

UNFAIR LOVE:
"Throwing Stones"

John 8:1-11

Christian Reformed Church of Pease
September 7, 2025 - 9:30 A.M
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We Enter God's Presence

Preparing for Worship

Call to Worship

Opening Song: *"To Not Worship You"*

God's Greeting & Our Mutual Greeting

Songs of Praise: *"This is Amazing Grace"*

"His Mercy is More"

Confession and Assurance

Song of Assurance: *"All-Sufficient Merit"*

Intercessory Prayer: Nick Hoffman

Offering received for: 1) General Fund

2) Community Christian School

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message: Shelly Ash

Scripture: John 8:1-11

Message: **Unfair Love: "Throwing Stones"**

Prayer of Application

Song of Application: *"No Longer Slaves"*

We Depart with God's Blessing

God's Parting Blessing

Parting Song: *"Benediction"*



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 and Sunday School for children ages 3-5th grade are currently on Summer Vacation, and will resume September 14.
- ♦ 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.



The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands"

Psalm 19:1

We gather in worship of Him who made all things and for whom all things were made-including you! May his Spirit fill and bless you as we praise his name together this morning. Welcome and thank you for being here!

This morning Pastor Brad returns to conclude his Unfair Love sermon series with his message, "Throwing Stones", from John 8:1-11. Next week he will begin a series looking at the book of Psalms, titled Words to the Lord.

Safe Church training will be this morning after our worship service. Grab a cup of coffee and come back for our quick session. Anyone that doesn't attend September 7 will have a link emailed to them. Immediately following, a brief Sunday School Teacher's meeting will take place in the Fireside Room.

Any children joining **Little Lambs** this fall is asked to attend an orientation this morning. Meet at the bottom of the stairs 15 minutes after church ends.

Sunday School (including **Little Lambs** and **Worship Center**) starts next week, with a picnic in the park to follow our worship service! Plan to stay for food and fun- and bring a chair if you can!

General Fund Update: We want to inform the congregation that our operating funds are currently running low. Due to several necessary and unexpected building expenses this year-including replacing the furnace earlier this spring, repairing exterior bricks on the east side of the building, updating gutters, and bringing the elevator up to code-we are currently approximately \$11,700 over budget for building repairs. Combined with a decrease in giving, these costs have created concern about covering expenses for the remainder of the year. We ask for your prayers and encourage you to consider supporting the church through your regular giving, or, if possible, with an increased gift to the General Fund. Thank you, The Deacons

Our Church Family

We wish a very happy birthday to **Lorraine Veurink**, who celebrates 96 years on Wednesday, September 10!

Happy anniversary to **Doug & Dort Brink**, who celebrate 56 years of marriage on Friday, September 12.

Continue to be in prayer for those struggling with illness, injury, or other health-related issues.

Keep the family of **Marg Timmer** in your prayers, as her funeral was this past Friday.

Ladies Crafting Group begins this Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.! Bring your favorite craft and come for laughter and fellowship (and maybe a sweet treat)!

Men's Timeout will be Saturday, September 20, at 8:00 a.m. Come for a delicious breakfast, and hear from Pastor Brad as this month's speaker. **Sunday Night Live** will begin September 28 from 3:00-5:00 with **Kid's Club**, **GEMS**, **Cadets**, and a **class for adults** called "*Getting to Know YOU*" led by Pastor Brad. Kid's Club is offered to children ages 3-Kindergarten, and GEMS & Cadets are for grades 1-8. If you have any questions, contact Dylan or Carrie.

Crossroads Prison Ministries is in need of more mentors for their Bible study program. Crossroads connects people in prison with Bible study programs relevant to their situation. They need hope that change is possible in their lives through a relationship with Jesus Christ and they need encouragement to make that change a reality. Mentors are needed to review their lessons, answer questions they might have, encourage their spiritual growth and write them short letters of encouragement. Crossroads provides resources to assist in reviewing these lessons. Please contact Steve Hubers at 320-828-1506 if you would like to learn more about this opportunity.

The second offerings through September will be received as follows:

9/14: Pease Scholarship Fund

9/21: Perrin Werner Missionary Ministry

9/28: 125 Campaign

The Deacons gratefully acknowledge the following receipts:

Community Christian School: \$1,077.25

Benevolent Fund: \$861.50

Partners in Education/CCS: \$961.00

Youth Group Snack Packing: \$1,330.00

125 Campaign: \$996.00

August General Fund: \$32,376.15

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, September 7

9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 a.m.

Safe Church Training & Sunday School Mtg.

Tuesday, September 9

9:00 a.m.

Women's Crafting Group

4:30 p.m.

Admin Team Meeting

Wednesday, September 10

6:30 p.m.

REC Jr.

7:45 p.m.

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Advance Notice

Sunday, September 14: Sunday School Kickoff and Picnic in the Park

Tuesday, September 16: Facilitators and Shepherding Team Meeting

Monday, September 15: Mission Society

Saturday, September 20: Men's Timeout

Thursday, September 25: Men's Bible Study Begins

Sunday, September 28: SNL Kickoff

Wednesday, October 1: Coffee Break Kickoff

Community Announcements

The next Country Gospel singalong with **This Side of Heaven** will be today, Sept. 7, 3:00 at Milaca E. Free Church.

Peterson-Johnson Funeral Home invites you to the free program "Charity, Cremations, Costs, Celebration, Caskets, and Concerns" on Thursday, September 18, at 10:00 a.m. Advance registration is required-RSVP to 320-983-3488 or pjfh@citlink.net. See bulletin boards for more details.

Opportunities To Serve

Sound Board Today, September 7: Jeff Hanenburg

Next Sunday, September 14: Ryan Swanson

Media Today, September 7: Stacy Patten

Next Sunday, September 14: Anita Hubers

Livestream Today, September 7: Bob Sumner

Next Sunday, September 14: Dylan Moorlag



Greeters Today, September 7:

East Door: John & Carol Teeler

West Door: Terry & Sharry Kragt

Next Sunday, September 14:

East Door: Jay & Greta Rensenbrink

West Door: Dick & Lois Ritzema

Ushers Today, September 7:

East: Jim Santema

Center: Diana Krueger

West: Steve Hubers

Next Sunday, September 14:

East: Mike Larsen

Center: Ron & Bonnie Homstad

West: Bill Ruis

Nursery Today, September 7:

Leaders: Sara Swanson, Sharon Hanenburg

Helpers: Kendell Ash, Annika Kiel

Next Sunday, September 14:

Leaders: Jim Santema, Beth Sumner

Helpers: Wilfred Bekius, Aeli Luckhurst

Children's Church Today, September 7:

Little Lambs: *No Class- Summer Vacation*

Worship Center: *No Class- Summer Vacation*

Sunday School: *No Class- Summer Vacation*

Children's Church Next Sunday, September 14:

Little Lambs: *"Blue and Green and Purple, Too"*

Leader: Peggy Timmer

Greeter: Amelia Schluender

Worship Center: *"Orientation"*

Leader: Michelle Schluender

Greeter: Ava Patnode

Sunday School: *Orientation*

2025 Administrative Team

Elders: Jeff Hanenburg—President
Tom Patten—Vice President
Doug Brink—Clerk

Deacons: Ryan Manke—President
Joelle Hjort—Vice President
Keith Cook—Secretary

2025 Shepherding Teams

Red: Sam Pearson, Char De Kraker, Hope Vermeer
Yellow: George Droogsma, Dylan Ash, Cindy Hemmerich
Purple: Dick Ritzema, Curt Hanenburg, Char Burklund
Orange: Phil Van De Riet, Sam Fradette, Sharry Kragt
Blue: Byron Byker, John Teeler, Shirley Geurkink
Green: Julee Moorlag, Ian Thompson, Kris Kiel



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