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March 19, 2023
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connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission

Please keep the following people & their families in daily prayer...

- RICHARD GRIFFIN: Issues with blood flow and circulation to legs & feet
- GREG ENGLE: Inclusion Body Myositis
- SHEILA IANTORNO: Lupus, Breast Cancer
- TROY KUBINSKI: Inclusion Body Myositis
- GAY WALKER: Lung cancer
- TANYA COLLIS: severe pain 24 hrs/day
- CHARRON GAYDEN: Mental Health
- JADEN MALDONADO: (child)
Congenital cytomegalovirus
- TANYA MCKOWN: Lupus, Health issues
- EMMA ROMERO (Teen): Seizures
- BERTHA MARTINES: Stroke/ complete healing
- FRANCES HOLTON: Full recovery of knees
- RAQUEL MALDONADO (23): Recently diagnosed with MS
- WILLIAM SUAREZ: CHF
- JOSE PAGAN: Malignant tumor located near front of ear

Death, imprisonment, violence, isolation, oppression, and eviction from home are the day-to-day reality of many of our Christian brothers and sisters around the world. The persecution faced by Christians is global, spreading from the Middle East, through Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Due to the growing number of deaths and Christian refugees, many experts now consider this an act of genocide. While strong in their faith, our brothers and sisters have lost their homes, churches, livelihoods, and many have lost their lives. Will you prayerfully consider partnering with the Church as we seek to support our brothers and sisters overseas?

- opendoorsuk.org
- barnabasfund.org
- samaritanspurse.org
- worldhelp.net

If you'd like to donate lilies for the Easter service in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please complete the form by scanning the ERC Hub QR code.



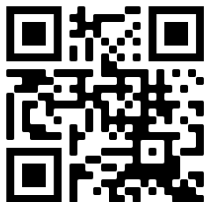
Save the Date for VBS 2023! July 10-14
This summer will be "Out of This World."
Contact Cathy Lewis for more info.
cathy.lewis@erc.la - 562.272.4982

Our Christian sympathy to Rob and Kari Verhoef and family on the passing of Kari's grandmother, Irene DeJong, on Wednesday, March 8th.

^ memorial service will take place at 2pm on Monday, March 20, 2023 at Artesia First Christian Reformed Church.

English: 9am 10:30am 12pm 6pm | Spanish: 10:30am 12pm | Nepalese: 9:30am
(sanctuary) (activity center) (brick building)

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ERC's Hub!



Additional Giving Opportunities

Vision Fund offering March 19

Weekly Offering

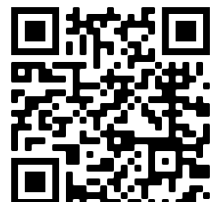
YTD Offering: \$626,223.62

YTD Budget: \$668,536.00

Last Week's Offering: \$33,344.81

2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00

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REMEMBER THE GIFT



- Know the Gift
- REMEMBER the Gift

Receive/REMEMBER the Gift of Resting in God... weekly, daily, and eternally.

MT 11:28-30 Jesus says, "Come to me"...you will find REST for your souls.

- Weekly Rest

- 10 Commandments -Exodus 20:8-10 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates.
- Remember... (Don't forget) Deuteronomy 6:12 be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.
- Exodus 8, 9, 10 -Let my people go - so they might worship me.
- Nehemiah 13 - Nehemiah "Fights for Sabbath Rest"
- Isaiah 58 - Delighting in Sabbath

- Could we

- Daily Rest in God?
 - Daniel -3x a day - time to pray/REST in God
 - Peter in Acts 3 & Acts 10 - Set times of prayer - daily.

- Saving/Eternal REST

- Hebrews 4:1-11
- The Sabbath Rest - points to resting from work - Faith in Jesus Christ

- Weekly Rest (1 Day a week-Worship and Rest in God... Remembering God)

- Wisdom from our "Jewish heritage" as Christians

As said, contemporary Christianity has an acute case of Sabbath amnesia-we have forgotten to remember. We have become what the rabbis called *tinok shenishha*. Literally translated, this means "the child who was captured."

A.J. Swoboda "Subversive Sabbath"

Judith Shulevitz illuminates the image of the one who forgets the Sabbath: "The rabbis (discussed) the legal implications of forgetting the Sabbath...What would the penalty for such amnesia or ignorance be? And what kind of Jew could be so oblivious to the Sabbath? Only, the rabbis thought, a Jew who had suffered extreme cultural dislocation. *Only a Jew who had been kidnapped as a child and raised by non-Jews.*" For Jews, forgetting the Sabbath was akin to forgetting one's entire identity. A Jew forgetting the Sabbath was like an Israelite-who was raised by Pharaoh.

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