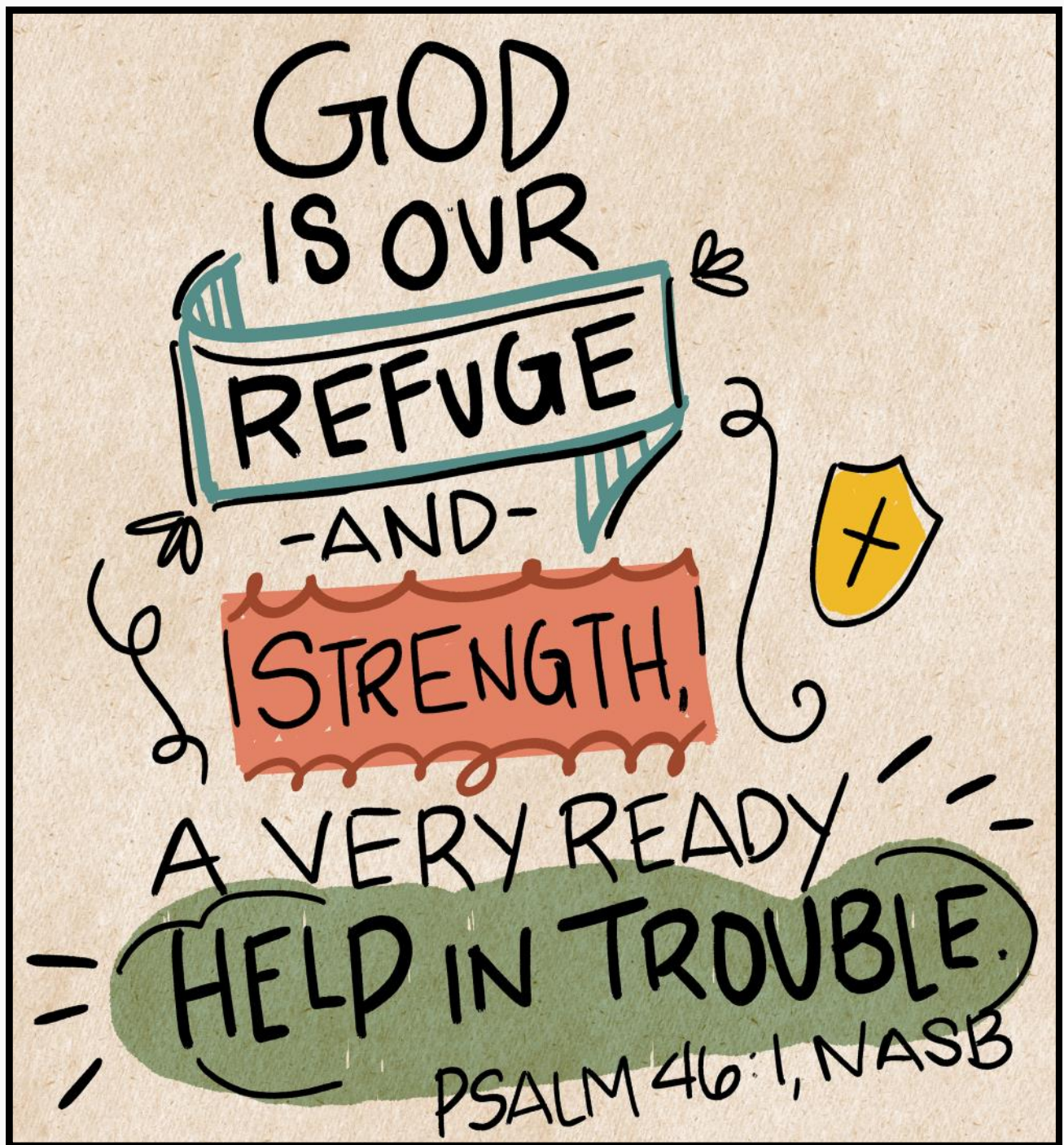




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We Enter God's Presence

Call to Worship

Opening Song: *"Forever (Give Thanks to the Lord)"*

God's Greeting & Our Mutual Greeting

Song of Praise: *"Blessed Be Your Name"*

Confession and Assurance

Song of Assurance: *"Because He Lives"*

Moment for Missions: Operation Community Connect

Intercessory Prayer: Tom Patten

Offering received for: 1) General Fund

2) Pease CRC Legacy Foundation

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message: Nicole Hoffman

Scripture: Acts 6:1-7

Message: **"Living Upside Down"** (Ms. Carol Veldman Rudie)

Prayer of Application

Song of Application: *"He Leadeth Me"*

We Depart with God's Blessing

God's Parting Blessing

Parting Song: *"Benediction (May the Peace of God)"*



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Sermon Notes

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

- ♦ If you're a visitor with us, we welcome you in the name of Christ and invite you to fill out the card in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate. We would love to reach out to you and get to know you better!
- ♦ Nursery care for infants through age two is available during our service. Children in Worship & Sunday School for children ages 3-5th grade is currently on summer break. We will resume all classes on September 13.
- ♦ Activity bags for small children are available near the office.
- ♦ Hearing enhancers are available in the Sound Booth.
- ♦ As a courtesy, please switch your cell phones off or to silent mode.



Welcome to worship! This morning we welcome Ms. Carol Veldman Rudie as she opens God's Word for us from Acts 6. Next Sunday Pastor Brad will return to continue his sermon series, Upside-Down Kingdom.

Next week we have the privilege of partaking in the **Lord's Supper**. Looking forward to this, please take some time in the coming days to personally reflect on the grace of Jesus Christ and ask Him to remove anything from your heart that may prevent you from fully receiving His grace.

Little Lambs and **Worship Center** are taking a break for the month of August. The nursery is still available for children through two years of age. All of our children's ministries will resume in September.



Rec Jr and Rec Lake Day- All students ENTERING 6th grade and up are welcome. They will be meeting in the church parking lot today at 3 pm to carpool to the lake, and will be back at 9:30 pm. There will be tubing, yard and water games, kayaking, and pontoon rides. Supper will be provided. Please bring a life jacket if you are able. Reach out to Mo with any questions.

Building a Legacy of Faith: Through the Pease CRC Legacy Foundation, you have the opportunity to honor God's blessings by making a lasting investment in His kingdom. Gifts to the Foundation support our Building, Ministries, and Missions Funds, strengthening the work of our church for generations to come. Each year, up to 5% of the balances in the Missions and Ministries Funds may be used to support ongoing ministry initiatives & projects. Last year, these funds helped support Ashley Droogsma's mission trip to Arizona and Cora Bierma's ongoing mission work with YWAM. To learn more about giving, or how these funds can support your own mission needs, contact the church office who can connect you with a Foundation Trustee.

Our Church Family

We wish a very happy birthday to **John Kok**, celebrating 96 years on Wednesday, August 12!

Your prayers are requested for **Hope Vermeer's** mom, Kathy, after a fall that resulted in a fractured pelvis.

Please pray for **Anna Mae Miedema** as she remains on hospice at the Milaca Elim Home. Her health is continuing to decline, and she will soon be called home to glory.

We extend our sympathy to the Ege family in the passing of **Marlin Ege** on Monday. His funeral will be at Pease CRC on Friday, August 14 at 11 am with a time of visitation one hour prior. Please continue to pray for them.

We are still in need of a couple more **fall ministry volunteers**, including Sunday School, Kid's Club, and the Nursery. If you are able to volunteer, or would like to know more, please reach out to Carrie.



This morning we rejoice with our brothers and sisters at **Redemption CRC** and **Pastor Eli Groenendyk** as they celebrate their very first worship service as a church plant in Chanhassen. May God move through them into the community in which they are serving, and may they lead many to Christ through His grace and mercy!

The Council is preparing a list of *nominees to serve as elders and deacons* for a 3-year term. If you would like to submit names, please have them to the church office or Jeff Hanenburg **TODAY**. The outgoing council members are: Jeff Hanenburg, Dick Ritzema, Tom Patten, Joelle Hjort, John Teeler, and Dylan Ash. Those who have served in an office in the last three years and spouses of current council members are not eligible for nomination. If you have any questions about the process, please contact Jeff Hanenburg. Thank you!

Our summertime **Puzzle and Game Exchange** is coming to a close! Only a few more weeks until everything is donated. Don't miss out on your chance to grab a few to give a good home. Thank you to everyone who provided these fun summertime activities!



The second offerings through August will be taken as follows:

August 16- Benevolent Fund
August 23- Partners in Education (CCS)
August 30- 125 Campaign



The Deacons gratefully acknowledge the following July receipts:

Community Christian School- \$752.00
Perrin Werner- \$1,402.00
125 Campaign- \$822.00
Youth Group- \$1,284.00
General Fund- \$37,125.10



Calendar for the Week

Sunday, August 9

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship
3:00 p.m. Youth Group Lake Day

Tuesday, August 11

6:00 p.m. Elders & Deacons Meet
7:00 p.m. Full Council Meets

Thursday, August 13

10:00 a.m. Operation Community Connect (at MHS)
7:00 p.m. Women's Book Discussion Group

Friday, August 14

10:00 a.m. Visitation for Marlin Ege
11:00 a.m. Funeral of Marlin Ege

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, August 19: Coffee in the Fireside Room
Sunday, August 23: Safe Church Training
Sunday, August 30: Back to School Community Prayer Event
Sunday, September 13: Sunday School Kickoff
Sunday, September 27: SNL Kickoff

Community Announcements



Operation Community Connect (OCC) is a local resource expo held THIS THURSDAY, August 13 from 9a-1p at Milaca High School. Pease CRC is honored to be the fiscal host of this event, but OCC also needs YOUR help to be a success! Here's what they are looking for:

- >**Set up Wednesday, August 12:** unloading supplies at Milaca High School and organizing them at their designated stations, and unloading and setting up tables in the gymnasium.
- >**During the event Thursday:** volunteers at the school supply giveaway, boot giveaway, personal products table, and to cook, serve, and cleanup lunch.
- >**After-event cleanup Thursday:** take down tables, box & load remaining supplies on a trailer, unload items at CVS building. Anyone wishing to volunteer or to get more information, contact **Beth Sumner** at 320-983-8376.

The **Hot Lunch Program** at **Community Christian School** utilizes an amazing crew of volunteers who collect lunch from Milaca, prepare the kitchen and lunchroom, serve lunch, wash trays and silverware, and serve as God's hands and feet in a much-needed capacity. Our volunteers tell us that their time serving is a bright spot in their month - seeing smiling faces and hearing grateful 'thank yous' is definitely a highlight! We need *3 volunteers EACH day* to provide this service to our families. Are able to volunteer **once or twice a month for 2 hours** on the Hot Lunch Crew at CCS? Contact Anne Mundt, Hot Lunch Coordinator, at 320.369.4239 or amundt@ccspease.com for more information.



Rum River Life Choices Center will be holding a **Fall Picnic Fundraiser** on Saturday, September 19 from 4-7 pm at the Milaca Rec Park. Come and support this pro-life organization. There will be food trucks, live music, bounce houses, and both live and silent auctions.

Freewill donations will be accepted. Reservations can be made online at rumriverforlife.org/event or by calling 320-983-3771.



Opportunities To Serve

Sound Board Today, August 9: Ryan Swanson

Next Sunday, August 16: Tom Patten

Media Today, August 9: Linda Droogsma

Next Sunday, August 16: Stacy Patten

Livestream Today, August 9: Bob Sumner

Next Sunday, August 16: Carrie Koppendrayer

Greeters Today, August 9:

East Door: Dianne Christensen

West Door: Harly & Pauline Pap

Next Sunday, August 16:

East Door: Dennis & Marian Beier

West Door: Pete & Betty De Boer

Ushers Today, August 9:

East: Morris Droogsma

Center: Greg Brink

West: Den Kiel

Next Sunday, August 16:

East: Mitch & Edie Kuperus

Center: John & Carol Teeler

West: George Droogsma

Nursery Today, August 9:

Leaders: Carrie Luckhurst, Jenny Santema

Helpers: Ava Patnode, Darin Moorlag

Next Sunday, August 16:

Leaders: Beth Sumner, Julie Jaunich

Helpers: Kinsley Hoyez, Addie Bierma

Children's Church Today, August 9: *No Class ~ Summer Break*

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