

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 ministry groups and that we have everyone we need to staff our ministries this fall. Pray that we see the world the way Christ sees it, share our faith, invite people to church, and pray faithfully for people.

MINISTRY GROUPS — We will be highlighting various ministry groups within our church. We encourage you to chat with them after the worship service to learn more information and get involved! Today's highlight is Coffee Break (Women's Ministry).

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

SENIOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP — We will meet next week for the last time this year. Thank you to all who joined us and we will see you next spring.—*Calvin & Claudia Wiegers!*

MISSIONS EVENT — Breakfast with David & Janice Kooistra, whom we have supported for many years through Faith Promise. Our missions team will provide a brunch on Saturday, August 31 from 10:00-11:30am. Please see the sign up sheet in the Connections Corner, if you plan to attend.—*The Missions Team!*

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

SECOND OFFERINGS — Today, will be to support the work of Bethany Christian Services.

THANK YOU! — To Stuart De Jong and others who have been very generous in bringing to church many kinds of vegetables from their gardens to share with the congregation this summer.

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS — If there are church members you believe should be considered for either office, please forward names and offices to Brett Buma, President of Council at brett.buma@amd.com Offices of elder and deacon are open to both men and women. We are in need of 4 elders and 3 deacons.

REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

LAST CALL: BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES— The deacons are collecting school supplies for kids in our community. Our goal is to fill at least 10 backpacks. Please leave donations in the designated box in the Fellowship Hall.

FAIRLAWN — Please join us on Thursday evenings for an opportunity to read the Psalms in ways that will deepen our understanding of the context in which the Psalms were first written and our understanding of the Psalms as expressions of Christian faith. Dan Vos will be leading the study from 7-8pm, September 5 through December 19. You may contact him at dnljvs@gmail.com or at 616.608.2573 for more information.

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 +

Office Hours: 8am–4pm Mon-Fri

August 18, 2024 + 9:30am

"Flourishing Are: The Peacemakers"



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

M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
W 9:30a Senior Coffee Fellowship: Fellowship Hall
(final for season)
6:30p Prayer Group Meeting: Prayer Room

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — from Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!” Our feet are standing within your gates,
O Jerusalem.

We gather with gladness in the Lord’s house this day!

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.”

We gather to pray with our words and our lives so that all of God’s children will one day know peace.

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.” For the sake of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good.

We gather in God’s name, who claims us all as his children, to speak out and seek peace and justice for the sake of all God’s children.

SONGS: *How Great is our God*
Goodness of God

RENEWAL

Call of Confession

O Lord, all around us people cry “peace” when there is no peace. How can there be peace when voices are silenced, and people suffer all around us? How can there be peace when bombs are falling, countries are at war, and justice is denied?

We confess our brokenness.

O Lord, all too often we are the ones who cry “peace” when there is no peace. How can there be peace when

people around us are lonely, stereotyped, and abused?
How can there be peace when our own nations use violence in the pursuit of peace?

We confess our complicity.

O Lord, we confess our contentment with “peace” that is only about our own personal well-being.

O Lord, draw us to yourself, that we might live in your grace and pardon. Challenge us to see through false declarations of “peace.” Empower us to be peacemakers.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Through the blood of Christ Jesus, our Lord,
we have redemption, forgiveness of sins. The riches of God’s grace have been poured out upon us.

Praise be to our God.

Who has chosen and made us his own.

Praise be to our God.

Who forgives and cleanses us.

Praise be to our God.

Who blesses us beyond our imagination.

Thanks, and praise to our God. Amen.

COMMIT

*Morning Offerings: 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street;
2) Bethany Christian Services*

SONG: *It Is Well*

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 5:1-9 + “Flourishing Are: The Peacemakers”

SEND

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

SONG: *Yet Not I But Through Christ*

Benediction

SONG: *Holy Forever*

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

Sermon Notes

