

# CONSISTORY DOUBLE SLATE

Each year our outgoing consistory members are tasked with finding their own replacements. At the end of March, we will draw names to determine the final slate, which the congregation will be asked to approve in April at our congregational meeting. Please contact Pastor Nate or Doug DeLeeuw (Nominations Team Chair), if you have any questions or concerns. See below for those who have said they would be willing to serve in the corresponding roles. We give thanks for them!

## With Love | Week 3



### Prayer

#### Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina, or "divine reading," is the discipline of listening for the voice of God through the images, words, and phrases that catch our attention as we read the Scriptures. Through this simple practice, the Scriptures come alive as we encounter our Triune God, and ourselves, through them.



- Preparation** | Select a scripture passage to engage.
- Silencio** | Allow yourself to become silent and still before God.
- Lectio** | Read the text aloud, noticing the images, words, and phrases that stand out.
- Meditatio** | Read the text a second time, meditating on the connection between the text and your heart, life, and relationships.
- Oratio** | Read the text a third time, discerning God's loving, gracious invitation to you today.
- Contemplatio** | Prayerfully contemplate and come to rest in the presence of God.

### Fasting



#### A Simple Practice for Fasting

- Discern** | Prayerfully discern the appetite that you will relinquish - a meal, social media, technology, etc.
- Design** | Make a plan for your fast - when, how long, people who need to know about it, etc.
- Delight** | Discern how you will actively turn toward God with joy and delight during your fast.

### Mercy



#### Welcome the Stranger

- Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity this Friday, March 17, 8am-12pm or 1-4pm. Sign up at the Welcome Center or using the QR code.
- Learn more about the ministry happening at the US/Mexico border with our RCA Global Mission Partner Angel Lopez.

Use the QR code and click "Mercy" to sign up to serve with Habitat or learn more about the border ministry.

Use the QR code for more in-depth information on this week's prayer, fasting, and mercy practices.



## We are pleased to share the following double-slate for MLC and CLC.

### MLC - ELDER (1 SELECTED)

- Rodger Price
- Steve VanderHill
- Gary Walters

### MLC - DEACON (1 SELECTED)

- Dave Cammenga
- Robyn Hofmeyer

### CLC - ELDER (4 SELECTED)

- Cheri Aardema
- Aaron Anderson
- Jeri Bozovsky
- Paul Christensen
- Nancy Hunt
- Joan Kroeze
- Gerry Schreur
- Mary Veele

### CLC - DEACON (4 SELECTED)

- Steve Buck
- Julie Freyer
- Emily Garcia
- Petra Gonzalez
- Cathy Hamilton
- Heather Postma
- Will Prins
- Robert Vorpapel

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**Prelude**

**Processional:** *Teach Us Your Ways\**

**Call to Worship:** 3rd Sunday of Lent

*God So Loved\**

*Way Maker\**

**Prayer Practice:** Lectio Divina (Revelation 22:14, 17)

*All Who Are Thirsty\**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Welcome & Announcements**

(children 3 yrs - 5th grade are dismissed during the song - 9am service)

(children 3 yrs - 8th grade are dismissed during song - 10:30am service)

*Come, O Sinners, Poor and Needy\**

**Scripture:** Matthew 22:1-14

**Sermon:** "From Expectation to Invitation"

*All Things Are Ready\**

**Benediction:** *Doxology\**

**Postlude**

*\*indicates congregational song*

**Leading in the Service**

**Preaching:** Rev. Nate Schipper | **Liturgists:** Rev. Ross Dieleman, Rev. Tierra Marshall, Jess Mix

**Musicians:** James Braunius, Lori Maatman, Kate Meyer, Jennie Schmidt, Lori Stump, Bob VanDenBrand, Dave Wynegar, Rob Zylman

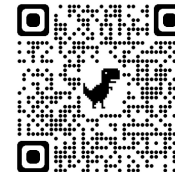
**Audio & Video Tech Team:** Joel Bosma, Steve Braunius, Jabin Dieleman, Karen Donker, Brandon Folkert, Mary Moore, Jeff Stuttgart, Bryce Vander Stelt, Evan Zoerner

**NIGHT OF WORSHIP**

Halfway through the season of Lent, we invite you to a special night of extended musical worship (new and familiar), focusing on themes of trusting God for refreshment and renewal. Join us TONIGHT: March 12 @ 6:30pm.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

This week's mercy practice is *welcome the stranger*. We have the opportunity to participate in this practice by serving with Habitat for Humanity this Friday, March 17. We invite you to sign up at the Welcome Center or use the QR code.



**DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS PROGRAM**

Thank you, God, for food! Fellowship Church eats a lot of food! :) We are celebrating sending in our 6th bundle of grocery receipts totaling \$150,000 to Spartan-Nash. Why did we send receipts back to the place we bought groceries from? Because in return, they have sent us six \$1,000 checks to be used for local and global missions! That money has been used to support mission trips, fund community development projects in developing nations, and equip local & global leaders to serve the church. SpartanNash's Direct Your Dollars program, which ended on March 1, 2023, granted over \$2.2 million to nonprofit organizations since 2016. BIG thanks to Duane & Ginger VandenBrink and Kristi Rosendahl for their persistent work in collecting and counting receipts. Thanks to everyone for your support and participation!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

This group meets the 3rd Monday of each month @ 1:30pm in the East Room, September - May. They are continuing their way through a book called *The Bad Girls of the Bible* to shape their discussions.

As an **ALL BELONG** church, Fellowship welcomes all individuals and families living with disabilities. Please inquire at the Welcome Center for assistance and/or additional information.

**The Teacher**

**Matthew 22:1-14 | March 12**

Journal it. Ask a friend. Discuss it in a group.

**Reflect |** What is one of the best wedding celebrations you have ever been invited to? What made it so special?

**Excavate |** Read Matthew 22:1-14. In this parable of the Wedding Banquet, what invitation does the king extend? Who refuses the king's invitation? Who accepts the invitation? What happens to the one who does not put on the wedding clothes provided by the king?

**Interpret |** What wedding is the king celebrating? Why is the king's invitation so extraordinary? Why don't the first list of guests pay attention? What do those who accept the invitation gain? Why does the one the king calls "friend" not put on the wedding clothes the king provides?

**Examine |** Why would those invited refuse this extraordinary invitation from their king—too busy, too rebellious, too apathetic, too careless? Thinking about your own life, what might cause you to refuse an extraordinary invitation from the King? What might compel you to accept?

**Apply |** In your Lenten preparation this week, what might God be inviting you to put off... and what particular practice of prayer, fasting, or mercy might God be inviting you to put on in its place?

**Invite |** Might you pray this week for an opportunity to share with someone what this season of Lent means to you personally? If so led, might you invite this person to a Lenten service, Community Night dinner, or a viewing of Fellowship's Lenten Art Gallery?

**Please note:** The Questions & Conversations reflection questions above are in line with the current week's sermon, instead of looking ahead to the next. If you would like to look ahead to next week, please use the QR code!

