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Fall 2022 Ministry Guide

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Our Mission...

is to love **GOD** and others
as an accepting community,
CENTERED IN CHRIST,
focused on developing faithful
FOLLOWERS OF **JESUS.**

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MLC - Ministry Leadership Council

Elders: Jerry Alverson	Pat Kellner	Deacons: Dave Armstrong	Deb Van Schepen
David Becker	Kristi Rosendahl	Melissa Spooner	Rashelle Wynegar

President of Congregation: Linda Milanowski-Westdorp

Christ's Kingdom through Faithfulness to the Ordinary

One of my favorite stories in the Scriptures is Jesus' sending of the 72 disciples in Luke 10. Jesus appoints them and then he sends them out in pairs to all "the places he was about to go." Apparently, Jesus is coming to these cities, homes, lives, and hearts but he sends his disciples out ahead of him with a very grand mission. Now, despite the drama of 'God in the flesh' appointing and sending 72 people into the mission field, their actual tasks are quite ordinary and humble.

They are to go, Jesus says, and have meals with the people who welcome them, to bring healing and restoration into the lives of people with needs, and to tell the story of what Christ's kingdom is like to those who ask. Doesn't that sound a lot like [belong, grow, and serve?!?](#)

As Jesus sends them out, he charges them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." It seems that there is no shortage of people who need the presence of joy-filled followers of Christ at their dinner tables, healing and restoration for the brokenness in their lives, or the hope of Christ's coming kingdom and the life-changing transformation it brings. ...and through our faithfulness, the kingdom of God draws near in our own time as well.

While the world around us shifts, tilts, and pivots, we remain steadfast in our mission to love God and others as an accepting community, centered in Christ, focused on developing faithful followers of Jesus. This timeless mission continues to animate us because the harvest is just as plentiful today as when Christ first charged his disciples. As you page through this fall's ministry guide, you'll discover a number of exciting opportunities to continue living into our mission and values. In our faithful steps to belong, grow, and serve this fall, may Christ's kingdom come nearer to us and to those who are far off!!

**Grace and Peace,
Tierra Marshall, Pastor of Formation & Strategic Leadership**

**We invite you to join us for worship
(in person or online) on Sundays
@ 9am and 10:30am!**

**What Belong, Grow, & Serve
Ideas Do You Have?**

There are so many ways that we can be the body of Christ in community with one another. If you have ideas that you don't see listed in this Ministry Guide, please share, and maybe even think about leading that group! Contact the church office.

Ways to Belong

Baptism | Ross Dieleman | rdieleman@fellowshipreformed.org

If you are interesting in being baptized or having your child baptized, please email Pastor Ross.

Coffee, Books, & Fellowship | Diana Stephens | dianastep@gmail.com

This women's group meets to drink coffee, enjoy a book study, and fellowship together. Meeting times and location TBD.

Communion | Ross Dieleman | rdieleman@fellowshipreformed.org

We typically celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of the month, in both worship services. If you have questions or would like to know more, please email Pastor Ross.

Discover Fellowship Class | Ross Dieleman | rdieleman@fellowshipreformed.org

If you would like to learn more about Fellowship, connect with others, and potentially become a member, we invite you to join us for our Discover Fellowship Class. Email Pastor Ross if you are interested.

FALL CLASS Wednesdays | October 5, 12, & 19 | 6:30pm-7:30pm

Empty Nesters | info@fellowshipreformed.org | 616.399.9280

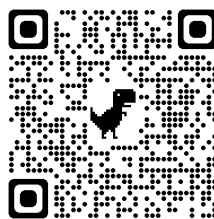
Since the kids are away, it's your time to play! If you are interested in gathering throughout the year and forming connections (or reconnections) with friends in this same stage of life, contact the church office.

Fellowship Groups

info@fellowshipreformed.org | 616.399.9280

Fellowship Groups are our way of doing life together. We gather regularly for the sake of belonging, growing, and serving together. This could look like a book study, gathering to do a project, enjoying a meal, discussing Sunday's sermon, or just having fun together. Our hope is that everyone is a part of a Fellowship Group. If you are not currently in a group, contact the church office, or use the QR code below to sign-up or create your own group.

JOIN



More Ways to Belong

Men's Wednesday Morning Breakfast | Jay Bruns | jaycbruns@yahoo.com

Breakfast and prayer every Wednesday morning @ 7am at Russ' North.

Men Seeking God | Duane Vandenbrink | duane.vandenbrink@gmail.com

Meets at Panera in Holland on Wednesdays @ 6:30am. We discuss the previous Sunday's message, and then check in with one another with praises and prayer requests. Come as often as your schedule allows.



Pickleball | Terry Pollard | tpollardeggs@gmail.com

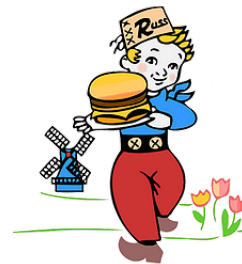
This group gathers @ 4pm each Monday to play pickleball in the Gym. All skill levels welcome!

Prime Timers | Angie Riksen | 616.886.0365

The PrimeTimers meet in the East Room the 4th Wednesday of each month @ 9am for fellowship, food, and fun. All people aged 65 and up are welcome!

Tuesday Morning Men's Breakfast | Jim Baar | jhbaar4@gmail.com

Meets every Tuesday @ 8am at Russ' North for prayer and fellowship.



Wonderful Widows | Sherry DeWitt | 616.392.6648

The Wonderful Widows meet in the East Room the 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 10am for fellowship, food, and fun!





Children's Ministry

Betsy Bruins | bbruins@fellowshipreformed.org

Emily Rosendahl | erosendahl@fellowshipreformed.org

Sunday Morning Ministries

Infants & Toddlers | Emily Rosendahl | erosendahl@fellowshipreformed.org

Nursery is offered for infants through 3 years old during the 9am and 10:30am worship services. It is open 15 minutes before and 10 minutes after each service. Nursery is staffed by Emily, our Nursery Coordinator, and/or a high school attendant, along with parents who make use of the Nursery.

Children Age 3 (by September 1) - 5th Grade

Children begin worship in the Sanctuary with their families and are dismissed before the sermon. They will then line up in the Atrium and follow their teachers to their classroom. Pick up your child in the Children's Wing following the service.

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Offered only @ 10:30am for kids 3 years old through 1st grade. These kids worship in their own space called "The Worship Center". They hear stories of God, sing songs, have work time to respond, listen to scripture, and have a time of sharing and prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Offered @ 9am and 10:30am for kids 3-years-old through 5th grade. Kids learn about God's story and how they fit into it. At 9am, kids will be together in one class. At 10:30am, kids will be split into 2nd/3rd and 4th/5th grades. Our "Living the Word" curriculum follows the same scripture and theme that we do in the Sanctuary.

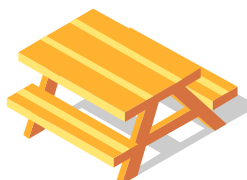
Child Check-In

Please check your child in at the Check-In Kiosk in the Atrium before the start of the service. Keep your parent pick-up tag to show your child's teacher. This is for infants - 5th grade.

All Together Sundays

A time for children in 2nd-8th grades to remain with their families for the entire worship service. There is no regular Sunday School on those Sundays. The dates for this fall are November 27, December 25, and January 1. Nursery and Children & Worship is still offered for children through 1st grade on these Sundays.

Upcoming Family Activities



KICK-OFF SUNDAY & CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 11
11:45am @ church.



FALL FEST & CHILI NIGHT

Wednesday, October 26
5:45pm-7:30pm @ church.

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Youth Ministry



Our Mission

Fellowship Youth Ministry is an accepting community of students and adults who are focused on helping each other belong in God's family, grow in their faith, and serve in the world with Christ.

Middle School (Elevate) | 6th - 8th Grades
Hannah Cochran | hcochrane@fellowshipreformed.org



Sunday School

Offered the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month during the 10:30am worship service. Middle school students participate in classes that engage them in lessons that are based on the same scripture used in the worship service. The 1st Sunday of every month, middle school students are invited to serve as a door greeter, kids' Sunday School helper, Nursery assistant, or Tech Team shadow.

Youth Group

Join us on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-6pm as we dig deeper into God's Word, build community, and have fun together. The hope is that students grow in their knowledge of, and relationship with, God, as well as continue to build relationships with one another and their leaders.

Retreats & Trips

Each year, middle school students have the opportunity to participate in weekend retreats and summer experiences that focus on belonging, growing, and serving. This summer we will travel to Chicago, IL to serve alongside other students at Christ Community Church's Youth Week. We will also travel back to Pennsylvania to the New Wilmington Mission Conference. Sign ups will be this fall!

High School | 9th - 12th Grades
Bryce Vander Stelt | bvanderstelt@fellowshipreformed.org



HSM (High School Ministry)

On Sunday nights from 6-8pm, high school students and adult leaders gather together to take part in games, discussions, service, and prayer. Students will experience God's love and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through our time together.

Confirmation Class

High School students who are interested in being confirmed as members of the church will explore the foundations of our Christian faith together. Our goal is to help unify what they have already learned in Christian education, worship experiences, and with their family.

Rocky Mountain High

Join us next summer, July 22-26, as we head to Estes Park, Colorado to take part in Rocky Mountain High. This is a retreat put on by the RCA where teenagers and leaders share in a large group experience with the transformational love of Jesus in the heart of the Rocky mountains. Sign ups will begin in late October.

Community Nights

Join us on Wednesday nights for dinner followed by children & youth ministries, music rehearsals, and adult ministries. Please use the **QR code** below to sign-up to participate!

Schedule

5:45pm: Dinner
6:15pm: Children & Youth
Ministries
6:30pm: Adult Ministries
7:30pm: Activities conclude



Intergenerational Event Dates

October 26 - Fall Fest & Chili Night
November 23 - Thanksgiving Eve Service
December 14 - Children's Impromptu Christmas Pageant

Children's Ministry | Betsy Bruins | bbruins@fellowshipreformed.org

BLAST - Bible Learning And Sharing Together (4 years old - 5th grade)

This fall we are doing a curriculum called "Rocky Road...Life on the Straight and Narrow," which is an ice cream themed Bible curriculum! There will be a combination of large group Bible lessons and ice breakers, and small group activities, including crafts, playing in the gym, and prayer time. Kids head into the gym with Ms. Betsy at 6:15pm. Please pick up your child at 7:30pm in the gym.

Nursery | Emily Rosendahl | erosendahl@fellowshipreformed.org

Nursery is available for infants up to 4 years old for children whose parents are teaching, involved in worship rehearsal, or engaging in adult ministry opportunities.

Youth Ministry | Hannah Cochrane | hcochrane@fellowshipreformed.org

Elevate (6th - 8th grade)

The Elevate gathering on Wednesday nights is a mid-week night of fun and fellowship: games, Mystery Trips, service projects, movie nights, and so much more.

Adult Ministry | Tierra Marshall | tmarshall@fellowshipreformed.org

Every Good Endeavor | Tierra Marshall, Suzanne McDonald, & Scott Patchin | tmarshall@fellowshipreformed.org

Join us for an interactive exploration of God's purposes for and through our work, both paid and unpaid. We'll utilize Tim Keller and Katherine Leary-Alsdorf's [Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work](#) as a springboard for reflection, discussion, storytelling, and other activities from week to week. There are multiple ways to participate: in-person on Wednesdays at Community Nights, in your own formal or informal Fellowship Group, or on your own with the chance to discuss the book with one of the book study leaders along the way. All are invited to participate including your friends, neighbors, and colleagues who don't belong to Fellowship. Register using the QR code to reserve a copy of the book and to indicate your preference for participation.

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Questions and Conversations: Jesus in the Old Testament

Carol Washburn, Paul & Tina Reyren | carolwashburn@sbcglobal.net

Join us as we engage the Scripture text each week! We will focus on the same passage the pastor will preach on the following Sunday. A conversation guide will be given in each week's bulletin and a more in-depth guide will be available at the Welcome Center. We will discuss questions you will want to talk about, such as, "What does the account of Noah have to do with Jesus?" "When Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, how did they enslave themselves?" You can feel free to add your own questions to the conversation, too. Beginning September 7th and 8th. This group has three meeting options to fit your schedule:

- OPTION 1 Wednesdays at Community Nights | 6:30-7:30pm
- OPTION 2 Thursdays on Zoom | 10-11am
- OPTION 3 Thursdays in the Atrium | 1:30-2:30pm

Open Fellowship Group | Burt & Marlene Braunius | bbraunius@yahoo.com

Fellowship Groups are the Fellowship way of doing life together. They are a great place to belong, grow, and serve. This Wednesday night group is continually "open" for those who would like to try it out. Join the Community Night meal @ 5:45pm and the group from 6:30-7:30pm. Wednesday nights, September 14 - December 7.



Other Ways to Grow



Spiritual Fitness | Paulette Chaponniere | paulette.chaponniere@gmail.com

This group seeks to exercise our spiritual muscles by practicing the practices of the faith. They meet Sunday Mornings @ 10:15am in the adult classroom wing, room N4.

Women's Bible Study | Bonnie Bruursema | 616.399.4924

This group meets every 3rd Monday at 1:30pm at Fellowship in the East Room, September - May. They will be starting a new book called The Bad Girls of the Bible to shape their discussions.

Young Adults | Bryce VanderStelt | bstelt@fellowshipreformed.org

This is a group of 18-30(ish) year olds who meet throughout the year to build community and grow together.



Worship Arts Ministry

Jess Mix | jmix@fellowshipreformed.org



Audio & Video Tech Team | Jess Mix | jmix@fellowshipreformed.org

The A/V Team is open to anyone interested in leading worship through technology. This includes operating cameras & video switcher technology, sound board, online audio mixing, and media & lyric projection. No prior tech experience required, and training is provided! Rehearsals (optional for camera & video switcher techs; required for audio & media projection techs) are on Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm-8:30pm, prior to your scheduled Sunday.

Handbell Choir | Christy Garcia | christal.d.garcia@gmail.com

Bell Choir is open to adults and teens who read music. Mentoring and training provided, as needed! Rehearsals are every Tuesday, 6pm-7pm. The Bell Choir plays in worship approximately monthly, from fall to spring.

Worship Band | Jess Mix | jmix@fellowshipreformed.org

Rotating teams of gifted musicians who lead the music in our worship services. Open to all types and skill levels of instrumentalists and singers. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm-8:30pm, prior to your scheduled Sunday.

If you have skills and passions in the visual arts, Scripture reading (and enacting or memorization), sign language, dance, orchestra or brass ensembles, poetry, prayer writing, or any other areas that would enrich our time of gathered worship, please contact Jess!

Care Ministry

Pat Vorpapel | pvorpapel@fellowshipreformed.org

Delivering Home Communion | Jan Dalman | jan.dalman38@gmail.com

Pairs of ordained elders (not necessarily serving currently) who take communion to homebound members of Fellowship.

Soup Ministry | Vonnie Elhart | vonnieelhart@yahoo.com

A team of people who make and freeze soup for volunteers to take to homebound people.

Card Team | Angie Riksen | ariksen@icloud.com

A group that sends cards to members with needs following surgery, hospitalization, and other life events.

Meal Ministry | Kristi Rosendahl | kristi.rosendahl@gmail.com

Sign up to make a meal for families within our congregation who are in need of a little help and love.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group | Cindy Birtles | birtlesc@evergreencommons.org

This group meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month from 3pm-4pm.

Prayer Chain | Pat Vorpapel | pvorpapel@fellowshipreformed.org

Members of the prayer chain agree with the confidentiality of all prayer requests, are notified as prayer requests arise, and pray informally at home.

Fellowship Angels | Jayne Phillips | jlynnp1151@aol.com

Members of this group make and deliver "blessing bags" to folks going through hard times.

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Serve Locally

Karen Donker | kldonker@fellowshipreformed.org

Hand2Hand

H2H provides weekend supplemental food for families who struggle to buy adequate food on the weekends. You can be a part of this effort in three ways:



DONATE FOOD ITEMS

For the list of needed items, visit our website fellowshipreformed.org/missions.

HELP PACK BAGS

with food for students on Wednesdays.

ASSIST WITH DELIVERY

to Lakewood Elementary or Pine Creek Elementary on Thursdays from 3:30pm–4:30pm.

Kids Hope USA

Kids Hope is a relational ministry in which people from Fellowship engage with students at Lakewood Elementary and Macatawa Bay Middle School. You can be a part of this ministry in two ways:

MENTOR

meet with a student one hour a week, from October to May.

PRAYER PARTNER

commit to praying for a mentor and student on a weekly basis.

Community Action House Food Club | Shayne Wuerfel | swuerfel@charter.net

Join the team of people who help make the "grocery store" at the CAH Food Club run by helping stock shelves, sort food, or run the cash register! On the second Tuesday of every month from 5-7:15pm and the third Monday of every month from 8:45am-12pm.

ReFresh Meal Service | Linda Dalman | dalman.linda@gmail.com

Join the team of folks that serves a hot meal to some of the people who are experiencing homelessness in the Holland community. This takes place on the first Wednesday of each month, from 6-8pm on October 5, November 2, and December 7 at First United Methodist Church in downtown Holland.

Serve Broadly

Nate Schipper | nschipper@fellowshipreformed.org

Borderlands

November 9-12 | The RCA and our global partner, Angel Lopez, will host a trip to Juarez, Mexico to see first hand the ministry that is happening amongst people at the border. This trip will be an opportunity to experience a national issue and consider how to faithfully respond. It will surely challenge, confront, and cause you to question how to think about immigration- no matter what "side" you think you are on!
Contact Pastor Nate to sign up.

Trip Opportunities

Chiapas Mexico

March 1-6 | Come experience the fruit of decades of RCA Global Mission presence in Chiapas, Mexico. On this trip, we will visit churches, dream with leaders, and hear stories of our long history in the area with our mission partner Chuck VanEngen.

Contact Pastor Nate to sign up.

Netherlands

Late April or Early May | Witness the work God is doing in post-Christian Europe through our church planting partners in Appledorn, Netherlands. On this trip, we will learn of the history of the church, the good work being done, and encourage our partners in their efforts.

Contact Pastor Nate to sign up.

Other Ways to Serve

Hospitality Team | Nate Schipper | nschipper@fellowshipreformed.org

Hospitality at Fellowship takes many forms. We are always looking for volunteers in the following areas: Welcome Center, coffee, parking lot, door greeters, ushers, set-up and tear down for events, etc.

Community Night Meal Team | Patty VanDenBrand | pvandenbrand@chartermi.net

Join the Meal Team as they prep, serve, and clean up from our church-wide meals each Wednesday evening during Community Nights.

Special Needs Missional Community | Martie Bultman | bultmanm@hope.edu

This community focuses on creating an inclusive environment at Fellowship where those with developmental disabilities and/or physical challenges, as well as their families and caregivers, will feel welcomed. Our passion is to love God together and to cultivate a worshipping community where people of all abilities are valued, accepted, and engaged.

Children's Ministries | Betsy Bruins | bbruins@fellowshipreformed.org

We are always looking for volunteers to help in various ways. Serve on Wednesday nights or Sunday morning nursery, be an assistant or substitute Sunday School teacher, volunteer as a Children and Worship leader, or help with special events.

Christian Aid Response Team | Nate Schipper | nschipper@fellowshipreformed.org

Do you have a special skill you would be willing to offer on an as-needed basis to serve members of our congregation? (i.e. plumbers, builders, drivers, cleaners, etc.) If so, join this team by contacting Pastor Nate!

Knitting and Crocheting Missional Community | Carol Leitch | leitchcarol@att.net

This community meets to create knitted and crocheted items for those in need and to teach new members the craft of knitting and crocheting. Meetings are Mondays @ 6:30pm at Fellowship, and Wednesdays @ 9:30am at Fellowship. There are also other craft groups that meet at various times throughout the week.

