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Sunday Morning Worship
December 14, 2025 @ 9:30 AM

Series: Advent - Making Room
Sermon: Making Room for Joy

Scripture: Luke 1:39-56
Special Offering: Kings Gospel Mission

Sunday Morning Servants

Welcome Center: Mike & Dorene Vryhof

Greeting: David & Alice te Velde

Lions: Jennifer Lawrence, Leland Kootstra

Lambs: Elizabeth de Jong, Marit Bergman

Nursery: Gayle Zonneveld, Diana Schmidt, Kelly Verdegaal, Aiden Villalobos

Snacks: To Be Provided

Sunday Celebration

We are welcoming the Lewis family to our congregation
as the elders have approved their membership.

We also will celebrate the Holy Baptism of their daughter, Elsie Lewis.

Cake will be served after the service.

Advent Services

Advent 2025

Sunday Morning Services

Advent Week 3 December 14
9:30AM **Making Room for Joy**

Advent Week 4 December 21
9:30AM **Making Room for Love**

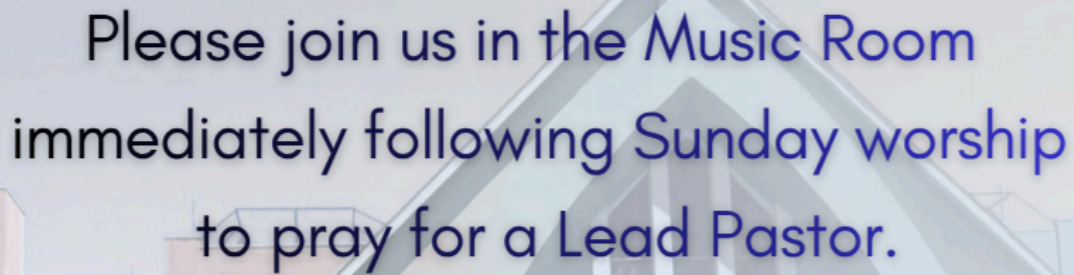
Christmas Day

December 25 10:00AM

Making Room for Jesus



Lead Pastor Prayer Time



Please join us in the Music Room
immediately following Sunday worship
to pray for a Lead Pastor.

Anniversaries

12/12 - John & Charlotte Frese

12/20 - Joshua & Raina Neal

Birthdays

12/12 - Scott Schmidt

12/14 - Rachel Johnson

12/15 - Moira Mackey

12/16 - Marianne Wilgenburg

12/19 - Claire Mouw

12/20 - Ivy Zonneveld

12/21 - Marissa Carpenter

12/21 - Dave Johnson

12/21 - Brian Kootstra

12/21 - Linda Reenders

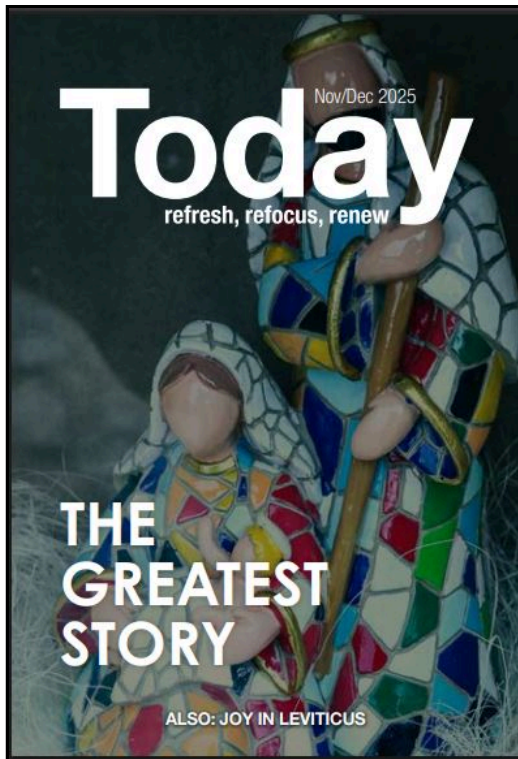
Today Devotional

The December issue of Today is
available in PDF format.

Click the button to download.

December

Or click the button for today's devotion
(updated daily):



[Click here for Today's Devotion](#)

First CRC's Christmas Angel Tree

Please drop off unwrapped gifts at the church by **this Sunday, 12/14**.
Contact Tammy Hilyard at 559-904-4789 if you have any questions.



Angel Tree Wrapping Party

Operation Christmas Blessing will be wrapping Angel Tree gifts
Monday 12/15 from Noon to 7pm at the church.

*Operation Christmas
Blessing*

GIFT WRAPPING PARTY

Come join us as we join together to wrap gifts for Operation Christmas Blessing.

We have several hundred gifts that still need to be wrapped.
We will provide everything needed.

Come for an hour or join us for the day!

 **Monday,
December 15
Noon - 7:00 pm**

 **First Christian Reformed
Church Social Hall
2175 Leoni Drive**

More Information:
Greta Souza - 559-287-1163 or
Tammy Hilyard 559-904-4789

Children's Christmas Choir

This Sunday there will be NO 9 AM rehearsal.

Instead, the children should be there for the *sound check* immediately following the morning service.



From the Ministering Deacons

Dear Congregation,

We as Deacons are asking for members of the congregation to help families or individuals get to and from church through a ride share program

This is an invitation to those who may need a ride as well. This would not necessarily be weekly, but for some individuals it might be. If there were enough families willing to help out, we could take turns and set up a schedule.

If you would be willing to help out with this, it would be greatly appreciated. Please reach out to one of the Deacons so we can add you to a list.

Thank you,

The Deacons:

- Jimmy Goebel
- Ryan Clark
- Paul de Jong
- Corey Reenders

Prayer Requests

Pray for healing, patience, endurance, and comfort
as they face ongoing tests and treatments.
Pray for their doctors to discern and administer the best treatments.

Church Family

Janet Henshaw - We praise the Lord that Janet is out of the hospital and at a rehab facility. Pray she continues to recover.

Ginger Hernandez - Pray for Ginger as she follows the doctor's prescribed diet in preparation for surgery.

Nancy Hird - Nancy is waiting to schedule back surgery via kyphoplasty. Pray for a successful surgery and a rapid recovery.

Steven Koelewyn - Continue to pray for Steven as he struggles with Valley Fever. Pray for God's guidance in this process and for healing.

Francisco Macias - Pray that Francisco continues to heal from his injuries and is able to find employment.

Kathy Pacheco - Continued recovery from successful hip replacement surgery at home.

Ruth Stryd - Stress fractures in her back, in a lot of pain, MRI is scheduled

Jeff Tos - Continued recovery from shoulder surgery.

Shut-Ins: Martha Chandler, Rose DeRuiter, Janet Henshaw, Ginger Hernandez, Harriet Johnson, Sondra Koelewyn, Dave & Vera Krumpe, Marilyn Maccagno, Linda Reenders, Grace Schraa, Jeanette Stout.

Extended Church Family

Rachel Bradley - (Bob & Jennifer Koelewyn's neighbor) Pray continued recovery from surgery and for complete healing.

Bob Carvalho - (Linda Carvalho's husband) Continue to pray for Bob and Linda as Bob is now hospice care.

Michael Cuellar - (Esther Scheeringa's brother) Michael is getting more testing done. The cancer is in his voice box. Please pray for healing.

Chuck Dyer - (Michelle's husband, Esther Scheeringa's grandchildren's stepfather) His cancer is now in his lymph nodes, and he's back to getting chemo and radiation.

Elijah & Elizabeth - (grandchildren of Dick and Janice Hofmans) They have been accepted for care by a top specialist at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in regard to their genetic eye disease.

Ike Jenkins - (Jennifer Butts' dad) Pray that Ike will have the patience to listen to his doctors and will allow himself time to recover with no falls.

Betty Johnson - (Diana Schmidt's mom) Continue to pray for Betty as she is living with cancer. Remember her family also in your prayers.

Rachelle Riggs - (Marilyn Maccagno's daughter) Her cancer has returned and is in her lymph nodes. She's currently undergoing chemo and radiation treatment. Pray that these treatments are effective and won't be too hard on Michelle's body, and for complete healing and for her to be cancer free

Rick Stryd - Dealing with cancer, pray for strength and healing

Elizabeth Young - (Esther Scheeringa's niece) Diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, she is on chemo. Pray also for the health of her husband **Michael Young** recovering from a stroke.

Kings Gospel Mission: Thank You

We recently received this **Thank You** letter from the King's Gospel Mission:

November 18, 2025

Happy Thanksgiving from Kings Gospel Mission – Your generosity fills us with gratitude:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. – 1 Chronicles 16:34

As we reflect on 2025 and all God has done at Kings Gospel Mission we are humbled with thanks to our great God who sees, knows, and provides above and beyond what we can hope. Further more we are

filled with gratitude to you, our supporters, and how God has used you to further the work of Kings Gospel mission in Kings County.

Exactly a year ago we parted ways with our prior manager and the Board of Directors was scrambling to fill the void and keep Kings Gospel Mission operational. We were facing severe financial shortfalls and even had the power shut off temporarily at our downtown thrift store. With fervent prayers we reached out to our local church community; requesting financial help and explaining the circumstance of the change in management and our dire need. God responded through you and critical funds were raised to keep the doors open, allowing us to serve about 45 men and 8 women each day with shelter, food, and opportunities for spiritual growth, discipleship and salvation through the Gospel message.

Since then it has been a journey of stretching our faith and God's provision continued as we spent the year addressing needs. We had moments of plenty where the budget was met and everything operating smoothly. But also times of difficulty with new issues such as discovering IRS payroll tax had been unpaid in 2023 or a water pipe bursting in the middle of the night. Through it all God provided

enough each time and the work of Kings Gospel Mission continued without pause. There are several needs that remain but we continue to make progress and focus on being faithful to the work God has placed before us.

We would not be here today to serve our community without You! To say we are thankful is an understatement. The men and women served at Kings Gospel Mission express their sincere thankfulness to you for your faithful support. God has richly blessed Kings Gospel Mission through you.

Testimony from Scott, a current Mens New Song Academy member:

"My experience with Kings Gospel Mission started with me just wanting to get out of the cold and from sleeping in my car. What I didn't know yet was that God was going to work a miracle of change in my life through the mission. After I spent some time in the shelter I learned about the opportunity to join the academy and while I was nervous to make such a big change in my life, I finally joined. Since then God has broken many strongholds over my physical daily life and my mental struggles. I am now surrounded by many people I consider my family in Christ and I would not have it any other way. I am beyond grateful for Kings Gospel Mission and God's guidance being a turning point in my life. I now look forward to seeing what God has for my future."

With many thanks, the Kings Gospel Board of Directors,

- Charles Feaver, Chairman
- David Stanfield, Secretary
- Elena Anzoleaga, Treasurer
- Paul de Jong, Member

KGM Needs & Ministry Opportunities

November 18, 2025

To: Whom It May Concern

RE: Kings Gospel Mission – 2026 Mission Projects

We have identified the following improvements and projects for the upcoming year (2026) and we are seeking community partners interested in helping improve our Mission facilities here in Hanford, Ca. The list below is ordered by priority and intended to be an overview.

Roof Repair – 805 and 801 Buildings

- The 805 building (Men's shelter, Middle building) a roof vent location that has developed a leak.
- The 801 Building (Women's, West Building) has some roof shingles that need to be replaced and or repaired.

AC Replacement

- The 807 Building (Transitional Housing, East Building) had a main AC unit go out the end of September 2025. The technicians informed us the unit needs to be replaced. Cost estimate was roughly \$ 12,000

Mission Facilities Projects

- Exterior Siding repair – patch and repair exterior stucco

-Interior Flooring - Several rooms in our mission housing can use updated flooring

-Bathroom Update – Update bathroom flooring, fixtures and appliances

Mission Shade Structures

-We have two outdoor areas that are used for our unhoused guests. Currently both are covered by tarps we would like a more permanent structure at both locations. This could be an outdoor patio type structure or something like a playground shade structure.

Host / Lead - Kings Gospel Mission Fundraiser Event

- The Summer months are where we experience our highest costs. We would love to have help hosting a fundraising event(s) prior to the end of summer to help offset the higher costs. This could be a dinner, a giving drive, a race or other community event.

-Timing Spring through Early Summer 2026

Mission Meals

-We are always open to community partners that want to join us as we provide meals every day. This can be dinner or breakfast to go items.

Mission Volunteer Options

-We have several opportunities for men and women's bible study leaders and vocational teaching/ training/ mentoring.

-We request that this would be a yearlong commitment with a minimum of two meeting times per month.

With regards, the Kings Gospel Board of Directors,

- Charles Feaver, Chairman
- David Stanfield, Secretary
- Elena Anzoleaga, Treasurer
- Paul de Jong

PLEASE CONTACT DAVID @ 559-904-1621 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE ABOVE.

Adult Ministries

Women's Evening Coffee Break

Christmas Break

Meetings will begin again on January 13th



Men's Life Bible Study

Romans: Chapter 1

Wednesday, December 17th @ 6:30 AM
in the First CRC Council Room.

Women's Morning Coffee Break

Christmas Break

Meetings will begin again on January 7th
studying **Genesis 1 through 11.**



Youth Ministries





FOR MORE INFORMATION:		
GEMS	SHELAINA GOEBEL	559-779-2136
CADETS	DAVID DANIELSON	559-381-6215
COMMON GROUND	KRISTEN REENDERS	559-707-7283

Heidelberg Catechism

Heidelberg Catechism for grades 3 through 8 will be meeting this Sunday immediately after worship in the Council Room.

LORD'S DAY 50

Q & A 125

Q. What does the fourth petition mean?

A. "Give us this day our daily bread" means:

**Do take care of all our physical needs (1)
so that we come to know**

**that you are the only source of everything good, (2)
and that neither our work and worry
nor your gifts
can do us any good without your blessing. (3)**

**And so help us to give up our trust in creatures
and trust in you alone. (4)**

1 Ps. 104:27-30; 145:15-16; Matt. 6:25-34

2 Acts 14:17; 17:25; James 1:17

3 Deut. 8:3; Ps. 37:16; 127:1-2; 1 Cor. 15:58

4 Ps. 55:22; 62; 146; Jer. 17:5-8; Heb. 13:5-6

Library Update

Greetings from your library! The Christmas season continues. *Reminder for kids—* Christmas books are on the shelf in front of the check-out desk. Plus some Christmas DVDs.

Two from Galilee: The Story Of Mary And Joseph by Marjorie Holmes: This is the story of two real people whose lives were touched by God: two people chosen by God to provide an earthly home for His Son. Here are Mary and Joseph—a teenage girl and a young carpenter—alone, frightened, in love, and faced with family conflict, a hostile world, and an awesome responsibility.

That Christmas Feeling by Catherine Palmer Gail Gaymer Martin: Contains a novella by each author: Christmas in My Heart and A story about a nanny, Rose Danby.

The Christmas Angel by Thomas Kinkade & Katherine Spencer: As the town of Cape Light prepares for the Christmas holidays, Emily, the town mayor, stumbles upon an abandoned baby girl.

Christmas Under Western Skies by Anna Schmidt and Linda Ford: Two novellas: A Prairie Family Christmas and A Cowboy's Christmas

Christmas Cover-Up by Lynette Eason: Seven-year-old Lucy Randall had been kidnapped in broad daylight fourteen years ago, and now Detective Katie Randall is determined to solve her sister's case.

A Door County Christmas by Eileen Key, Becky Melby, Rachell Phillips, Cynthia Ruchti: a popular Christmas novella collection based in a Wisconsin tourist town.

Wild West Christmas by Vickie McDonough, Kathleen Y'Barbo, Lena Nelson Dooley: Charley's Accountant/Plain Trouble/A Breed Apart/Lucy Ames, Sharpshooter

Christmas Homecoming by Diane Noble, Pamela Griffin, Kathleen Fuller: Three original historical novellas set in the late 1800s with the discovery of love and Christmas homecoming.

Gold Rush Christmas by Colleen Coble, Rebecca Germany, Cathy Marie Hake, Joyce Livingston: When the "Gold Fever" epidemic sweeps the nation in 1849, people drop everything to chase the dream of striking it rich.

A Riverwalk Christmas by Elizabeth Goddard, Martha Rogers, Lynette Sowell, Kathleen Y'Barbo: Riverside Serenade/Key to Her Heart/Lights of Love/Remember the Alamo: A vivid setting rich in cultural history, Christmastime along the San Antonio Riverwalk is a delightful setting for four modern romances.

Prairie Christmas by Catherine Palmer, Elizabeth White, Peggy Stoks: The Christmas Bride/Reforming Seneca Jones/Wishful Thinking: Each new story by these favorite authors celebrates faith, love, and the joy of Christmas. Each story is followed by a letter from the author and a favorite Christmas recipe.

Winter's Secret by Lynn Cote: A Christian Romantic Suspense: Wendy Carey, Steadfast's home health nurse, wants the crimes targeting her patients stopped.

The Christmas Bride by Grace Livingston Hill: Now a wealthy man, Greg Sterling heads back east to make a name for himself.

Children's Raiment Closet

Shoes -

Boys/Girls: All Sizes (10T, 11T, 12T, 13T, 1Y, 2Y, 3Y, 4Y, 5Y, 6Y, 7, 8, 9)

Sweat Pants-

Girls - Sizes: XS, SM, MED, LG, XL

Boys - All Sizes

Sweatshirts-

Boys - all sizes (XS-XL)

Girls - all sizes (XS-XL)

Jackets-

Boys - all sizes (3T, 4T, XS, SM, MED, LG, XL)

Girls - all sizes (3T, 4T, XS, SM, MED, LG, XL)

Underwear-

Girls - 4T/5T, 6/7, 8, 10

Boys - 4T/5T, 6/7, 8, 10

CVC's 2026/27 Application Information

Central Valley Christian School's 2026/27

9th-12th grade application will be available on

Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 8:00 AM PST.

As foundational church members you can take advantage of your family's Priority Admission status by submitting an application at cvc.org between January 8 - January 11. The application will be open after January 11, 2026 but you will no longer have your priority status.

Questions?

Please contact Monica Bosma, CVC PreK-12 Director of Enrollment at:

admissions@cvc.org or at 559.734.2684.



HCS Annual Drive

Our annual drive at HCS is a testament to our community's spirit. Thanks to your generosity, we bridge the 25% tuition gap, ensuring every student enjoys high-quality Christian education.

Donations maintain our faith-based learning, nurturing students academically and spiritually. They guarantee a robust curriculum that blends academic excellence with Christian values, promoting critical thinking and purpose.

Your contributions also build a strong community, funding extracurricular activities and fellowship events. Your support is vital! Together, we're shaping the future, one student at a time. Thank you for being part of the HCS family!

2025-2026 ANNUAL DRIVE

Hanford Christian School: Providing Over 80 Years of Christian Education



Why does HCS have an Annual Drive?

- The annual drive helps cover additional expenses throughout the year.
- Our goal this year is to raise \$255,000.00
- Our long term goal is to continue to increase enrollment and faithfully serve the Kings County community.

75% OF OUR ANNUAL BUDGET
IS COVERED BY TUITION

How can I give?

- A PLEDGE OR A ONE TIME GIFT

- Want to give a larger gift but need to make payments?

Contact the office to make arrangements. Whether by check or Venmo, your one-time tax deductible gift is valuable and appreciated.



venmo

@HCS-Hanford
Open your camera and scan to donate today!

Save The Date

Save the Date!

**HANFORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
UPCOMING CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE DATES**

<i>K-5th</i>	<i>Preschool</i>
TUESDAY	THURSDAY
DECEMBER 16	DECEMBER 18
DOORS 6:00 PM	SHOW 9:00 AM
SHOW 6:30 PM	

ADMISSION IS FREE!



Office Hours

Monday- Friday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Have an announcement, update, or correction we should know about?

Please send it to communications@hanfordcrc.org

The deadline for all church publications is Thursday at 1:00 PM

Please submit graphics (posters, invitations, etc.) in a 16 x 9 format.



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