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...the Lord's mercies
... ARE NEW EVERY MORNING ...
great is thy **FAITHFULNESS.**

Lamentations 3:22-23

First Allendale CRC
Monthly Financial Report
December 31, 2023

Beginning Checking Balance **\$83,449.32**

Revenue	December	Year-To-Date	Budget	Remaining
General Fund Collections	\$59,631.05	\$181,491.05	\$357,000.00	\$175,508.95
Christian Education Tuition Assistance	\$6,176.64	\$13,779.49	\$22,000.00	\$8,220.51
Causes	\$8,467.00	\$42,521.51	\$65,000.00	\$22,478.49
Cadets	\$465.00	\$2,090.00	\$2,500.00	\$410.00
Gems	\$2,736.54	\$3,906.54	\$6,000.00	\$2,093.46
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Interest Income	\$51.12	\$282.95	\$100.00	-\$182.95
Total Revenue	\$77,527.35	\$244,071.54	\$452,600.00	\$208,528.46

Expenses	December	Year-To-Date	Budget	Remaining
Facilities	\$4,240.39	\$33,822.04	\$104,200.00	\$70,377.96
Worship and Music	\$830.34	\$4,338.98	\$10,300.00	\$5,961.02
Education	\$1,806.68	\$6,835.24	\$12,500.00	\$5,664.76
Staff	\$15,625.04	\$101,128.94	\$200,180.00	\$99,051.06
Local Ministries	\$25,963.86	\$56,496.61	\$88,270.00	\$31,773.39
Denominational Ministries	\$17,740.16	\$30,372.31	\$66,720.00	\$36,347.69
Total Expenses	\$66,206.47	\$232,994.12	\$482,170.00	\$249,175.88
Reserved Funds Used	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Net Income/Loss	\$11,320.88	\$11,077.42	-\$29,570.00	-\$40,647.42

Reserved Fund Balances	
Restricted Bequests	\$12,704.36
Building Maintenance	\$17,173.86
Christian Education Tuition Assistance	\$13,303.70
Causes	\$0.00
Ministry Shares	\$0.00
Total Reserved Funds	\$43,181.92

General Funds Available **\$51,588.28**

Barnabas Accounts	
Ministries Fund	\$69,506.39
General Reserve	\$99,468.83
Building Maintenance	\$37,228.63
Total Barnabas Funds	\$206,203.85



Happy New Year!

We live in a rapidly changing world that is eroding family values and moral ethics. This is evident by the climbing divorce rates, suicide among our youth, lack of concern about drugs, alcohol and carefree and casual sex.

It is also evident by the apathetic approach to end of life issues like assisted suicide and Euthanasia. Even now several states have taken up with this issue with legislation under the artful name "Right to Die".

As pro-lifers we need to advocate and focus on LIFE respecting measures when dealing with end of life issues. Medical treatment can be switched from curing to CARING, but never to killing. A person's death should result from the normal course of a disease or injury and not from the withholding of food and water, nor by over-dosing the patient with morphine!

Real compassion and care for the dying and the aged comes through meeting all their needs: physical, emotional and spiritual. The goal should be to reduce the suffering not the person who is suffering.

The Declaration of Independence most well-known phrase is: Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

We as PROLIFERS need to call upon the medical profession, the media and the general public to restore the focus of medical treatment on healing and comforting, we need to foster life, not destroy it.

Allowing children or adults to die for political agenda or clout should NEVER be the answer!

Help Centers in Ottawa & Allegan County

Allegan - Positive Options: 1.269.686.7111

Allendale - Positive Options: 616.865.1893

Love Inc.: 616.895.5683

Family Life Center of West MI: 616.895.8336

Grand Haven - Positive Options: 616.842.7510

Mosaic Counseling: 616.842.9160

Holland - Positive Options: 6146.396.5840

Bethany Christian Services: 616.3969.0623

Catholic Charities West MI: 616.796.9595

Jenison - Adoption Assoc.: 616.6377.0677

1-800-57WOMAN



- ◆ NO Church Rep meeting in January, we will have a meeting on February 8th at 7:30pm!
- ◆ Sanctity of Life Walk and Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 20th, with walk starting at 11:00am at the corner of 10th and Central and we will be walking around Centennial Park until 11:30am, followed by a Service of Remembrance and Encouragement in the Sanctuary of Central Avenue CRC 259 Central Avenue, Holland, 49423 (11:30am-Noon).
- ◆ Oratory Contest, Thursday, March 14, 2024 7:00pm and registration is due by February 27, 2024. Contest will be held in the Ministry Center of Central

We will be doing a project for Hope Packages (organization who gives out 1st night bags to kids entering foster care) and we will be putting together these bags at our February 2024 Church rep meeting.

The following items are needed for children sizes 12, 14, 16:

Pj's
Socks
Underwear
Sm. throw blanket
Teen body wash
Deodorant
Toothpaste (NO toothbrushes)
African-American hair care products
Backpacks or duffle bags

*Items can be dropped off at our office,
607 Heritage Court, Holland, MI
during our normal office hours!*

On Dec. 11th at the State Capitol, Governor Whitmer signed the final bill of the so-called Reproductive Health Act which, among other things, repealed the abortion insurance opt-out law. "Under the guise of expanding abortion access, the Governor has just mandated that all Michigan taxpayers pay for other peoples' abortions through insurance purchased on the state exchanges. Today was all about forcing Michigan taxpayers, already experiencing financial strain from inflation, to fund the Governor's singular policy focus – abortion," said Genevieve Marnon, Legislative Director. "Do not be fooled. This bill has nothing to do with access to abortion for women who have been subjected to sexual abuse. Women in Michigan have full access to abortion up until birth for any reason whatsoever," added Marnon.

**Supporting
Life. The
other
choice.**



Family Life Center in Allendale is need of:



Regular Baby wipes
Sensitive Skin Baby Wipes
Unscented Baby Wipes

Wipes can be dropped off to our office!

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9a-3p

GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF AND BOARD

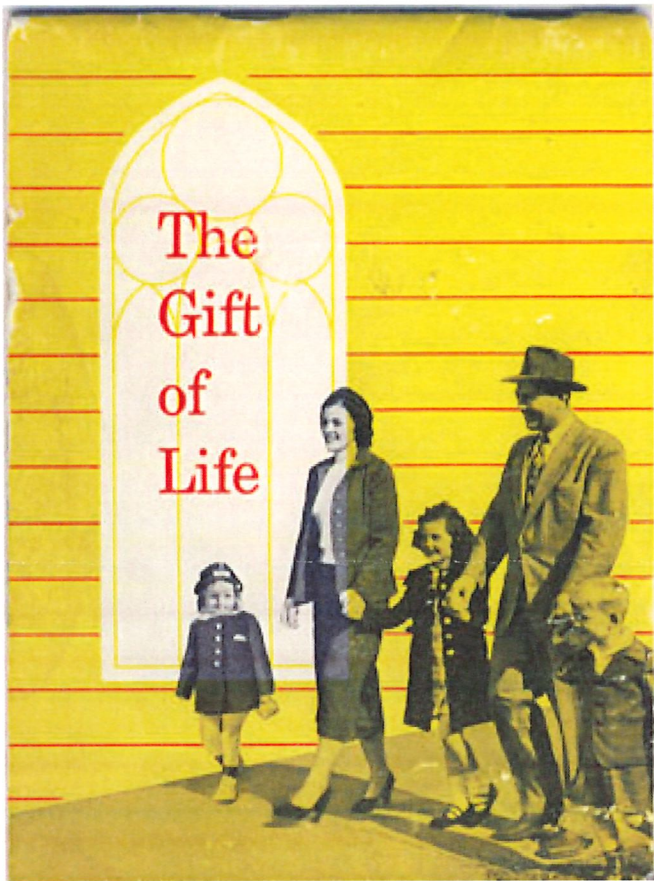
Kurt Vegt

He has been married to his wonderful wife Sue going on 32 years. They have 4 children, 3 girls and a boy, Kelli, Shelby, Kyle and Stephanie. All of them are married and between the oldest two they have four grandchildren consisting of one girl and four boys. Kurt says, "I believe I'm pro life partially from my upbringing in a pro life family and a pro life church (one that I have heard from the heart of Pat Bekius for many of those years) and also many years listening to Christian radio all together have solidified my pro life beliefs".

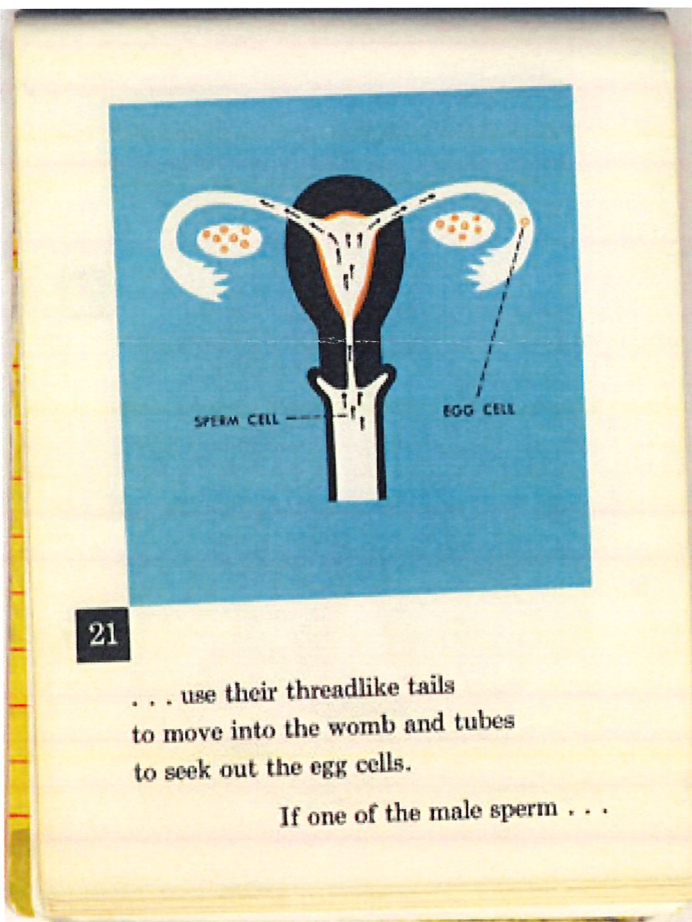
Right to Life of Holland Area is looking for a couple of more board members. If you would like to become a board member, please contact our office at 616.396.1037 and ask for Ann.

This is a Planned Parenthood Flyer from the 1940's/1950's

Note: The Title of Flyer—The Gift of LIFE and the last page - A new LIFE begins!



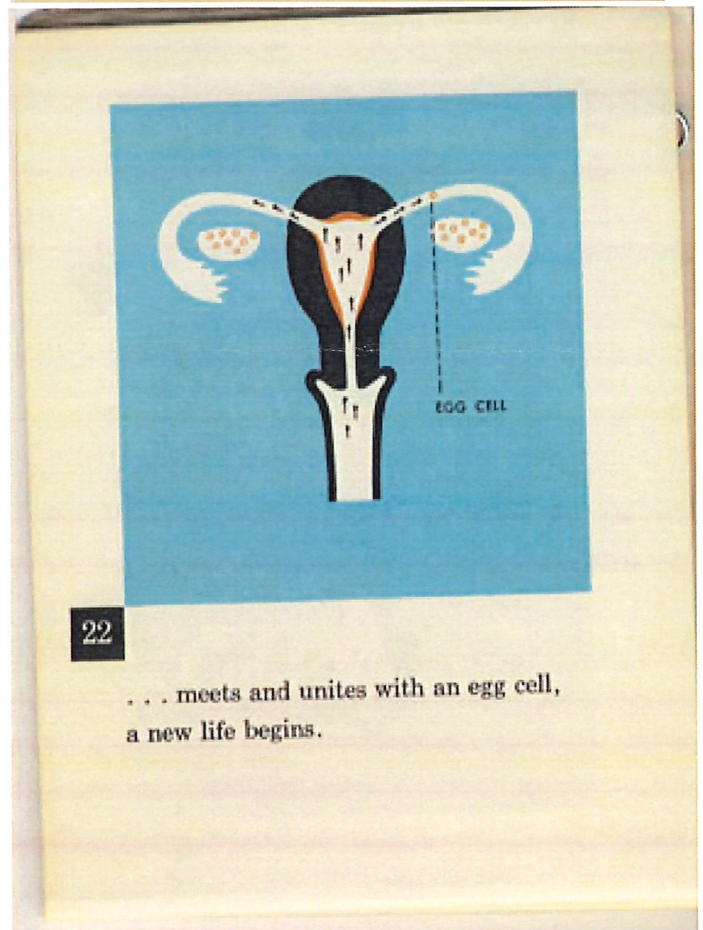
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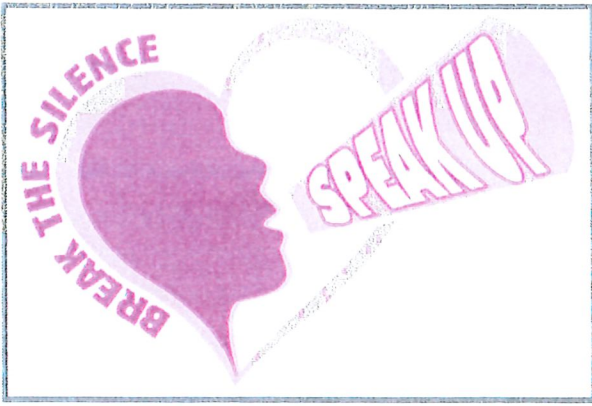
... use their threadlike tails
to move into the womb and tubes
to seek out the egg cells.

If one of the male sperm ...



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... meets and unites with an egg cell,
a new life begins.



**Right to Life of Michigan
EDUCATIONAL FUND
HIGH SCHOOL ORATORY CONTEST
MARCH 14, 2024 @ 7:00pm at
Central Ave. CRC 259 Central Ave
Holland, MI 49423**

Research one of the issues below and make a 5-7 minute prolife presentation to a panel of judges.

**ABORTION, EUTHANASIA, INFANTICIDE,
EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH/HUMAN CLONING**

LOCAL PRIZES - \$250 - \$150 - \$100

STATE PRIZES - \$500 - \$300 - \$200

NATIONAL PRIZES - \$1,000 - \$750 - \$500 - \$250

This contest is open to all prolife Michigan high school students.

Contact your local coordinator for local contest details:

Affiliate Contest: [RIGHT TO LIFE OF HOLLAND AREA](#)

Local Coordinator: [BETTY DRIESENKA - 616-396-1037 or awilson.rtl@gmail.com](#)

Local Contest Date: [March 14, 2024](#) Entry Deadline: [Feb. 27, 2024](#)

Organized by local Right to Life affiliates, Right to life of Michigan Educational Fund and the National Right to Life Committee.

*Right to Life of Holland Area, 607 Heritage Court, Holland, MI 49423; 616.396.1037
awilson.rtl@gmail.com ~ www.rtlholland.org*

2023

MINISTRY
REPORT



Building a Bright Future

Resonate
GLOBAL MISSION

A Ministry of the Christian Reformed Church

From the Director



God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts. —2 Corinthians 4:6

Thank you for partnering with Resonate— together with you, we are shining the light of Christ around the world and rekindling our passion for mission here at home.

I'm so grateful to report an encouraging and exciting year for Resonate, your Christian Reformed mission agency. We've seen God doing wonderful things in more than 40 countries, welcomed more than 30 new missionaries, and been blessed with strong financial support—**over \$20 million**—from mission-minded partners like you. Thank you! We couldn't have done all this without you.

In this report you'll find just a few highlights of God's faithful work through your partnership with us. Your support for Resonate makes it possible to share the gospel with people who are struggling. Through our three Core Initiatives— missionary ministry, church planting, and mobilizing congregations—you are helping

people to find hope in Jesus Christ. What a great example of your faith in action!

I believe the future is bright for mission work in the Christian Reformed Church. We serve a missional God who calls us to this work! And Resonate is an extension of your own church: we exist to serve you and walk with you on mission in your own community and around the world.

As we move ahead into whatever God has planned for us, I want to encourage you to find unity in the mission work you're called to—through supporting Resonate as well as in your own life. We can do more together than we can on our own! Thank you for all that you do—in your own neighborhood and worldwide.

Serving with you,

Kevin DeRaaf
Director

On the Cover:

New church plants with new ways of worship and life together give us the broadest ability to reach people. Thank you for supporting church plants like King's Covenant in Bridgewater, New Jersey.



You are growing the church

—and providing a church home for many diverse people groups



Church Planting

As people move throughout the world, communities across Canada and the United States are becoming more ethnically diverse. Within the span of a few blocks in your hometown today, you might hear different languages spoken or see different styles of clothing representing dozens of cultures.

"There's a fullness to our witness to the gospel that's only possible as a diverse people," explained Tim Sheridan, your church planting leader at Resonate. "As communities become more diverse, there is a need for churches that have different ways of praying, reading Scripture, and worshipping God."

Here's a glimpse at a few partner church plants that you support:

A New Expression of Church

New Jersey is one of the most ethnically and racially diverse states in the U.S. Church planter Timothy Joo, pastor of King's Covenant Church in Bridgewater Township, says, "New church plants . . . give us the broadest ability to reach people."

Through King's Covenant Church you're reaching the increasing population of Korean American and Chinese American people in this area. The church has also connected with local campus ministries, supporting them financially, through prayer, and by hosting Bible studies!



A Diverse Church Reflects a Diverse City

"Edmonton [Alberta] is a diverse city because God has brought the four corners of the world into our city—and that's why God has sent us here," said pastor Victor Ko at mosaicHouse church.

One member said she was drawn to mosaicHouse because she felt safe being herself in conversations. She said she would also feel comfortable inviting friends from different cultures: "There are people from all over the world . . . here in mosaicHouse; we're able to feel some unity."



Providing for the Latino Community

As Sunlight Community Church in Port St. Lucie, Florida, grew, they saw a need to reach the growing Latino community in their area. With your help, the congregation planted Iglesia Sunlight Español, a church where people can worship and hear a message in the language they know best.

"Our neighborhood community lacks a central event or location to gather people together for community and relationship building," said Pastor John Granada. You are helping them to meet these needs!



Stories You Made Possible



WHOLE IN CHRIST CANADA EAST

Not everyone works in a "ministry" job, but that doesn't mean a job can't be a ministry. Through Mission Montréal's Urban Lab cohort, you're equipping young adults who want to learn how their faith in Christ makes a difference—no matter where they're working or what they're doing. Find out how Avigail found work, mentorship, and a call to mission through your partnership with Mission Montréal at resonateglobalmission.org/avigail



Mobilizing
Congregations

IN NEED OF HOPE AND A FRIEND WESTERN UNITED STATES

G'awna and her boyfriend were living in a motel when she found out she was pregnant. She didn't know what to do—she was fighting addiction and trapped in an abusive relationship, feeling hopeless. But then she met a volunteer from Jesus on Colfax, a Resonate partner you help to support in Aurora, Colorado. Read about how her life started to grow brighter after you made it possible for Christians with food and encouragement to knock on her door at resonateglobalmission.org/gawna



Mobilizing
Congregations

PAINTING AND PRACTICING HOSPITALITY CENTRAL AMERICA, GREAT LAKES

Teenagers who volunteered in Costa Rica are taking important lessons back home to Michigan! Alongside your missionaries Adrianna Herrera and Jim Padilla DeBorst, 13 teens from Ann Arbor lived with host families in Costa Rica, learned about their stories, dug into Scripture, and built relationships—all while serving the local community there. "One of the biggest ways we can learn and change . . . is probably just by including everyone," said one student. Discover more about how this group learned how to live out God's mission in their home community at resonateglobalmission.org/hospitality



Mobilizing
Congregations



Sending Missionaries

DISCOVERING THE STORY OF JONAH

EUROPE

A Resonate ministry called Global Coffee Break worked with Nasdya's church in Prague, Czech Republic, to translate Discover Jonah, one of the Christian Reformed Church's most well-loved Bible study books, into Czech. Her church has a strong small group culture but doesn't have access to many Bible study resources in their language. In fact, six small groups have already finished the book—thanks to your support, they deepened their understanding of God's character together. Find out how you can help them discover more of the Bible at resonateglobalmission.org/prague



Sending Missionaries

CELEBRATING 41 BAPTISMS IN CAMBODIA

SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

"Who is getting baptized today?" asked Pastor Neang. Forty-one people raised their hands. At this rural church the land is rich, but life for people is hard. Your missionaries Navy Chann-Chhay and Ly Chhay equip and train local pastors here, and God is working through your partnership! People are learning about Jesus, and the gospel is bringing hope for the future. Meet three young women who were baptized at this celebration at resonateglobalmission.org/baptisms

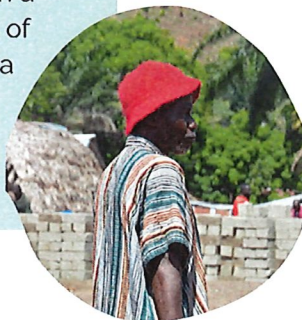


Sending Missionaries

YOU'RE SHARING THE GOOD NEWS IN A MUSLIM COMMUNITY

WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

Joseph is a Resonate partner in Sierra Leone. He felt the Holy Spirit leading him to share the gospel with a predominantly Muslim village. But he didn't just go to visit—he moved into the village. God surprised Joseph when a number of people were captivated by the good news of Jesus. The chief took him aside privately to say, "I am a secret follower of Christ," and he helped Joseph find land and a building to use for ministry! Read more at resonateglobalmission.org/joseph



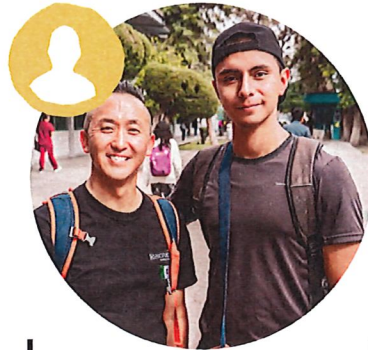
Fresh Energy For the Mission

Three Core Initiatives guiding us toward a bright future



Mobilizing Congregations

We walk alongside your church in living out God's mission both at home and around the world.



Sending Missionaries

We identify, hire, train, and place believers in long-term ministry vocations and short-term volunteer opportunities.



Planting Churches

We partner with established churches to start new churches to connect with people who are not yet part of a faith community.

The vision that unites us: we want to see communities of disciples joining in God's mission and faithfully proclaiming and living out the good news of Jesus.

Resonate has a place for each member of your church family to live into God's mission. Are you passionate about a specific region of the world? Does your heart break for people living in poverty? Do you care for the refugees and immigrants in your local community? What about your friends, family members, coworkers, and neighbors who don't know Jesus?

Resonate can help **deepen** your passion for mission, **strengthen** your capacity to follow

God on mission, and **amplify** the impact you and your church have in your neighborhood and around the world. We can do more together than we can on our own!

Think of Resonate as a beacon of light and hope that can help us come together and embrace God's will for his church. **Thank you for your passion for God's mission, and for proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth!**

Your gifts are vital to the mission

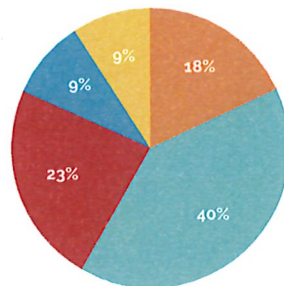
Ministry shares don't cover the whole cost of mission

Our denomination's faithful ministry share giving—including money you give through your church—provides a strong foundation that makes mission possible, but the ministry shares program only provides around 18% of the revenue Resonate needs to do this important work. Donors like you are so essential to provide stability and sustainability!

Missionaries and church planters are just one part of Resonate

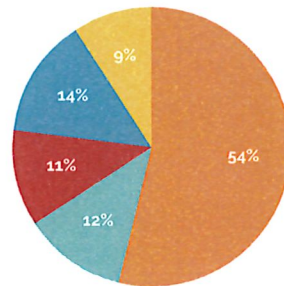
Your giving through Resonate supports ministry around the world in a variety of ways. In addition to sending missionaries and church planters, we partner with national organizations, offer grants to partners, and support other ministry initiatives that align with our mission.

Thank you for your generous support of ministry around the world!



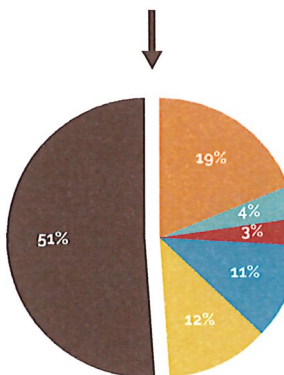
22/23 REVENUE

\$20.4 million (USD)



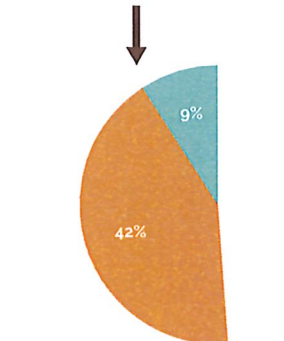
22/23 EXPENSES

\$21.6 million (USD)



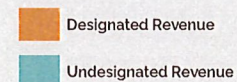
22/23 INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM EXPENSES

\$11.1 million (USD)



CAREER-STAFF MISSIONARY PROGRAM REVENUE

\$4.7 million (USD)



Note: Overall expenses include the budget of Raise Up Global Ministries, which became a part of Resonate in 2023. International program expressed as a percentage of Resonate's budget only.

By the Numbers

Together with your help, we continue to build on more than a century of Spirit-inspired and theologically grounded passion for ministry. As your Christian Reformed mission agency, we support missionaries, church planters, and other ministry leaders in more than 40 countries—**all of them raised, trained, supported, and sent by you.**

Thank you for your partnership in 2023, and may God bless you on mission in the coming year!

You are serving the entire globe through Resonate's
14 REGIONAL TEAMS

We are partnering with
58 NEW CHURCHES
in North America,
11 new in the past year.



MORE THAN
3,300

YOUNG ADULT LEADERS
PARTICIPATE IN MISSION
WITH RESONATE



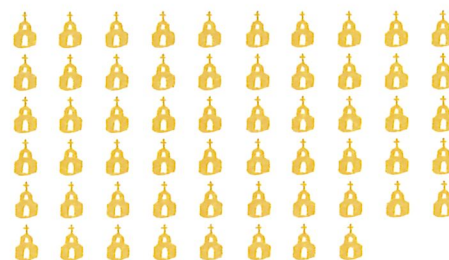
MORE THAN
9,800

LAY LEADERS
PARTICIPATE IN MISSION
WITH RESONATE

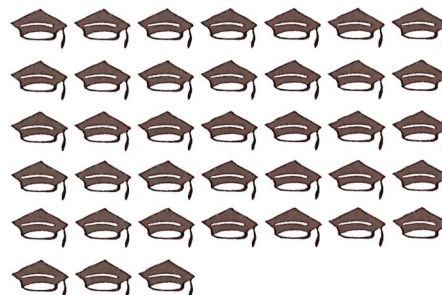


MORE THAN
150

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NOW SERVE IN OVER
40 COUNTRIES



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Resonate
GLOBAL MISSION

GOD'S PROTECTION

Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. In the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. Ps. 57:1

My wife and I operate a small farm. One evening, we were away from home when we received a call from our neighbor who told us that one of our cows was having her calf in the pasture. The time immediately after birth can be dangerous for both the mother and the newborn since both are weak and the birth process often attracts predators.



It was dark when we got home. After getting our flashlights and going out to the pasture, we were rewarded with the sight of a healthy newborn calf lying beside its mother. We also found our llamas and our livestock guardian dog standing in a circle around the cow and calf. The llamas and dog provided comfort and protection to their vulnerable charges. As we moved the cow and her calf to the shelter of the barn, we were escorted by the llamas and dog.

For me, that was a memorable illustration of the protection and refuge God provides. We may not face the same physical threats as livestock, but we do face fear, worry, temptation, loneliness and grief that prey on our relationship with God. When I look back at difficult times in my life, I can see that God provided protection and comfort, often in the form of support from fellow Christians. Just as the llamas and dog provided protection and comfort to the cow and her calf, God provides protection and comfort to us.

Prayer: Our Father, thank you for the many ways you comfort us when we are vulnerable. Help us find our refuge in you. Amen

David Anglen

Submitted by Elsie Broene and Annette Rosema

**Faith doesn't always
take you out of the
problem, Faith takes you
through the problem.
Faith doesn't always
take away the pain,
Faith gives you the ability
to handle the pain.
Faith doesn't always
take you out of
the storm, Faith calms
you in the midst
the storm.
Amen**

**When you feel like you
have no one to talk to or
you have no one to listen..**

Look up!

**Because you have a God
who loves you more
than anything.**



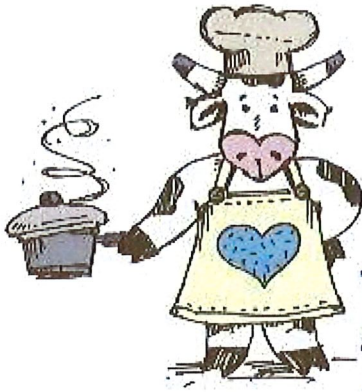
28 Day Scripture Writing

FEBRUARY

God speaks to us through His Word, so take some time each day to write down the following scripture. If you have time, you might want to also write a prayer that the scripture leads you to pray, or your reflections as you write. Come back next month for a fresh scripture writing challenge!

February 1	Psalm 3:2-6
February 2	Ecclesiastes 7:9
February 3	Proverbs 3:5-6
February 4	Psalm 34:14
February 5	Matthew 11:28
February 6	Psalm 37:37
February 7	Titus 1:15-16
February 8	James 1:5
February 9	Mark 12:30-31
February 10	John 13:34
February 11	1 John 4:7
February 12	Ephesians 4:2
February 13	Isaiah 54:10
February 14	1 Corinthians 13:4

February 15	John 3:16
February 16	Zephaniah 3:17
February 17	Jonah 2:2
February 18	Psalm 22:19
February 19	Malachi 1:11
February 20	1 Samuel 2:2
February 21	1 Chronicles 16:11
February 22	Isaiah 40:30-31
February 23	2 Timothy 4:7
February 24	Jude 1:20
February 25	Hebrews 11:1
February 26	Galatians 5:22-23
February 27	Matthew 21:21
February 28	1 Peter 1:21



First Recipe Corner

PIG IN THE BLANKETS

Submitted by Elsie Broene



Meat:

- 1 lb. hamburger
- 1/2 pkg. Bob Evans Original Sausage (or flavor you prefer)
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 cup Wheaties (crushed)

Mix well. Form into 'logs' approximately 3-4" long. Set aside on waxed paper.

Crust:

- 2 cup flour
- 1/2 cup lard
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt (or to taste)
- 3/4 cup milk

Mix well and roll out in sections approximately 5" wide x 12" long. Take each 'log' and place on dough. Cut dough to fit meat inside with all edges sealed. Can freeze and bake later. Prior to baking, brush milk over the dough. Bake 350 for 30-40 minutes till golden brown.

**If you have a favorite recipe(s) that you would like to share, please turn it in to
First in Focus for the rest of us to enjoy!!**

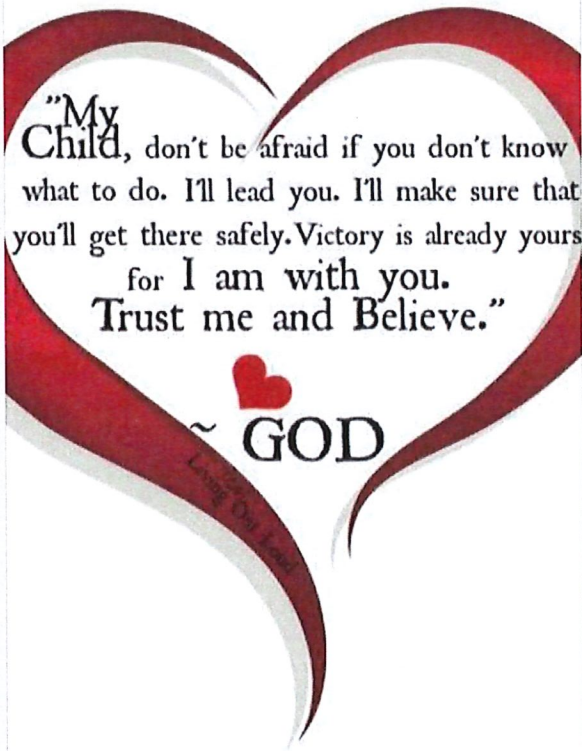
No matter how far you've
walked away from God,
the return trip is only one step.

80+ Birthday Club

Shirley Vereeke, 86 years young on Feb. 8
Bernie Evink, 93 years young on Feb. 13
Bern Scholma, 80 years old on Feb. 24



Lee & Jean Scholma, 55 years on Feb. 14



Growing Together in Faith

"The three most important things to have are Faith, Love and Hope. But the greatest of them is

Love

1 Corinthians 13:13



SNOW ALERT

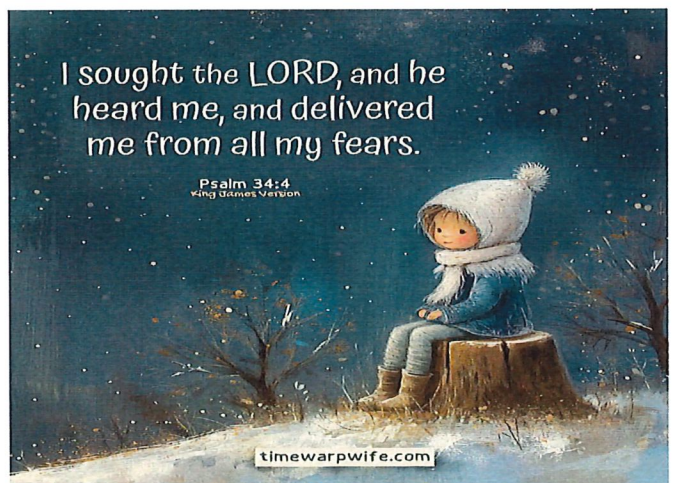
Expecting:
Zero (0) to 85 inches of snow.

Starting:
Saturday or Sunday or Monday maybe, but probably not happening at all.

Recommendations:
Stock up on all necessitates immediately and prepare for a snowpocalypse or a beautiful weekend, either one is possible.

I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Psalm 34:4
King James Version



timewarpwife.com

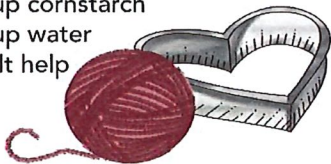


HEART strings

Make this heartfelt craft as a decoration or gift.

What you need:

- Yarn
- Scissors
- Parchment paper
- Baking sheet
- Heart-shaped cookie cutters
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ½ cup water
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Cut yarn into 12-inch pieces.
2. Place cookie cutters atop a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
3. Combine cornstarch and water in a saucepan. Heat mixture over medium heat, stirring until thick and smooth. Remove from heat and cool to form a "glue."
4. Dip each piece of yarn into the mixture to coat completely. Squeeze off any excess.
5. Place yarn in the cookie cutters, allowing pieces to cross and loop within the heart. Add more until the cookie cutter is filled and the yarn looks like a heart.
6. Remove cookie cutters and bake the sheet for two hours at 150°F, or until hearts are dry and hard.



CONNECTED BY LOVE

God's Word is filled with messages about love, which connects us to God and to one another.

Directions: Draw a line from the beginning of each Bible verse (on the left side) through the heart to the rest of the verse (on the right side). Use the Scripture references for help.

- a. We
- b. Above all,
- c. My command is this:
- d. And over all these virtues put on
- e. Greater
- f. See what great
- g. There is no fear in



1. each other as I have loved you. John 15:12
2. has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13
3. But perfect love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18
4. each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8
5. the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1
6. because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19
7. which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:14

Sermons



FEBRUARY 2024

February 4 –

- AM ♦ Sermon Title: “4. Free as Sons”
 ♦ Text: Galatians 3:26 – 4:7
- PM ♦ Sermon Title: “8. Glorious Giving: Part 1”
 ♦ Text: 2 Corinthians 8



February 11 – Communion Prep

- AM ♦ Sermon Title: “5. Free to Grow”
 ♦ Text: Galatians 4:8-31
- PM ♦ Sermon Title: “9. Glorious Giving: Part 2”
 ♦ Text: 2 Corinthians 9



February 18 – Communion – First Sunday of Lent

- AM ♦ Sermon Title: “6. Running Free”
 ♦ Text: Galatians 5:1-25
- PM ♦ Sermon Title: “10. Waging War”
 ♦ Text: 2 Corinthians 10

February 25 –

- AM ♦ Sermon Title: “7. Free to Love”
 ♦ Text: Galatians 6:1-10
- PM ♦ Sermon Title: “11. Jealous Love”
 ♦ Text: 2 Corinthians 11



 "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give,  not reluctantly or under compulsion, "
for GOD loves a cheerful giver.
2 C o r i n t h i a n s 9 : 7

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

II Cor. 9:6-8

Offerings for February 2024:

February 4 Family Life Center – Return of Baby Bottles for Positive Options
February 11 Christian Education
February 18 Missions
February 25 DRS

Family Life Center of West Michigan:

A local ministry that assists young girls with unexpected pregnancies providing love, housing, Pregnancy support, food, and baby items.

Christian Education Tuition Assistance:

This offering goes to offset tuition costs for families of First CRC of Allendale choosing Christian Education for their children. Assistance is available for K-12th grades.

Missionary Support:

Direct financial support for our missionaries both in Home Missions and World Missions.

World Renew – Disaster Relief Fund:

CRWRC ministry to show God's love and bring hope to disaster impacted communities in North America by restoring the homes and lives of those that are most vulnerable.

 Stewardship is  WORK

OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY 2024

TLC:

Feb 4 – Melissa Bosma, Ellie Scholma, Annabelle Kruihoff
Feb 11 – Kathy Knoper, Nellie Scholma, Reka Mesbergen
Feb 18 – Melissa Bosma, Ardy Berens, Lucas Schrotenboer
Feb 25 – Kay Schout, Diane Wohlford, Braidyn Nienhouse



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

Feb 4 – Kristie Morren, Lisa Kuzee, Peter Keegstra
Feb 11 – Kristie Morren, Vicki Kraker, Braidyn Nienhouse
Feb 18 – Madison Schrotenboer, Makayla Schurman, Annabelle Kruihoff
Feb 25 – Madison Schrotenboer, Brittany Vander Wal, Grady Kuzee

NURSERY: Reminder that nursery is for the AM only

Feb 4 – Ardy Berens, Conni Vollink, Madison Schrotenboer
Feb 11 – Jennie Keegstra, Carol Gulker, Clara Kruihoff
Feb 18 – Robyn Zwart, Shelley Bosch, Kirsten Keegstra
Feb 25 – Nancy Pleune, Ardy Berens, Makayla Schurman



LIBRARY:

Feb 4 – Julie DeVries
Feb 11 – Nellie Scholma
Feb 18 – Lois Van Wienen
Feb 25 – Jean Christensen



VALET PARKING/GREETERS:

Feb 4 – Terry & Sue Kraker
Feb 11 – John & Lois Van Wienen
Feb 18 – Kirt & Sherri Schrotenboer
Feb 25 – Jerry & Sharon Berghorst

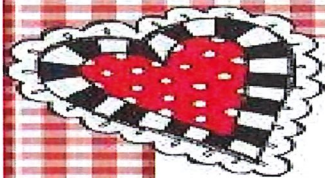


OPEN/CLOSE

Feb 4 – Jon Vander Wal
Feb 11 – Judy Knoper
Feb 18 – Bob Knoper
Feb 25 – Lee Scholma



Trevor Keegstra	1	
	2	Trevor & Mallory Kuzee
Taylor Brown	3	
Zach Sytsma	3	
Nancee Kraker	4	
Keegan Morren	5	
Shirley Vereeke	8	
Grant Keegstra	12	
Bernie Evink	13	
	14	Lee & Jean Scholma
Cal Gulker	17	
Sue Kraker	18	
Kevin Bosma	19	
Kim Kryger	21	
Steve Brown	23	
Lucas Groenink	23	
Wilson Kruithoff	23	
Kerry McIntyre	23	
Bern Scholma	24	
Lucas Schrotenboer	25	
Dave Gifford	27	
Ben Witte	27	







Life is like a camera: Focus
on what's important, capture
the good times, & develop
from the negatives.



FEBRUARY

2024 Meetings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 † Pulpit Exchange † JAM/Jr JAM</p>	<p>5 † Monday Night Bible Study † Young Life</p>	<p>6 † TML Bible Study #9 † Council</p>	<p>7 † Family Dinner Night † GEMS † Cadets</p>	<p>1 † Wylldlife † Zeeland Classis North Street</p>	<p>2 † GEMS Overnighter</p>	<p>3 † Cadet Snow Derby</p> 
<p>11 † Communion Prep † SNL Bible Study</p>	<p>12 † Monday Night Bible Study † Young Life</p>	<p>13 † TML Bible Study</p>	<p>14 † Ash Wednesday † GEMS Father/ Daughter † Cadets</p> 	<p>8 † Wylldlife</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 † Bowling GEMS flower sale/ Sweetheart Dinner</p> 
<p>18 † Jr JAM/JAM</p>  <p>FIRST SUNDAY LENT Communion</p>	<p>19 † Monday Night Bible Study † Young Life</p>	<p>20 † TML Bible Study † Tech Comm.</p>	<p>21 † GEMS † Cadets</p>	<p>22 † Wylldlife † Worship Comm</p>	<p>23 † Red Cross Drive</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 † SNL Bible Study</p>	<p>26 † Monday Night Bible Study † Young Life</p>	<p>27 † TML Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 † Wylldlife</p>		