

May 5, 2024



South Grandville Church

SPOTLIGHT

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Church Announcements:

- **This Sunday** Pastor Rod will continue our “Victory in Christ” series with a message from Romans 2:4; we will also observe Ascension Sunday.

As part of the worship service today, we will draw the name of one Elder first from the approved names for Elder and then two Deacons will be drawn from the remaining names plus the Deacon only names.

As new leaders are elected, be sure to thank those who were willing to serve and those individuals who have served. Ending their terms are:

Deacon - Sue Pipping, James Toebes, and Conner Wilson

Elder - Marc Faasse and Jim Hoekstra

The Council will be meeting Monday May 6. The agenda includes the election of new Council Officers.

- **Next Sunday, Sunday May 12**, Pastor Rod will bring us a message from Colossians 3:9-11. We will also celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Please take some time this week to prepare your hearts and minds for this gift of grace.
- **Note from the Elders:** Pastor Rod will be representing Classis Grandville at Synod this year (June 14-20). Synod starts at the end of the week we are having VBS. This means he will have a very busy month of June. The Elders have requested that he use one of his optional two non-vacation Sundays off per year after Synod to allow him to catch up on his work and family. This is the schedule we anticipate, Lord willing:
 - June 9 Pastor Rod plans on preaching, then participating with VBS, and then start his work at Synod,
 - June 16 Pastor Cedric Parsels will preach and Pastor Rod will work all week at Synod
 - June 23 Missionary Steve Holtrop will preach. Pastor Rod will work but not prepare a sermon.
 - June 30 Pastor Cedric Parsels will preach.
- **Help us spread the word about VBS!** Registration is now open and we need your help to spread the word to your friends, family & neighbors! Postcards are available on the Welcome Center; one side has the VBS info and the other side invites people to join us for worship as well. Please take as many of these postcards as you need and hand them out to anyone you can think of!
- **VBS Snack Donations Needed:** We are collecting donations for snack items for VBS. Take a fish cut out from the bulletin board, then place your items on the shelf below the tv in the narthex by **next Sunday, May 12**. If you have any questions, please contact Kristina Netz.

- **Potluck Lunch - Sunday May 19:** There will be a congregational Meeting and potluck lunch following the worship service. More details in the coming weeks.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Deacons offer this volunteer opportunity to be a part of helping churches around the world - without leaving West Michigan. Please be in prayer for volunteers to step forward, safety for travelers and for the Executive Committee as they meet. Here are the details. The World Communion of Reformed Churches Executive Committee is meeting on the Calvin College Campus May 18-22, 2024. There are about 40 international participants that need transportation to and from Gerald R Ford Airport to the Calvin College campus. We are looking for drivers that will transport committee members for arrival and departures. All transports will be scheduled and drivers will be provided with individual details for each pick-up. Your support is most appreciated. Drivers needed for transport on May 17 and/or 18 and May 22 and/or 23. Please contact Juel Grevenstuk for information and scheduling. 616.893.9509 or revsmate54@gmail.com
- **Ladies Day Away May 21:** Join us for a day in Shipshewana visiting the Flea Market, spending time shopping downtown and enjoying each other's company. We are planning on leaving from church at 8 AM on May 21st, stopping for breakfast on the way. Time will be spent at the flea market and other points of interest after which we will meet for an early dinner at the Blue Gate arriving home again early evening. A sign up sheet is posted in the back of church so we know how many to plan on. If you have questions feel free to contact Marla Maring, Paulette Ackerson, Luanne Mellema, Diane Reed, Pat Hulsebus or Kathy VandenBosch
- **Special Offering for the Month of May:** The Deacons have chosen our own Christian Education fund for the May special collection. The Christian Education committee has worked with our families and students. Because of your generous giving, we have been able to support 22 students for the 2023–2024 school year. As we look forward to the 2024-2025 school year, it is the hope of the Christian Education committee to provide assistance at the same level as in past years. The Deacons want to encourage and support those desiring of a Christ centered education for their children. Please prayerfully give as you have been blessed. All loose money that is collected will go towards Christian Education as well as money specified for Christian Education and for the special collection designation on your giving envelopes.
- **Missionaries of the Month for May:** Please pray for Trevor and Linda Rubingh and the New City Kids ministry in Grand Rapids. New City Kids offers after school programming for local low-income youth. Children and teens get a chance to explore music and academics in a creative and fun environment. These programs give children a safe place to feel and hear that they are valued and loved. By surrounding them with a community of love and development, we strive to set youth on a path of transformation that will carry them forward for the rest of their lives. 99% of New City Kids seniors graduate high school, matriculate into college, and are 10 times more likely to graduate college than the national average for low income students. Please send a note of encouragement to the Rubinghs at grandrapids@newcitykids.org or by mail at 960 Alpine Avenue. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

A Note of Thanks:

- Friends at South Grandville, we are grateful for your focused time of prayer and encouragement for us during the month of April. God is at work here in Spain, and you are a part of that through your love and support of our work here. Thank you!
- Tony and Stacey Meyer, Missionaries to Madrid, Spain

Schedule:

Lead Pastor Rod Galindo: Phone 616-321-0277 pastorrod@southgrandvillechurch.org

Admin Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9am-12pm

Diane's Office Hours this week: Monday, 9am-2pm; working off-site the rest of the week

May Special Offering: South Grandville Christian Education Fund

May 5: General Fund, Faith Promise

May 12: General Fund, Christian Education

May 19: General Fund, Baby Pantry

May 26: General Fund, Benevolence

- **Coffee Servers:**

May 5: Steve & Brenda Zuiderveen, Tim & Pat Bosscher

May 12: Marc & Nancy Faasse, Dale & Cindy Fopma

May 19: Steve & Marla Maring, Jim & Robin Dertien

May 26: Michel & Christine Padilla, Gary & Sue Pipping

- **Bus Drivers:**

May 5: Roger Grit May 12: Ed Peters

May 19: Ed Peters May 26: Brian Reed

- **Kids Own Worship:**

May 5: Mary Rozendal - Jesus Heals 10 Lepers

May 12: Linda Schroeder - Jesus Heals a Blind Man

May 19: Barb Schemper - Mary & Martha

May 26: Off (Memorial Day weekend)

- **Nursery:**

May 5: Christine Padilla, Maison Pipping

May 12: Tracy Mann, Ana Galindo

May 19: Kristina Netz, Aria Galindo

May 26: Kelly Vogel, Khloe Remijn

- **Hospitality:**

May 5: Jerry & Sally King

May 12: Jerry & Sally King

May 19: Jim & Luanne Mellema

May 26: Gary & Sue Pipping

Calendar:

May 5: Youth Group 5-7pm

May 6: Council meets at 6:30 followed by Deacons and Elders

May 14: Joy Breakfast 9am @ Rainbow Grill

Baby Pantry 2-4pm

May 19: Potluck and congregational Meeting immediately following the 10am worship service

Youth Group 5-7pm

May 21: Shiphewana Trip

Happy Birthday:

May 1 - Steve Maring

May 2 - Kathy Hill, Avery Netz

May 3 - Carol Wynsma

May 8 - Marla Maring

May 10 - Taylor Dornbos, Gabriel Tinney

May 11 - Barb Oosterink

May 12 - Owen Ashbay

May 16 - Lucas Netz

May 19 - Kathy Bradfield

May 21 - Doug DePuyt

May 22 - Olivia Neve

May 23 - Dana Rickers

May 26 - Ade Kaashoek, Emelia Stob

May 27 - Penny Whitaker

May 28 - James Toebes, Mark Hopkins, Mary Beavon

May 29 - Dave Joustra, Joyce Byker, Khloe Remijn

May 31 - Michel Padilla

Prayer List

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Phillipians 4:6

South Grandville Prayer Line 616-532-5413 (option 4)

Requests:

- Council Members: Steve Schroeder, Jim Hoekstra, James Toebes, Sue Pipping
- Military: Lt Col Brian Sikkema
- Missionary of the Month: Trevor and Linda Rubingh - New City Kids Grand Rapids
- Members: Irene Rhoda, Ike Brinks, Ed & Jo Brower, Bobby Osenga

Help & Healing:

- **Betty Bengelink (1)** is continuing to make progress in her recovery. Pray that Christ continues to strengthen her and Larry as she regains strength to stand and walk to the praise of Christ.
- **Ed Brower (1)** Has been diagnosed with a form of lung cancer. He is in considerable pain. Pray for the Lord to provide wisdom and a plan to the doctors for Ed so that he can fully be healed and restored. Pray for the wonder-working power of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Donna Grit (4)** continues to deal with ongoing health concerns. She is scheduled to meet with her doctors soon.
- **Pastor Will and Janet Hensen** thank the South Grandville CRC community for their continued prayers and expressions of support while Pastor Will continues to receive treatment for his Hodgkin's Lymphoma cancer. Immunotherapy treatments are scheduled throughout the month of May with a PET scan next week to determine the success of the treatments. Additional appointments are tentatively scheduled during the summer months at University of Michigan Hospital(s) in Ann Arbor. Pastor Will and Janet continue to trust in God's sovereignty and goodness each day. They give thanks for the many blessings they experience, including the love and support from the SGCRC congregation during this cancer journey. They remain hopeful in God's grace and the Great Physician's healing and declare God's faithfulness and sovereign control over all things.
- **Nella Homan (2)** continues to progress through physical therapy. She is still experiencing some pain. Pray for continued strength and that the pain would subside.
- **Dave and Pat Joustra (5)** request prayers as Pat continues to recover and as they make decisions regarding future transitions.
- **Sal Padilla (3)** underwent surgery on May 3 to repair a torn labrum after dislocating his shoulder last month. The surgery went well. Please pray for good pain management and for peace and patience for Sal as he faces a 4-6 month recovery.
- **Judy Wolters' (5)** has started a new medicine to help with her back pain. She is also scheduled to see a neurologist. Continue to pray for wisdom for the doctors and answers that will be helpful for Judy's back pain.

Prayers for Classis & Synod:

- The Grandville classis prayer mobilizer has issued a special prayer request for our denomination, the upcoming Synod 2024, and the family, friends, and co-workers of Rev. Scott DeVries. Scott passed away last Saturday, April 27, after a short battle with cancer.

Scott was 47 years old and had two children in the Holland Christian Schools. He was also the Director of Synodical Services, which means he was in charge of all of the planning and the details for Synod.

So please pray! Pray for these things and any others you think of:

- 1) Pray for Scott's family - his wife, children, parents - and all of his friends and co-workers as they grieve and remember him.
 - 2) Pray for the office of Synodical Services and the high volume of work they are involved in.
 - 3) Pray for Synod 2024 - for the many details, delegates, leaders, staff, and all involved
 - 4) Pray for the CRC - this is a stressful and anxious time for all. Pray that even as we grieve Scott DeVries's sudden passing, that the church will come together in love and the gospel mission the church has been commissioned with.
- **Synod:** Pray for Pastor Rod and all the other delegates who are beginning to prepare for Synod. Pray for wisdom as they study the reports and issues to be discussed.