

Water to Wine
John 2:1-11



DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on Feb 14:

Received for General Ministries: \$4,127.00
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00
Received for Christian Education: \$398.00
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

Community Offering:

CRCNA Race Relations \$45.00
GEMS Offering \$177.00

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Access of West Michigan's mission is to connect the faith-based community to issues of justice and stewardship within their benevolence outreach by providing casework services at no cost. The shared goal is that a relationship can be built between congregations and their neighbors.

Feb 28: CRCNA – Pastor/Church Resources

Mar 7: David & Sara Lont – Desert Streams ministries

Mar 14: World Renew – Disaster Response Services

Mar 21: Backpack Buddies

Mar 28: Bethany Christian Services

THIS WEEK

Monday, Feb 22

9am Food Pantry

Tuesday, Feb 23

9:15am Tuesday Small Group

7pm Elders/Deacons

7pm Council

Sunday, Feb 28

9:30am Worship

10:30am Church School

5:30pm Middle School Youth Group

6:30pm High School Youth Group

COMING UP

ADMIN, Mar 9

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Sherri DeVries (Custodian)

Liz Boerman (Admin Assistant)

TODAY: The first miracle of Jesus at Cana provides the first sign Jesus gives to redefine people's expectation of the Messiah.

NEXT WEEK: The Official's Son.

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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

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.

Ministry in Music *(Diane J)*

Prayers of the People

Scripture *John 2:1-11*

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." ⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." ¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Message "Water to Wine"

Sacrament of Communion

The Wonderful Cross

Our God

How Great Is Our God

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY:

Sacrament of Communion

9:30am Worship

10:30am Church School

CHURCH LIFE

This morning, we celebrate the Sacrament of Communion during our worship service.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY

A new women's small group study will be starting the week of March 1. FaithGateway is again offering an online study titled *Jesus in Me* by Anne Graham Lotz. Through eight sessions, we will become confident in knowing who the Holy Spirit is and the important role He plays in our life.

We meet on Zoom on Thursday evenings from 7-7:45/8 (March 4,11,18,25; April 1, 8,15,22). The Study video is emailed to you from FaithGateway on Monday mornings. We watch the videos on our own time and spend our Zoom gathering time talking through questions and sharing what we are learning. Check out the link in the mid-week for more information about the study, to sign-up, and then let **Laura VanderPloeg** know if you plan to participate.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

Lois Koetje – 2/22

BLOOD DRIVE

We are grateful to those who came to give blood last Wednesday, February 10. We had 24 donors for a total of 22 units. Thank you! Save May 12 for the next blood drive!

THANK YOU (*edited to fit)

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for the offering recently sent by Fellowship. We are so thankful for your continued support, even in the middle of the pandemic and financial difficulties that it has brought.

I must tell you that Fellowship CRC is an inspiration to us. As a church here in Tulancingo, we have been supporting a mobile Bible School in Uganda. We took on this mission project many years ago and were able to personally meet the brother who is in charge of the school during our time in Uganda in 2018. Even though our church's offerings have gone down quite a bit during past year because of the pandemic, we have made the decision to do even as you have done - to continue to support our missionaries in Uganda, even in the midst of lack here at home. We believe in missions and in our missionaries! We want to be like the Philippian church, which continued to support Paul, even when they themselves were lacking in finances.

We continue to move forward with our church and the online Bible school. COVID-19 has only gotten worse in our area, with many sick and also many deaths. A pastor friend of ours traveled 12 hours to get medical attention for COVID because all nearby hospitals are full. During the Christmas season, many families got together despite the warnings, and the consequences have been very negative. Just last week another pastor we knew from Pachuca went to be with the Lord after a battle with COVID. We also lost a member of our church to it a couple of weeks ago. It is sad...

On the bright side of things, we are so happy to continue to do ministry online. We continue to have good attendance online with our Sunday meetings.

Thanks for our support!

With love ~ David & Sara Lont

PRAYER FOCUS

Recent Updates:

- We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Carol Nyenhuis** and family. Carol's son-in-law, Cal VanDyke, age 56, died unexpectedly on Monday, February 15. Pray for Pam (Cal's wife), their son Cody and daughter Cassie, for Carol and the extended family during this difficult time of unexpected death.

Community:

- **Access of West Michigan** as they strive to strengthen and develop holistic solutions to poverty by cultivating equitable systems through education and collaboration.

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, and Rachel Tjoelker.**
- Remember in your prayers those who have ongoing health needs and concerns: **Russ Ballinger, Rick Carter, Jean Cisler, Ron Dykstra, Valerie Fleming, Bonnie Houtstra, Len Koetje, Gary Roode, Arv & Pearl Tap, Tom & Donna Westra.**

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Our pantry is doing well but we do have a few requests for items which can be placed in the wooden box in the Narthex. If you are worshipping online and you need items picked up, please contact **Sandy Campo** (889-3134). *Beef or Chicken chunky soups, Chicken Helper or similar boxed pasta side dish, Individual apple sauce cups, Individual snack sized bags of pretzels, popcorn, cheese or peanut butter cracker sandwiches, granola bars etc & NutriGrain bars*

LOVE INC FOOD PANTRY

We are open on Mondays from 9am-3pm. Thank you for your ongoing support of donations. Please refer to the mid-week for a full list of needs which includes *pancake syrup, apple sauce, ketchup, mustard, paper towels & laundry detergent.*

LIFESKILLS

Starting on Feb 11, Wendy from Love Inc is leading the Healthy Relationships study Thursday evenings on zoom. This will continue until the health department lifts the recommended restrictions on non-residential gatherings. Continue to pray for the participant families as they work toward change in their lives during these difficult times.

We are in need of teachers and mentors for our Tuesday evening Life Skills program. Contact **Laura VanderPloeg** to get involved in this ministry!