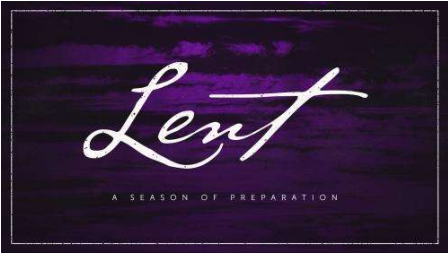


The Ministry
of Serving
Isaiah 43:16-21
John 12:1-8



our collective acts of service are not always _____

ministry:

- _____ action given on behalf of a

a ministry of service requires _____

to what _____

TODAY: Fifth Sunday of Lent — Sometimes God uses our individual acts of service to be much more when joined together with what God is already doing.

NEXT WEEK: Sixth Sunday of Lent

FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Feb 3-Mar 16:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 8,317.48
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 508.00
Community Offering:	
Backpack Buddies	\$ 350.00
Fellowship Food Pantry	\$ 208.00
Desert Streams-Lont's	\$ 191.51
Benevolence-General	\$ 169.79
DMS	\$ 135.51
World Renew	\$ 20.51

From the Treasurer:

Year to Date Receipts: \$46,531.40

Year to Date Expenses: \$ 43,673.54

Community Offerings

TODAY: Resonate Global Mission – Jesse & Jari Rodriguez and family

Today we are celebrating Resonate Global Mission in Nicaragua: Jesse and Jari Rodriguez and Satisfied Wages for Nicaragua. We praise God that the land for the ministry farm, Finca Avodah, has been purchased. Jesse and Jari partnered with Business as Mission (BAM) to hold a virtual watch party for the Business as Mission Latin America Conference. They also hosted their yearly introduction seminar for their agricultural ministry and farmers from three new communities attended.

<https://satisfiedwages.blogspot.com/>

Apr 13: Denominational Ministry Shares

Apr 20, 27: Backpack Buddies

THIS WEEK

Monday, Apr 7

Tuesday, Apr 8

Wednesday, Apr 9

Thursday, Apr 10

Friday, Apr 11

Saturday, Apr 12

Sunday, Apr 13

9:30am Worship

10:45am Congregational Listening Circles

COMING UP

Apr 14 Exec

Apr 17 Maundy Thursday Worship
Communion

Apr 19 Youth Group Worship Night

Apr 26 Youth Group Fun Event

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 6, 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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Holy Roar

All Creatures of Our God and King

Mighty to Save

Ministry Moment Jesse Rodriguez

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Isaiah 43:16-21; John 12:1-8*

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶This is what the Lord says— he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, ¹⁷who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: ¹⁸“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

²⁰The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, ²¹the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

John 12:1-8

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

¹²Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵“Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.” ⁶He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

⁷“Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”

Message “The Ministry of Serving”

What Can I Do

God’s Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

Next week Thursday during Maundy Thursday worship, we will be celebrating the sacrament of communion together.

LISTENING CIRCLES Council will be holding Listening Circles to hear feedback on the six statements that were shared in the recent letter to the congregation on 3/9 (digital access can be found in the Midweek). Feedback gathered will be used to help determine the best way forward for Fellowship. We will be holding Listening Circles on 4/13. **Please sign up if you did not already attend on 3/23.** Signup is available online and at the Information Center. Thank you for your prayer and participation in discerning God's will for our church!

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) or **Dave Cook** (dcook0104@gmail.com).

**There will be NO Adult Bible Study on April 13 & 20. Class will resume April 27.

★Find daily scriptures and prayers for LENT in the *Seeking God’s Face* devotional — www.seekinggodsface.org

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:

- Fruit Cups
- Nutrigrain bars
- Canned pastas

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

TODAY

9:30am Worship

11am Adult Bible Study

PRAYER FOCUS

- **Sarah and Rachel Lenhart** are thankful for the progress in healing from concussions. Pray for Rachel as she practices her PT exercises for continued healing.
- **Jon, Sara, Hannah, and Lynnae Meengs** will be going to Pastores, Guatemala April 4-12 with a group of 35 others. They will be building approximately 23 houses while there, as well as hosting a Children's Bible Club and feeding around 500 people in the community. Please pray for safe travel and health, hearts and eyes open to God's leading, and opportunities to share the gospel with the families while houses are being built.
- **Gary and Sue Roode** would like to thank their Fellowship family for all the support, prayers, cards, and caring acts during this difficult time. They have surely felt God’s presence. Praise God that Gary has seen much improvement and was able to have his brace off this week.
- We rejoice with **Linda Philo** for healing following a hip replacement.
- Praise God that **Bonnie Houtstra** has returned home to Sunset Manor from the hospital. Pray that she will feel God’s healing touch as she works to regain her strength.
- Continue to pray for **Alvina Huyser** that therapy will be helpful for continued healing and regaining strength and balance.
- Pray for **Resonate Global Mission’s Jesse and Jari Rodriguez and Satisfied Wages for Nicaragua**:
 - That the court dates for the finalization of the adoption of Isai and Gili will be scheduled soon and that God will bless the proceedings
 - That God will bless Avodah Farm that it may be a beautiful green beacon of work as worship unto the Lord in Nicaragua
 - That Jesse and Jari will be invisible to those who want to suppress the Holy Spirit’s work in the Nicaraguan Church
- For the **Fellowship Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

Continue to pray for **Randy and Cathy Kraker** as Hospice is helping to provide care for Randy at Waterford Place. Meals would be helpful as Cathy and her family visit and care for Randy at Waterford Place. A Meal Train has been set up for the Kraker family. The link is: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/w0zy3e>
The link can also be found in the midweek email.