

# What Comes Next

John 20:19-31



## FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Mar 11-24:

<b>Received for General Ministries:</b>	<b>\$ 36,247.22</b>
<b>Received for Christian Education:</b>	<b>\$ 155.55</b>
<b>Community Offering:</b> DMS	<b>\$ 1475.82</b>
Guiding Light	<b>\$ 116.35</b>
FCRC Food Pantry	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
Desert Streams (Lont)	<b>\$ 55.51</b>

## Community Offerings

**TODAY: Resonate Global Mission**

*Jesse & Jari Rodriguez, Nicaragua*

Jesse and Jari have reached a critical point in their ministry. The Lord has shown them how to make disciples through a ministry farm, which they have named *Finca Avodah*. Their ministry is based on a simple but profound concept, WORK AS WORSHIP! The work “finca” means ranch or country estate in Spanish. The Hebrew word “avodah” means service. It also has two other meanings: work and worship. In the Old Testament, this word was used when the children of Israel were called to serve and worship God. It is also the same word to describe work! Basically, this word “avokah” is spiritual service. This concept is repeated by Paul in Colossians 3:23-24: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord...it is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

To learn more about Jesse & Jari Rodriguez’s ministry, visit:  
<https://satisfiedwages.blogspot.com/>

**Apr 14:** Denominational Ministry Shares

**Apr 28:** World Renew

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## **THIS WEEK**

**Monday, Apr 8**

7pm Exec

**Tuesday, Apr 9**

9:15am Tuesday Small Group

6pm Life Skills

**Wednesday, Apr 10**

7pm Worship Rehearsal

**Thursday, Apr 11**

**Friday, Apr 12**

**Saturday, Apr 13**

**Sunday, Apr 14**

9:30am Worship

10:45am Church School

11am Adult Bible Study

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## **COMING UP**

**Apr 21** Combined Worship Service  
Youth Group

**Apr 22** Worship Comm.  
Elders  
Deacons

**May 1** Blood Drive

**May 5** Peace of Mind Seminar  
Youth Group

## **STAFF**

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

# April 7, 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

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**TODAY:** The resurrection of Jesus confronted the disciples with a question: what should they be doing now because of what Jesus has done? It is a question that still confronts us today.

**NEXT WEEK:** Pastor Karis Mpindi

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*Holy Holy Holy*  
*Holy Roar*  
*Christ Our Hope In Life And Death*

### Prayers of the People

### Scripture *John 20:19-31*

#### Jesus Appears to His Disciples

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

#### Jesus Appears to Thomas

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

<sup>28</sup>Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup>Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

#### The Purpose of John’s Gospel

<sup>30</sup>Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### Message “What Comes Next”

*Holy Spirit*

### God’s Parting Blessing

## CHURCH LIFE

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR COMBINED SERVICE** Three congregations...all children of God! Join us on Sunday, April 21 at 10:00 AM in the Calvin Christian Gym for a combined worship service celebrating the unity we have in Christ. The worship service will include worship led by a combined praise team, a message from Rev. Neal Plantinga, music by Calvin Christian band and choir, and communion. Childcare will be provided for children ages 3 and below. Those with no mobility issues are encouraged to park in the Ivanrest Church parking lot to leave adequate parking space for those with mobility issues at Calvin Christian. We look forward to worshipping together as one body of believers!

**\*Please note that there will be NO church school or Adult Bible Study on this day.**

Hey Fellowship Church! We will again be responsible for our share of cookies for the combined worship service. I am looking for people to help me with that!

1. The cookies will need to be **NOT FREE**
2. I will need **5 people** to bring **2 dozen cookies each**
3. They will need to be delivered to **Pam Kortman's HOUSE on Saturday, April 20** (3700 Yellowstone Dr SW, Grandville, MI 49418)
4. I will need **2 helpers** to set up and to serve the day of at **9:15 am at the High School** (service starts at 10am)
5. Please email, call or text me if you are willing to help!

Thank you in advance!

**Pam Kortman - [pam.kortman@gmail.com](mailto:pam.kortman@gmail.com). phone - 616.437.0005**

#### 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 5, at 11:00am at Fellowship CRC. 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!

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY** The Tuesday small group will begin a new study on April 9, a six-session Ray VanderLaan dvd study entitled Prophets and Kings. If you are interested in participating in this group for the next few weeks, you are invited to attend this time of enriching DVD presentation and encouraging fellowship. Questions, contact **Pastor Barb Sanders**.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** Meets today in Room 10, begins 15 minutes after worship concludes and will end 45 minutes later. All are welcome. Questions? Contact **Mike Philo** ([LMPHILO@aol.com](mailto:LMPHILO@aol.com)) or **Dave Cook** ([dcook0104@gmail.com](mailto: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).

#### TODAY

9:30am Worship  
11am Adult Bible Study  
11am Elders

## PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for **Tom and Barb Smalligan**. A back surgery in 2006 resulted in severe nerve damage to Tom's right foot. Because the subsequent surgeries and interventions proved ineffective and the atrophy is significant, Tom had a below knee amputation this past week. Give thanks that surgery went well and pray for a good recovery process.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Aardema, Jayne Barnhill (**Sandy Campo's** sister), **Jean Cisler**, **Lois Oom**, Katherine Sneller, **Rachel Tjoelker**, Barb Voskuil (**Carole Dykstra's** sister).
- For **Resonate Global Mission and Jesse & Jari Rodriguez** as they work with and minister to the people in Nicaragua. Pray that they are successful in creating “marketplace ministers”.
- 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 April.

#### Our current needs:

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

fruit: applesauce, small boxes of raisins (bags of 12 little boxes are great)

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

**BLOOD DRIVE** The next blood drive is on 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 will be out next week.