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THIS COMING
SUNDAY, July 16:

Empty Words

Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes on
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 and
Isaiah 55:10-13

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Celebrating Another Confirmation and Our Graduated Seniors this Sunday

We give thanks to God that we will be welcoming Penny Green through confirmation into the life of the church at the 10 AM service this coming Sunday.

There will also be a blessing of the seniors and hearing of senior testimonies during our 10 AM service. The graduated seniors presenting in the service are Anya Wolters, James Baer, and Penny Green. A cookie and punch reception will be held following that service.

Financial Update: It Was a Good Year End!

—Dave Vanderwel, Church Finance Officer

June 30 marked the end of our six-month interim fiscal year, and we finished this period with positive momentum and a better-than-planned result. For this six-month period, we had net revenue (income minus expense) that was \$6,075 better than budgeted. We were able to accomplish this because our June revenue was \$19K greater than our expenses for the month (which seldom happens before November in the typical year). Thank you for supporting the church the way you have throughout this financial transition.

Three things fed into a positive outcome for this fiscal year:

1. Our overall contribution income for the six-month period was up 7% over the similar period in 2022;
2. Consistory approved taking \$10,000 from the Future Fund to cover the costs of the contract with our discipleship consultant, Jim Padilla-De Borst, for this period;
3. We are able to hold our expenses within \$2K (or 0.3%) of our budget for the six-month year.

While we ended the year positively with net revenue greater than budget, we still ran a deficit. Our plan was a deficit of \$45,000 for this six-month period and we finished the period with a loss of \$38,925. As we move into the new fiscal year (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024), we will need to sustain the momentum of restrained expenses and continue our contribution pace to accomplish the balanced budget we have approved for this coming year.

For those of you who like to see the numbers, the FY year-end results look like this:

	Actual FY	Budget FY
INCOME		
Contributions	\$509,175	\$525,000 <i>general fund, mission support</i>
Program Support	28,156	20,000 <i>youth ministry, housing/ facility rental</i>
Endowment Draw	<u>45,880</u>	<u>30,000</u> <i>Mission Memorial, Future Fund</i>
	\$583,211	\$575,000
EXPENSE		
Church Programs	\$68,446	\$60,000 <i>worship, Christian Ed, fellowship</i>
Church Operations	474,330	483,000 <i>wages/benefits, facilities, office, RCA</i>
Outreach & Benevolence	<u>79,360</u>	<u>77,000</u> <i>mission shares, grants, benevolence</i>
	\$622,136	\$620,000
NET REVENUE	(\$38,925)	(\$45,000)

Hope College Chemistry Department Honors Gene and the late Elaine Jekel - and You're Invited!

The Department of Chemistry at Hope College invites Third Reformed Church to a social event honoring the impact Gene and the late Elaine Jekel have had in their teaching and in directing the National Science Foundation Summer Workshops at Hope for High School Chemistry Teachers throughout the country. Isaac (Tails) Jekel, 19, the youngest grandson of Gene and Elaine, was commissioned by the department to create a large mural to be permanently placed in the Schaap Science Center. An open house for the unveiling of the mural will take place on Tuesday, July 18, from 7-9 PM in the Atrium of the Schaap Science Center located at 35 East 12th Street. Please use the door near the middle of the building from the 12th Street parking lot, which is available for your use and has steps and a handicap ramp. No RSVP is required.



SAVE THE DATE: Walk-in-choir on Sunday, July 30

Rehearsal is at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room; the choir will sing in worship at 10 a.m. All ages are welcome, and if you would like to see/hear the music ahead of time, send Linda an email at strouf@hope.edu and she will send you a PDF of the music and an audio file so you can try it out at home.



Pay it Forward - TWICE! with your Clothes and Home Goods Donations

If you have items that you are looking to donate, bring them to the Gateway Mission Thrift Store! Gateway Mission will keep track of how much is donated in partnership with our church and quarterly they will send us gift cards to the Thrift Store to give out to members of our community! All you have to do when you bring items to donate is let them know that you are donating in partnership with Third Reformed Church. They will have you fill out a small form with your information where you will select TRC as your partner. After this first time all they have to do is enter your phone number!

Next Saturday, July 22, all kids are invited to the church for a fun afternoon of decorating the parking lot! This event will take place from 2-3:30 (weather permitting). It's going to be a lot of fun—Chalk, Bubbles, and Popsicles! Join us!

Disability Awareness

—Phil Coray, Advocate

Last month's Breaking Barriers included an attachment for an article *Love Your Neighbor Through Allyship*. According to that article, "To be an ally (Allyship) is when a person from a non-marginalized group stands in solidarity and support with those in an often marginalized or

vulnerable group". Persons thought of as their disability are objects of Ableism.

To learn more about Ableism from a person who has been dealing with Ableism, members of our church community have an opportunity to participate in a group reading and a discussion on the Disability Concerns' Book of the Year, "My Body is Not a Prayer Request", by Amy Kenn. She was one of this year's Calvin January Series speakers. As many as 10 free copies (paperback, audio, and digital) will be funded by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship.

Further information about the author and requests to participate can be found in the following article: [Disability Concerns Book of the Year: My Body is Not a Prayer Request.](#)

Announcements

Summer LIFT

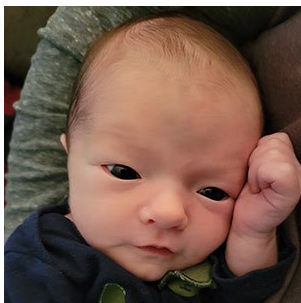
Summer LIFT continues for the next 3 weeks. Don't miss out on the fun. If you're interested in helping out, please contact us at office@trcholland.org.

Third Church Family News

Happy Anniversary

- Mark and Chris Walvoord, July 12 - 60 years.
- Mark and Lynne Bonnette, July 15 - 51 years.

New Baby



Dan and Jenna Callam welcomed baby Clara Ann to their family the beginning of this month.

Mom and baby are doing fine, and Dan sent us this cute picture of Clara to share with you.

Prayer Requests

Congratulations

- Gabe DeJongh and Beth Korte who were married at TRC on Saturday.
- Dan and Jenna Callam on the birth of their daughter, Clara Ann.
- For Willem Bolt, Paige Frens, Henry Kroll, and Harper Schoon-Tanis who were confirmed on Sunday.

Pray for the following:

- Dennis Gebben who is Zeeland Hospital.
- Etta Hesselink who is in Holland Hospital.
- Ken Porter who had outpatient surgery on Tuesday, July 11.
- Mary Boersen who is recuperating from surgery.
- Francisco Jarquin whose family arrived on Wednesday, July 12.
- Bob Kuiper who is recovering following a recent hospitalization.
- For those who will be attending Camp Geneva next week: Jana Honeycutt, Anna Stewart, and Elias Baer.
- Immigrants here in Holland who need housing.
- Immigrants who are searching for work and are in career transitions.
- Summer Lift program on Wednesday evenings. Give thanks for the good attendance last Wednesday.
- Summer Children and Worship program.
- For families who are traveling and on vacation.
- Hospice Care: Margaret Doorenbos, Beth DuMez

Prayer Spotlight

At home: Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert, Ruby Steketee. Out of Town: Ellen Rieck, Lucille Schroeder, LaVerne Lievens and Phyllis Brown at Royal Park Atrium.

Remember in our prayers

Reno Lamania, Joanne and Jack Kuiper, Larry Loss, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Mary and Harry Boersen, Bob and Elle Kuiper, Barb and Gordon Mummert, Tom Norman, Linda Parchert, and all others who find themselves in difficult and lonely situations.

Missionaries: John and Lynne Hubers (Ethiopia) and Angel Lopez (Mexico).