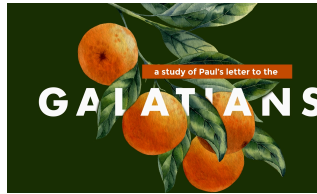


Freedom

Galatians 5:1-12



Set free FROM \_\_\_\_\_

Set free FOR \_\_\_\_\_

Freedom is a \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY:** 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.

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

**DEACONS REPORT**

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on Nov 1:

Received for General Ministries: \$5,970.00  
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00  
Received for Christian Education: \$275.00  
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

**Community Offering:**

World Hunger Sunday: \$1,791.72

**Upcoming Community Offerings**

**TODAY: Desert Streams Ministry – David & Sara Lont** are Fellowship-supported missionaries in Mexico. They pastor a church, translate Christian materials and texts into Spanish, and have an online Bible school (The Advanced School of Ministry).

**Nov 15:** CRCNA Chaplaincy & Care  
**Nov 22:** CRCNA Office of Social Justice  
**Nov 29:** CRCNA Back to God Ministries

**THIS WEEK**

**Monday, Nov 9**

9am Food Pantry

**Tuesday, Nov 10**

9:15am Tuesday Small Group

6:30pm Life Skills

7pm Admin Board

**Thursday, Nov 12**

12pm Food Pantry

**Sunday, Nov 15**

9:20am Prayer (rm 21)

9:30am Worship

10:30am Church School

**COMING UP**

**LIFE SKILLS**, Nov 18

**ELDERS/DEACONS**, Nov 24

**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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**November 8, 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

### Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace

### Children's Message (Shelly Funk)

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

### Prayers of the People

### Scripture Galatians 5:1-12

<sup>1</sup> It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

<sup>2</sup> Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. <sup>3</sup> Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. <sup>4</sup> You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup> For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

<sup>7</sup> You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? <sup>8</sup> That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. <sup>9</sup> "A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough." <sup>10</sup> I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion, whoever that may be, will have to pay the penalty. <sup>11</sup> Brothers and sisters, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished. <sup>12</sup> As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!

### Message "Freedom" [part 1]

*Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)  
Everlasting God  
Our God*

### God's Parting Blessing

#### TODAY:

9:20am Prayer (room 21)

9:30am Worship

10:30am Church School

5:30pm Middle School Youth

6:30pm High School Youth Group

## 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.
- 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**.

### WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

A group is forming to study Ann Voskamp's "One Thousand Gifts". This study will take place over zoom on Wednesday lunch. Participants would need to watch the video on their own time and join the meeting on zoom. Meetings begin on November 18. Contact **Pastor Barb** for more information.

### CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

This year Fellowship will again be partnering with Family Network of Wyoming's Christmas Store. In the lobby, there is a Christmas tree decorated with envelopes and instructions about giving a Christmas donation to the store. Please return your donation to church by Sunday, November 29. More information can be found on the green sheets that have been placed in your boxes. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Wood-Agents at 616-446-3358 or [woodagents1@hotmail.com](mailto:woodagents1@hotmail.com).

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY

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

## PRAYER FOCUS

### Recent Updates:

- **Sharon Walcott** had knee replacement surgery on Nov 3.. Give thanks that surgery went well and pray for a good recovery process.
- Congratulations to **Barb Weaver** and **Craig Geerlings** upon their marriage on Nov 1. We wish them God's rich blessing on their marriage. May they continue to grow in Christ's love and their love for each other.

### Missionaries:

- **David & Sara Lont** as they pastor a church, translate Christian materials and texts into Spanish, and have an online Bible school.

### 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

**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 began a new class last 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

We have added a second day for the food pantry to be open. 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**.