

Serving Christ by Serving Others

Today Servers

TJ & Tara Stoel
Evan & Laura TeBrake

Valet Parkers

Eric Watson

Lobby Monitor

Perry Breems

Nursery

Denise Morris
Angelina Morris
Natalia Morris

Nursery Floater

Linda Brouwer

Children's Church

Natalie Vander Beek

Next Sunday, May 1 Servers

Jay & Kris TeBrake
Logan & Katie TeBrake

Valet Parkers

Jason Dannen

Lobby Monitor

Brandon Van Der Puy

Nursery

Angela Miedema
Gabe Miedema
Chloe Miedema

Nursery Floater

Sara Ahrenholz

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STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

Long Obedience in the Same Direction:

This phrase, coined by author Eugene Peterson, speaks to the reality that daily surrender to God will, at times, feel "long".

But "long" here can also mean "steady, faithful, persistent".

Stewardship speaks to both: in the tough seasons that are lean and the fruitful seasons of abundance, stewardship invites us into a "long obedience... in the same direction":

for the glory of God.

God is glorified in the generosity of His people here at Unity!

Thank you for your continued "long" -weighty, significant, steady - obedience in your giving to the work of Christ!

Welcome.

Today's Service.



Sermon Series: Testify...

Today's Message

Testify...in the Home (Building the Story at Home)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 78:1-8

Ministry Update: Haiti Literacy Program

Missions Update: New York Missions Team

Offering

General Ministry

Lead Worshiper

Chris Husinga

Welcome to Worship Today! We have a number of special ministry opportunities today to celebrate, including missions updates, a new sermon series, and the selection of new leadership for the upcoming season! We are glad that you are with us today and pray you are blessed as we worship together!



Each year we entrust to God the selection process of new Elders and Deacons. Today in our morning worship celebration we will cast lots for our new officebearers.

With profound thanks we acknowledge the labors of love by those concluding terms of service: Admin Elder **Ryan Moorlag**, Shepherding Elders **Perry Breems** and **Roxie Marcus**, and Service Deacon **Jason Dannen**.

With thanks also we acknowledge the work of Admin Deacon **Eric Watson** and the additional year he's agreed to serve to assist with rotation of leaders this year.

Let us lift up the names of those who discern the call of God to serve as we will be casting lots for those among them to step into these leadership rolls:

Shepherding Elders: Shannon Stoel, Sarah Brouwer, Chuck Leininger, Steve Zondervan (2 chosen)

Service Deacons: Nate Duininck, Luke Covert (1 selected)

Admin Elders: Ross Larson, Evan TeBrake (1 selected)



Family Promise with Unity, April 24-30.

Please keep these families in your prayers as they work through this transitional journey in their lives. Thank you to those that have signed up to deliver meals. We have filled all the evenings! Your generosity is so appreciated!



Thank you for the blessings!

Anonymous

Call to Prayer:

With love, we lift up **Taryn Buteyn and her family** with the loss of her uncle this week. They are gathering in Wisconsin this weekend to remember his life. May God's comfort surround all of you in your time of remembrance.

With love, we also lift up **Bev Marcus and her family** with the loss of her mother also this week. They are gathering in Chicago this weekend to remember her life. We also ask for God's comfort and peace and healing for the family as they spend this precious time together.

We continue to ask for God's comfort and grace for **Dale Elliot**, with the passing of his wife Donna.

We ask God for His healing mercies to cover:

Gar Jasper, who concluded his treatments this week.

Mitch Marcus, who is being readied for bone marrow transplant
Roger Ulferts, who continues his treatments for pancreatic cancer

Marilyn Wieberdink, preparing for shoulder surgery on May 5

Lauren Espinoza, and her treatments for leukemia

Logan Erickson, in his recovery from amputation surgery and his farm injury

May God continue to pour out His grace and love into the lives of those from our fellowship with ongoing needs. Please remember ...

Ray (& Sadie) Tellinghuisen

Roger (& Linda) Ulferts

Willis (& Gret) Wubben

Jeff (& Sheryl) Brown

Norm (& Val) Duininck

Shirley Bonnema

Dorothy Slagter

Bob & Rosie Huizenga

Tonya Larson's sister Deb

Kerry's brother-in-law Herm

Gene (& Louise) Troyer

Mitch (& Pat) Marcus

Gar (& Beth) Jasper

Jim Ninneman

Hub & Marilyn Wieberdink

Betty Ammermann's sister, Pat

Brenda Ten Pas' mother, Marian

Randy (& Carla) Slagter



Sunday (Today)

9:30a.m.: Worship Celebration

Children's Church for ages 3 to PreK will be during the service.

Last Day of Sunday School today.

Coffee Time - Fair Trade coffee by Dunn Bros.

Sunday through Saturday - Family Promise

Monday

6:30 - 8:30p.m.: Open Rock this week - The van leaves Unity @ 6

7:00p.m.: Elders Meeting

Tuesday

9:15a.m.: Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday

7:00p.m.: SRYG Jr./Sr. High will be at Unity.

Friday

6:30a.m.: Men's Bible Study



Children of the **Promise** COTP Scrubs Drive looking for sizes XSmall through XLarge. New or very gently used (no fading, rips, or stains) scrubs ONLY please!

Donation Deadline is April 30, 2022 at Unity CRC



You are invited to an **open house bridal shower honoring McKenna Ulferts, bride to be of David Arndt**. McKenna is the daughter of Joe and Wendy Ulferts and the granddaughter of Roger and Linda Ulferts. The shower is on **May 14th at 10am at Unity**. The couple is registered at Target, Amazon, Crate & Barrel, and Pottery Barn.

Community Announcements can be found in the Weekly Update email.

The Lunch Box Café -

Tuesday, April 26th - Roast Beef Commercial

All Meals are \$5.00/Serving .

Please place order by 1:30pm the day before. 320-978-4187



CMCS Spring K-5 Elementary Concert

The CMCS Music Department invites you to join us for the Spring Elementary Concert in the High School Gym at 7:00pm on Thursday, April 28.



Grace Homeschool Co-op Spring Program you are invited to join some of our local children at their Spring Program this coming Friday,

April 29 at the Living Hope Church in Willmar at 7:00p.m.



Mark your calendars for VBS 2022!! It will take place from **June 20-24** this year (note it is later than we have done it in the past!!) **If you are willing to help in any way**, please contact Melissa Bonnema (320-894-2822), Sarah Punt (320-979-6941) or Sarah VanDyken (320-220-4600). We look forward to learning about our great God with your kids this summer!



Open House Bridal Shower - You are invited to a come and go **open house bridal shower for Kaylee Vlainick, bride-elect of Jay Marcus on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at First CRC Fellowship Hall**. Please

bring a recipe to share with the couple, recipe cards will be supplied if needed. They are registered at Target and Amazon.



Missing Jacket - On GEMS Sunday there was a switching of coats that happened at that service. If you happened to have grabbed a Young Life Navy Jacket size L could you please return to the church office. Your jacket should be hanging in the coat area. Thank you!