



# Fellowship Findings

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## Our Mission

WHAT GOD IS CALLING US TO DO

Cultivate space for people to experience the transforming love of Christ.

## Our Vision

WHAT GOD IS CALLING US TO BE

A family of believers experiencing personal transformation, *Romans 12* using their unique gifts, *Ephesians 4* to glorify GOD *I Corinthians 10:31* and edify others. *I Thessalonians 5:11*

## January Worship

January 7

AM—Mr. Scott Roose

John 10:1-10; *Jesus the Shepherd: Part 1*

PM—Mr. Dan Van Kooten

January 14

AM—Mr. Nate Van Wyk

PM—Small Group Discussion

January 21

AM—Mr. Scott Roose

John 10:11-21; *“Jesus the Shepherd: Part 2”*

PM—Mr. Scott Roose

Luke 5:1-11; *the Shepherd and Discipleship”*

January 28

AM—Pastor Jack Vanden Heuvel

PM—Small Group Discussion



## Worship TIMES

Morning Worship  
9:30 a.m.

Evening Worship  
5:00 p.m.



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## Search Committee

Continue to pray for the Search Committee as they investigate and interview prospective pastors. The committee welcomes any suggestions from the congregation.

Meanwhile, we look forward to interim pastor Jack Vanden Heuvel coming to pastor us for a while. He will be coming in late January and will preach both services on January 28 and be here through April 21. We will not have small group during his stay here.



We want to say thank you for the cards, memorial gifts and words of sympathy given to us after the passing of our brother, Wayne. These expressions of Christian love and concern remind us that, as a body of believers, we share our joys and sorrows. This becomes especially meaningful at times like this.

Wayne & Nora Ritter  
Gary & Lynnette Christensen



On a spring like day on Thursday, December 7, 18 ladies gathered with scissors and needles to complete 22 quilts!!! It was a good day with great food and a few laughs along the way. After the needs of the community and Angel Tree, our quilts will be delivered by Keith and Darlene Struik to Bidwell, a community service organization near Des Moines. Thanks to all who provided food, set up tables, washed dishes and cleaned up our area.

We could not do this project without everyone's help!!!!

Tentative date is January 25, 2024!!!!

The Quilt Crew

**WORLD RENEW:** Ending conflict starts with building a solid foundation for peace and justice. World Renew's programming focuses on training skilled leaders, creating trauma healing groups, and encouraging strong community ties to prevent violence. When you give to this cause, you create lasting hope.

# BUDGET REPORT



December Report			
Category	Amount	Year to Date Received	Year to Date Budgeted
General Fund (includes Ministry Share)	\$53,057.60	\$223,820.79	\$217,798.14
Missions	\$ 3,402.64	\$ 15,352.92	\$ 13,708.31
Building and Grounds	\$ 4,264.76	\$ 18,006.11	\$ 17,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,725.00</b>	<b>\$257,179.82</b>	<b>\$249,006.45</b>

Offerings Received		
Date	Recipient	Amount
December 3	Bible League	\$1,667.00
December 10	Sully Christian School	\$1,810.00
December 17	AM- Benevolence	\$1,344.00
December 17	PM—412 Youth	\$1,019.00
December 24	412 Youth	\$2,532.00
December 25	Holt International	\$1,887.00
December 31	Christian Education Encouragement Fund	\$1,184.00

## **January Offering Schedule**

- January 7      Lakeview Camp**
- January 14     Sully Christian School**
- January 21     Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa**
- January 28     Christian Education Encouragement Fund**

Coffee Servers		Nursery	
January 7	Harlan and Norma Beerends	Jan. 7	Norma Beerends
	Larry and Joan Pleima		Harlan Beerends
January 14	Carroll and Marla Fopma		Alexa Van Zante
	Zach and Brooke Dunsbergen	Jan. 14	Linda Zylstra
January 21	Mike Vander Molen & Val Nikkel		Hayden Lowry
	Ben Vander Molen & Loren V Wilt		Ema Plowman
January 28	Dennis and Staci Schut	Jan. 21	Candice Vos
	Kevin and June Veenstra		Annabelle Vos
February 4	Howard and Marilyn Vander Griend		Alayna Van Kooten
	Kevin and Brenda Van Kooten	Jan. 28	Jana Van Zante
February 11	Dwight and Glenda VanderLeest		Bailey Vos
	Roger and Marlene Bruxvoort		Noelle Van Zante
February 18	Frank and Karen Van Soelen	Feb. 4	Melanie Van Maanen
	Ron De Nooy and Clint Vos		Erika Van Maanen
February 25	Scott and Vicki Nikkel		Gwen Zylstra
	Wes Van Wyk & Arlyn Van Zante	Feb 11	Brooke Dunsbergen
<p>Make juice on Saturday so that it has time to chill. Meet in the church basement before the service to set up. Instructions are in the kitchen. If unable to serve, please trade with someone</p>			Chloe Vos
			Adri Vos
		Feb. 18	Shawna Fopma
			Trevor De Berg
			Owen Vos
Feb. 25	Angela Veenstra		
	Breckyn Lowry		
	Abbie De Berg		
		<p>If unable to serve in the nursery on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone on the list.</p>	

Share with the Lord's people who are in need.

Practice *hospitality*.

Romans 12:13



# Celebrating...



## And Anniversaries

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 2	Betty Schuring Douglas Vos Seyla Vos
January 5	Isaac Vos
January 7	Alenna Jansen
January 8	Charlene Van Maanen Dena Van Wyk (80) Anna Fopma
January 9	Hudson Dunsbergen
January 14	Jana Van Zante
January 15	Brenda Rolffs
January 18	Connor Dunsbergen Ryan Jansen
January 20	Carla Fopma Brenda Van Kooten
January 21	Lynda Slings Clarissa Laverman
January 22	Kim Vos Breckyn Lowry
January 23	Brenda Vos Raeann Van Zee
January 24	Ryan Pastoor
January 25	Ron Swank Wesley Laverman Loren Fopma
January 27	Landon Van Zante
January 28	Brent Vander Molen Rachel Nikkel
January 30	Angela Veenstra

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

January 2	Alex and Jentri Van Wyngarden
January 5	Scott and Diane Roose
January 9	Brennan and Shelby Veenstra
January 17	Marty and Betty Vander Molen (60)
January 18	Gary and Lynnette Christensen



# Celebrating...



February  
BIRTHDAYS

And Anniversaries

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

February 1	Marilyn Jansen (85)
February 2	Jared Laverman
February 3	Mary Arkema
February 7	Verlan Van Wyk
February 8	Craig Zylstra Stanley Fopma
February 9	Kody Jansen Alyza Van Wyngarden
February 11	Barb Hoogeveen
February 12	Mike Van Soelen Matthew Van Maanen Natasha Thaden Tyler Van Soelen
February 13	Melvin Jansen (85) Linda Zylstra
February 14	Daryl Menninga
February 15	Jennifer Lowry Jackson Plowman Emma Plowman
February 16	Roger Zylstra Doug Van Zee Derek Van Soelen Trevor De Berg
February 17	Clarence Van Zee Pamela Vos
February 18	Jaron Vos
February 19	Brian Beyer
February 21	Marlene Bruxvoort Brenda De Nooy Blake Veenstra Zeke Vander Leest
February 23	Mary Fopma
February 24	Jordon Van Zante Jaden Vos Alexa Dunsbergen
February 25	Lynnette Christensen
February 27	Ed Van Kooten Denise Arkema
February 28	Frank Van Soelen

## **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

February 11	Roger & Marlene Bruxvoort
February 13	Ron & Nancy Swank
February 18	Duane & Mary Arkema
February 20	Ron & Judy Beyer
February 21	Bob & Marilyn Van Soelen (60)
February 25	Norm & Betty Schuring



# **IN MEMORIAM...** *Carla Zylstra*

On October 24, 1932, a baby daughter was born to Bernard and Nellie (Van Genderen) Kooistra, and she was named Carla Rae. Her brother was Larry, who preceded her in death.

Carla received her grade school education in a country grade school, and she completed her education at Sully High School. Following graduation, she was united in marriage with Seymore Zylstra at the home of her parents. Zeke, the name we knew him by, was inducted into the US army, and served in Korea.

Following his discharge, Zeke and Carla established a home on a farm near Sully, and here they became the parents of five children. Carla was a busy mom and farm wife. She spent time working at the Coffee Cup Cafe following graduation, and after she had a family, she returned to the cafe where she totaled 30 years of service. We all loved her delicious pies and other goodies.

Zeke and Carla were very loyal followers of their grandchildren's activities. Those kids enjoyed Grandma's chocolate birthday cakes and after church coffee times. Carla was musically talented, both on the organ and piano. She used her vocal and instrumental talents in church, and she passed on her gifts to her children and grandchildren. We enjoyed some of these gifts in her memorial service.

Carla moved to The Cottages in Pella in January of 2021, and she passed away there on Thursday, September 14, 2023. Those left to cherish her memory are her five children: Craig (Linda), Curt (Donna), Sheri (Doug) Huyser, Kathy (Rod) Hoegh, Susan (Michael) Jansen, along with 15 grandchildren, 28 great-grand children and a host of other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband and many other family members and friends.

Services for Carla were held at the Sully CRC, where she was a faithful member following her profession of faith at the Sully Community Church. Interim pastor Bill Vis officiated with Shawn Huyser presenting memories, Lynnette Christiansen was the organist. "Goodness of God" was sung by Dylan Williams and Lindsey De Haan played a piano solo entitled 'How Deep the Father's Love For Us'. Two songs-"It Is Well With My Soul" and "Amazing Grace" were hymns sung by the congregation. Casket Bearers were Jason and Brandon Zylstra, Logan Vos, Shawn, Jeremy, Dustin, Joel Huyser, and Corey, Ryan, and Troy Jansen. Internment was in the Sully cemetery. Memorials were designated for Hope Ministries. Lunch was served at the Sully First Reformed Church.

# HUYSEERS

Forming Students  
in the  
Gospel of Grace



10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. (Luke 2:10-11)

Dear friends,

News can be good or bad. News of the birth of a child is good news. News that a biopsy shows the presence of cancer is bad news. Good news leads to joy and bad news makes us anxious and fearful.

Good or bad news not only touches our emotions, but it also motivates our actions. News of the impending birth of a child leads us to take concrete steps to prepare to care for that child. News of a positive result on a biopsy calls for the implementation of a treatment plan.

**The Gospel is unadulterated good news.** It is not just good advice or even a religious self-improvement plan. The gospel is the good news: Jesus is Lord. Satan is defeated. Our salvation is complete. The Kingdom is here. We are forgiven. The Spirit lives within us. We are blessed with every spiritual blessing and nothing can separate us from the love of God. (See Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer #1)

In the past couple of months, we have worked hard as GraceChristian School to clarify our mission and vision. We have chosen this as our motto: **“Disciples in the Shaping: Equipping students with identity and purpose.”**

**This is a bold statement.** We are asserting that the good news of the gospel as spoken and demonstrated in a Christian school does more than produce good feelings. We are asserting that this good news will produce visible change in our students’ identity and purpose. In fact, if we don’t see our students growing in identity and purpose, we may well need to question whether it is the gospel that we are speaking and demonstrating as a school!



Jeannie with future student!



These are a few of the ways we have seen our Grace community of students, parents and teachers growing in identity and purpose in the last few months:

- A first-grade student embracing and welcoming back a classmate who had been absent for a couple of weeks.
- Fourth and Fifth grade students taking the lead by organizing a fun way of implementing our new code of student conduct.
- Parents volunteering their time, skills, and financial resources toward the launch of our kindergarten, "Little Lambs," as well as the expansion of our facilities to the first floor of our building.
- Teachers that creatively integrate a gospel worldview into subjects like science, social studies and physical education.

**As Jeannie and I have grown in Christ, our joy in the gospel has increased.** This joy is a feeling but also more than a feeling. We are learning that unlike a mere feeling this joy does not depend on outer circumstances. We have experienced that this joy is not something we can produce. It is the fruit of resting in the gospel as the true account of who we are in Christ and of what we have been called to do. And we continue to learn each day!

In this Christmas season we wish each of you the great joy of the good news of the gospel. We pray that it will anchor your identity and empower your purpose. We are confident that the joy of the Lord will be your strength no matter what the new year brings.

-Joel

## Praise and Prayer

Praise for:

- For the persistent, faith-filled prayers of God's people in both Korea and in the U.S. and Canada.
- For the generous gifts of time, talents, and resources by God's people in Korea as well as in North America.
- For some *special gifts for the outfitting of Jeannie's classroom* in the "Little Lambs" kindergarten.

Prayer for:

- For the enrollment of students. Our goal for the new schoolyear that begins in March is 16 students in "Little Lambs" and 16 new students in the elementary school!
- For the recruitment of teachers. We will need more teachers as we initiate a kindergarten class and add one additional class to the elementary school.
- For robust year-end giving in support of our ministry. Our experience is that one third of our annual funding should come from end-of-the-year gifts if we are to meet our annual goals! **Below are the instructions as to how you can give!**

## How can you help?

**Most importantly, you can support us in prayer.** This is a major move for us into a culture that is quite different from that of Nicaragua. Pray that we would be gracious learners of

culture and language. Pray for our own discipleship as we learn from Korean Christians. Pray for the community of teachers, students, and parents of Grace International School as they live out a gospel of grace in a culture of achievement and performance.

**You can stay informed.** We will be sending out regular prayer letters to keep you informed and to invite your partnership in prayer. (You are on our prayer letter list from our previous time work on the field. If you no longer wish to receive these emails, you can unsubscribe below.)

**You can support us financially.** This work is not possible without a mission-minded community. If you wish to partner with us in ministry, you can send your donation to Resonate Global Mission one of two ways:

1. You can send your gift by mail to either of the addresses below. Clearly designate your gift for our Resonate fund code: 804233

**United States**

1700 28th Street SE  
Grand Rapids, MI  
49508-1407

**Canada**

3475 Mainway  
PO Box 5070, STN LCD 1  
Burlington, ON L7R3Y8

2. Or you can give online at <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/give-us>. Choose "Missionaries-Asia" and then "Huyser, Joel and Jeannie."

**Thank you for partnering with us on mission!**

*<sup>15</sup> He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. <sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.*

**Mark 16:15-16**

## **FROM THE ARCHIVES...**

### **LATE NEW FLASHES** (from January 1954)

We were sorry that Earl Jansen had to enter the service December 8. We are praying for you Earl, and praying that you may return home at the appointed time unspotted by the world.

We express our sincere sympathy to the Joe Kaldenberg family in the loss of their small daughter.

Baby boys have brightened the homes of Myron Renaud and Dormand Arkema. Congratulations!

Quintin Zylstra who received his discharge and is home, is now living in Pella. He is working as a mechanic for Don Vos, the Alis-Chalmers dealer.

The results of our congregational meeting showed that Paul Zylstra and Cecil Van Rees were chosen as elders, and Ralph Moes and Henry Van Norden as deacons.

We notice some more couples are wearing sparklers. Congratulations to Lois Vos and Melvin Vos, and also to Shirley Vander Kamp and Gerrit Van Hal.

Confession of faith was made by Mrs. Wilbur Vos, Grace Arkema, Mary Lou and Revena Zylstra.

Last night the Girls' and Boys' Society went through the town Christmas caroling. Refreshments were served by members of the Girls' Society. After this the girls opened their gifts from their "secret pals".

Nelson Van Wyk and Donnie Van Soelen are also spending a short Christmas vacation at their homes.

The Tuesday night society classes were very pleased to have Dr. Bartley show his slides and explain them last week. These were pictures that he took while he was serving the Navy in Japan and in Korea. A social hour was spent after this wherein refreshments were served by the Program Committee of the Men's Society.

Special thanks goes to Martha Van Soelen and to Betty Huyser for helping type up this issue of The Chimes, as Mary and Lillian were unable to help, and also thanks goes to Elva Vos who took her sister's place in helping with the mimeographing. Thanks so much girls!

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"It is better to be bent by hard work than to be crooked in trying to avoid it."

**On Cheju-Do Island in Korea Seymour Zylstra writes...**

Dear Friends,

Well, its getting about the time of the month to get a Letter off for The Chimes. I never got one written for the December issue. It slipped my mind, so this month I'll try to do better. I received my last copy of The Chimes a few days ago and as always I enjoyed it very much. I was glad to hear all the fellows and all of you folks back at home are getting along fine. I'm still getting along just fine, and I am not too busy. The time is going rather slow too. I guess I'm getting too anxious to get out of this place.

I was sure glad to hear that Quint is finally back home and out of the army. I guess they will be getting out right along now, but also there will be some coming in, which isn't so good, but the way it looks now is that this is the way it will be yet for a while. So just make the best of it fellows.

We have been having some pretty cold weather over here. That wind off the ocean is really cold, and the stone buildings we have here aren't exactly the best. They are building us some new ones now though. They are these Quonset huts. They are or at least should be a whole lot better. These buildings we are in now will be part of the hospital. We expect to have around two or three hundred beds. When this will be, I don't know. They were supposed to have it all fixed already last month, but that is just the way the army is!

Well, I must admit I haven't much to write about today. The same thing happens here day after day and this makes it pretty hard to write. So, in closing, I hope this finds you all in the best of health and enjoying God's blessings. Good-bye for now.

As ever,  
"Zeke"

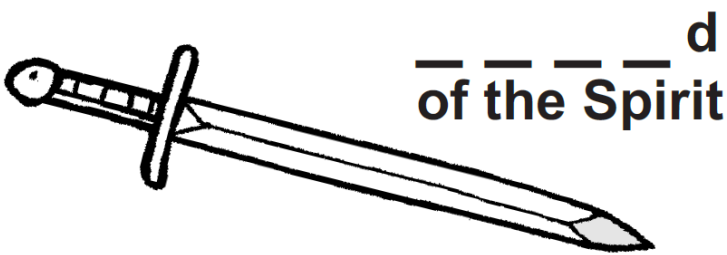


# THE ARMOR OF GOD



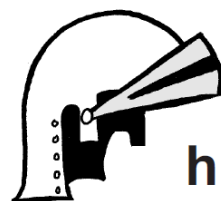
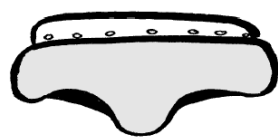
Ephesians 6:10-17

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2 Timothy 2:3

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## **WAIT ON HIS TIMING**

As we begin a new year, let's look to the Lord for guidance and wait on His timing.

Is there something you are waiting on God for today, this year? Maybe a decision you need help with, or whether or not you got the new job, or for His mighty intervention in a loved one's life. It takes a lot of strength and courage of heart not to take matters into your own hands, doesn't it? Yet that is exactly what He wants you to do—wait on His perfect timing for the unfolding of His perfect plan. He is with you and in absolute control, so trust in Him as you wait.

“I wait for the Lord;  
I wait and put my hope in His word.  
Psalm 130:5

Therefore the Lord is waiting to show you mercy,  
And is rising up to show you compassion,  
For the Lord is a just God.  
All who wait patiently for Him are happy.  
Isaiah 30:18

Let your hope make you glad.  
Be patient in time of trouble and never stop praying.  
Romans 12:12

100 Days of Bible promises—Shanna Noel