



Above all,  
love each other  
deeply.

1 Peter 4:8

**Christian Reformed Church of Pease**  
**September 3, 2023 - 9:30 A.M.**

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**Mr. Dick Ahlberg**

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## **We Enter God's Presence**

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship

Opening Song: *"Everlasting God"*

God's Greeting and Our Mutual Greeting

Songs of Praise: *"Our God"*

*"Teach Me How to Love"*

Confession and Assurance

Song of Assurance: *"Your Grace is Enough"*

Intercessory Prayer: Amy Boldt

Our Gifts: 1) General Fund

2) Community Christian School

## **We Hear God's Word**

Children's Message

Scripture: Philippians 1:9-11

Message: **"Wanting What is Best"**

Prayer of Application

Song of Application: *"Live Like That"*

## **We Depart with God's Blessing**

God's Parting Blessing

Closing Song: *"Step By Step"*





NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SERMON

# Notes

date: \_\_\_\_\_

FAVORITE VERSE OR QUOTE:

SERMON  
TITLE:

READINGS  
FROM:

FAVORITE  
WORSHIP  
SONG  
TODAY:

THINGS I HAVE  
QUESTIONS ABOUT:

SERMON NOTES

DRAW IT OUT:

"Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,  
because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain"

I Corinthians 15:58b



On this Labor Day weekend we gather for worship to be reminded that no matter what we do, we are to give ourselves fully to the Lord. May that be true of you this morning as you worship. Welcome!

This morning we welcome **Mr. Dick Ahlberg** to lead us in worship as we take a closer look at Philippians 1:9-11 with his message "Wanting What is Best".

Next Sunday we are joined by **Pastor Larry Freitag**, a retired pastor from Prior Lake, MN. He will guide us through Psalm 121 with his message "God Has a Mountaintop Experience for You"

We will be holding a **Congregational Meeting** following our morning worship service on Sunday, September 10. We will be voting on whether or not to refurbish all of the stained glass windows at a cost of approximately \$155,000, and getting an update regarding the Milaca DAC's janitorial work in our building. Absentee ballots will be available in the office this week.

### *Our Church Family*

We wish a very happy birthday to **Ray Droogsma**, celebrating his 90th birthday on Wednesday, September 6! You are invited to help him celebrate next Sunday with cake and coffee in the Fellowship Hall following our Congregational Meeting.

**School starts on Tuesday!** Please pray for our families, teachers, staff, administrators, and bus drivers as they begin for another year.

"Thank you to our friends and family who came to our 75th anniversary celebration. It was so nice to visit with you. We are thankful that God has blessed us with 75 years of marriage. Thank you, too, for all the cards and well wishes."  
**~Ray & Sadie Tellinghuisen**

**Cemetery Update:** You are asked to please remove all pots, stands, and other items from the cemetery by Monday, September 11. A fall clean-up is being planned and this makes the work easier. If they are not removed, they will be disposed of. Please contact Sharry Kragt with questions.

**Coffee Break Kickoff:** Coffee Break will begin on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:00 pm. Join them in hearing from their featured speaker, Christine Jensen, as she shares how God has guided her throughout her life.

\*Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend!\*

Our fall ministries are right around the corner! The first day of **Sunday Night Live** will be September 24 at 4:00 with Kid's Club, GEMS, and Cadets. Kid's Club is offered to children ages 3-Kindergarten, and both GEMS and Cadets are for grades 1-8. There will also be a study open to all ages, going through the book *"The Good News We Almost Forgot"*. There really is something for everyone, so don't miss out on this opportunity for you and your kids. If you have any questions about these ministries, talk to Dylan or Carrie.

Our church will be hosting an **American Red Cross Blood Drive** on Thursday, September 28, from noon-6:00 p.m. Sign up to be a donor today at: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), and talk to Carrie if you'd like to volunteer at the registration table for a 2 hour time slot.

SAVE THE DATE! The **GEMS 3rd Annual 5K** is scheduled for Saturday, October 14. Registration will open soon, but mark your calendars for this very special morning of fellowship!

**Search Team Listening Session:** The Search Team will host their final listening session after the morning worship service in the Fireside Room today. Everyone is invited to come and join the conversation about what is important in a leader for Pease CRC. Again, these are for all ages. Just pick the date that works best for you. If you can't attend this morning's listening session, but would still like to provide your input, please reach out to a Search Team member. We'd love to chat!

**Safe Church training**—The link to complete Safe Church training has been sent to all children's ministry volunteers and council members. Please watch the video and sign your Volunteer Profile (in your church mailbox) by **Sunday, September 10**. Profiles can be returned to the basket by the office. See Carrie with any questions.

**At-Home Faith Formation Tip:** As the start of the school year draws near, many kids feel fearful and anxious. It's a good time to gently remind them that their identity lies not in their accomplishments, their popularity, or what others think of them. Their identity comes from being beloved children of a loving God. "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" -1 John 3:1 (Tip from Faith Formation; [bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation](http://bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation))

Your offerings will be received through the month of September as follows:

September 3: Community Christian School

September 10: Guatemala Action Project

September 17: Partners in Education (CCS)

September 25: 125 Campaign

### *Calendar for the Week*

#### **Sunday, September 3**

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

#### **Wednesday, September 6**

9:00 a.m. Coffee in the Fireside Room

6:30 p.m. REC Jr.

7:45 p.m. REC

#### **Thursday, September 7**

5:00 p.m. Search Team Meeting

### *Upcoming Dates*

- >Sunday, September 10: Congregational Meeting following morning worship
- >Monday, September 11: Administrative Team Meeting
- >Wednesday, September 13: Coffee Break Kickoff
- >Monday, September 18: Shepherding Team Meeting
- >Sunday, September 24: Sunday Night Live Kickoff
- >Thursday, September 28: American Red Cross Blood Drive
- >Saturday, October 14: 3rd Annual GEMS 5K

### *Community Announcements*

The next Country Gospel singalong with **This Side of Heaven** will be today at 3:00 at the Milaca Evangelical Free Church.

**Community Christian School** would like to invite all parents, grandparents, and friends of CCS to their opening day chapel this Tuesday, September 5, at 8:30 AM in the CCS gymnasium. Join us as we introduce this year's theme: **Let Your Light Shine** "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). We hope to see you on Tuesday!

The **Rum River Life Choices Center Fall Picnic Fundraiser** is coming up on Saturday, September 16 from 4-7pm at the Milaca Rec. Park. Hope to see you there!

## *Opportunities To Serve*

**Sound Board Today, September 3:** Bernie Boldt

**Next Sunday, September 10:** Ryan Swanson

**Media Today, September 3:** Linda Droogsma

**Next Sunday, September 10:** Stacy Patten

**Livestream Today, September 3:** Damian Patnode

**Next Sunday, September 10:** Sam Fradette

**Greeters Today, September 3:**

**East Door:** Terry & Sharry Kragt

**West Door:** Harly & Pauline Pap

**Next Sunday, September 10:**

**East Door:** Char De Kraker

**West Door:** Carol Timmer

**Ushers Today, September 3:**

**East:** Mitch & Edie Kuperus

**Center:** Diana Krueger

**West:** Steve Hubers

**Next Sunday, September 10:**

**East:** Jim Santema

**Center:** John & Carol Teeler

**West:** Larry Kuperus

**Nursery Today, September 3:**

**Leaders:** Sharon Hanenburg, Jenny Santema

**Helpers:** Kinsley Hoyez, Lauryn Droogsma

**Next Sunday, September 10:**

**Leaders:** Nicole Hoffman, Ali Droogsma

**Helpers:** Kendell Ash, Ty Patnode

**Worship Center:**

*Summer Break*

**Little Lambs:**

*Summer Break*

*Thank  
you*



## **2023 Administrative Team**

**Elders:** John Goslinga—President  
Tom Kiel—Vice President  
Doug Brink—Clerk

**Deacons:** Bernie Boldt—President  
Ryan Manke—Recorder

## **2023 Shepherdng Teams**

**Red:** Duane Droogsma, Jayne Kiel, Hope Vermeer

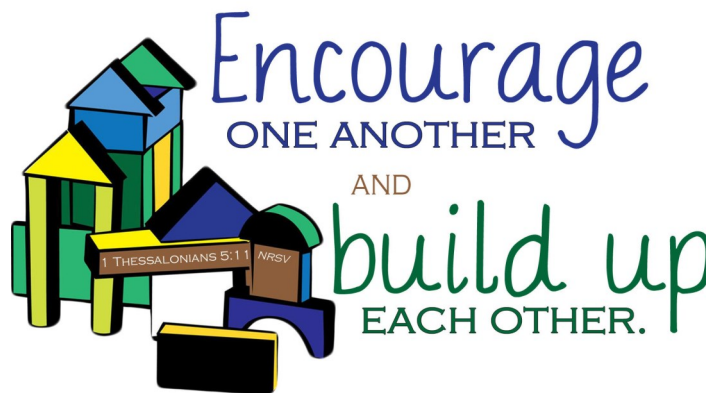
**Yellow:** Phil Vedders, Beth Sumner, Cindy Hemmerich

**Purple:** Lois Ritzema, Miranda Caflisch/Char De Kraker, Char Burklund

**Orange:** Terry Kragt, Peggy Swenson, Sharry Kragt

**Blue:** Byron Byker, Pauline Pap, Shirley Geurkink

**Green:** Julee Moorlag, Brian Van Zee, Kris Kiel



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