

Not Wasted Time  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

#### FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Mar 17 – Apr 6:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 10,503.36
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 857.00
Community Offering:	
Benevolence-General	\$ 154.79
Resonate-Rodriguez	\$ 140.00
Fellowship Food Pantry	\$ 134.02
Life Skills	\$ 130.51
DMS	\$ 100.00

From the Treasurer (as of 03/31/2025):

Year to Date Receipts: \$55,659.12    Year to Date Expenses: \$ 69,448.67

#### Community Offerings

##### TODAY: Backpack Buddies

We have partnered with Central Elementary in Grandville. The school provides breakfast and lunch for the school week, but to provide for weekend needs for children who are food insecure, food is collected or purchased, packed in bags, and delivered to school to be sent home.

<https://www.fellowshipcrc.com/backpack-buddies/>

**May 4:** Mission French Africa *Mpindi's*

**May 11:** Denominational Ministry Shares

**May 18:** Love Your Neighbor

#### THIS WEEK

##### Monday, Apr 28

6pm Worship Committee  
6:45pm Elders  
6:45pm Deacons

##### Tuesday, Apr 29

6pm Life Skills

##### Wednesday, Apr 30

##### Thursday, May 1

##### Friday, May 2

8:30pm Youth Group Fun Event

##### Saturday, May 3

##### Sunday, May 4

9:30am Worship  
10:45am Q&A time with Pastor Bob Boersma  
11am Adult Bible Study (subject to change)  
4:30pm Youth Group

#### COMING UP

**May 12**    Exec  
**May 18**    Youth Group  
**May 21**    Blood Drive  
**May 27**    Full Council  
             Elders  
             Deacons

#### STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)  
Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)  
Andrew Lenhart (Worship)  
Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)  
Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)  
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April 27, 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:** Times of waiting are natural and—in fact—biblical. God uses our times of waiting to help us focus more on God's certainty in the midst of our uncertainties.

NEXT WEEK: Pastor Bob Boersma

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

The Praise Is Yours  
Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
Goodness of God

Council Installation

Prayers of the People

Scripture Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

A Time for Everything

- 3 There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
- 2 a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- 3 a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- 6 a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- 7 a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- 8 a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup>What do workers gain from their toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. <sup>12</sup>I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. <sup>13</sup>That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>14</sup>I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.

- 15 Whatever is has already been,  
and what will be has been before;  
and God will call the past to account.

Message “Not Wasted Time”

Unbroken Praise

God’s Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

**TODAY** new council members will be installed. Those joining the council as deacons are **Dinorah Dykstra, Bruce Morren, Sheryl Offringa, and Dan Wynia.**

**Pastor Tom** will begin sabbatical on May 1. **Pastor Bob Boersma** is serving as interim pastor during this time.

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY** 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](mailto:LMPHILO@aol.com)) or **Dave Cook** ([dcook0104@gmail.com](mailto:dcook0104@gmail.com)).

PRAYER FOCUS

- We extend our sympathy and prayer to **Cathy Kraker** and family. **Randy** passed away on April 17. May this family know Christ’s comfort, peace, and presence with them at this time.
- Please pray that **Rachel Lenhart** will continue to make progress in resuming everyday activities as she heals from a concussion.
- Continue to pray for **Alvina Huyser**. She fell last week and had surgery for back injuries sustained. Give thanks that surgery went well and she has been transferred to subacute therapy care. Pray for continued healing.
- **Jack DeWitte** is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery on Friday, May 2. Pray for a successful surgery and complete recovery.
- Pray for the **Backpack Buddies** program and the families that are supported through the food it provides.
- For the **Fellowship 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 April/May:

- Fruit Cups
- Nutrigrain bars

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

TODAY

9:30am Worship  
11am Adult Bible Study