

## LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M 6:15p CRC Softball Game: Home vs. Living Hope Ministries  
6:30p Celebrate Recovery  
W 5:00p CR Women's Step Study: Office in the Nursery  
7:30p Prayer meeting @ Becky VA's home  
Th 7:00p CR Men's Step Study: Office in the Nursery

### MINISTRY STAFF — HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Matthew Burns / Care Ministries: Rev. Howard De Vries; Youth: Pastor Annika Bangma / Children: Kate Martinka; Worship: Becky VandenAkker; Office/Finance: Sadie Perkins/  
firstname@pscr.org.

### SHEPHERDING PASTORATES — Alphabetical by last name:

**A-Bt** — Elder Jack Crawford & Deacon Ruth Bandstra  
**Bu-E** — Elder Thalia Towle & Deacon Kate Mogan  
**F-I** — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Lauren McGrath  
**J-Mh** — Elder John Vriesema & Deacon Beth Bol  
**Mi-Sv** — Elder Mike Anema & Deacon Dexter Greene  
**Sw-Z** — Elder Tony Brookhouse & Deacon Connor Kuik

### CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For Lillian Hackathorn who is recovering at home from her short stay in the hospital, where she was diagnosed with Pericarditis. This seems to be residual effects of Covid and with medication, the doctors feel she should be back to 100% in about three months.

CELEBRATION — There will be a memorial service for Jim Nydam, to be held at Fairwoods on Saturday, August 7 at 10:30am. Please join us as we celebrate the life of our father, grandfather and great grandfather. We hope you can join us—  
*Ruth Bandstra & The Nydam Family*

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC & WORSHIP** — will be held at Fairwoods on Sunday, August 8. We will be serving coffee at 9:30am and the worship service will begin at 10am. Everyone is invited and requested to bring a salad, chips or munchies. Hamburgers, brats, rolls, beverages, and dessert will be provided. Volunteers are needed for various aspects—please contact Shirley De Vries at 508.320.1018 or ShirIDV2@gmail.com. Thanks for your help!

### GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

SERVE@HOME — is returning **August 4-8th!** Plan to join us for a long weekend of intergenerational worship and service!

-Would you consider joining us as we SERVE? We need YOU to participate to accomplish all that God has laid before us! Registration is due **TODAY!** Make change and be changed through investing yourself in the full SERVE@Home experience! (Register online or via the paper registration forms available on the SERVE board.)

-Cannot participate in the full SERVE weekend? Join us for worship in the evenings, or for one of the work days! (Worship is open to all every evening, to sign up for a single work day, please email Pastor Annika).

-Would you like to contribute in some other way? See the SERVE board in the fellowship hall!

### SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

KIDSTREET VOLUNTEERS — **Thanks** to all the volunteers and families that kept our children's ministry thriving throughout our challenging time of not being able to meet together. Thanks also to those who have helped us get our children's ministry up and running again on Sunday mornings. If you would like to join us in this important work of serving the kids, please let me know. We would love a few more volunteers to join this exciting ministry! Thank you—*Kate Martinka, Director of Children's Ministries*

### REACH OUT — CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

THE NORTHBRIDGE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES — is collecting new backpacks and school supplies for children in need. Please bring the backpacks and supplies to church by August 21. The following items are needed: backpacks, pens, pencils, 3-ring-binders, filler paper, rulers, scissors, calculators, glue sticks, notebooks, colored pencils, crayons, etc. Thanks!

The KIDS' BIKE RODEO — Will be held in Fairlawn CRC's parking lot on Saturday, August 7, from 10am-noon. Invite your friends for a fun time and light lunch! Kids through 5th grade need to bring their own bikes and helmets, and should be accompanied by a responsible adult. No need to register ahead of time, but if you have questions call 508.234.2838 x200.

## Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a-3p Mon-Fri  
July 25, 2021 + 9:30 am

Welcome! We are so glad that you are here!



*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. If you're asking questions about faith and spirituality, join us in our formation opportunities and ministry events to learn more and meet others. Help us get to know you or let us know how we can pray for you by filling in the Communication Card in the fellowship hall and putting it in the offering basket—we'll be in touch.*

### WORSHIP — Celebrate What God Is Doing

*We would love to help your kids become devoted followers of Christ! Please visit the Children's Ministry check-in station in the fellowship hall to get a security tag so your children can join us downstairs. The nursery is open for infants through 3 year olds during the whole service. KidStreet Children's Church for age 4-2nd grade is dismissed to go with teachers right before the sermon. Please bring your security tag to pick up your children in the nursery or classroom C after the service. Echo for kids in 3rd-5th grade will meet in classroom B but will be dismissed to the fellowship hall at the end of the service.*

*We are excited to serve you!*

*The Lord be with you!*

*Prayer of Preparation—based on Psalm 19:14*

*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*

Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to  
God's holy name!

**We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us  
to life!**

We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with  
the morning.

**You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our  
distress.**

You turn our mourning into dancing! Our souls cannot  
be silent!

**O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever!  
Amen.**

SONGS: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
*Death Was Arrested*

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*

*Psalm 30 (p 444) + "ReOrientation: Something to Say"*

SONG: *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

## **TABLE**

*Invitation*

*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Tasting Grace*

## **COMMIT**

*Morning Offering — Ministries of Pleasant Street Church*

## **SEND**

*Dismissal & Benediction*

As you have been fed at this table, go feed the hungry  
**and tell beggars where to find bread.**

As you have been set free, go give freedom to the imprisoned  
**and show prisoners where to find release.**

As you have received, give  
**and give thanks always to the Giver.**

As you have been loved, love  
**and proclaim the Lord who gave his life for us.**

Lord, we have worshipped you and tasted your love. Lord,  
as we leave this place, and go to our schools, to our homes,  
and to work, bless us and be near us, so that we may feel your  
presence in all we do.

**Amen.**

SONG: *We Will Remember*

## Quotes & Questions:

“Our lives always move between the pit and the wing, between  
the shattering of disorientation and the gift of life. That is what  
our baptism is about – to die and to rise with him to newness of  
life (*Romans 6:1-11*)...Every man, woman, and child of us has  
been within and shall again face the pit, and this must be brought  
to speech. Every one of us has the wings assured to us  
(*Deut. 33:27*), and that also must be spoken about.

...the Psalms...give us new eyes to see and new tongues to  
speak. And therefore we need not enter the Presence of the  
Holy One mute and immobilized. We go there to practice our  
vocation of receiving the new future God is speaking to us...”

*Walter Brueggemann, Praying the Psalms, p. 41*

Psalm 30 shows us the pattern of the Christian life is movement  
between dying and rising. When was a time where God moved  
you from pit to wing, or from death to life? Was it new life in a  
dead relationship, or a new reason to live in the world? Was it  
healing for an old wound? Or renewed intimacy with Christ?  
Have you ever told that story to someone? Who might be  
someone in your life who could benefit from a story like that?

## Sermon Notes

*The candle in the front is lit as a symbol that Jesus Christ  
is present in our worship this morning.*