

## Serving Christ by Serving Others

### Today

#### **Greeters**

Evan & Laura TeBrake

#### **Servers**

Dunia Hersi

Chad & Beth Hoekstra

#### **Valet Service**

Jennifer Breems

#### **Lobby Monitor**

Jennifer Breems

#### **Nursery**

Angie & Macie Rausch

Angela & Chloe Miedema

#### **Nursery Floater**

Brenda Ten Pas

#### **Children's Church**

Piper Verner

### Next Sunday, November 13

#### **Greeters**

Logan & Katie TeBrake

#### **Servers**

Andy & Amber Knight

Chuck & Sandy Leininger

#### **Valet Service**

TJ Stoel

#### **Lobby Monitor**

Marly Breems

#### **Nursery**

Tonya Larson

Desi Larson

Sydney Watson

#### **Nursery Floater**

Angie Rausch

#### **Children's Church**

Cora Watson



**Christmas Poinsettia's** are available to be ordered on the signup sheet in the fellowship hall. They will be purchased again from CMCS for their annual fundraiser for high school class funds. The cost for each poinsettia is \$22. The deadline to order is next Sunday, November 13th.



There is a list being put together of **substitutes/helpers** that would be willing to be available to serve at an event such as a funeral during the week. We understand that it's hard for some to take off work for such events and would like to call upon this group of people to help out during these times. If you feel led to help in this way please reach out to Marge Breems or Merri-Sue.

# Welcome

## Today's Service



### Today's Message

Psalm 115

### Scripture Reading

Psalm 115

### Offerings

General Ministry

### Lead Worshiper

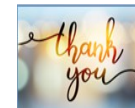
Krista Slagter

**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 **Travis Berry** to our pulpit this morning. May the Lord use his words to reveal Himself to us and be blessed.

Please join us after the worship service for cake to celebrate Gregg & Lynn Duininck's 50th Wedding Anniversary! May the Lord continue to richly bless you both.

**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:


*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people! 1 Timothy 2:1*

Remember to lift each other up in prayer in times of joy and celebration as well as times of struggle and sorrow, addressing issues that are both spoken and unspoken. We extend our sympathy to **Jim Ninneman**, whose sister passed away in Wisconsin this past Monday. Also, continue to grieve also with the **Ulferts, Thielens, Swieringas, Groens, Ledebosers, Elliots, and others** who daily feel the absence of loved ones.

Please also for those who for various reasons 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, Jim Ninneman, Bob and Rosie Huizenga, and Ray and Sadie Tellinghuisen**. These brothers and sisters also love visits!

**Aaron Zwart** will be having a splenectomy this week Thursday to remove his spleen. Pray for relief of pain and clear test results from the spleen. After a brief stay in the hospital this coming week, he hopes to return to Connecticut the following week.

We encourage you to also pray for **Pastor Steve and Angela** for a fruitful sabbatical. Pray for the country of Haiti as they endure continued turmoil including **Antonio, Paulaine, Stanley, and Carene Jean Louis** as they await their visa, **Parker and Abby Wierda at Hope Health Action, and for Children of the Promise**. Pray for improved health for **Jaden Dannen, 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.**



### 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

**1:00-7:00 p.m.:** **Red Cross Blood Drive at Unity. Walk-ins are welcomed still best to make an appointment at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)**

### Wednesday

**7:00 p.m.:** GEMS Bible Study for Counselors at Gerri's

**7:00-8:45 p.m.:** MS & 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

### Next Sunday

Communion



**Prinsburg GEMS** is so grateful that every Operation Christmas Child shoebox has been taken! **Please return filled (not sealed) and labeled shoeboxes to church no later than Wednesday, November 16.** There are labels to be coordinated with each box, inside the brochure that is on the table in the fellowship hall. Please mark the age group and whether for a boy or a girl. Also, please be sure to check the list of things that can't be put in the boxes. Donations will also be accepted through November 16 to help cover the shipping costs (\$10 per box). Any additional funds raised will go to Operation Christmas Child. Thank you for your generous support of OCC and Prinsburg GEMS!



## THANKSGIVING DAY Community Meal at Unity at Noon –

Let's come together to eat  
and celebrate!

Whether it's the year your kids are at the in-laws, or plans are to stay put, or you just don't want to fuss with the whole meal, COME!

The main staples will be provided  
(turkey, potatoes, ham, stuffing).

If you have a favorite dish and/or dessert to share,  
you can bring that along!

This is open to EVERYONE. Come with family. Come with friends.  
Come with a neighbor or co-worker.

Pass this invite along to someone who would be blessed to share  
the day with others. No RSVP necessary.

If you have any questions, contact Mindy Grannes - 320-979-4009.



If you would like to participate with the Community Thanksgiving Dinner there are several ways to help before the event. This is a great way to be involved without having to disrupt your Thanksgiving Day plans if you already have them. The following are a few needs.

\*Turkey and potato prep nights on Wednesday Nov 9 6PM and Monday Nov 14 6PM.

\*Make a pie or prep a green bean casserole the day before. (3 of each needed)

\*Donation of whole hams (2 needed).

\*Cash donation to offset cost of event. (Bring to church)

If you are available Thanksgiving day and would like to help the morning of Thanksgiving in the kitchen, you are welcome to join us starting around 8am, meal is served at noon.

Mindy Grannes will be in the fellowship area on Sunday morning for anyone that would like more information or would like to sign up to help. She can also be contacted at 320-979-4009 if you have any questions.



**CAMP LEBANON**  
A MEETING PLACE WITH GOD

**Advanced 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](http://SRYG.org/events). **Deadline to register is Wed., Nov. 9!**



**Elder Care Groups:** Have you wondered if you are known and loved at Unity? Have you wondered if someone is praying for you? While Pastor Steve is on sabbatical, Marly is our visiting pastor, but caring for each other isn't something we can all delegate to just one person. To make sure all Unity members are regularly brought before the throne of God, we have gifted each elder a group of people who call Unity their church home. As elders, we are curious about what other ways these groups could serve each other in the church. For example, instead of just the elder doing the visiting, praying, and connecting, what about you? How might you bless the people in your group? There was a letter put in your church mailbox last week with more details, please let the shepherding elders know if you see any errors or omissions, or if it sparks an idea in your head or a passion in your heart!



**UPCOMING LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE -** Register now to take the new Thriving Essentials leadership session on Saturday, December 3 at Rock of Life CRC in Willmar. We want to get all of our active ministry participants on the same page concerning the key concepts of Mission, Discipleship, Discernment, and Leadership. Whether you're a new deacon, a seasoned elder, or even a volunteer ministry leader, this training course will benefit everyone and get us all starting from the same framework. Learn more about the course at this website: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive). Go to [www.rockoflifecrc.org](http://www.rockoflifecrc.org) to register. Look for the "Thriving Essentials Registration" button or contact Renae Kleinhuisen at [willmarcrc@gmail.com](mailto:willmarcrc@gmail.com). Registration deadline is November 26. There will be a free-will donation box to help cover the cost of lunch and refreshments, but the training is free of charge.

## 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? See the list on next page

#### 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

Contact Jamie Groen at 320-444-8180 or email at [cotpdirector@gmail.com](mailto:cotpdirector@gmail.com)

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

## Timeline

October 24 - November 8 Collect items and raise funds

**November 9 - 10 Pack the shipping container - Volunteers needed for packing the Haiti Relief Shipping Container! We are looking for volunteers to help us pack the container on Wednesday, November 9 and Thursday, November 10. We'll be packing for most of the day, each day at our offices in Willmar. We will take any help we can get, even if for a few hours.**

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
Oil	Meats (chicken/beef/ pork)	Dry instant meals
Peanut butter		Oatmeal
		Salt

### Household/Personal

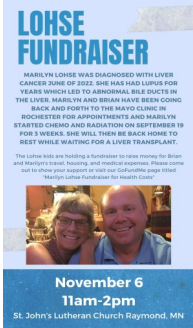
Bleach	Toilet paper	Hand Sanitizer
Laundry Detergent (Powder & Liquid)	Toothbrushes/ Toothpaste	Hand and body soap
	Deodorant	

### Other

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

**The Lunch Box Café -**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 8th -**  
**Chicken Salad Croissant & Fruit**  
 All Meals are \$6.00/Serving.

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



**Please join us TODAY, 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 page ([gofund.me/4481e0e9](https://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](https://caringbridge.org/visit/marilyn9)



**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](http://www.prairieartschorale.org)

**Sunday November 6 @ 4:00 Faith Lutheran Church, Spicer**  
 Friday November 18 @ 7:30 First Lutheran Church, Marshall



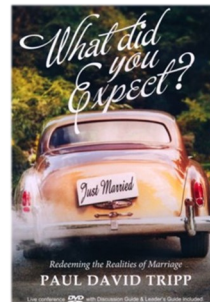
**CMCS Veterans Day Assembly - November 11**

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 them in honoring all our military veterans who have proudly served our country.



**CMCS Harvest Festival - November 19**

Mark your calendars to join them for a fun evening with delicious food and great fellowship at the Annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, November 19. A free-will Ham Dinner will begin serving at 4:30, with a Live Auction beginning at 6:30. Please check out the full schedule of booths and events on the school homepage at [www.cmcshool.org](http://www.cmcshool.org). They hope to see you there!



**STRENGTHENING MARRIAGE VIDEO SERIES COMING UP!**

Redeeming the Realities of Marriage, by Paul David Tripp

There will be a FREE 5 week strengthening marriage video conference held at the Roseland Reformed Church from 6:15-7:15 PM on Wednesday nights. It will begin on November 9th and run through December 14th, (no meeting on Dec 7).