ages 2-4 are invited to Children's' Worship]

WORD

*Song: **His Eye is on the Sparrow vs 1&3**

Scripture: *Luke 12: 13-21*

Series: 7 Deadly Sins

Message: ***Greed***

Prayer

SENT

*Benediction

*Song: **What the Lord has Done in Me vs 1-3**

*Postlude

Pastor Dave

Accompanist: Kim Byker

Worship Team: Avery Dekker, Coby Dekker,

Maribeth Laansma, Alissa Stuive

Guitar: Josh Horstman

Clay Shoot Update: Mark Byker

Deacon Update: Jason Dekker

Scripture Reader: Jeff Horstman

Welcome!

*If you have a prayer request or you would like to know more about us, please fill out the Welcome Card and place in one of the Connection boxes as you leave the sanctuary.
To view our services online go to: firstchurchdudsonville.org and click the link at the top of the page.*

THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Luke 12: 13-21 Series: 7 Deadly Sins Message: ***Greed*** Money and possessions have the power to create a deceptive allure. We all know what greed feels like and some of us may have experienced its destructive consequences. Join us as we expose the sin of greed for what it is and uncover how to be free from its grip. First offering: Christian Edu. Tuition Grant Fund; second offering: General Fund

PM: Romans 9:10-33 Series: Sound Doctrine: Understanding and Living What We Believe Message: ***Chosen*** The Bible's teaching on the doctrine of election can raise many questions. In this message we'll face those questions and discover why this is such an important truth for the believer. Offering: World Renew

NEXT WEEK:

AM: Proverbs 26: 13-26 Series: 7 Deadly Sins Message: ***Sloth*** We've all seen a picture of the hairy, long-tailed sloth hanging from a tree branch. Lazy but harmless. So why is sloth named as one of the 7 Deadly Sins? Join us next week as we open God's Word together to better understand the very deadly sin of sloth. First offering: Faith Promise; second offering: General Fund

PM: Matthew 5: 22-24, 6:14-15, Ephesians 4: 25-32 Message: Forgiveness Foibles, Failings and Faults. Join us next Sunday evening as Guest Pastor Rev. Ron Baker leads us in worship. Offering: Harmony Communities

THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday School and Catechism** meets after morning service.
- **Adult Sunday Education** meets after morning service.
- **Men's Prayer Group**, Tuesday February 27, 7:00PM.
- **Cadets**, Wednesday February 28, 6:30PM.

Evening offerings for the month of **February** will go to World Renew.

Evening offerings for the month of **March** will go to Harmony Communities.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Council - On behalf of the Council and Finance Committee, we want to extend a thank you to the congregation for your financial support during 2023. We are pleased to share that we exceeded our General Fund income budget by \$9,384 as well as exceeding Capital Improvement budget by \$1,423. We give the glory to God and are so thankful for our generous congregation!

Council News: The Facility Planning Committee presented their findings to Council on building space needs pertaining to continued forecasted growth of First CRC. The Council has approved their recommendation to have a conceptual design created utilizing the current property footprint to meet those needs. If you have any questions, please contact an Elder of the Admin Council.

The Council has approved replacing the carpet in the sanctuary. The work should take a week and not interrupt our Sunday services. We will communicate the date once it is scheduled. Thanks, Building Committee, and those who worked on this project.

The following men have been selected as candidates for Elder and Deacon for 2024-2027.

For Elder: Dave Aukeman, Bill Brouwer, Ben Bouma, Jeff Persenaire, Steve Schnyders, Joe Lems and Dave Vruwink.

For Deacon: Andrew Bard, John Bosscher, Mike Krikke, Brett Buskard, Brett DeVries, Jake Horstman, Dale VandeGriend and Andrew Power.

Voting by ballot to accept the names will be after the morning service on March 10. Absentee ballots are available at the information center and must be signed. They can be placed in the Admin Clerk's mailbox or given to a Council member. Names will be drawn for two Elders and three Deacons at the beginning of the evening service also on March 10. Installation will take place during the morning service on March 17. An organizational meeting for the new council will be held after the morning installation service. Retiring officers are: Elder – Doug Krikke, Mark Byker. Deacon – Brad VanDragt, Levi Schut, Joe Persenaire.

From the Deacons: In the 2024 budget we increased the Christian School Tuition Grants from \$500 to \$650 for each child attending a Christian school. The grants are paid out between Feb. and May. In an effort to maintain adequate reserves in our checking account we will be periodically taking collections specifically for our Christian School Tuition Grant fund. However, you may give to this fund at any time. Please prayerfully give as the Lord has provided.

Committee Chairpersons' Meeting - Sunday, March 3 We will have a brief meeting 15 minutes after the morning service in Pastor Dave's office.

ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE, Wednesday, March 13 @ Messiah CRC, 5:30 pm Synod has designated the second Wednesday in March (March 13, 2024) as the Annual Day of Prayer. On this date each year, all CRC congregations are requested to take time to ask for God's blessing upon the world, our nations and communities, crops and industry, and the church worldwide.

Sunday Adult Education on the book of 1 Peter - Sunday mornings, 11 a.m., in the Upstairs Fellowship room. Everyone is welcome. No books or pre-reading; just show up! Leader: Pastor Marc VanBerkum

Cadet Fertilizer Sale - Please support the Cadets by purchasing fertilizer for your lawn and garden. A Cadet may be contacting you or you can find an order form on the Welcome Center in the narthex. Orders must be in Jeff Horstman's mailbox by March 3. Orders should be ready for pick up by the week of March 25. Contact Jeff if you have any questions.

Pop! Ministries - Thank you so much for those who were able to come out and attend the POP Youth chili cook off fundraiser. In total we were able to raise \$4,412 to go towards our June mission trip to Tennessee, along with future POP mission trips. Thank you to the POP leaders and high school students who worked so hard to make this a successful event. Thank you to all those who donated chili, and assisted in clean up afterwards. We are so incredibly thankful for such a supportive and generous congregation. To God be the Glory.

Missing 13 Positive Option baby bottles - if you have a baby bottle on your counter or somewhere in your home, can you please return it? Positive Options uses them for other church's donations. They can no longer get them, so they need to have each church return what they have been given. Thank you for your help with this!

Kids Hope - Make an investment into our community by being a Kids Hope mentor! Just showing up for a child makes a huge difference! Contact Cheri Huisman to find out more.

February Missionary Highlight: Jamie and Edgar Martinez, serving in Mexico with Mission Enablers International.

Prayer requests:

- Pray for them as they travel to remote villages
- Praise God for the spiritual growth they see in their ministry
- Pray for wisdom as they disciple

Nursery: The Nursery is open for morning services.
This Week: Tammy Schnyders, Alissa Stuive, Brinley Cook
Next Sunday: Kristin Schut, Jennie Sale, Elizabeth Power

Ushers for February:
AM: Dan Meygaard, Troy Nagelkirk, Kevin Palmbos, Jeff Persenaire
PM: Brett Devries, Ron Sterk, Mark Vander Brug
Ushers for March:
AM: Jim Plooster, Keith Rillema, Rog Spoelma, Rog Van Loo
PM: Dale VandeGriend, Jack Vugteveen, Adam Westmaas
Coffee Server: This Week: Betty Velderman
Next Week: Judy DeHaan

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

A Birthday to remember! Happy birthday to **Steve Snow**, who celebrates his birthday on Wednesday, February 28!

Concerns and Praises:

- **Marguerite Smeda** is recovering from injuries suffered in a car accident.
- **Marilynn Driesenga** had foot surgery last Wednesday.
- **Jim VanHill** had shoulder replacement surgery on Tuesday.
- **Dave Hekstra** had emergency surgery last Tuesday for a perforated intestine.

Shut-ins: Wilma Johnson, Juliana DeYoung, Gert Holwerda, and Arlene Krikke.

If you have any needs or prayer requests, please contact your Care Group Elder/Deacon or Pastor Dave.

Our Prayer Coordinator, Tammy Schnyders, produces a monthly prayer sheet, “Partners in Prayer”, sends out prayer emails, and regularly updates the Praise and Prayer Line [669.5548]. If you have a prayer need contact Pastor Dave, your Care Group Elder, or Tammy Schnyders.

Dear First family, thank you for the condolences at the time of Dan’s passing. The kind words, prayers, cards and visits are greatly appreciated. My family has been blessed. - **Family of Dan Bloem**

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and visits to the funeral home in the passing of our mother and grandmother, Adaline Lems. Your expressions of sympathy were very much appreciated. - **Joe and Carrie Lems & Family**

FROM THE DENOMINATION

Kids Corner: Names of God: The Righteous God - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Psalm 145:17 says, “The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.” So, what is it like to be righteous? Is it like being right? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC’s Lent and Easter Collection.

Do you know of someone in your congregation who has the kind of spiritual gifts that would make for an excellent pastor in the Christian Reformed Church? The Classical Ministry Leadership Team (CMLT) would like to know. The CMLT supports seminary students as they prepare to become ministers of the Word by fellowship, prayer, and financial assistance from Classis Georgetown. Please contact Rev. Jeff Scripps at pastor@forestgrovecrc.org or (616) 920-2644.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

The Counselors of the Rush Creek Cadet Council would like to invite all of the middle and high school students, their parents and anyone that works with youth from your church to the "workshop" portion of our Cadet Counselor meeting on March 14, 2024 at Messiah CRC (2900 Springdale, Hudsonville). The presentation begins at 7:00 PM and runs for about an hour. There will be time for questions afterwards. Alan Vanden Bosch will be speaking about Internet Safety. He will cover a variety of topics from sharing passwords to legal and social consequences of sharing too much information. Sensitive issues will be discussed. Because of the state of the world that we live in, we believe that this is information that all teens and parents need to know.

Unity Christian High School is proud to present the play *Little Women*. Performances are scheduled for 7:00pm on February 29 and March 1 and at 5:00pm on March 2. Performances will take place at the Hudsonville High School Auditorium on 32nd Avenue. Tickets are \$8 each and can be purchased on our website (www.unitychristian.org) under “Parent Resources.” You are able to pick your own seats and pay online.

Volunteers Needed! Sunset Senior Communities is looking for volunteers for their Meals at Home program. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Leslie at 616-214-4545.

FROM LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Love Your Neighbor Group Therapy curriculum has been developed by our staff, and classes will be led by social work interns from Love Your Neighbor and other local agencies. Sessions will follow an 8 week repeating cycle, and anyone can join a group at any time. Any community member 18 or older dealing with depression or anxiety is encouraged to click the link below and fill out the form and someone will reach out for possible enrollment! **There is a \$5 cost per session. Please let us know if the \$5 is a barrier to you attending!** Group therapy for anxiety will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm at Love's main campus. Group therapy for depression is anticipated to start the week of February 26th!

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Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

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*God's Greeting

*Confession of Faith: Our World Belongs to God 18

*Song: **Who You Say I Am vs 1-2**

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