

# Covenant Community

Galatians 4:8-20



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## DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on Oct 25:

Received for General Ministries:	\$5,558.00
Avg. weekly collection should be:	\$6,445.00
Received for Christian Education:	\$395.00
Avg. weekly collection should be:	\$629.20

### Community Offering:

Bible League International	\$43.00
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### Upcoming Community Offerings

**TODAY: World Hunger Sunday** - there are 821 million people who lack regular access to food. Each year, thousands of churches join World Renew to raise awareness and funds that respond to hunger and bring sustainable hope. Gifts may be given via Peter Fish banks, Peter Fish envelopes, or in the offering basket.

**Nov 8:** Desert Streams Ministry – Lonts

**Nov 15:** CRCNA – Chaplaincy and Care Ministry

**Nov 22:** CRCNA – Office of Social Justice

**Nov 29:** CRCNA – Back to God Ministries International



**November 1, 2020**

**WELCOME**  
we are glad you are here!

### CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in our service

Also available during worship

- Nursery for infants & toddlers
- “Busy Boxes” with kid’s bulletin & activities
- Puzzle & sermon notes written by Pastor Tom for students Grades 3 & up (found by weekly bulletins)

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### THIS WEEK

#### Monday, Nov 2

9am Food Pantry

#### Thursday, Nov 5

12-3pm Food Pantry

#### Tuesday, Nov 3

9:15am Tuesday Small Group

6:30pm Life Skills

#### Sunday, Nov 8

9:30am Worship

10:30am Church School

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### COMING UP

**LIFE SKILLS**, Nov 10

**ADMIN BOARD**, Nov 10

**FULL COUNCIL**, Nov 24

### STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Sherri DeVries (Custodian)

Liz Boerman (Admin Assistant)

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**TODAY:** Living in community with other people is not always easy; the early church needed to strengthen the bonds of their community, the church today still walks in that path.

**NEXT WEEK:** In Galatians 5 the apostle Paul begins a discussion about the meaning of freedom; it is a good reminder for us that freedom comes from Christ.

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**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS** are available at the sound booth

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

### World Hunger Sunday Litany

### Children's Message *(Mary Wood-Agents)*

### Prayers of the People

### Scripture *Galatians 4:8-20*

<sup>8</sup> Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. <sup>9</sup> But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? <sup>10</sup> You are observing special days and months and seasons and years! <sup>11</sup> I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted my efforts on you. <sup>12</sup> I plead with you, brothers and sisters, become like me, for I became like you. You did me no wrong. <sup>13</sup> As you know, it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you, <sup>14</sup> and even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God, as if I were Christ Jesus himself. <sup>15</sup> Where, then, is your blessing of me now? I can testify that, if you could have done so, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. <sup>16</sup> Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth? <sup>17</sup> Those people are zealous to win you over, but for no good. What they want is to alienate you from us, so that you may have zeal for them. <sup>18</sup> It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always, not just when I am with you. <sup>19</sup> My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, <sup>20</sup> how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you!

### Message “Covenant Community”

*Speak O Lord  
Unbroken Praise  
Holy, Holy, Holy (Nicaea)*

### God's Parting Blessing

#### TODAY:

9:30am Worship  
10:30am Church School

## CHURCH LIFE

### PLEDGES

Pledge forms for the 2021 budget are due today and can be returned to the slot at the Welcome Center.

### WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY

Today is World Hunger Sunday. World Renew has the plans, the systems, the partners and the people to come alongside communities experiencing hunger and helps put food on tables around the world. We are excited to join this program as a faithful response to our God who can accomplish abundantly more than all we ask or imagine. Please place your Peter Fish banks and envelopes to support World Renew on the collection tables in the lobby after the worship service this morning. **Thank you for giving as you are able to help solve World Hunger.** 🐟🐟

### CHURCH SCHOOL

We are still in need of a teacher or two who can team to work with our church school class for grades 3-6. Please contact **Pastor Barb** for more information.

### FROM THE DEACONS

Deacons are getting ready to prepare giving envelopes for next year. Please contact your district deacon if your needs have changed since last year. Deacons are **Shelly Funk, Mary Wood-Agents, Matt Byl, Marc VanDenBerg, Marcia Behrens** and **Barb Smalligan**.

### THANK YOU

Fellowship received a letter of appreciation for our community offering from Kids' Food Basket.

### MISSIONARY UPDATE

We have received an update from **David** and **Sara Lont**, missionaries serving in Mexico. A digital copy was in the midweek e-mail. Paper copies are on the Missionary bulletin board outside of Pastor Tom's office.

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY

#### **Ann Nieuwstraten – 11/21**

4215 Red Bush  
Grandville MI 49418

## PRAYER FOCUS

### Recent Updates:

- **Sharon Walcott** is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery on November 2. Pray that surgery goes well and for a good recovery process.

### Missions:

- **World Renew - World Hunger Sunday** as they partner with communities experiencing hunger and help to put food on tables around the world.

### Continuing Needs:

- Remember in prayer those who are not able to worship with us on Sundays and have restrictions on visitors: **Gloria DeWitte, Caroline Dik, Lois Oom, Rachel Tjoelker, and Char VanDommelen.**
- Remember in your prayers those who have ongoing health needs and concerns: **Ron Dykstra, Valerie Fleming, Jo Hanenburg, Len Koetje, Gary Meengs, Mike Philo, Arv & Pearl Tap, Tom & Donna Westra.**

## OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

### BACKPACK BUDDIES

**November** food needs:

*Oatmeal (boxes with Individual serving packets), fruit Cups, peanut butter - (around 15 oz), canned Pasta with meat (Ravioli etc), Spaghetti sauce-can or plastic jars (Aldi has plastic jars), snack sized packages of popcorn or pretzels.*

*(thinking ahead to Christmas - candy for treat bags - watch those after Halloween sales)*

Items may be placed in the Back-Pack Buddies box. Questions? Contact **Sandy Campo**.

### LIFE SKILLS

The Tuesday evening Life Skills participants begin a new class this week. The class is about discerning spiritual gifts and is being taught by Monica from Love INC. Please pray for the 5 participant families and Monica as they work through this material together.

### LOVE INC FOOD PANTRY & INVITATION

We are going to be adding a day for the food pantry to be open. Starting Thursday, Nov. 5 we will open Thursdays from 12-3pm in addition to Mondays from 9-12. We are excited to add **3 more volunteers!** And we will take more volunteers! Another 3 hour time slot to open up would be amazing!

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to **Bonnie Houtstra, Nancy VanDenBerg, Mary Visser** or **Linda Westra**.