



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 *1 Corinthians 10:31* and edify others. *1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Morning worship will continue *"Exiles in a Foreign Land"* from the book of Daniel.

Evening worship will be looking at *"Peculiar Sayings of Jesus."*

November Worship

November 3 AM—Pastor Darren
PM— Pastor Darren

November 10 AM—Pastor Darren
PM—Pastor Darren

November 17 AM—Mr. Scott Roose
PM— Mr. Scott Roose

November 24 AM— Pastor Darren
PM— Pastor Darren

November 28 Thanksgiving Worship—Pastor Darren



Worship TIMES

Morning Worship
9:30 a.m.

Evening Worship
5:00 p.m.

Dates of Interest:

Nov.6 Coffee with the Pastor
Nov. 7 Sew Day
Nov 11 .Bethel Mission Ministry
..... -Truth Seekers
Nov. 20 Cadet Hog Roast
Nov. 27 Turkey Bowl
Nov. 28 Thanksgiving

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GREETERS

thank you

November 3	(N) Randy & Jodi De Vries
	(S) Roger & Marlene Bruxvoort
November 10	(N) Frank & Karen Van Soelen
	(S) Rick & Kim Vos
November 17	(N) Howard & Marilyn V.Griend
	(S) Jason & Jen Lowry
November 24	(N) Jaron & Tasha Vos
	(S) Dwight & Glenda Vd. Leest
December 1	(N) Dan & Sharla Dunsbergen
	(S) Clarence & Judy Van Zee
December 8	(N) Gary & JoAnn Fynaardt
	(S) Ed & Joyce Dieleman
December 15	(N) Dale & Julie Van Wyk
	(S) Nolan & Karla Vos
December 22	(N) Jud & Pam Vos
	(S) Kelsie Van Haaften
December 29	(N) Kevin & Jared Laverman
	(S) Kevin & Mel Van Maanen

NOTE: If you are unable to greet on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone for a different week. If you would like to have your name removed from the greeter list, please contact Steve Van Sant.

Thank you so much for your gift of \$6,701. to Rock Valley Christian School as part of the Welcome Warriors campaign! We have been completely overwhelmed by the level of support, and we are thankful for your generous participation.

For 112 years, RVCS has educated God's children for a life of service and commitment. Early this past summer, we were faced with the challenge of building a school from the inside-out due to severe flooding. We invited you to participate in an immediate giving opportunity due to the school's nearly total loss of furniture, fixtures, equipment and curriculum—an opportunity that would allow us to prepare our building for the 2024-2025 school year. **And we are so thankful that you chose to respond with your financial support!**

On September 4, 215 students entered doors, eager to learn about God and His world. We are so thrilled and humbled to be able to continue God's ministry through RVCS. We move forward with a deep sense of purpose and mission, knowing that God has seen us through difficulties and will continue to guide RVCS.

Your support is an encouragement in our daily tasks as well as in the big efforts we've recently undertaken. We ask for your continued prayers as we seek to do our very best to provide excellent Christian education for our students.

Thank you for your support of RVCS and your commitment to Christian education. We pray that God will bless you and keep you in His care!

Sincerely,
 Marcus De Jager
 Principal, Rock Valley Christian School



A sincere thank you to all who reached out to me when I had gall bladder surgery! Thanks for all the prayers, calls, texts, emails and cards. Also, we are

thankful for the delicious meals we enjoyed. God has given me a successful surgery and a smooth recovery.

Judy and Clarence Van Zee

BUDGET REPORT



October Report			
Category	Amount	Year to Date Received	Year to Date Budgeted
General Fund (includes Ministry Share)	\$38,925.87	\$163,416.78	\$166,421.65
Missions	\$ 2,619.29	\$ 11,500.78	\$ 10,833.35
Building and Grounds	\$ 2,849.84	\$ 12,407.66	\$ 12,500.00
Total	\$44,395.00	\$187,325.22	\$189,755.00

Offerings Received		
Date	Recipient	Amount
October 6	Sully Christian School	\$2,858.00
October 13	Central Iowa Teens Encounter Christ	\$2,400.00
October 20	Christian Education Encouragement Fund	\$1,678.11
October 27	Seminary Offering	\$2,918.50

November Offering Schedule

November 3	Sully Christian School
November 10	Pathways of Pella
November 17	Joshua Christian Academy
November 24	Christian Education Encouragement Fund
November 28	Thanksgiving Envelope Offering with loose offering going to Christian Opportunity Center

Bethel Mission Ministry—November 11, Truth Seekers

Coffee Servers		Nursery	
November 3	Kyle & Kendra Van Kooten	November 3	Brooke Dunsbergen
	Dwight & Glenda VanderLeest		Aspen Kramer
November 10	Daryl & Linda Menninga	November 10	Angela Veenstra
	Verlan & Sally Van Wyk		Bailey Vos
November 17	Doug & Elly Van Zee	November 17	Jana Van Zante
	Alvin & Mary Fopma		Alexa & Noelle Van Zante
November 24	Brennan & Shelby Veenstra	November 24	Norma Beerends
	Scotty & Brenda De Nooy		Harlan Beerends
December 1	Jamie & Michelle Van Kooten	November 28 Thanksgiving	Jen Lowry
	Steve & Sharon Fopma		Hayden Lowry
December 8	John & Jacie Kramer	December 1	Brenda Vos
	Craig & Linda Zylstra		Elly Van Zee
December 15	Merl & Candy Van Zante		Jessa De Vries
	Trevor & Jerri Nikkel	December 8	Sheila Pleima
December 22	Ed & Judy Van Kooten		Michelle Van Kooten
	Stuart & Sheila Pleima		Lily Vander Leest
December 29	Tyler, Derek, Emily Van Soelen	December 15	Angela Veenstra
	Darrell and Angela Veenstra		Landon Van Zante
December 29	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.		Alexa Van Zante
	By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35		Alicia Fynaardt
December 22		Joel & Megan Vos	
		Isabelle Vos	
December 25	Owen Vos		
	Jentri Van Wyngarden		
	AbbieDe Berg		
December 29	Aaron Van Wyngarden		
	Melanie Van Maanen		
	Erika Van Maanen		
If unable to serve in the nursery on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone on the list.		December 29	Seylah Vos

Celebrating...



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- November 4 Ed Dieleman
Brayden Van Sant
Bradley Van Sant
- November 6 Jodi De Vries
Wesley Zylstra
Jacie Kramer
- November 7 Linda Menninga
- November 9 Joel Vos
- November 12 Alvin Fopma
Rick Fopma
- November 13 Barrett Dunsbergen
- November 14 Julie Van Wyk (Lauren)
- November 16 Zelda Engbers (92)
Joan Vos
- November 17 Hudson Plowman
- November 19 Peter Van Soelen (97)
- November 21 Dwight Vander Leest
Nolan Vos
Bella Nikkel
- November 24 Noelle Van Zante
- November 26 Kevin Plowman
- November 27 Scott Roose
Levi Laverman
- November 28 Julie Van Wyk

And Anniversaries

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- November 1 Harlan & Norma Beerends (50)
- November 4 Gary & JoAnn Fynaardt
- November 19 Doug & Brenda Vos
- November 28 Frank & Karen Van Soelen (55)
Dale & Julie Van Wyk (50)

Thank You!

I would like to thank every one for all the cards and prayers you have remembered me with on my 97th birthday. Many thanks for Pastor Darren and Roger and Carolyn Zylstra for their visits. May God bless you! Theda Fopma

We would like to thank our church family for their acts of service to our family and to the family we hosted and continue to walk alongside through Together for Good. From meals, gift cards, and prayers to words of encouragement, we felt loved and supported. This allowed us to focus our energy on showering the family with Christ's love. The TFG recipient mom also wants to say thank you for all who responded to the call and provided funds or materials needed to get them moved into their new apartment. We have seen the hand of God at work in this walk so many times and are so thankful for the community of believers that have come around us and this family.

In Christ,
The Van Wyngarden Family

Celebrating...



December BIRTHDAYS

And Anniversaries

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 2	Judson Vos
December 3	Randy De Vries Lauren Van Wyk
December 4	Howard Vander Griend Donna Arkema Adrianna Vos
December 6	Benjamin Vander Molen
December 7	Nathan Nikkel
December 8	Arvin De Nooy Erica Van Soelen
December 9	JoAnn Fynaardt Averie Plowman
December 11	Betty Vander Molen
December 12	Sharon Fopma Bryce Arkema
December 13	John De Berg
December 14	Arlyn Van Zante
December 17	Jan Laverman Neva Lanser
December 18	Jenice Van Rees (85) Jessa De Vries
December 19	Tyson De Vries
December 20	Erika Van Maanen
December 21	Lily Fynaardt
December 22	Roger Bruxvoort
December 23	Seth Fopma Carolyn Vande Voort
December 25	Ron Beyer Candy Van Zante
December 26	Wayne Ritter
December 28	Dennis Schut
December 29	Kelly Vos
December 30	Aaron Van Wyngarden

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

December 1	Wes & Cindy Laverman
December 11	Harris & Darlene Vos
December 14	Gary & Alberdena Van Wyk
December 29	Randy & Karen Altena



IN MEMORIAM ...

Nelson Geels

Nelson Geels was born on June 5, 1930, in Beaverdam, Michigan to Rev. John and Betty (Kempers) Geels. He was the oldest of six children. Nelson attended the Beaverdam Christian Grade School in Michigan until the eighth grade. His family then relocated to Sully where he graduated from Pella Christian High School. After high school, Nelson served in the Army in West Germany during the Korean War. Nelson met the love of his life, Alberta Doris Jansen, at church one night in Sully. They were married on December 29, 1953, at the Sully Christian Reformed Church. They were parents to five children: Gary Eugene, Beverly Jean, Norma Diane, Beth Joan and Bruce Nelson. Nelson and Doris lived near Lynnville and Kellogg, Iowa for a short time following their marriage and then moved to Sully where they raised their family. Nelson worked at the Creamery, the Sully Coop Lumberyard, Pella Corp, and finished by being a driver for Pella Regional Health Center. Many people in the Sully area will remember Nelson for his roofing abilities which he did for many years. Nelson passed away on Monday, September 9, 2024, at The Cottages in Pella at the age of 94. Those left to cherish his memory are his five children and their spouses, 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren:

Gary and Susan (Brand) Geels of Panora, IA

Erica and Adam Austin of Altoona, IA

Taylor, Hailey

Amy and Thomas Stier of Ankeny, IA

Addison

Meredith and Adam Swenson of Clive, IA

Mathis, Estelle

Beverly and Mike Van Genderen of Sully, IA

Norma and Karl Bultsma of Evansdale, IA

Karl Jr. and Maria Bultsma of Waterloo, IA

Nicholas Bultsma of Clinton, IA

Julia

Emily Bultsma of Evansdale, IA

Calvin Bultsma Anderson

Beth and David Van Maanen of Pella, IA

Matt and Rachel Van Maanen of Pella

Rowan, Dryson, Kennedy, Blakely

Mark and Haylie Van Maanen of Pella

Ava, Nyah

Jordan and Moriah Van Maanen -Pella

Jonas, Livia

Joel David Van Maanen and fiancé

Naomi of Pella, IA

Chloe, Tobias

Bruce and Brenda (Reed) Geels of

Watanga, Oklahoma

Adam and Marcie Reed

Harper Lee

Joshua Reed

Jonathan Bruce Geels

Of his original family Nelson leaves the following brothers and sisters with spouses: Lillian and Bill Nikkel of Pella, Greta (Chester) Geels of Milwaukee, WI, Barb (Stan) Cole of Belleflower, CA, John and Linda Geels of Littleton, CO, Betty and Lee Lefabre of Denver, CO. Nelson also leaves his wife Doris' siblings: Cornelia (Charlie) Jansen of Grand Rapids, MI, Janet (Guy) Jansen of Pella, Wilma (Delmar) Van Kooten of Pella, Arlyn (Ed) Jansen of Cutlerville, MI, Berdena (Junior) Vos of Sully, Melvin and Marilyn Jansen of Newton, IA

Nelson was a very kind and loyal man. He enjoyed taking pictures, camping, woodworking, listening to hymns and making homemade ice cream to enjoy with his loving family. He was a faithful member of the Sully Christian Reformed Church.

HUYSTERS

Forming Students
in the
Gospel of Grace



*When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.
Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.
Then it was said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.” (Psalm 126:1,2 NIV)*

It was the Gospel-shaped imagination of the parents and teachers at Grace Global Christian School that first drew us to Changwon.

We have told the story before. Changwon is a city of about 1.2 million in the far south of the country of South Korea. Two years ago, there was no Christian elementary school in the entire city. In fact, even Busan, the second largest city in South Korea and about an hour from Changwon, had only one or two humble beginnings of a Christian elementary school.

We first met the supporters of Grace in the fall of 2022. At that time the school was only a dream on the part of a tiny group of parents and teachers. They seemed to us like a David with the audacity to confront a Goliath. They were imagining something that did not yet exist in the face of a Korean education system that was powerful and all-pervasive. All the odds seemed to be stacked against them. How did they presume they could start a Christian school where others had failed? What was their secret formula?

I think Psalm 126 gives us a clue. The Psalmist speaks for people who once had not been able to dream, but now can dream again. His poetry gives voice to men and women who had been freed to **imagine, to create, and even to laugh and play.**

It may be that the first audience for these verses were people who had recently returned from exile in Babylon. In many ways their circumstances may still have been grim. But their imagination of what was possible had been radically transformed by the great things God had done for them. Their imagination for the future had been awakened by their trust God would continue to be faithful.



Welcome to Little Lambs



Imagine, Create,
Play!

In March of next year Grace will begin its third year of operation. The Little Lambs Kinder will start its second year. We are in the middle of planning for the 2025 school year. On November 9 we will have an open house for parents who are considering whether to enroll their children. It continues to be a privilege for Jeannie and I to be part of a community which the hope of the Gospel has empowered to **imagine, create, and play!** Please join us as we pray for:

- An increase in enrollment in the Little Lambs kinder from 5 to 12.
- A 15-seat school bus for Little Lambs.
- An increase in the enrollment of the elementary school from 19 to 28.
- A healthy year of transition as we prepare to add our first middle school grade in 2026.
- Adequate physical facilities for both next year and into the future.

Finally, we ask you to prayerfully consider a special year-end gift in addition to your regular gift for our ministry. In South Korea, a school van is a necessity for a kinder. We intend to buy a good used van that meets all the government requirements to transport children. **We would like to raise about half of the cost of the school van or \$14,400.00 from our donors in the U.S. and Canada.**

The other half will be raised by our board in Korea. Your gift for the school van should be designated to a different fund code than your regular gifts for support of our ministry. **The special fund code for the school van is: 806373.** Below in "How can you help" there is further information on how to send your donation by mail or online.

Praise and Prayer

Praise:

- For a beautiful fall season in Changwon after a very hot and humid summer.
- For the two new teachers that have agreed to join us for 2025.

Prayer

- For wisdom as we explore options for more space for Grace both in 2025 and into the future.
- For our efforts both in North America and Korea to raise funds for the Kinder van.

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 working 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 give towards our regular missionary support by sending your gift by mail to either of the addresses below. Clearly designate your gift for our Resonate fund code: 804233

If you are giving to the special project to raise funds for the school van, please use this fund code instead: 806373

United States

Resonate Global Missions

1700 28th Street SE

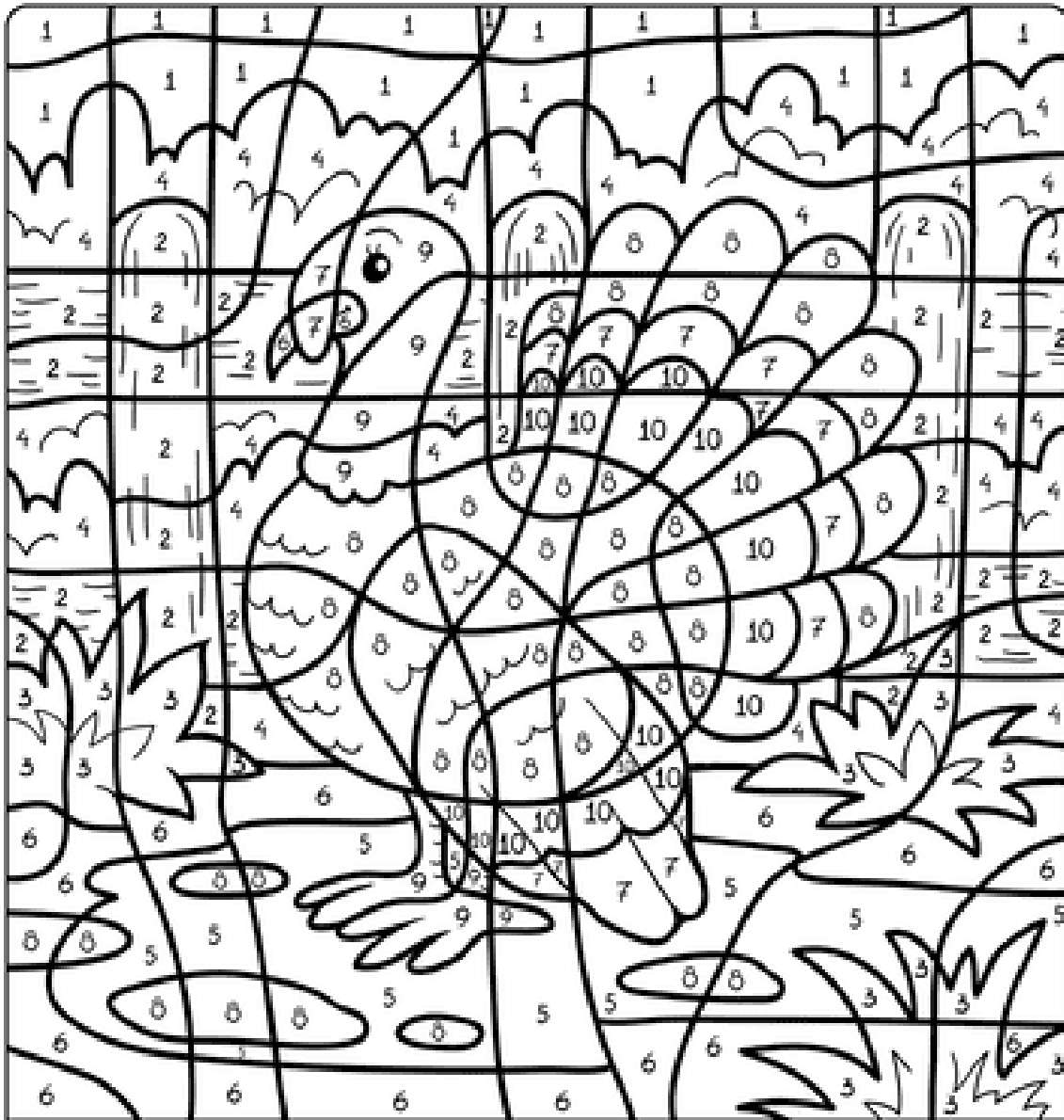
Grand Rapids, MI 49508-1407

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

You can also give online to the special project to raise funds for the school van at <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/give-us>. Choose "Project Asia" and then "Grace Global Christian School."

Thank you for partnering with us on mission!

KID'S PAGE



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| 1=Light Blue | 6=Orange |
| 2=Gray | 7=Red |
| 3=Green | 8=Brown |
| 4=Dark Green | 9=Pink |
| 5=Yellow | 10=Black |

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