

## 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-Hl — 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.
- **FAMILY SUNDAY** All ages worship together when there is a 5th Sunday; there is no Nursery, KidStreet, or Echo.

## CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

**LET'S PRAY TOGETHER** — For our VBS participants—kiddos (59) volunteers (42). A big thanks to everyone who worked tirelessly for the welfare of this years VBS. Great things were done in God's name! Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Please also keep in your prayers, The Blackstone Valley Rehab (formerly St. Camillus Nursing Home) staff. Many employees at the facility have not been paid for several weeks now, and this is affecting 30-50 families— pray for this situation to be resolved.

**HEARTFELT THANKS** 🙏 — On behalf of our congregation at Pleasant Street, we extend our utmost appreciation and thanks to Ruth Haringa for her faithful service and dedication to our church family. Her love to make things beautiful, have an eye for color and texture, always eager for the next season to come, so she can freshen the look, has been a blessing to us. We thank God for her desire and willingness to serve him in this capacity over several years and pray that he will continue to use her unique gifts and abilities in new and wonderful ways to build his kingdom. May God bless you richly as you and Steve move to Florida on this new path and journey together. But most of all, I will dearly miss our friendship—*Sadie!*

## SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

**PICNIC VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** — The church picnic is coming soon! Join us at Fairwoods on Sunday, August 11 for a great time of worship followed by a delicious meal! The drinks, main dishes and dessert will be provided. Please bring a salad or appetizer to share. There is a sign up sheet for volunteers to help on the counter at the greeting area.

## REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

**The KIDS' BIKE RODEO** — Will be held in Fairlawn CRC's parking lot on Saturday, August 17, from 10am-noon. Kids through 5th grade need to bring their own bikes and helmets, and should be accompanied by a responsible adult. It includes: safety lessons, bike tune-ups, fast and slow races, obstacle course, and lunch. No registration necessary.

**BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES** — The deacons are collecting school supplies for kids in our community. Backpacks, pens, pencils, erasers, pocket folders, crayons, highlighters, scissors, glue, binders, etc.!! Our goal is to fill at least 10 backpacks. Leave donations in the designated box in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays, or stop by during the week. Deadline is August 18.

**SAVE THE DATE** — Join us at Fairlawn's CRC Mission Conference on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Our guest Juan Seira, will speak on the topic "How to Reach Our Neighbors". He is a pastor of Sunlight Community Church in Florida as well as the program manager for Global Coffee Break, a bible study for men and women. Juan is a gifted communicator who effectively uses writing, social media, video and public speaking.

# WELCOME

**We're glad you joined us!**

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am-4pm Mon-Fri

July 21, 2024 + 9:30am

*"Flourishing are those: The Meek"*



*If you have been worshiping 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

M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall  
W 9:30a Senior Coffee Fellowship: Fellowship Hall  
6:30p Prayer Group Meeting: Prayer Room

*Prayer of preparation — from Lamentations 3:22-23*  
*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never*  
*come to an end, they are new every morning, great is your*  
*faithfulness.*

## GATHER

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship — from Revelation 15*

The Lord be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord.

**Merciful and mighty!**

Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the  
Almighty. Just and true are your ways, O King of the  
nations! Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your  
name?

**For you alone are holy. All nations will come and**  
**worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.**

SONGS: *Holy Holy Holy / You are my Vision*  
*Ten Thousand Reasons*

## RENEWAL

*Call of Confession*

O Lord, you are our shepherd, and yet we want. We lie  
down when we could act, we wander tempting paths  
instead of following you. We see courage and comfort in  
earthly things rather than in you. We hate our enemies  
and refuse to break bread with them, we see scarcity even  
when you offer us abundance.

**We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy,**  
**so that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever.**  
**Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

*Words of Assurance*

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from  
everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this  
surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

## COMMIT

*Morning Offerings: Ministries of Pleasant Street*



SONG: *Here's My Heart / Trust in You*

*Passing the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

*KidStreet Dismissal*

*[Children age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]*

## WORD

*Morning Prayers*

*Matthew 5:1-5 + "Flourishing are those: The Meek"*

## SEND

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

SONG: *I Surrender All*

*Apostle's Creed*

*Benediction*

SONG: *Come Thou Fount*

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

[Sermon Notes](#)