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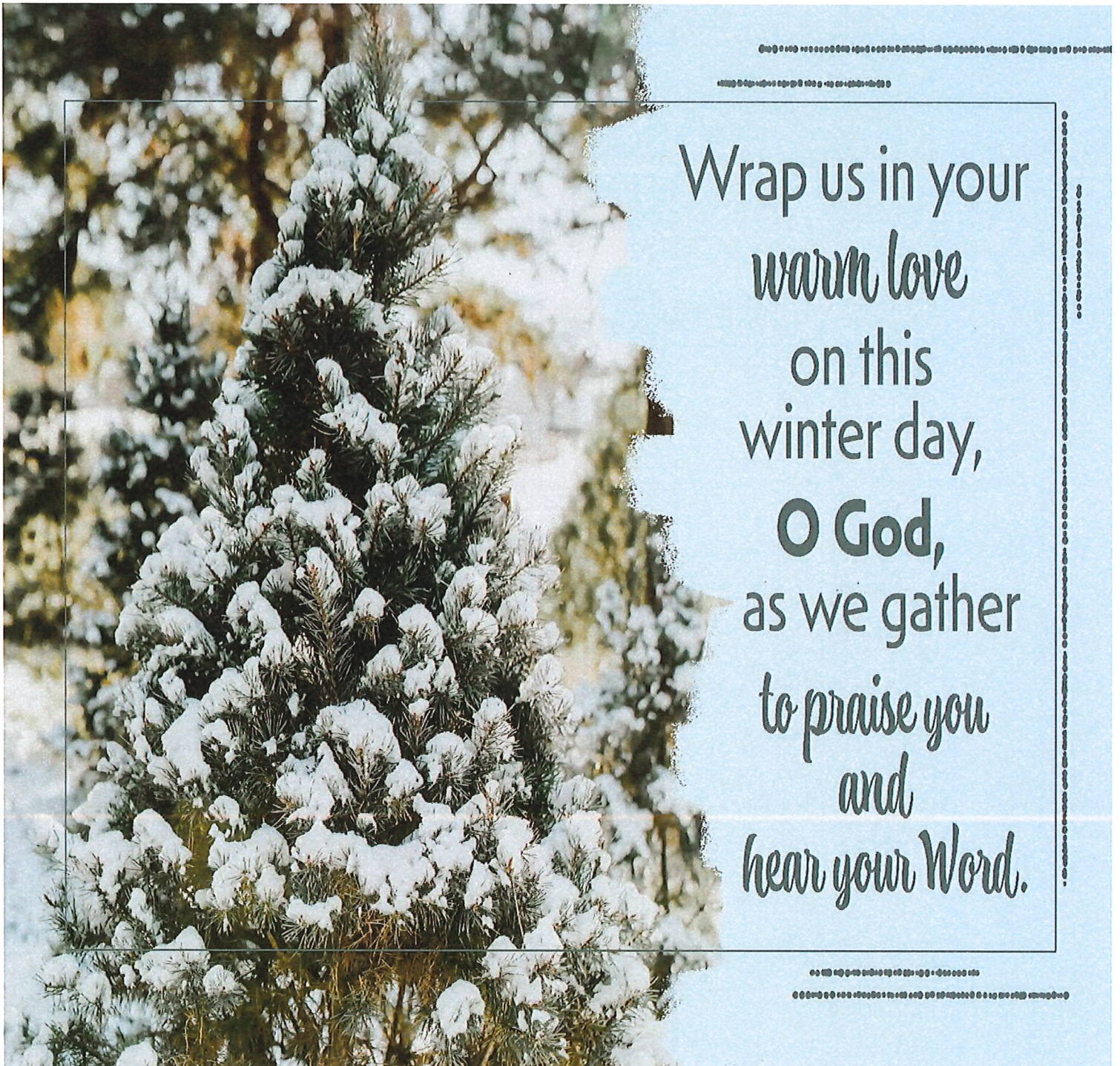
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## JANUARY 2025



Wrap us in your  
warm love  
on this  
winter day,  
**O God,**  
as we gather  
to praise you  
and  
hear your Word.





# Council Minutes

DECEMBER  
2024

**Present:** Pastor Ken, Karl Kuzee, Kevin Bosch, Russ Geurink, Ed Goen, Duke Busman, Ron Nykamp, Mike Wolford, Jon VanderWal, Dale Knoper, Jeremy Brower, Ken Knoper, John Broene  
**Absent:** Keegan Morren, Dave Vollink

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1. Opening Prayer and Devotions: Ed Goen opened the meeting by reading Psalm 116 and prayer.
2. Approval of Council Minutes of November 5, 2024. MMA  
Old Business:
  - a. Church ministry assessment proposed for a future Council meeting. Still working on the details of the assessment, planning on implementation early next year.
  - b. Handicap ramp: dealing with permits, etc. Dale Knoper is currently working on this, hoping to get design and permits.
3. Pastor Ken's Monthly Report  
Reviewed, discussed and approved.
4. Joel's Monthly Report  
Reviewed and approved.
5. Reports – for approval
  - a. Elder Report (**Minutes of November 5**)
  - b. Deacon report (**Minutes of November 5**) November financial report. New money handling procedure pages ready.All reports submitted for approval were reviewed.
6. Reports- needing action
  - a. Letter from Rev. Adam Lipscomb regarding partnering with Mel Trotter with providing bed linens.
  - b. Letter from Stan Kruis regarding a course on global missions.
  - c. Letter from ACS regarding interest in supporting the upcoming auction.The listed correspondence will be relayed to the congregation in case anyone wants to take action.
7. Correspondence
  - a. Minutes from Zeeland Classis Diaconal meeting on 10/01/24. Received for information.
  - b. Letter from CRCNA Communications. Received for information.
8. Round Table – Comments, Prayer Requests, Other Matters
  - a. Christmas care packages for those who meet the criteria will be in church Sunday, to be delivered soon.
9. Closing Prayer Karl Kuzee
10. Next Meeting: February 4, 2025, at 6:30 pm

# DID YOU KNOW....

**THAT** just like that, Santa has gone until next year... But Jesus is STILL here, with gifts that never end.

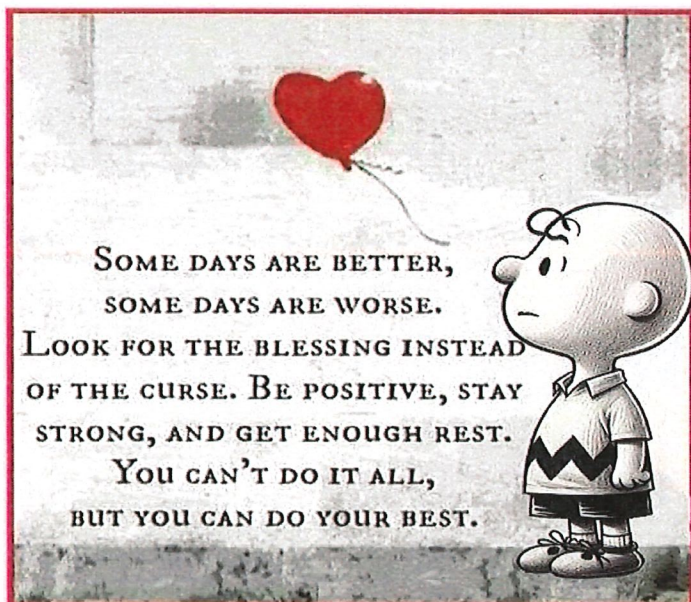
**THAT** When Elsie Broene and Annette Rosema went out to celebrate Annette's 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday and Elsie's upcoming 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday at Crazy Horse Restaurant, Annette's total bill for her Chicken Monterey dinner was \$1.06!!! That was after her 93% discount!! It pays to get older! Happy Birthday to them both!!



**THAT** Pastor Ken, Kristi and Family spent a lovely week with their New Jersey family where fun, fellowship, pool time, games and lots of baby spoiling happened! It was a beautiful end to 2024 Memories for the whole family.

**THAT** January is Sanctity of Human Life Month. Pray for all who are struggling with life choices of any kind.

**THAT** if you would like to send a little card of encouragement to Kevin Kraker, his address is 10479 Mapleview, Allendale, MI 49401.



**THAT** sometimes we put the 'blame' in the wrong place!



If you are shopping with a cup of coffee and someone comes along and bumps into you, or the cup holder just isn't deep enough, making you spill your coffee

everywhere....Why did you spill the coffee?

"Because someone bumped into me!!"

Nope.

You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea. Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out. Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled. So we have to ask ourselves... "what's in my cup?" When life gets tough, what spills over? Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility? Anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions? Life provides the cup, YOU choose how to fill it.

Today let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation and kindness, gentleness and love for others. And that ALL starts with YOU!

**THAT** our church family has 23 couples that will be celebrating anniversaries of 50 years or more during the year of 2025! That comes up to MANY years of godly marriages! Thank you, Lord for your faithfulness!

*Welcome  
Winter*

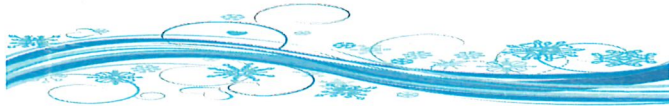


# 80+ Birthday Club

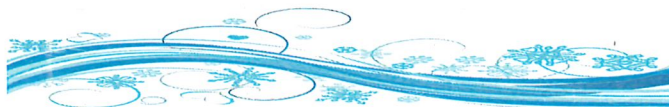
**Glenda Brower**, 85 years young on Jan. 7  
**Gerry Mulder**, 90 years young on Jan. 12  
**Don Vereeke**, 89 years young on Jan. 19  
**Ken Morrow**, 96 years young on Jan. 29



**Rich & Mary Beuker**, 57 years on Jan. 5  
**John & Lois VanWienen**, 60 years on Jan. 23  
**Bob & Glenda Brower**, 65 years on Jan. 28



PRAY THAT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH  
THE LORD GROWS EVEN BETTER,  
DEEPER, AND STRONGER IN 2025!



Looking ahead to 2025, some true words of assurance and comfort from this old gospel hymn can help us experience the companionship of our hand holding God.

"I don't know about tomorrow, I just live from day to day, I don't borrow from it's sunshine for it's skies may turn to grey. I don't worry 'or the future, for I know what Jesus said; and today I'll walk beside Him, for He knows what is ahead. Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand, but I know who holds the future, and I know who holds my hand."



Harley Broene  
Glenda Brower  
Linda DeBoer  
Pat & Heather Gemmen  
Donna Knoper  
Nancy Knoper  
Kevin Kraker  
Kim Kryger  
Ken Morrow  
Rog & Gerry Mulder  
Bonnie Nanninga  
Arlan Potgeter  
Don & Shirley Vereeke

Remember to pray for those who are dealing with health issues or confined to their homes in this new year. A card of encouragement would be appreciated.

O Lord, let my  
*New Year's resolution*  
be to  
**follow you**  
**more closely**  
and to  
**trust in your**  
*loving guidance.*





FAITH  
in GOD

CHANGES  
EVERYTHING



Make a catch of fish to show what happens when Jesus calls his first disciples.

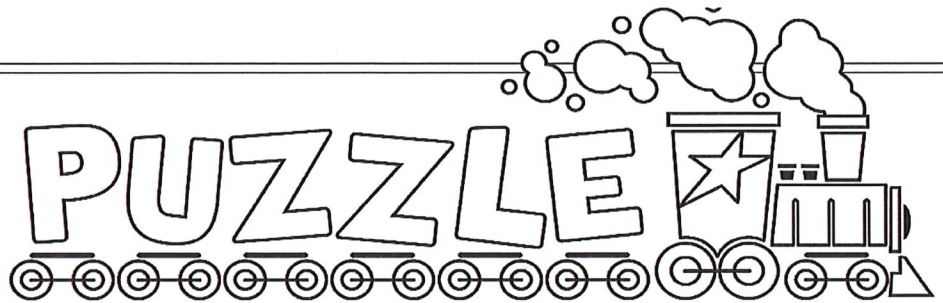
**What you need:**

- Cardboard egg carton
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Darning needle
- Fishing twine
- Scissors
- Googly eyes or buttons
- Glue



**What you do:**

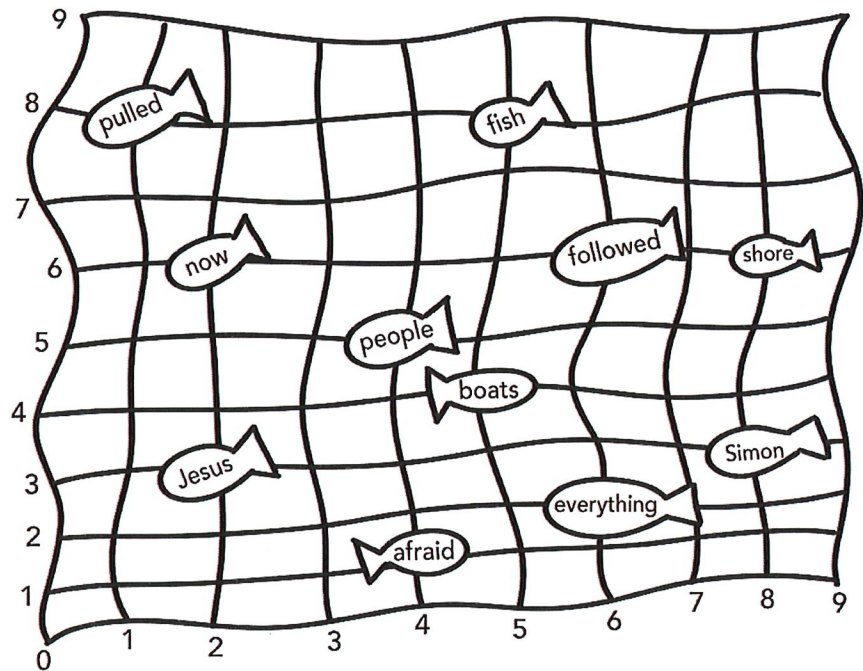
1. From the egg carton, cut out the 12 cups. From the lid, cut out two fish tails.
2. On a protected surface, turn the cups upside down. Paint the outside of each cup and both sides of the tails. Let dry.
3. Thread the needle with an arm's length of twine. Tie a knot at the end.
4. Thread the needle through the end of the tail. Tie another knot an inch from the tail.
5. Thread the needle through one upside-down cup. Pull the twine through until the cup rests on the knot.
6. Continue tying knots an inch above each cup and threading on another cup until you've strung six cups. Tie a knot above the last cup and leave a long string to hang the fish. (You can make two fish with each egg carton.)
7. Add googly eyes or buttons to the last cup to make a face.



# FISHING DIRECTIONS

When fishermen obeyed Jesus and let down their nets, they caught so many fish that their boats began to sink! Simon Peter fell at Jesus' knees. What happened next?

*Directions: Use the coordinate clues to locate the correct words and complete Luke 5:10-11 (NIV) below. The first number in each clue pair goes across, and the second number goes up.*



Then Jesus said to                     , "Don't be                     ; from                       
 (2, 3) (8, 3) (4, 1) (2, 6)  
 on you will                      for                     ." So they                      their  
 (5, 8) (4, 5) (1, 8)  
                     up on                     , left                      and                      him.  
 (5, 4) (8, 6) (6, 2) (6, 6)

Luke 5:10-11, NIV

Answers: Jesus, Simon, afraid, now, fish, people, pulled, boats, shore, everything, followed



# Celebrating Jesus' Birthday at First Allendale



## Church School Program

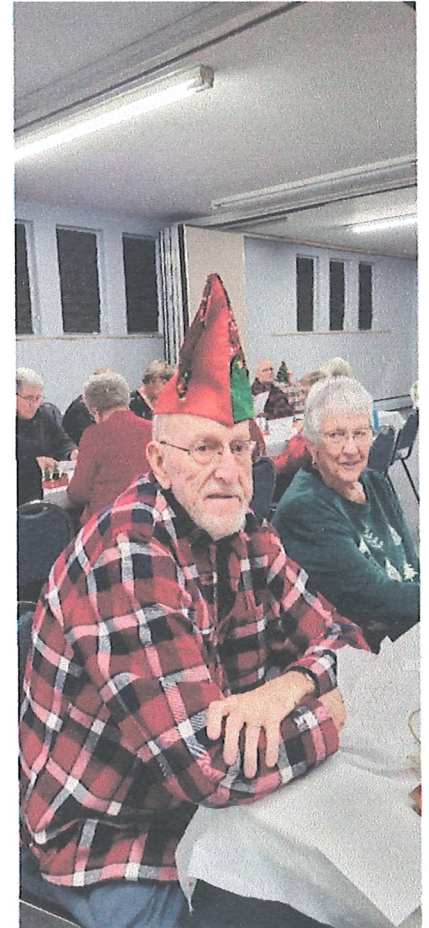


## Hallelujah





It was J.O.Y. ful





## December 2024

*Dear supporters, friends, family members, greetings from Mexico City!*

## Christmas means more tweets!

Wow, this quarter is winding down quickly. Here is another tweet-format rundown of Gifford goings-on!

**#Blanca** – The boss is in Honduras for three weeks, visiting family and taking care of some legal documents. Please pray for her time there and for her return on December 17.

**#Preaching in Paradise** – November 13-18 I co-led a Timothy module on Biblical Preaching for the Gulf Coast presbytery in Paraíso, Tabasco. The training and preaching I did went well, and thankfully the tropical storm headed our way petered out.



**#Pivoting for the children** – The lack of available volunteers has kept Blanca from restarting the children's ministry at Jesús el Salvador church. Blanca is now helping a ministry called Corazón Valiente (Brave heart), which reaches out to the children of the indigenous people who sell their goods in Coyoacán. She is taking part every Thursday afternoon. (no pics allowed for this ministry)

**Dave and Blanca Gifford  
In Mexico City with**

**Resonate**  
GLOBAL MISSION

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**Website** <https://giffmex.org>

**#Projects (1)** – in our last prayer letter I unveiled our project to raise \$10,000 to offset part of the reduction to our COMUNI grant, which helps the Reformed Presbyterian Church's theological education and church planting ministries. It has raised \$1,000 so far.

**#Projects (2)** - Now I have created a smaller project to offset the reduction to our grant for Dreams, a ministry witnessing and ministering to migrants from other countries crossing Mexico.

**#Projects (3)** – If you would like to give to either project, we would be extremely grateful. We have donation instructions (online or by mail) at <https://giffmex.org> (see the respective tabs for COMUNI and Dreams).

**#Jesus the Savior** – here are a couple of photos from our church: Blanca praying during the baptisms of Kevin (left) and Eliud:





and the ladies' "this one only comes out by prayer and shopping" trip outside of town:



**#Missions classes** – Missions was the topic of the year for my interactions with COMPA. In October I taught an online class for new leaders on the topic of Missio Dei. And from December 3-7, I will be in Aguascalientes teaching and preaching on the topic.

**#Alexandra and Daniel** – We are grateful to the Lord for our kids. Daniel was given another 3 month project for TV Aztecas doing various digital tasks. He starts mid-December. And Alexandra has a lot of demand for her crocheted creations. See them at <https://www.instagram.com/creatiffink/>

**#2025** – What's on the docket for 2025? The Mexico evaluation team in February, the COMPA national camp in March, a visit to Mexico from Resonate's U.S. Western Regional Team, and preparation for our July Reconnect!

**#Needs (1)** – In your excitement (I hope) for our above-mentioned projects, please don't forget our regular support needs. There are giving instructions at <https://giffmex.org>, in the "Help us make a difference" tab.

**#Needs (2)** – Also, please let us know if you or someone you know has a vehicle we could use on our Reconnect from July to early January. See our email at the top of this letter.

**#Merry Christmas** – Last but certainly not least, we hope you all have a contemplative celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ's birth this year. His light still shines in the darkness. May he fill and cleanse you with his light and grace, and may he shine through you to those still walking in darkness.

*Thank you all for your prayers, financial support, and words of encouragement. God bless you all in Christ Jesus! **Dave, Blanca, Daniel and Alexandra Gifford***





# CM UPDATE

## END OF YEAR 2024

The 2024-2025 school year started off as the whirlwind it always seems to be! This kickoff season was marked by a wave of students particularly driven to invite everyone they encountered into what God is doing at CM. Between our annual first-day-of-school Cookout & Carnival, many ultimate frisbee nights, some sand volleyball, a kickoff worship service, a tailgate, a beach night, and another Mystery Roadtrip for Life Group Night Out, our presence on campus and around the city of Grand Rapids (and the Lord's presence before and behind it all) is undeniable!

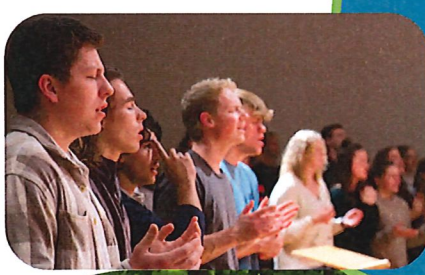
God continues to move powerfully at The Well week after week through worship songs, biblical teaching, and 2-minute student testimony of how they've seen God work in their lives. You can watch some of these stories on our website! In addition to an increase in attendance at The Well, we have over 600 students involved in our weekly Life Groups (Allendale) and House Groups (Grand Rapids) this year—100 more than last! This year, we already have 250 people signed up to serve on a CM Spring Break Service Trip, and over 300 students engaged in the first ever Life Group Serve Week in partnership with 616 Service. Students are hungry to learn about God and to serve Him in all areas of their life.

We are constantly seeing students go from death to life, from captivity to freedom, and from fear to confidence in the Lord's sovereignty and strength. The stories we hear every single week are just jaw-dropping, and we are expectant of what the Lord will continue to do in this generation of students and the generations to come.



**CM BY THE NUMBERS**

- 600 THE WELL
- 600 LIFE GROUPS/ HOUSE GROUPS
- 250 SPRING BREAK
- 140 LEADERS
- 36 INTERNS



Not pictured: Rob Housman, Kassidy Conners

Our weekly Sunday night worship services, The Well, happen in a 230-seat auditorium in the middle of campus (The Cook-DeWitt Center) in Allendale. We are averaging about 600 students each week across our three services—6pm & 8pm in Allendale, and 7 pm in GR. Our Grand Rapids community holds a core group of 70 students who are living missionally in the city as well as on campus. Our sermon series for the semester is "Through Galilee with Jesus" as we study the book of Mark. Students want to be at The Well. Nobody is making them come. They are simply drawn in by the Spirit of God, and filled with life and joy and passion during worship.





CM SPOTLIGHT:  
LIFE GROUPS  
FALL 2024







# Chosen

## SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

- |                             |                                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Day 1: Genesis 18:19        | Day 17: Matthew 11:27           |
| Day 2: Deuteronomy 7:6      | Day 18: Luke 9:34-35            |
| Day 3: Deuteronomy 7:7-8    | Day 19: John 15:16-17           |
| Day 4: Deuteronomy 10:14-16 | Day 20: John 17:9-10            |
| Day 5: Joshua 24:15         | Day 21: Acts 1:1-2              |
| Day 6: 1 Chronicles 28:4-6  | Day 22: Acts 9:15-16            |
| Day 7: Nehemiah 1:8-9       | Day 23: Acts 10:40-42           |
| Day 8: Psalm 16:4-5         | Day 24: Romans 8:28-30          |
| Day 9: Psalm 33:11-12       | Day 25: Ephesians 1:3-5         |
| Day 10: Psalm 105:43-45     | Day 26: Colossians 3:12-13      |
| Day 11: Psalm 119:30-31     | Day 27: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 |
| Day 12: Psalm 119:172-174   | Day 28: James 2:5               |
| Day 13: Isaiah 41:8-9       | Day 29: 1 Peter 2:4-6           |
| Day 14: Isaiah 42:1         | Day 30: 1 Peter 2:9-10          |
| Day 15: Isaiah 43:1, 7      | Day 31: Revelation 17:14        |
| Day 16: Isaiah 43:10-11     |                                 |

This unique scripture writing plan includes 31 days of scripture, so you can use it during any month. We recommend reading for context first, then writing each day's verses in a notebook or our faith journal. Feel free to make this study your own by reading each passage aloud, highlighting or color-coding important words, or jotting down questions for further research.





## Writing List for Missionaries

**JANUARY & FEBRUARY**



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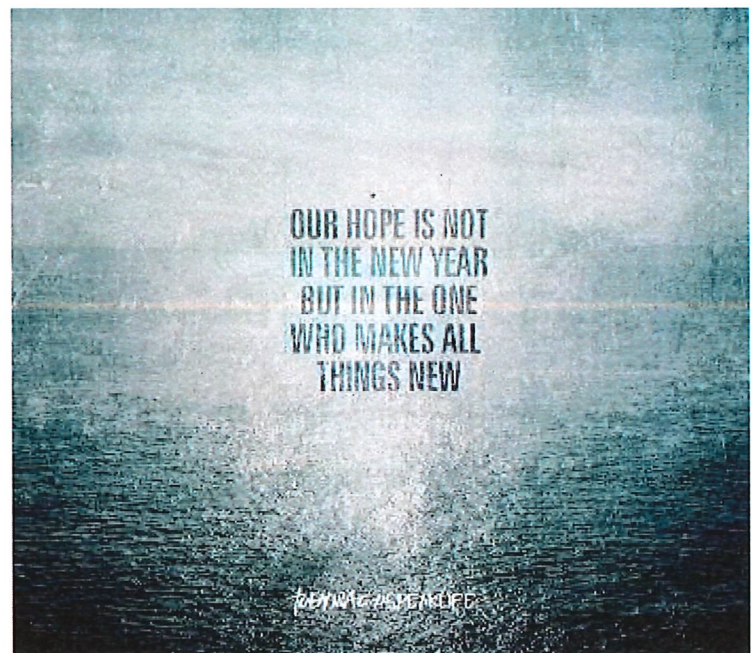
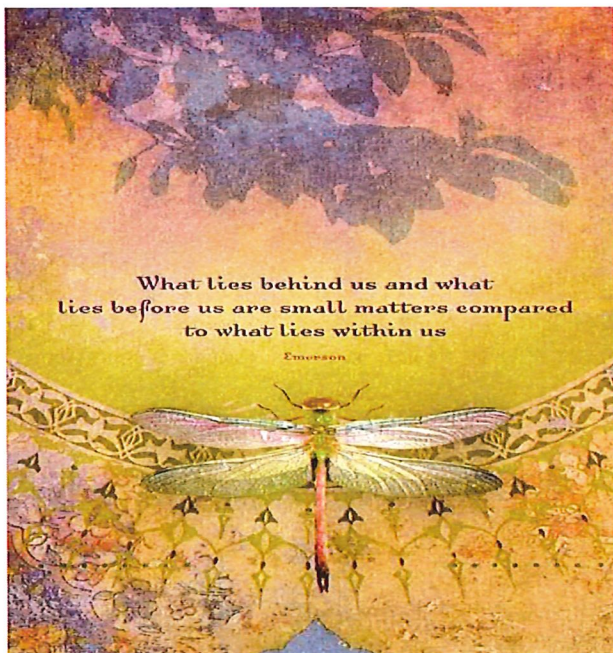
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*"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful 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

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### **Offerings for JANUARY 2025:**

Jan 5	DRS
Jan 12	Missions
Jan 19	Right to Life
Jan 26	Cadets

#### **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.

#### **Missionary Support:**

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

#### **Right to Life/Positive Options**

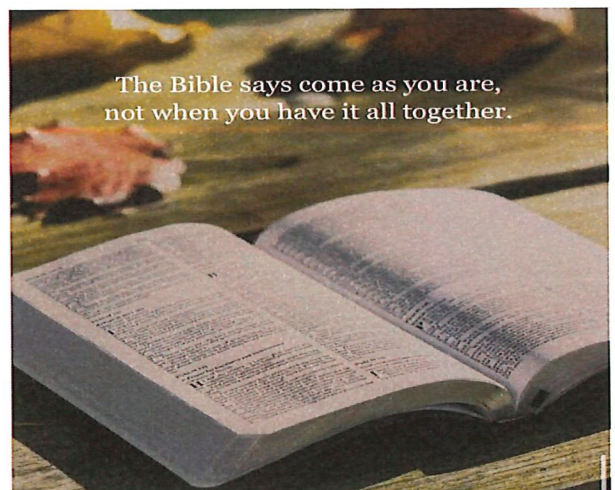
A ministry that provides professional care to the men and women in our community facing an unplanned pregnancy. We offer compassion and resources to those who seek support at our center.

#### **Calvinist Cadet Corps:**

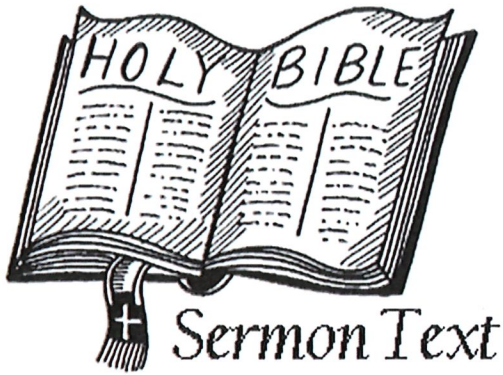
This offering provides direct financial support for the Calvinist Cadet Corps ministry of the Christian Reformed Church.

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***Don't gamble with eternity. Hell has no exit doors. The moment we take our last breath, there will be no re-do's. Seek the Lord while He may be found.***







# JANUARY 2025

**January 5** – Epiphany Sunday – Brenda Vander Schuur  
Resuming Comfort and Joy

- AM    ♦ Sermon Title: “30. Real Repentance”  
       ♦ Text: Lord’s Day #33; Romans 7:7-25
- PM    ♦ Sermon Title: “5. Holy Graffiti”  
       Text: Daniel 5



**January 12** –

- AM    ♦ Sermon Title: “31. True Delight”  
       ♦ Text: Lord’s Day #34; Psalm 115
- PM    ♦ Sermon Title: “6. Liars & Lions”  
       ♦ Text: Daniel 6



**January 19** – Sanctity of Human Life

- AM    ♦ Sermon Title: “32. Worthy Worship”  
       ♦ Text: Lord’s Day #35; Exodus 32
- PM    ♦ Sermon Title: “7. Kings & Kingdoms”  
       ♦ Text: Daniel 7

**January 26** – Cadet Sunday

- AM    ♦ Sermon Title: “33. Living for Jesus”  
       ♦ Text: Lord’s Days #36-37; Philippians 2:5-11
- PM    ♦ Sermon Title: “8. Era’s End”  
       ♦ Text: Daniel 8





# Amber Roseboom

*"...Let light shine out of darkness..."*  
2 Corinthians 4:6

December 2024

Dear Lifesaver,

I want to start by thanking you for your extraordinary efforts over the last year. As you undoubtedly know by now, we won a prolife majority in our State House last month! This is an incredible step forward in our efforts to protect safeguards for women and children in our state. And it is a light to the rest of the nation!

**Every time light emerges, it pierces the darkness. That principle will continue to guide our life-saving mission.**



In the wake of Proposal 3 which enshrined a right to abortion in our state constitution, many pundits and even some of our neighbors and friends suggested the life issue was a losing one. They suggested that we should hide our light and quietly retreat into the darkness. By the grace of God, we proved them wrong. And this small light coming from our state will create ripple effects across the nation in the days and months to come.

With Christmas around the corner, we will undoubtedly enjoy the glimmer of twinkling lights and tinsel. I love how the small lights on a tree warm the entire home and calm the soul. These lights remind us of deeper truths and the great gift to humanity we celebrate at this wondrous time of year. We are reminded too of the sign that the Star of Bethlehem was to the world. A sign of hope, and a sign of peace.

Beyond winning back a prolife majority in our State House, we secured victories from the top of the ballot to the bottom in this year's election. We defeated the most radical, abortion-obsessed candidate to come close to the Oval Office, Kamala Harris. We sent prolife representatives to Congress, elected prolife school board members and more. This too gives us great hope for our work moving forward.

**We know the challenges are unprecedented,  
but we are reminded that they are not insurmountable.**

In our state, we will continue to do everything we can to reach women facing an unexpected pregnancy with a hope-filled message that invites them to make a choice for life. This includes running our "Life. The Other Choice." ad campaign in the digital space and on traditional broadcast television.

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We will also work to protect parental consent for a minor girl seeking an abortion.

We will create new, high-quality educational materials to reach deep into our communities with the truth about abortion, particularly as serious complications from abortion skyrocket in the wake of abortion clinic regulations being removed.

We will continue to expand our reach across college campuses, universities and high schools. Young people deserve the truth, not slick campaigns filled with lies.

And we will continue to support the incredible work of the more than 100 Pregnancy Resource Centers in our state, helping women in what is often their biggest time of need.

While abortion-obsessed activists in our state will continue to work on their agenda – intent on removing parental consent, enticing minor girls with lies about abortion, and forcing taxpayers to pay for elective abortions – we will not retreat.

We stand ready. We are committed to "...Let light shine out of darkness..."

**As we look ahead to 2025, our efforts will cost money. So, I must ask that as you offer gifts to the loved ones around you, you consider a generous gift to help us continue expanding our life-saving work...to help our light shine brightly.** You can use the enclosed pledge card or scan the QR code below to make your most generous **TAX-DEDUCTIBLE** gift possible. Thank you!

In my January newsletter, I will highlight some more details about our exciting plans for the new year. But for now, I invite you to rest and experience the joy, hope and peace of this special time of year.

May the Lord richly bless you and your loved ones during this blessed holiday season!

With deepest appreciation,



Amber Roseboom  
President  
Right to Life of Michigan

**P.S.** Please go to our website [rtl.org](http://rtl.org) today and often to learn how we are shining our light in the darkness. Then please share this information with your family, friends, neighbors, and church community. Thanks again!



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**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**Our office will be closed: December 23-27, 31, 2024 and Jan 2, 2025**

**First of 7 Arguments for abortion and responses to those arguments.**

2. The fetus is not fully human because it is dependent on another (the mother).  
~Is a baby kangaroo not a kangaroo because it lives in its mother's pouch? Of course not. The location and situation of a human being does not make him or her any less human. These type of arguments based on dependence tread on dangerous ground. If dependency makes a person less human, then on that ground we would have the right to kill infants outside the womb, people on dialysis, those who use wheelchairs or oxygen, and the elderly. May we kill all depended people? NO and that is very reminisce of the Nazi party during WW2.

Consider two mothers several months into their pregnancies. One child is born prematurely, and the other remains in the womb. The first is utterly dependent on medical intervention to survive, and the other on her mother's body. Is it right to kill the prematurely born baby? How would the hospital staff react if the mother entered the neonatal ward with a scissors or saline or a pill to kill her child? If it is NOT right to kill the premature child, then why is it right to kill the child in the womb? BOTH ARE DEPENDENT, BOTH ARE CHILDREN, BOTH MUST HAVE LEGAL PROTECTION!!

3. A women has a right to do with her body as she desires. We affirm a woman's authority over her OWN body, but there are limits to what we can rightfully do with our bodies, including causing harm to another human being and abortion involves the DEATH of her child. To argue that the living fetus is part of the mother's body defies rea-

When the unborn child's heart beats, whose heart is it? When the unborn baby/fetus's brain waves can be traced, whose brain is it? Every pregnancy involves TWO people, the mother and the child; the rights of BOTH must be considered. Whenever we speak of the rights of two human beings, we must guard against the more powerful person taking advantage of the much weaker one, it's the responsibility of the stronger one to protect the weaker one! Does any mother have the right to do whatever she pleases with her children? Are they allowed to neglect them? Are they allowed to beat them? Are they allowed to kill them? Are they allowed to destroy them? The answer is NO to all these, she has the responsibility of caring for them or seeing that someone else cares for them.

**YES motherhood calls for a sacrifice**, we should expect adults to make sacrifices of their resources and freedoms when necessary to preserve the lives of children.







**LIFE. The Other Choice!**

**4 & 5 of 7 Arguments for abortion and responses to those arguments.**

- ♦ Sex and reproduction are private matters into which we must not intrude: We believe the human sexuality is a very private matter; it express the deep intimacy that a husband and wife share. But sex has very public consequences. How we exercise our sexuality contribute to the restraint or spread of disease, the treatment of women with honor or rape, the nurture or sexual abuse of children, and the strengthening or dissolution of families which is the foundation of society. Society therefore has a compelling interest to guard the dignity of marriage, women, and children with respect to sex and reproduction. Many people argue that the U.S. Constitution guarantees the right to privacy in sexual and reproductive matters, but if read the constitution we would not find any such right there. The reality is that under the 4th Amendment, it acknowledges the right to security against “unreasonable searches and seizures” without a warrant, but says nothing about sexuality, children nor abortion. Some might even snidely say, “I thought what I did in my bedroom was my own business”. But if there is reasonable cause to believe you are murdering child in your bedroom, then it becomes a matter of public intervention by the authorities.

**PRIVACY IS NOT AN ABOSOLUTE MORAL RIGHT,  
BUT KILLING A CHILD IS AN ABSOLUTE MORAL  
WRONG!**

- ♦ Making abortion illegal would force women into dangerous, back-alley abortions: This idea has been widely used as an excuse for a crudely done abortion. But the reality of it is that 90 percent of abortions performed before they became legal were done by physicians in their offices. The lie told that thousands of women died annually before abortion was legalized has been proven false. In 1972 (before Roe v. Wade) 39 women died in the US from an illegal abortion. Even the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology (March 26, 2010) admits that legalized abortion has had “no major impact on the number of women dying. Legal abortion is now the leading cause of abortion-related maternal deaths in the US. Every women who dies from a botched abortion is a tragic loss. But so is every child (over 64,000,000) who dies from a successful abortion. We should not make it legal to kill babies in order to make killing safer for adults! Abortion has medical and psychological risks; making it illegal would PROTECT the lives and health of millions of women.



## Can God Forgive Abortion? Cont.

Jeremiah gave one of God's greatest promises to the people of Judah and Israel, "But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

God promised them that there would come a day when He would not only forgive OUR sins, but He would also forget our sins!

So to answer the question: Will God forgive abortion? The answer is:

**YOU DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT  
GOD FORGIVES YOU!**

God is saying to us, both as individuals and as a nation, "you are guilty before me". How we respond to that accusation will determine our future. If we **REPENT**, we will be **FORGIVEN**. In fact, in the future, God will completely **EXPUNGE** our record when we repent.

**If you accept His forgiveness, HE WIL NOT  
REMEMBER YOUR SIN NO MORE!**

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 13, 2025 Church rep meeting.

The following items are needed for children sizes

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 & Diaper Bags

**PLEASE DROP OFF Items at our  
office BEFORE Feb. 13th**

**607 Heritage Court, Holland, MI**

**We may have won a battle but we have NOT WON  
THE WAR but praise the LORD, we are heading in a  
better direction!**

Attention MI Parents: House Bill 6068 was introduced and will (among other things) teach kids in public schools how and where to get abortions..

State Rep. Rachel Hood, D-Grand Rapids, sponsored a bill to remake Michigan's sex ed code and replace classroom instruction on consequential legal, ethical and familial considerations around sexual activity and other information. Hood says "it's an effort to modernize the state's laws on sex ed and gives kids the right vocabulary to understand their development". This bill aims to allow schools to hand out condoms and will NOT teach abstinence.

**PLEASE READ UP ON THIS BILL AND THEN CONTACT  
YOUR STATE REP. AND SENATOR AND URGE THEM  
TO VOTE NO!**



**SUPPORT LIFE! TAKE MY HAND, NOT MY LIFE!**



**March for Life**  
**Saturday,**  
**January 18, 2025**  
**Beginning at 11:00am**

**March begins at 11:00am at Centennial Park on the corner of 10th and Central.**  
**We will be walking around the park for about 20 - 30 minutes.**

Followed by  
**A Devotional & Prayer Service for Unborn Children**  
***Devotions led by Amber Roseboom, President of RLM***

11:30am at Central Avenue CRC Sanctuary  
259 Central Avenue, Holland, MI 49423

***The events are FREE - Join us with Family and Friends!***  
***FREE WILL offering will be taken at the Memorial Service.***

*January 23, 2025 marks the 52nd Anniversary of the date of the infamous Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton decisions which legalized the violence of abortion throughout our country during the entire nine months of a woman's pregnancy. Since that date over 64 million+ pre-born lives have been destroyed. The Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in July, 2022.*

*November, 2022 - Michigan's abortion ban was overturned by Proposal 3 and 2023 we learned several prolife laws were overturned as well!*

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**Any CANCELLATION due to weather tune into WHTC AM, JOY FM or WPNW AM**





Nicole Kraker	3	
Conni Vollink	4	
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Glenda Brower	7	
Tina Brown	7	
Eileen Moelker	7	
Linda DeBoer	8	
Gerry Mulder	12	
Lachlan Bosma	14	
Carrie Vandersloot	16	
Cal Bauzin	18	
Don Vereeke	19	Gerald & Joan Geurink
Peggy Vredevoogd	19	
Tom DeBoer	20	
Gary Dyke	20	
Dave Vollink	22	
	23	John & Lois VanWienen
Sharon Berghorst	24	
Norene Knoper	24	
Rodg Brower	25	
Reka Mesbergen	27	
	27	Scott & Kris Berens
	28	Bob & Glenda Brower
Ken Morrow	29	
Darlene Oom	31	

**Your birthday always comes as we start another year.**

**January is your month your special day is here.**


**It's the middle of the winter, most days are cold and dreary.**

**So here's a birthday wish for you that your day is bright and cheery!**



# JANUARY

# 2025 Meetings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 † Epiphany Sunday † Brenda VS † JAM/Jr JAM	6 † Epiphany † MNBS	7 † TML Bible Study	8 † Family Dinner Night † GEMS † Cadets	9	10	11
12	13 † MNBS	14 † TML Bible Study	15 † GEMS † Cadets	16 † Wildlife † Cadet counselor award banquet	17	18 † Holland Right to Life Life Walk † Trivia Night
19 † Sanctity of Human Life † JAM/Jr JAM	20 † MNBS	21 † TML Bible Study	22	23 † Wildlife †	24 † Cadets leave for Winter Campout	25 † Cadets return from Winter Campout
26 † Cadet Sunday	27 † MNBS	28 † TML Bible Study † Council	29	30 † Wildlife	31 † GEMS Overnighter	