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*Growing Closer to God
Through Service & Love*

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Weekly Calendar

Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
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October 15, 2023 - 9:00am

A Generous Lifestyle

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: The Goodness of God

Welcome

Announcements

Call To Worship:

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

All: Come, let us adore him.

Leader: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

All: Come, let us adore him.

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

All: Come, let us adore him. Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

God's Greeting:

Leader: The Lord Be with you

ALL: And Also with you. Amen.

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

O How I love Jesus

My God How Wonderful Thou Art

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Offeratory: All Good Gifts

Worship in Song:

Now Thank We All Our God

Yet Not I but Christ in Me

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Leviticus 23:42

⁴²Live in temporary shelters for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in such shelters

Proverbs 22:9

*⁹The generous will themselves be blessed,
for they share their food with the poor.*

Acts 10:1-3; 34-35

¹At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. ²He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. ³One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!"

³⁴Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.

Sermon: A Generous Lifestyle

Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Blessing:

Announcements

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and we appreciate Pastor Michael, Alida, Simon and Berend. There is a basket in the back of the sanctuary for cards and other tokens of appreciation.

Council Nominations are drawing near as we are nearing the end of the year. We have three council members who will be leaving Council - Elder Celia, and Deacons Marissa, David. Stacy and Lynell are not eligible for nomination. The nomination box is on the back table. Nominations should be received no later than **October 22nd**.

Other Council News: The council Meeting for October was moved to October 23rd and the council meeting for November has been scheduled for November 16th.

Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, December 3rd, immediately following the service.

Trunk or Treat will be held in the church parking lot on October 31st, from 6 pm to 8 pm, during Fulton Trick or Treating. All are encouraged to decorate a trunk, hand out candy the night of, and/ or donate candy to the cause. Bethel and Morrison will be invited, as well.

Annual Coat Drive will be November 4th and 11th. Free coats, sizes 3 to 3x will be available in our basement from 9am to 2pm.

Annual Soup Supper for our Youth will be November 9th from 4:30 to 7:00pm. The funds raised will help with the cost of local SERVE projects. We need your help with donations of soup (1 gallon of Chicken & Rice, Chili, or Vegetable Beef) and desserts of any kind (Poke cake, Pies

etc). We are asking for monetary donations to purchase ground beef for BBQs. The sign-up sheet is in the back of church. Thank you in advance. We will also need help in kitchen with set up, serving, and clean up. If you can help in any way, please put your name on sign-up sheet and what you can help with!

Blood Drive: First CRC will be hosting our semi-annual blood drive on Wednesday, November 15, from 3p - 5:30 p.m. Masks are optional, but appointments are required. All blood types are needed, but there is a critical need for Types B-, O+, and O-. To make an appointment, go online to https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/120380 and use Group Code 2371 or contact Amy Dykstra at 563-357-8555. Last date to donate was 9/20/23.

Pie and Praise will be held on November 22nd at 6:00pm. We will be inviting Bethel, Morrison, 1st Reformed, and Crossview Churches to join us for a short praise and worship time. Please bring a pie to pass.

Remember in prayer our members in care facilities and those that are homebound: Dorothy B, Carroll E, John S, Betty S, Albert W

October Birthdays

1 Abigail Burns

4 Rylie Dykstra

5 Darla Birks

8 Sarah Wiebenga

9 Tegan Breidenbach

18 Ruby Dykstra

20 Noah Atherton

28 Linda Dykstra

28 Hannah Couch

October Anniversaries

5 Roger & Eileen F

21 Todd & Cindy W

20 David & Brenda H

27 Andrew & Kelly D

Deacons' News

Please place your offerings in the plates as they are being passed.

Offerings Today: General Fund – Faith Promise

Next Sunday: General Fund – UCSB

Offerings Received 10/8/23

General Fund

Budget: \$2,042.00

Benevolence fund: \$142.00

Received: \$1,610.00

Short: \$432.00

Through the month of August, we are approximately \$2,570.52 under budget for General Fund offerings.

Community News

Morrison CRC - It is with sadness that we announce our closure at the end of this year. Our last service will be Sunday, December 24, at 8:45 am. It has been a decision long in coming. We have provided 88 years of service to our members and in our community. When the opportunity arose earlier this year to sell our facility to Crossroads, we began meeting with them. They have officially accepted our offer and are now working through the necessary details to make the purchase. They are very excited with the opportunities our facility will provide for them and we look forward to watching turn 'our' church into 'their' church. Their

excitement is catching and makes our loss easier to bear. We appreciate and thank you for your prayers during this process.

Bethel Church has invited our congregation to join in a fun night of fellowship, enjoying a campfire and have a few Bags games on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 4:00-7:00 pm.

Felix Adler Children's Discovery Center Upcoming events: 10/24 - Pizza Hut fundraiser. 11/10 - Online silent auction opens and closes 11/20. 11/19 - Pasta Dinner Fundraiser at Rastrelli's. 11/21 - Pizza Hut Fundraiser. 11/25, 12/8, & 12/17 - Enjoy milk and cookies with Santa. 12/31 - 11th Annual Family NYE party.

The Annual Pro-Life Event for The Pregnancy Center will be held at Journey Church in Clinton on Wed, Oct 18, 2023, from 6:00-8:15pm. There will be pizza, worship, great teaching, Q & A time, and FREE giveaways. RSVP to Nancy by October 11th and let's pray and encourage our students to invite a friend! Call 563-242-6628 with questions.

The annual Rock River Hospice & Home: Festival of Trees event will be November 9-19, 2023, at Northland Mall in Sterling. This event has been a primary source of our annual funding for 30+ years, which allows us the financial freedom to offer top notch hospice services for our patients and their families, with NO medical costs passed onto the families. This year, we look forward to bringing back some of the "charms" that once were a part of the festival, such as Breakfast with Santa, our annual Gala, and School Trees, where local community schools are invited to decorate a 3'

tree to represent each school that will be on display at the mall for voting on favorites! We will also be hosting the tried & true traditions, such as our RRHH Country Store (filled to the brim with holiday and home décor, as well as our much sought after bake sale), large trees, friendship trees, silent auctions, raffles and more! Additionally, if anyone is interested in volunteering for the event, please direct them to our easy Sign-Up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA9A728ABFCC61-44726728-festival>

Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - February 26 – March 8, 2024. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho, and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to website: toursofisrael.wordpress.com or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877-8433 or e-mail: peter.tuininga@gmail.com

	Today	Next Sunday
Recorder & Sound	David	Paul
Nursery Attendant	Michelle	Celia
Snack Provider	Ruby	Amy
Server	Lynell	Amy