

Serving Christ by Serving Others

Today

Servers

Brandon & Hannah Van Der Puy
Todd & Cheryl Watnaas

Valet Parkers

TJ Stoel

Lobby Monitor

Taryn Buteyn

Nursery

Joyce Marcus
Laura Rosen
Aurora Rosen

Nursery Floater

Brenda Ten Pas

Children's Church

Sidney Duininck

Next Sunday, May 15

Servers

Gina Ven Osdel
Jason & Melissa Ver Steeg

Valet Parkers

Peter Roorda

Lobby Monitor

Bev Marcus

Nursery

Merri-Sue Verner
Reagan Swart
Piper Verner

Nursery Floater

Carrie Moorlag

Children's Church

Cheryl Watnaas



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

When Spring Finally Arrives...

Waiting... and Waiting... and Waiting. Sometimes some of the most engaged efforts we expend are of the mind and spirit simply waiting. This year, we wait for Spring. This is not our first go-around of waiting but you can sense an anxiousness in the air as planting plans are on hold and chilled winds continue to blow. And yet... God still shows up, still provides, and our waiting is resolved. Waiting doesn't always resolve into what we want and when we want it. But God's waiting always has a bigger picture in mind - your well-being and God's glory. As you are mindful of the daily bread of God's provision, let your waiting grow a deeper trust in God, and a greater celebration when our "spring" arrives.

Welcome.

Today's Service.



Sermon Series: Testify...

Today's Message

Testify...in the Marketplace

(Our Story told in the Everyday Places of Life)

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 31:10-31

Offering

General Ministry

Lead Worshiper

Jason Ver Steeg

Welcome to Worship at Unity! On this wonderful day when we honor and thank all mothers and mother-figures, we happily welcome each of you. May this be a time when we remember our families and pray for each family member.

Everyone is invited to partake in the **photo booth** that we have available in the foyer for this Mother's Day!

Schedule Change: Communion Sunday, normally held on the 2nd Sunday of the month, will this month coincide with our Celebration Sunday happening on May 22.



Sunday (Today)

9:30a.m.: Worship Celebration

Children’s Church for ages 3 to PreK will be during the service.
Coffee Time - Fair Trade coffee by Dunn Bros.

Monday

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

Wednesday

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

Friday

6:30a.m.: Men’s Bible Study

Saturday

10:00a.m.: McKenna Ulferts Bridal Shower at Unity



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 this coming Saturday, **May 14th at 10am at Unity**. The couple is registered at Target, Amazon, Crate & Barrel, and Pottery Barn.



You are invited to a **shower honoring Lauren Ammermann, bride to be of Jacob Brown**, son of Jeff & Sheryl Brown on **Thursday, May 19th from 6:30-8:00p.m. at Unity**. You can find their gift registry at withjoy.com/lauren-and-jacob/registry



Please join us on May 22nd for a “Family Favorites” Potluck after our Celebration Sunday. Bring a Family Favorite dish or two to pass. The Fellowship Team will be providing the dessert.

Call to Prayer:

Marilyn Wieberdink had shoulder surgery this past Thursday. It was anticipated she would return home by the weekend. Pray for strength and mobility in her shoulder and for peace and patience for the healing journey.

Roger Ulferts was briefly hospitalized this past week due to what appears to be a reaction to his new chemo regimen. Pray for Roger's strength to be renewed and his appetite to return.

We are entering graduation season and are excited for all those celebrating achievements and milestones in their lives!! We celebrate what God is doing in each of your lives and look forward to the new chapter before you!

Pray for our land. We are entering yet another volatile moment in this land, once again specifically related to the value of life - in this case, the life of the preborn, the life of a mom/dad making choices regarding the preborn, and ultimately the ripple effect across the spectrum of age and life's value along the way. Emotions are high and threats/violence have already occurred. Let us appeal to God on behalf of all that He may show mercy and that His bride, the Church, may embody grace and truth for the season ahead.

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
Lauren Espinoza
Logan Erickson*



Mark your calendars for the next Ladies' Bible study beginning Wednesday, June 1 and ending July 6. We will meet Wednesday

evenings at 6:30 p.m. We will be studying the Holy Spirit using Francis Chan's study book "Remembering The Forgotten God". Let Brenda T. know or sign up on the sheet on the Bible Study/Small Group Bulletin Board by the mailboxes, by May 18 if you would like to join and have a workbook ordered for you. If you prefer to order your own be sure to order the workbook entitled "Remembering The Forgotten God - An Interactive Workbook for Individual or Small Group Study." ©2010. The companion book "Forgotten God" ©2009 is a nice addition, but not necessary for this study.

COLLEGE GRADUATES - If you have a son/daughter or yourself that have graduated from college this year would you be willing to share that with us so we can celebrate with you? Please give the following information to the office by TODAY Sunday, May 8: Name, College and Degree(s) and any future plans.



Wanted:
**FAMILY
PHOTOS**

We would love to give you an opportunity to submit a family photo for our updated, revised **Unity Church Directory** coming out in August.

You are welcomed to submit to:
unitycrcoffice@gmail.com
anytime before August 1st!!!



As part of our Testimony and Celebration Sunday on May 22, we will be privileged to hear the Tchagang's testify to what God is doing in Cameroon! Patrice and Nadege are dear friends and ministry partners of Jeff & Sheryl Brown. The Brown's write:

"During our 3 ½ years in Cameroon God brought Patrice and Nadège Tchagang into our lives. They became wonderful ministry partners. They had already been living a life dedicated to reaching the Muslims in the capital city of Yaoundé with the gospel of Christ and Jeff was able to walk alongside Patrice in particular, to encourage him in ministry and challenge him with a vision for mentoring others in ministry - the multiplication of leaders and disciples."

Now God is fulfilling that vision by calling the Tchagang's to move to the north to actively train up leaders for the gospel. During their 7-8 weeks in the US, they are networking with churches and individuals who can help them raise the monies needed for their family and ministry expenses for the next two years. (\$25,000 per year.)

The Deacons have designated the Love Fund Offering for that Sunday (May 22) for the work of Tchagangs. Please be in prayer as to how God might use you to aid in this ministry opportunity. In the memo portion of your gift, note "Love Fund Cameroon". If you would like to spend more time with the Tchagang's, the Browns would love to host you in their home. Patrice and Nadege will be in our area from May 16-23.

**The Lunch Box Café -
Tuesday, May 10th - Meatballs & Cheesy Potatoes**

All Meals are \$5.00/Serving.

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



Open House Baby Shower - You are invited to an open house baby shower **in honor of Wade Andrew, infant son of Megan & Trevor Bartz this coming Saturday, May 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the**

First CRC Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Target and Amazon. Help them start a library by signing a book instead of a card!



The CMCS Junior Class will be collecting New2You donations as a class fundraiser from May 9-14. You are welcome to bring donations to school, or you can call the office to schedule a pickup. A portion of all donations will be gifted back to the Junior class fund. Thank you for your support!

CMCS Community Listening Sessions - May 11 & 31 - We invite you to attend a Community Listening Session on Wednesday, May 11 in the CMCS Event Center or Tuesday, May 31 at the AG Church Encore Building, both beginning at 7:00pm. These opportunities for constituent feedback will provide us with valuable insight as we develop future educational plans and initiatives. Please RSVP on the school website or by calling the High School Office.

CMCS Pops Concert - May 17 - The CMCS Music Department invites you to attend their last concert of the year on Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00pm in the CMCS Gymnasium. The High School Band and Choir will be performing favorite Broadway songs. Pop and popcorn will be provided.



Starting June 1st **Lutheran Social Services Meals** will be providing Home delivered meals in Willmar. WCI has made the hard decision to discontinue their meals on wheels after 50 years of service and is turning over the program to Lutheran Social Services (LSS Meals). They are honored to be serving the community of Willmar with Home delivered meals and their congregate dining at the Willmar Community Center.

They now have a need for Meals on Wheels volunteer drivers in the City of Willmar, Monday through Friday.

They are hoping you may be able to help promote their need for volunteers within the community!

Details:

1. They have delivery routes that are usually between 10:45AM and 11:45AM and will take about 45 minutes to an hour long in Willmar.
2. They offer contact-less delivery (meaning you knock and leave the meal and then walk away to see if they pick up the meal).
3. They have gloves and masks available for volunteers.

People interested in volunteering can contact their Regional Manager in Willmar Chrissy at 1-866-974-0289 or at chrissy.elton@lssmn.org.

Feel free to contact Chrissy or me with any questions.



Carris Health - Rice Hospice has a training coming up this week Tuesday and Thursday, May 3rd and 5th for volunteers and professionals. If you have ever thought of working with Hospice in our area this is a great opportunity for you. A brochure will be available to look at on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall area. If you are interested or want more information contact: Deb Van Buren, Volunteer Services Manager, 320-231-4433 or toll-free 1-800-336-7423 or www.carrishealth.com/hospice.