

### Ministry Staff — How can we serve You?

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### Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Br — Elder Sandy Wynja & Deacon Ruth Haringa  
Bs-Eo — Elder Eric Wierenga & Deacon Karyn Schneider  
Ep-HI — Elder Chuck McGrath & Deacon Mike O'Rourke  
Hm-Mc — Elder Sue Cooper & Deacon Tanya Anema  
Md-S — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Cathy Greene  
T-Y — Elder John Woudenberg & Deacon Jodie Woudenberg

**PLEASANT ST. KIDS** — We would love to help your children become devoted followers of Christ! Check in and get a name tag at the kids cart in the fellowship hall before service.

- **NURSERY** (babies-age 3) during the service for Bible stories, music, play, and more!
- **KIDSTREET** (age 4-2nd grade) dismissed before sermon for a Bible story, craft/activity, music, and more!
- **ECHO** (3rd-5th grade) dismissed after the sermon to reflect and get to know each other, lasting 10 minutes. We don't meet on the last Sunday of each month.
- All ages are welcome to stay in the service. There is space under the balcony and in the fellowship hall if you need to get the wiggles out.

**PULPIT EXCHANGE** — Today, we will be swapping pulpits with The River Church. Pastor Blake will be preaching the word here at Pleasant Street and Pastor Matthew will be preaching the word at The River. We warmly welcome Pastor Blake this morning.

### CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER** — For Scott & Hanne Larson from Straight Ahead Ministries who sent out a prayer letter. Blessings to Steve Frieswick, our African Inland missionary, as he celebrates his birthday this week!!

**DEEPEST THANKS** — To my church family for your loving care and support during Lani's illness. The prayers, phone calls, words of encouragement and meals were all appreciated—'Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever' —Psalm 106.1 — Shirley LaFleur

### GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

**WOMENS BIBLE STUDY** — Will not meet again until September. Thanks to all who participated this past year—it was a wonderful journey! We hope to see all you ladies then!

**TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS** — Just a friendly reminder, the completed Christian Education applications should be returned to your pastorate deacon by April 15. Thanks!

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS** — We are considering hosting a new members class this spring. Want to know more about the mission and ministries of Pleasant street? Please contact Pastor Matthew and let us know you're interested. We are looking at hosting 3 classes in April or May, each class being 90 minutes.

**CRC SOFTBALL OUTREACH MINISTRY** — Men 16 years and older interested in fun, competition, and fellowship are invited to join the combined Pleasant Street and Fairlawn CRC team. Games are played most Monday evenings at 6pm from mid April through early August. For more information, contact Scott Schneider at SMSchneider68@hotmail.com or Jonathan Steele at jsteele1964@gmail.com.

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

**OUR SECOND OFFERING** — Next week will be for the GEMS Girls Clubs. Thanks for your support!

### REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

**FAIRWOODS** — The Board hopes you'll take advantage of our property this summer to get some exercise and enjoy God's creation. Opening day is set for May, 11! Join us for Spring Clean Up on Saturday, April 20 starting at 8am. Please also see Katie Kenbeek this Sunday after worship for a Fairwoods membership form. For more information, please contact Brandon McGrath at brandon.c.mcgrath@gmail.com or Katie Kenbeek at k.rosendale28@gmail.com.

# WELCOME

## We're glad you joined us!

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Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

April 7, 2024 + 9:30am



*If you have been worshipping with us for a long time or you are entering the doors of a church for the first time, it is our hope that you will experience a kind welcome, a sense of genuine community, and the grace and truth of Jesus Christ that the Christian Church has celebrated for centuries.*

### LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

Tonight 6:30p HS Youth Group Study: Foundation  
M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall  
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare  
W 6:15p Mid-Week  
6:30p Prayer Meeting: Prayer Room  
Th 7:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

*Prayer of preparation*

*Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.*

**GATHER**

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship — from Psalm 118*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**His love endures forever.**

In our anguish we cried to the Lord, and he answered by setting us free. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**His love endures forever.**

The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**His love endures forever.**

We will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**His love endures forever.**

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone.

**The Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

SONGS: *This is Amazing Grace & How Marvelous*

**RENEWAL**

*Prayer of Confession — H.C. 105-107*

Righteous God, we confess that, having not been convicted of murder, we pass by your 6th commandment. In your holiness we see that we have missed the ways we've taken life from our neighbors: Forgive our condescension that spoils the image of God in our neighbor.

**For our pride that belittles others; for envious glares sharp enough to kill.**

Forgive our insulting speech which destroys our neighbor's reputation.

**For gossip that ostracizes others; for harsh criticism and withering complaints.**

Forgive our desires for revenge which poison love for our neighbor.

**For nursing grudges; for withholding forgiveness; for presuming grace.**

Righteous God, in the grace and mercy of your holy love convict us of murder. Show us the ways it has taken root in our lives.

**Lord, have mercy on us. Empty us of all envy, hatred, anger, and vindictiveness. For Jesus' sake. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

On Good Friday Pilate let us pick - Barabbas or Jesus?

We chose Barabbas the rebel.

**But Jesus was switching places with us.**

On Good Friday, we despised Jesus for his weakness.

We nailed him to the cross.

**But Jesus was crucifying our sin.**

On Easter Sunday, Christ was raised and we are saved.

By the power of the Holy Spirit we are being remade.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Our Response of Gratitude*

Lord Jesus, you absorbed God's wrath for us; so that God could make peace with us.

**Now Lord, renew us in the power of your Spirit so that our gentleness might be evident to all. Make us patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly toward our neighbors. Teach us to protect our neighbors from harm as much as we can; and even to do good to our enemies. In Christ's name. Amen.**

*Response of Gratitude Based on 6th Commandment*

**COMMIT**

*Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street*

SONG: *In Christ Alone*

*Passing the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

*KidStreet Dismissal [age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]*

**WORD**

*Morning Prayers*

*John 21:15-25 + "The Best Worst Day of Your Life"*

**SEND**

*ECHO Dismissal [Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]*

SONG: *Come Thou Fount*

*Apostle's Creed*

*Benediction*

SONG: *When Death Was Arrested*

*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Jesus Christ.*

