

The Choices We Make

Joshua 24:14-24



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Mar 25- Apr 7:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 13,496.95
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 535.00
Community Offering: Resonate (Rodriguez)	\$ 236.00
Guiding Light	\$ 74.02
FCRC Food Pantry	\$ 10.00

Year to Date Receipts: \$101,049

Year to date Expenses \$74,567

Through 3/31/24

Community Offerings

TODAY: World Renew

Compelled by God’s passion for justice and mercy, World Renew join 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/>

May 5: Mission French Africa (Paul & Charlotte Mpindi)

May 12: Denominational Ministry Shares

May 19, 26: Fellowship Food Pantry

THIS WEEK

Monday, Apr 29

Tuesday, Apr 30

9:15am Tuesday Small Group

6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, May 1

9:30am Prayer Gathering

1:30pm Blood Drive

7pm Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, May 2

Friday, May 3

Saturday, May 4

Sunday, May 5

9:30am Worship

11am Peace of Mind Seminar

4pm Youth Group-Middle School

6pm Youth Group-High School

COMING UP

May 14 Exec

May 19 Youth Group

May 28 Full Council
Elders
Deacons

STAFF

Tom Vanderploeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

April 28, 2024



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 choices we make from day to day all combine together to impact the person we become. Joshua reminds the people that their journey with God involves some choices; our path of discipleship involves choices too.

NEXT WEEK: Making Room

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*All Creature Of Our God And King
The Lord Our God
Christ Our Hope In Life And Death*

Ministry In Music Diane J signing “Never Once”

Council Installation

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Joshua 24:14-24*

¹⁴“Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! ¹⁷It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.”

¹⁹Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.”

²¹But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the Lord.”

²²Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord.”

“Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied.

²³“Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.”

²⁴And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the Lord our God and obey him.”

Message “The Choices We Make”

Build My Life

God’s Parting Blessing

TODAY

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

CHURCH LIFE

TODAY we welcome new Elders to serve on the Council. Those being installed as new Elders are **Dave Cook, Sherri Funk, Jim Kortman**, and **Elaine Vlietstra. Jon Meengs** is extending his term as Deacon for one year; and **Shelly Funk** is moving from Elder to Deacon for one year.

We thank our outgoing Council members who have completed their times of service. Retiring Elders are **Chris Cook, Jodi Tenhopen**, and **Bruce Morren**; retiring Deacons are **Nancy Emelander**, and **Pam Kortman**.

NEXT SUNDAY we celebrate the public Profession of Faith of **William Dykstra** during our morning worship service.

PEACE OF MIND SEMINAR TEACHES THE VALUE OF PREPARATION

Losing a loved one is a difficult experience for anyone to go through, but the weight of the loss can be lightened knowing we provided them with their final wishes exactly as desired. We invite you to a special presentation on the importance of arranging your final wishes so your loved ones feel confident that you were given what you wanted. This Peace of Mind Seminar will be on Sunday, May 5th at 11:00am at Fellowship CRC, in the Youth Room. (note change of location.) We will outline the steps in the planning process and answer any questions you may have. This presentation is brought to you by MKD Funeral Home. We hope to see you there! Please RSVP: at the information center, by calling (616)534-8656, or by visiting <https://bit.ly/4cgpF0S>. We hope to see you there!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER is scheduled for the first week of May. A prayer gathering is being planned for Wednesday morning, May 1, 9:30-10:30am. Plans are to meet in the Fellowship Room for a time of prayer followed by coffee and refreshments. Questions? Contact **Pastor Barb Sanders** or **Mary Wood-Agents**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Congratulations to **Rog and Mary Visser** who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on May 1! We give thanks for their lives and their marriage. May they continue to know God’s faithful presence with them.

DIRECTORY UPDATES With the installation of council, we are also updating the church member directory. Please take some time to look over your information in the current directory and on Elvanto. If you need help accessing Elvanto, please email the office (wiliams@fellowshipcrc.com). Watch for Directory Update Information slips that will be placed in mailboxes next week to be turned in by May 26.

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

BLOOD DRIVE The next blood drive is THIS WEEK, Wednesday, May 1 from 1:30-6:30pm. If you would like to donate, visit: <https://bit.ly/May1donate>
A sign up to donate items for the canteen is on the M&CC bulletin board.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for **Dave and Chris Cook**. Chris was hospitalized recently with heart concerns. Give thanks she has been able to return home. She continues to need IV antibiotics. Pray for patience and encouragement in a long journey of continued healing and regaining strength.
- Continue to pray for **Tom and Barb Smalligan**. Give thanks that healing is going well and that the phantom pain is beginning to subside. Pray for continued healing as Tom looks forward to being fitted with a prosthesis.
- **Mary Bouma**’s father fell last week and fractured a hip. He had surgery this past week. Pray for a good recovery process.
- We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Marc and Nancy VanDenBerg**. Nancy’s brother, Jim Dornbush, passed away on April 18. May this family know God’s comfort, peace, and presence with them at this time.
- For **World Renew** as they address needs around the world; from disaster relief to social justice issues – renewing hope, reconciling lives, and helping to restore creation.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

FOOD PANTRY We are once again in need of a few items!

Our Needs Are:

crackers	pancake mix	pancake syrup	hearty soups
peanut butter	juice (orange, apple)		gravy
jam	ketchup	salad dressing	honey
tea	diced tomatoes	SPAM	beef stew
pop tarts	canned meats (tuna, chicken)		tuna helper
kid’s cereal	paper towels	facial tissue	toilet paper
hand soap	body wash	dishwashing liquid	
laundry detergent			

*monetary donations can be made through the deacons.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the pantry!

BACKPACK BUDDIES We are currently collecting for May.

Our current needs:

snacks: granola bars, rice krispie treats, fruit snacks, cheese or peanut butter crackers, etc.

fruit: fruit cups

canned chunky soups

canned chicken

Nutrigrain bars

*Cash donations can be made through the deacons.

*Food donations can be placed in the wooden box in the narthex.

We couldn’t do this ministry without you. Your donations are very appreciated!

Sandy Campo