

Serving Christ by Serving Others

Today

Greeters

Brenda Ten Pas & Cameron
Vander Puy

Servers

Larry & Pat Groen
Bill & Pam Harrington

Valet Service

Eric Watson

Lobby Monitor

Eric Watson

Nursery

Laura Brouwer
Ella Brouwer
Sarah Brouwer

Nursery Floater

Carrie Moorlag

Children's Church

Piper Verner

Next Sunday, November 6

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Evan & Laura TeBrake

Servers

Dunia Hersi
Chad & Beth Hoekstra

Valet Service

Jennifer Breems

Lobby Monitor

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Nursery

Angie & Macie Rausch
Angela & Chloe Miedema

Nursery Floater

Brenda Ten Pas

Children's Church

Piper Verner

Welcome

Today's Service



Today's Message

Compassion Training

Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:29-39

Offerings

General Ministry

Lead Worshiper

Jon DeGroot

Welcome to Worship at Unity! We are blessed to have you a part of our worship today. Our hope is that you leave here feeling blessed and refreshed!

We welcome **Carol Veldman Rudie** to our pulpit this morning. May the words that she speaks reveal how to be more like Him.

Children's Church - Following the prayer during the service, kids ages 3 to PreK are welcomed to leave for a time of Children's Church. They can meet up with their teacher in the back.



Thank you for the blessings!

Anonymous

Call to Prayer:

Remember to lift each other up in prayer in times of joy and celebration as well as times of struggle and sorrow, addressing spoken and unspoken issues. Continue to grieve with **the Ulferts, Thielens, Swieringas, Groens, Ledebors, and others** who daily feel the absence of loved ones.

Prayers also for those who are not able to join us for in-person worship such as **Dorothy Slagter, Hubert and Marilyn Wieberdink, Shirley Bonnema, Norm Duininck, Carl and Shirley Marcus, Bob and Rosie Huizenga and Ray and Sadie Tellinghuisen.**

We encourage you to also pray for **Pastor Steve and Angela** for a fruitful sabbatical and for improved health for **Aaron Zwart, Jaden Dannen, Willis Wubben, Trudy Erffmeyer, Greg Verner's mom Sharon, and Lois Cook's brother Clarence.**

Please also continue to lift up in prayer **Dorothy Slagter, Hubert and Marilyn Wieberdink, Shirley Bonnema, Willis Wubben, Norm Duininck, Carl and Shirley Marcus, Ray and Sadie Tellinghuisen, Trudy Erffmeyer, Greg Verner's mom Sharon, and Lois Cook's brother Clarence.**



One of our long-term missionaries, **Ruth Veltkamp** will lead our service on November 20. We are excited for this privilege. Ruth will be in the area from

Thursday through Monday. **Please consider hosting Ruth for a meal or for coffee sometime on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. She would love to meet with small groups or individuals to talk** about the amazing things God continues to do in Nigeria, but also, all over Africa! If you are interested or willing, you can contact a member of the Unity Mission Team.



We have a **prayer request box** located by the mailboxes for such a time that you are needing prayers. Write your prayer request on the provided paper. This box will be checked often and prayers will be kept confidential.



Sunday (Today)

9:30 a.m.: Worship Celebration

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

Coffee Time - Fair Trade coffee by Dunn Bros.

Sunday School (K-12) immediately after the worship service

Monday

6:30-8:30 p.m.: Open Rock - van leaves Unity at 6 and return around 8:50.

Tuesday

9:15 a.m.: Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30 p.m.: GEMS Java in the Fall with Ladies

7:00-8:45 p.m.: HS Youth Group at The Rock - Van leaves Unity at 6:30 and returns at 9ish.

Friday

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

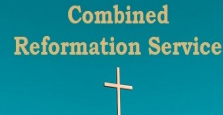


Prinsburg GEMS is spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ by packing 100 shoeboxes for children around the world through Operation Christmas Child (OCC). We would love the help of our church families!

Would you consider packing a box or two with your family or giving a donation to help cover the cost of shipping and/or items for boxes? Boxes and more information about OCC are on tables near the fellowship area. Hand-written notes and pictures are treasured by OCC recipients! All boxes need to be at Unity CRC by November 16. Thanks for considering helping GEMS & OCC! Contact Megan Taatjes if you have questions.

Notes....

Lined area for notes.



Combined Reformation Service: Raymond CRC invites you to celebrate the Reformation. **We will worship together at 1st CRC in Prinsburg on Sun., Oct. 30th at 6 pm.** Please join us as we bring praise to our Lord who has given us Grace Alone, by Scripture Alone, by Faith Alone, Christ Alone, and to the Glory of God Alone! Offering will be taken for World Renew Hurricane Relief.



The Prinsburg GEMS would like to invite the "seasoned" ladies of the church to a Java with GEMS event (formerly called 'Ladies Tea') at Unity Church THIS WEDNESDAY, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Coffee, lemonade and dessert will be served. Please note we have moved this event from an afternoon to an evening time and also from the spring to the fall. Please let Megan Taatjes (320-905-0091) know if you have any questions. If you plan to attend and need a ride to Unity, please contact the church office.



Ridgewater Campus Ministry with Jeff Schmitz is looking for volunteers in providing a meal or more to their students. If you or a group want to sign up for a day, please use the link provided in the Weekly Update.



Advance Notice for Middle Schoolers: Plans are in the works for there to be an Arctic Blast Middle School Winter Retreat February 24-26 at Camp Lebanon again. Sledding, Broomball, S'mores and Friends makes for a GREAT retreat! This retreat is a great get-away and a time of reconnecting with God, other students and leaders. We will worship together, have time in the Word and have a ton of fun! To register and get more information visit SRYG.org/events. **Deadline to register is Wednesday, November 9!**

Haiti Crisis Response - Situation in Haiti

The need for aid and compassion in Haiti is as great as it's ever been. Political and natural events have led to a serious humanitarian crisis in Haiti. The majority of Haiti is currently in the midst of an acute hunger crisis. Basic goods are hard to acquire even for those who have resources, and the recurrence of cholera now deepens the crisis. Children of the Promise is and has always been called to Haiti to serve the most vulnerable children and families. We continue to respond in this current season and we ask you to join us, as well as the Haiti Literacy Program (HLP), in an immediate response!

Why Ship a Container?

Over the years, we've been proud of the fact that we've poured millions of dollars into the Haitian economy through payroll and purchasing products locally. We continue to be committed to these pursuits. However, the current situation in Haiti has caused a shortage of much needed items, leaving us without or with massively inflated prices. In response to these challenges, we've been able to send 3 containers over the past 2 years in order to supplement our needs. A shipping container brings with it opportunities for businesses and organizations to give in-kind (physical items) in ways they could not do through cash donations.

What Items Will COTP Send?

- Non-perishable food
- Household and personal care products
- Medical and Cholera supplies
- Diapers, formula and other child care needs

How Can You Help?

- Support Financially: Our goal is to raise \$50,000, which would not only cover the cost of the shipping container, but also allow us to deliver immediate relief in the form of food and supply kits to those in need during the time it takes to deliver the container.

- Donate/Connect Us with Needed Items: *(on next page)*

* If you have an idea or a connection where you think we could get any of these items in bulk (donated or discounted), please let us know!

* We are already partnering with the Salvation Army and Feed My Starving Children on certain items

- Volunteer: Collecting needed items

* Organizing and packing the container

Timeline

October 24 - November 8 Collect items and raise funds

November 9 - 11 Pack the shipping container

November 14 Container leaves for Haiti

Financial Breakdown

* Immediate relief kits with food and supplies purchased in Haiti: \$15,000

* For COTP Staff, community, families we serve and HLP program

* Container shipping and customs fees: \$10,000

* Acquiring items in the US to ship to Haiti:

* Non-perishable foods: \$10,000

* Household and personal care items: \$5,000

* Medical and Cholera prevention items: \$5,000

* Infant and child needs: \$5,000

* *We will be working to get as many of these items donated or discounted as possible in partnering with other organizations.*

Needed Items

Rice	<u>Canned foods:</u>	Sugar
Dry beans	Tuna	Flour
Powdered Milk	Sardines/Herring	Coffee
Cereal	Vegetables	Tea
Spaghetti	Fruit	Corn flour

Household/Personal

Bleach	Toilet paper	Hand Sanitizer
Laundry Detergent (Powder & Liquid)	Toothbrushes/ Toothpaste	Hand and body soap

Other

Diapers	Adult Bikes	Appliances:
Formula	Fans	Washing machine
		Deep freeze
		Refrigerator
		Gas stove/oven

Contact Jamie Groen at 320-444-8180 or email at cotpdirector@gmail.com

Physical or financial donations can be sent to our Willmar offices at 1020 Highway 71 NE Willmar, MN 56201

**The Lunch Box Café -
Tuesday, Nov. 1st -
Meatloaf and Mashed Potatoes**

All Meals are \$6.00/Serving.

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



Prairie Arts Chorale - As we progress through life we experience countless sunrises and sunsets. Some days may be captured in a perfect memory, while others may be lost in monotony. The Prairie Arts Chorale's fall concert, "Sunrise, Sunset" will explore songs that capture moments of day and night, warm bright days and cool calm nights. While we live day by day, this concert will seek to renew your joy in life's little moments that we often take for granted.

Tickets will be available in advance through Eventbrite, from chorale members, and at the door. www.prairieartschorale.org

Friday November 4 @ 7:30 Church of St. Anne, Wabasso

Saturday November 5 @ 7:30 Granite Falls Lutheran, Granite Falls

Sunday November 6 @ 4:00 Faith Lutheran Church, Spicer

Friday November 18 @ 7:30 First Lutheran Church, Marshall



CMCS Veterans Day Assembly - November 11

You are invited to attend their special Veterans Day Assembly on Friday, November 11. Their guest speaker is Todd Howard, a retired Air Force Master Sergeant who has had the unique opportunity of serving for over 23 years in the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Todd is a 5th generation military vet, with every generation seeing combat, from WW I, WW II, Korea, Vietnam and his own personal experience in Iraq. Donuts will be served, beginning at 8:45am in the Event Center, with the assembly to follow at 9:00am in the High School Gymnasium. Please join us in honoring all our military veterans who have proudly served our country.

LOHSE FUNDRAISER

MARILYN LOHSE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH LIVER CANCER JUNE OF 2022. SHE HAS HAD LUPUS FOR YEARS WHICH LED TO ABNORMAL BILE DUCTS IN THE LIVER. MARILYN AND BRIAN HAVE BEEN GOING BACK AND FORTH TO THE MAYO CLINIC IN ROCHESTER FOR APPOINTMENTS AND MARILYN STARTED CHEMO AND RADIATION ON SEPTEMBER 19 FOR 3 WEEKS. SHE WILL THEN BE BACK HOME TO REST WHILE WAITING FOR A LIVER TRANSPLANT.

The Lohse kids are holding a fundraiser to raise money for Brian and Marilyn's travel, housing, and medical expenses. Please come out to show your support or visit our GoFundMe page titled "Marilyn Lohse Fundraiser for Health Costs"



**November 6
11am-2pm**

St. John's Lutheran Church Raymond, MN

**Please join us on Sunday, November 6 from 11:00 - 2:00
at St. John's Lutheran Church in Raymond
to wish Marilyn Lohse well and provide your support
at a benefit luncheon.**

Marilyn was diagnosed in June with liver cancer in her bile ducts and has been undergoing chemo and radiation, now waiting for a liver transplant. A [gofund.me](https://gofund.me/4481e0e9) page (gofund.me/4481e0e9) is also set up if you wish to donate to defray medical and travel cost. A CaringBridge site is available to follow her progress. Thank you for your prayers and support.

caringbridge.org/visit/marilyn9