

### CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We welcome Steve and Sandy Frieswick to our service this morning. They'll be sharing the challenges and blessings of their work.

**Easter Lilies:** We are ordering Easter lilies! Cost of the lilies is \$15 each. If you would like to order a lily, fill in the order form on the welcome table or contact the church office at office@faithcommunityfellowship.org. Lilies may be ordered in remembrance of a loved one if you'd like. Orders and payment must be received by **TODAY**. Lilies will be purchased and then placed in the sanctuary Easter morning. You are invited to then take your lily home after the Easter service.

**A Family Skating Party** sponsored by the GEMS and Cadet clubs is Tuesday, March 26 from 6-8 PM at Skagit Skate in Burlington. **EVERYONE** is welcome! Come and support our great programs. Cost: \$7.00 (\$8.00 for in-line).

### UPCOMING:

Good Friday at FCF on March 29  
Easter Service on March 31

### Financial Information February 2024

General Fund:		
Collections:	\$14,474	(86.3% of budget)
Expenses:	\$15,700	(98.1% of budget)
Shortage:	(\$1,226)	

Benevolence Fund Collections:	\$306
Missions Collections:	\$425

*"Do not withhold good from those  
to whom it is due,  
when it is in your power to act."  
Proverbs 3:27*

### PRAYER PETITIONS AND PRAISES

#### PETITIONS—Pray for:

- Peace for Gert Hibma who lost her only child
- Barbara P as she deals with painful back problems
- Daughter who is trying to get an earlier appt to determine presence of lumps in breast
- Our prodigals to return to the love of Jesus
- A new job, more hours, financial aid
- Richard H's family and friends
- Continued healing for Bert, Sandy, Barbara, Sharon D, Laraine, Nate, Delilah, Amarah
- Health and strength for caregivers of those who are ill
- Those continuing to mourn loss of loved ones

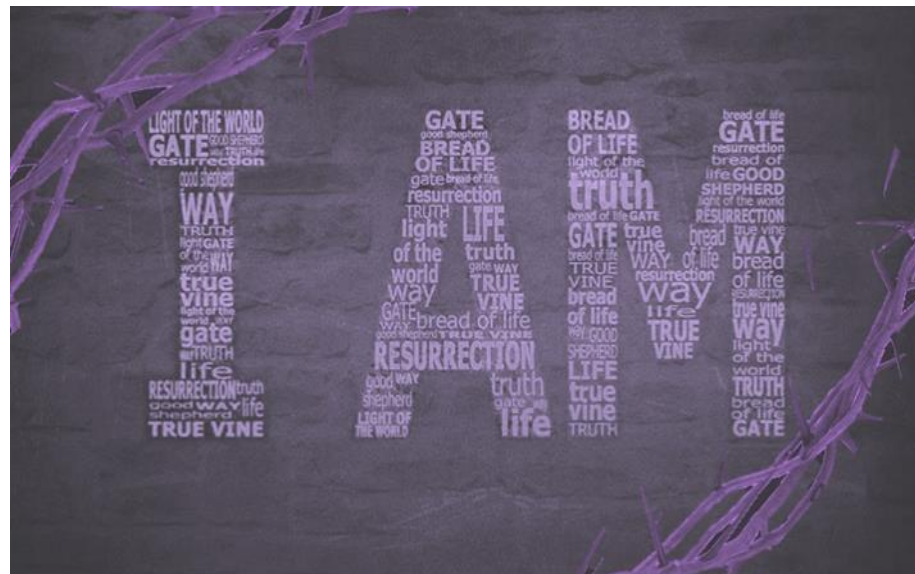
#### PRAISES—Give praise and thanks for:

- The beautiful sun we enjoyed and the rain that nourishes the ground
- Our FCF elders and deacons who serve our church in so many ways

# Welcome to Faith Community Fellowship

March 24, 2024

Sunday School 9:15 am   Worship 10:30 am



## I AM the Vine

John 15:1-8

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## We Gather for Worship

Welcome and God's Greeting

Call to Worship

*Jesus Shall Reign  
Purify My Heart*

Confession & Assurance

*Living Hope*

Congregational Life Updates

Offerings

Congregational Prayer

*Take My Life*

**I AM the Vine  
John 15:1-8**

*Communion*

*Behold the Lamb*

Sending & God's Blessing

*In Christ Alone*

## I AM the Vine— John 15:1-8

Backdrop—pruning almond trees

### Fruitfulness

Fruit isn't what we \_\_\_\_\_; fruit is what we \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 3:8; 2 Peter 1:5-8; Galatians 5:22-23

Fruit is the outward evidence of an inward change

### Pruning

Self-pruning and God-pruning

Eustace in *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* (C.S. Lewis)

“Wounds from a friend can be trusted,  
but an enemy multiplies kisses.” Proverbs 27:6

**Abiding**—John 8:31-32; John 15, 1 John

**Welcome!** We're glad you're here! May you experience God's goodness and grace here today. After the service, please join us for coffee and potluck lunch.

**A nursery** is provided for infants and toddlers through age 3, located in the hallway.

**Children's Bulletins** are available for young children.

**Greeters:** John & Joann

**Coffee Servers:** Raychelle

**Nursery:** Elaine

## **Spotlight Ministry of the Month:**

*The Ministry we'll be specifically praying for this month is:*

# **CRCNA**

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### **Faith Formation**

As a community of believers, we seek to introduce people to Jesus Christ and to nurture their faith through all ages and stages of life.

### **Servant Leadership**

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### **Global Mission**

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### **Mercy and Justice**

Hearing the cries of the oppressed, forsaken and disadvantaged, we seek to act justly and love mercy as we walk humbly with our God.

### **Gospel Proclamation and Worship**

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### **The MISSION of CRCNA:**

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