



# themilestone

## WINTER 2024

# World Vision

We partnered with World Vision to sponsor children in Malawi three years ago. Children in vulnerable situations were given the power to choose which one of us would be their sponsors.



Our congregation accepted the challenge and signed up to sponsor over 100 children.



Children from Malawi were given the power to choose us as their sponsors in April 2021.



Now, we have the opportunity to support more children in Malawi. On **April 14**, World Vision will return to take pictures of people willing to be chosen. Then Sara Van Zee and Jenny Bruxvoort will travel to Malawi to view the choosing parties firsthand, reporting back to us on April 21 the impact we've made in Malawi.



# WELCOME *New Faces*



Todd, Christa, Ayden, Carson, Harper, & Liam Klein



Mike & Nancy Hauswald



Ronja Jung



Samuel, Bailey, Ada, & Thea Van Ginkel



Van, Molly, Zoey, Kemper, & Beau Gilmore



Illia, Anna, Zakhar, & Sem Popov and Lena Popova



Bruce & Cathy Mouw



Deb Dykstra

## *Welcome* LITTLE ONES

*Jayden Mae*

Born:  
January 18, 2024

Parents:  
Adam & Kate  
Howerzyl



Born:  
February 13, 2024

Parents:  
Tyler & Rachel  
Zeutenhorst

*James Timothy*



# Christmas AT FRC



*"I really appreciated the stories of those who shared while lighting the advent candles. It's always great to hear how God is the hope, peace, joy, and love in the lives of those around us."*



*"I love that the orchestra has moms and daughters, fathers and sons, and even grandparents and grandchildren all using their gifts to glorify God and be a blessing to our congregation together."*



*"I loved seeing the star on the cross. It drew my eyes up all season long."*



*"We started attending the Christmas Eve Candlelight service a few years ago. It quickly became one of our family's favorite traditions."*

# Youth MINISTRIES



*"Watching these kids learn to love God and each other is such a joy. Seeing the serious and funny sides of their lives is a definite highlight of my week."*





*"The games, people, and activities at youth group are so fun! I like how Ross always ties the activities back to what we are learning about God. And that guy (Francis Chan) we watch in the videos on Sunday mornings is really good at explaining stuff."*



## BOUNTIFUL TABLE

Bountiful Table was well received this past Christmas season. With your generous donations of finance, groceries, and time, we created 80 boxes. In those boxes, there were three different meats to help create a holiday meal.



The level of hunger has increased globally, and we did see an uptick in our community of those who came through.

We prayed with individuals as they drove through the pickup line. As we know, we only fed them for a day, but our prayer is that we planted a seed of God's provision and goodness and established a safe place of belonging. We ask that you continue to pray for our community and our role as a church.

# Mission Opportunities

## CHILDREN OF THE PROMISE - HAITI

We have a long-term partnership with Children of the Promise, and while Haiti has been in a tough spot for a long time, it has found itself even more vulnerable in the last few years. There is physical work that needs to be done, but beyond that, there will be connection and time to understanding the Haitian people and their vision and resilience in the face of trial.

*March 10 - 18, 2024 | [frcoc.org/haiti](https://frcoc.org/haiti)*



## WORLD VISION

In 2021, World Vision came to FRC. Through their Chosen program, we sponsored more than 100 children in Malawi. This April, World Vision is returning. We will have the opportunity to learn more about children in vulnerable situations through the Matthew 25 challenge on April 7. Then, on April 14, World Vision will give us another opportunity to be Chosen by children in Malawi. Sara Van Zee and Jenny Bruxvoort will be in Malawi April 14 - 20 to see the children choose us before our reveal party on April 21.

*April 7 - 21, 2024 | [worldvision.org](https://worldvision.org)*



## FAMILY WORK CAMP - INSPIRATION HILLS

Join us for a long weekend of working and playing together at Inspiration Hills. Whether you sign up individually or with a large family, if you are young or old, we have a spot for you!! We will tailor your experience to your gifts and abilities. This will be a great opportunity to spend time and work together with our church family.

*July 31 - August 4, 2024 | [frcoc.org/familytrip](https://frcoc.org/familytrip)*



**If you would like more information about any of these opportunities you can visit [frcoc.org/missions](https://frcoc.org/missions) or email [saravz@frcoc.org](mailto:saravz@frcoc.org)**

# Children's MINISTRIES



Our preschoolers showed so much joy singing and ringing bells at our annual Christmas program.



From camels with humps to glittering angels, our kids told us the story of *The Best Night Ever*.





*"My child was so excited to get her Bible, she couldn't stop hugging it."*



*"This is what Prayer Partner Night is ALL about!"*

# Upcoming Events

## **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, Mar. 24 | 8:30 & 10:30 AM

## **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, Mar. 28 | 6:30 PM

## **Easter**

Sunday, Mar. 31 | 8:30 & 10:30 AM

## **Matthew 25 Challenge**

Sunday, Apr. 7 | 8:30 & 10:30 AM

## **World Vision**

Sunday, Apr. 14 & 21 | 8:30 & 10:30 AM

## **Youth Sunday**

Sunday, Apr. 28 | 8:30 & 10:30 AM

