

January 21, 2024



South Grandville Church

SPOTLIGHT

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Devotion: Sanctity of Human Life

The phrase “sanctity of life” reflects the belief that, because people are made in God’s image (Genesis 1:26–27), human life is **sacred**. The sanctity of human life is sourced in being made in the image of God, which is set apart from all other forms of life. As image bearers of God, we are to be respected and protected. God gave humanity the authority to kill and eat other forms of life (Genesis 9:3). However the taking of another human life is forbidden by the Lord (Genesis 9:6).

Sacred and sanctity are linguistic forms of the word holy, which is to be special and set apart. Human life is not holy in the same sense that God is holy. Only God is holy in and of Himself. Human life is only holy in the sense that we have been “set apart” from all other life created by God. Second, human life is sacred in that God himself has delegated and bestowed some of His own holiness unto us through being made in His image.

Although humanity was created in God’s image, sin has corrupted that image. The sanctity of human life is not because we are such wonderful and good people. The image of God has been marred by sin, but His image is still present in humanity. We are made in the likeness of God, and that likeness means that human life is always to be treated with dignity and respect.

Many apply the sanctity of life to issues like abortion and euthanasia, and, while it applies to those issues, it applies to so much more. The sanctity of life should motivate us to combat all forms of evil and injustice that are perpetuated against human life. Violence, abuse, oppression, human trafficking, and many other evils are also violations of the sanctity of life. Seeing to the needs of the elderly and sick is also a part of the sanctity of human life.

The sanctity of life is a theological truth, but love must be the motivation and the balance of pursuing to encourage the sanctity of human life in all areas of life.

Church Announcements:

- **This Sunday** Pastor Rod will be back to deliver God's Word. Our worship service will focus and reflect on the Sanctity of Life, using the text of 1 Corinthians 3:16-17.
- **Next Sunday** Pastor Rod will begin a sermon series called "Follow Me" that ties in to the Chosen episodes we will be watching in the evening. The first message, "I Have Called You", comes from Luke 8:1-3 & Matthew 17:19-20.
- **Star Words:** As we have for the past several years, we are encouraging you to choose a "Star Word" for 2024. Baskets with stars are located throughout the church. Stop by a basket this week and take a Star Word, then let God speak to you through that word during this year.
- **Council News:** The Council met Monday night. Much of the time was spent discussing items for the Thursday 1/18/24 meeting of Classis Grandville and proposals that they will be discussing that night. Pastor Rod, Sue Pipping, and Mike Besteman will represent our Council at that meeting. The Council approved the Congregational Meeting minutes from 12/31/23.
- **Elders News:** At their request, the Hope CRC membership of Ladd and Sandy VanderLaan was transferred to Lee St CRC.
- **2023 Giving Statements:** Giving statements were completed this week. You should have received a copy of your statement via email if we have an email on file for you. All others will receive paper copies in the mail or in their church mailbox. Please contact the church office if you have any questions about your statement.
- **Adult Bible Studies**
 - **MEN:** Thursday January 25 we are not meeting. On February 1 we will continue our study of Philippians using videos by N.T. Wright. To prepare for the lesson please read Philippians 3:12-16
 - **LADIES:** On Thursday, January 25, we will study Lesson 2: Hannah. We will meet in the council room at 9:30.
- **Derby Race:** Our annual Derby car race between the Gems and Cadets is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20th. This year we will have 32 Gems and Cadets in the race! *We are also going to have a second Open Class Race. Derby Car kids are available for \$10 for those that would like to race the counselors in the open class race. Please contact Ben or Kristina Netz to get a car kit. All entries for the race must be completed by March 6.*
- **VBS:** This year VBS will be June 10-13. Our theme is Scuba- finding friendship work God. We have already begun making plans for this exciting week. If you'd like to be a part of the planning process, please contact Kristina Netz. Sign ups for volunteers will be up in the next few weeks.
- **Spiritual Care Visiting Team Information:** Over the last few months we have been working on forming a Spiritual Care team to assist in providing spiritual care and visits to members of our congregation who are shut-in or have limited mobility. In your mailboxes this week is a letter explaining a bit more about the team. If you receive the letter by mail, please note, one name was inadvertently left off the list of team members. The Spiritual Care Team members are: Pastor Rod Galindo, Pastor Dale Fopma, Barb Schemper, Paul Lubbers, Peggy Sonke, Steve Maring, Jim Mellema, Keith Beavon

- **“The Chosen” Starts in 1 Week!** South Grandville will be hosting a screening of Season One of the series “The Chosen”. Each Sunday evening, January 28 - March 17, we will meet in the Friendship Hall at 5PM for a free meal. The screening will start at 5:30, followed by a time of conversation about the episode, led by Pastor Rod. ***To help us plan the meals, please sign up*** on the counter by the bulletin board if you would like to participate. You can also text “Chosen” and the number of people attending to 616-253-6361 to sign up.
- **The Chosen Meals:** The Chosen series will be here soon and we could use your help. Would you be willing to volunteer your time or talents? We're looking for people to help with setup, serving and clean-up. We'd also like help with making some of the meals if you're able to donate your talents to that. And if you like to bake we could use some cookies/bars for desserts! Sign up on the sheet in the lobby. Questions? Talk to Kelly Vogel, Brenda Zuiderveen, Rachael Remijn, Kathy VandenBosch or Pat Hulsebus.
- **Calling All Walkers!** There are still a few packets of door hangers that need to be distributed ***this week!*** Stop by the counter by the bulletin board, choose a packet and sign your name next to the ***route number*** shown on the map. If you live outside of the immediate neighborhood of the church and would like to take some door hangers to your own neighbors, grab some extras from the counter.
- **Donation Drive - Care Kits for the Homeless:** Do you ever wish you had something to give that person on the street corner holding a sign by the traffic light? We recognize that these people are “down on their luck”, but we’re unsure what to do. We would like to put together kits that you can keep in your car to hand out at times like this. The kits will be in a gallon-size zip-loc bag and will include useful items, plus a note from the church that says we’re praying for them and a list of organizations that may be resources for them. Please consider purchasing some items from the list on the flier in your mailbox. We’d like to put together 100 kits to start out, with a goal of making them available on an ongoing basis.
- **Happy 70th Anniversary, South Grandville!** 2024 marks 70 years since the start of our church - let’s celebrate! If you would like to be part of a team to plan the festivities (to take place sometime in the spring or summer), please contact the church office.
- **SG Church Campout:** It’s snowy outside, but it’s time to start making plans for our South Grandville Church Campout! We have 10 sites tentatively reserved at Dutch Treat Campground for August 1-7. If you would like to camp any or all of that time with us, call the campground asap (Ph#: 616-772-4303) and tell them you’re with the South Grandville group. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Reed or Paulette Ackerson.

A Note of Thanks:

- I felt so blessed & want to Thank everyone for thinking of me at Christmas. Thank you all for the Christmas cards & goodie bag. I had Covid at the end of October & that took a month for me to recover from then I got hit with the flu over Christmas. I’m just now feeling much better. Prayers Peace & Love. Penny.

Schedule:

Lead Pastor Rod Galindo: Phone 616-532-5413 pastorrod@southgrandvillechurch.org

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

Diane's Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9am-2pm

January Special Offering: Pregnancy Resource Center

January 7: General Fund, Faith Promise

January 14: General Fund, Christian Education

January 21: General Fund, Baby Pantry

January 28: General Fund, Benevolence

- **Coffee Servers:**

January 21: Orrie & Stacy Chaffin, Brian & Diane Reed

January 28: Michael & Christine Padilla, Brian & Tracy Mann

February 4: Dan & Sue VanderMarkt, Ben & Kristina Netz

February 11: Bernie & Joyce Byker, Mark & Linda Hopkins

- **Bus Drivers:**

January 21: Ed Peters

January 28: Brian Reed

February 4: Brian Reed

February 11: Brian Reed

- **Kids Own Worship:**

January 21: Mary Rozendal - David & Goliath

January 28: Barb Schemper - Elisha & The Widow

February 4: Linda Schroeder - Elisha & Naaman

February 11: Jane Schut - Jonah

- **Nursery:**

January 21: Kristina Netz, Ethan Dertien

January 28: Kelly Vogel, Harper Remijn

February 4: Bonnie Williams, Taylor Dornbos

February 11: Kathy Bradfield, Penelope Remijn

- **Hospitality:**

January 21: Keith & Mary Beavon

January 28: Jerry & Sally King

February 4: Jerry & Sally King

February 11: Brad & Nicole Dornbos

Calendar:

January 21: Youth Group 5-7pm

January 24: Wednesday Night Dinner 6pm

Gems & Cadets 6:45-8:15

January 28: "The Chosen" Episode 1 viewing & discussion - dinner at 5PM, video begins at 5:30

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: Mike Besteman, Ed Peters, Nicole Dornbos, Brian Mann
- Military: Lt Col Brian Sikkema
- Missionary of the Month: Cody Zuiderveen - GVSU Campus Ministry
- Members: Greta VanderHeide, Ade Kaashoek, Al & Carol Koetje, Missy Berg

Help & Healing:

- **Donna Grit (4)** is doing well and continues to work with a cardiologist to find the cause of her symptoms.
- We extend our Christian sympathy to **Jim and Luanne Mellema (3)** following the homegoing of Luanne's mom, Lois Gort, on January 13, at the age of 95. Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Friday, January 19, 2024 at Lee Street Christian Reformed Church. Relatives and friends may visit with the family Thursday, January 18 from 5-8 pm at Matthyse Kuiper DeGraaf Funeral Home (Grandville).
- **Jim Schipper (3)** is thankful for the prayers on his behalf. He is experiencing some small improvements in his symptoms.. He had one test this past week and has two more scheduled. Please pray that the doctors will be able to find a solution to relieve his symptoms.
- **Deanie VanderWiel (5)** is currently hospitalized to treat an infection.
- **Randy Veldhouse (5)** consulted with his doctor following his scans last week. He received a good report and the next scans are scheduled in six months.
- **Judy Wolters (5)** is now receiving medication injections with the hopes that it will help with her back pain.

Happy Birthday:

January 2 - Ron TenElshof
January 4 - Becky Wilson, Aria Galindo
January 6 - Pat Homan
January 7 - Steve Zuiderveen
January 8 - Ed Brower
January 10 - Pat Mouw
January 12 - Pastor Rod Galindo, Grace Dykstra
January 15 - Roger Grit
January 25 - Dan Peters
January 26 - Rachael Remijn
January 27 - Dan Bosscher
January 28 - Deanie VanderWiel