# Freedom

Galatians 5:13-26



13-15

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Freedom is a

**TODAY**: The Bible describes characteristics of what it means to be set free in Christ; how does this freedom shape our everyday life?

**NEXT WEEK**: The Bible describes characteristics of what it means to be set free in Christ; how does this freedom shape our relationships with others?

# **DEACONS REPORT**

# Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on Nov 8:

Received for General Ministries: \$9113.00

Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00

Received for Christian Education: \$965.00

Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

**Community Offering:** 

David & Sara Lont \$

# **Upcoming Community Offerings**

TODAY: CRCNA Chaplaincy & Care Chaplains are specially trained, called and ordained by the church, and sent by Jesus Christ to provide spiritual care to people in pain or spiritual distress. Donations to the Chaplain Development Fund is strictly used for the training support of chaplains and students in training to become a chaplain.

**Nov 22**: CRCNA Office of Social Justice **Nov 29**: CRCNA Back to God Ministries

**Dec 6**: Resonate Global Mission – Jesse & Jari Rodriguez

**Dec 13**: Tent Schools

## THIS WEEK

6:30pm Life Skills

Monday, Nov 16
9am Food Pantry
12pm Food Pantry
Tuesday, Nov 17
9:15am Tuesday Small Group
9:30am Worship

COMING UP STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)
Barb Sanders (Pastor)
FULL COUNCIL, Nov 24

BLOOD DRIVE, Dec 2

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)
Barb Sanders (Pastor)
Andrew Lenhart (Worship)
Sherri DeVries (Custodian)

Liz Boerman (Admin Assistant)

10:30am Church School

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**November 15. 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)

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

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **Call to Worship**

#### God's Will For Our Lives

Children's Message (Sarah Lenhart)

Children age 3yrs - 5th grade are invited to come forward and choose a hoop to sit in as they hear a special message.

**Ministry In Music** 

**Prayers of the People** 

**Scripture** *Galatians 5:13-26* 

<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup> For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. <sup>16</sup> So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup> The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Message "Freedom" [part 2]

Holy Spirit Holy Is The Lord Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

**God's Parting Blessing** 

#### TODAY:

9:30am Worship 10:30am Church School

# **CHURCH LIFE**

#### NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

We are so grateful for your faithful giving! As we have changed the collection process, we ask that the congregation hold their offerings until after the service, when the baskets and the deacons are present. This is the best way to ensure all contributions are received and counted.

#### **WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP**

Two groups are forming to study Ann Voskamp's "One Thousand Gifts." This study will take place over zoom. One discussion group will be on Wednesday during lunch time and the time of another group is being decided. Participants would watch the video on their own time and join the discussion group on zoom. Meetings begin the week of November 16. Contact Laura VanderPloeg or Pastor Barb for more information.

#### LABELS NEEDED!

Backpack Buddies is looking for Avery style address/shipping label sheets size 2"x4"(10 labels per sheet). We are required to label all food items if they do not have ingredients/nutrition info on them. Many of our items, once removed from their packaging do not have this information on them such as fruit cups, granola bars, oatmeal packages etc. Contact **Sandy Campo** if you have any you'd like to pass along to us. Thank you! campo-5@sbcglobal.net

#### **CHRISTMAS IS COMING!**

This year Fellowship will again be partnering with Family Network of Wyoming to support their Christmas Store. In the lobby, there is a Christmas tree decorated with envelopes for you to use with instructions about giving a Christmas donation to the store. More information can be found on the green sheets that have been placed in your boxes, and in the mid-week email. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Wood-Agents at 616-446-3358 or woodagents1@hotmail.com.

#### **FAMILY FARE RECEIPT COLLECTION UPDATE**

We are about 3/4 of the way to our goal to receive a \$1,000 gift card to Family Fare for our Food Pantry!! Please keep the receipts coming!! We have a slot at the information desk. Thank you for your help.

#### THANKS FOR GIVING

November reminds us that Thanksgiving is coming. During Thanksgiving, we remember that God wants us to show His love and share our blessings with those who do not have as much as we do. You are invited to join our "THANKS FOR GIVING" Food/Blessings Drive for our Fellowship Food Pantry. There will be a special collection area in the lobby on Sunday, November 22, Thanksgiving Day, and Sunday, November 29.

#### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY**

Ann Nieuwstraten – 11/21 (4215 Red Bush, Grandville MI 49418)

# **PRAYER FOCUS**

## **Recent Updates:**

 We extend sympathy to Jean Cisler upon the recent death of her sister and brother-in-law Carolyn and Stan Sidock. Both had been diagnosed with COVID-19.

#### **Denomination:**

 For our CRCNA care chaplains who are specifically trained, called and ordained by the church to provide spiritual care to people who are in pain or spiritual distress.

# **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: Russ Ballinger, Ron Dykstra, Valerie Fleming, Jo Hanenburg, Len Koetje, Gary Meengs, Mike Philo, Arv & Pearl Tap, Tom & Donna Westra, and Don Winkle.

# **OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER**

#### **BACKPACK BUDDIES**

What a blessing you are to the children and families in our community! Our collection box was overflowing with food after this past Sunday and our pantry is nearly fully stocked as a result. God is Good!!

Here is a modified list for November:

Oatmeal (boxes with Individual serving packets), Macaroni and Cheese, peanut butter - (around 15 oz), Spaghetti sauce-can or plastic jars (Aldi has plastic jars), thinking ahead to Christmas - bags of candy for treat bags, Gift Cards to Aldi or Meijer (can be given to the Deacons or to Sandy)

NOTE: we are quite well stocked on canned pasta, soups, and canned tuna and Chicken for the next few months -thank you so much.

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

#### LIFE SKILLS

The Tuesday evening Life Skills class continues to be taught by Monica from Love INC. Please pray for the 5 participant families and Monica as they continue to work through new material about discerning spiritual gifts.

#### LOVE INC FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry has some needs which include jams/jellys, pop tarts, canned pears, apple sauce, juice, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, chunky soups, canned pasta & meat. For a complete list, please see the mid-week. Thank you!