

# Feeding the Multitude

John 6:1-15



## DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on Mar 7:

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| Received for General Ministries:  | \$2,789.00 |
| Avg. weekly collection should be: | \$6,445.00 |
| Received for Christian Education: | \$585.00   |
| Avg. weekly collection should be: | \$629.20   |

### **Community Offering:**

David & Sara Lont \$57.00

### **Other:**

Denominational Shares \$360.00

### Upcoming Community Offerings

**TODAY: World Renew** – Disaster Response Services (DRS) works to make a difference for those who are rebuilding their lives and community. Financial gifts train, support, and send 2,300+ Christian volunteers each year into the homes and neighborhoods of those who have lost so much to a disaster, not only providing tangible services such as painting and repairing floors, but also sharing the hope and love of Christ.

**Mar 21:** Backpack Buddies

**Mar 28:** Bethany Christian Services

**Apr 4:** Resonate Global Mission – Jesse & Jari Rodriguez

**Apr 11:** World Renew – Growing Hope Globally

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### THIS WEEK

#### **Monday, Mar 15**

9am Food Pantry  
7pm Worship Committee

#### **Sunday, Mar 21**

9:30am Worship  
10:30am Church School

#### **Tuesday, Mar 16**

9:15am Tuesday Small Group

#### **Thursday, Mar 18**

7pm Women’s Bible Study (online)

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### COMING UP

**ELDERS/DEACONS,** Mar 23

### STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)  
Barb Sanders (Pastor)  
Andrew Lenhart (Worship)  
Sherri DeVries (Custodian)  
Liz Boerman (Admin Assistant)

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**TODAY:** Jesus uses a lunch break for a hungry crowd to make a connection back to ancient Jewish history, and point forward to a new covenant promise.

**NEXT WEEK:** Walking on Water.

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**March 14, 2021**

**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 & 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 *John 6:1-15*

6 Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias),<sup>2</sup> and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick.<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples.<sup>4</sup> The Jewish Passover Festival was near.<sup>5</sup> When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?"<sup>6</sup> He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.<sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"<sup>8</sup> Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up,<sup>9</sup> "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"<sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there).<sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.<sup>12</sup> When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted."<sup>13</sup> So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.<sup>14</sup> After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."<sup>15</sup> Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

## Message "Feeding the Multitude"

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
Great Are You Lord  
Holy Is The Lord*

## God's Parting Blessing

### TODAY:

9:30am Worship  
10:30am Church School  
5:30pm Middle School Youth Group  
6:30pm High School Youth Group

## CHURCH LIFE

### BUDGET 2021

A congregational information meeting is TODAY immediately following the service to review the 2021 budget.

A congregational vote for the 2021 budget is NEXT SUNDAY immediately following the service. Absentee ballots are at the Welcome Center or available online (see mid-week e-mail for link). All absentee ballots must be received by Saturday March 20, 12:00pm.

### EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flower orders are due today! Extra order slips can be found at the Welcome desk. Drop orders and payment off at the slot. Flowers can be taken home following the Easter morning service on April 4.

### COUNCIL NOMINEES

To anyone who has received a council nomination letter, please respond by Sunday, March 21 by either leaving your response in **Tamie DeWitte's** mailbox or by emailing Tamie at [tgde Witte@gmail.com](mailto:tgde Witte@gmail.com).

### PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY

If you are unable to worship in person on Palm Sunday, you are invited to pick up a palm branch from church on Saturday, March 27 between 9am and noon. Just drive through the circular driveway and pick up a palm!

### PROJECT SHOEBOX

Project Shoebox for our post high students IS happening this year and we need your help! Starting today, please find the poster to select what item(s) to bring in to fill the shoeboxes. There will be notes to take home or fill out at church to encourage our post high members. Please return all items and notes to church no later than Sunday, March 28. There will be bins labeled to put the items in.

If you need help getting the notes to church or would like to donate money to buy items or gift cards instead please contact **Kara Kerkstra** at [kerkstras@gmail.com](mailto:kerkstras@gmail.com)

### TUESDAY SMALL GROUP

On Tuesday, March 16, the Tuesday morning group will be beginning a new study by Anne Graham Lotz - *Jesus In Me*. This will be an 8-session study. All are welcome on Tuesdays from 9:15-10:45am. Contact Pastor Barb with questions.

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

**Terry VanHaitsma** -3/2  
4355 Redstone Ct  
Grandville MI 49418

**Arv Tap** - 3/22  
6836 Bliss Ct  
Grandville MI 49418

## PRAYER FOCUS

### Recent Updates:

- **Mary Visser** had neck surgery last week. Pray that each day she will need less medication to control pain.
- **Ron Dykstra** was hospitalized last week with sepsis. He is now at Allendale Rehabilitation (room 207A, 11007 Radcliff Dr. Allendale, MI 49401). With this transfer Ron needs to be in a 2-week quarantine. Carole is able to visit through his room window.
- **World Renew DRS** who continue to send teams of volunteers to enter the homes and neighborhoods of those who have lost so much to a disaster.
- This week marked one year that a national state of emergency was declared in response to Covid-19. We pray for the continued distribution of the vaccine and for those who are grieving lost loved ones or who are feeling isolated.

### 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, Mary Visser, Tom & Donna Westra.**

## OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

### LIFESKILLS

The Grandville Life Skills Program is gearing up to bring in new families from our neighborhood. If you are willing to volunteer on Tuesday evenings as a Budget Teacher, in childcare, to provide a meal, teach an 8-week class or mentor please contact **Laura VanderPloeg**.

### BACKPACK BUDDIES

Thank you so much for continued support of our program. We've listed a few needed items which can be placed in the wooden box in the Narthex. If you are worshiping online and you need items picked up, please contact **Sandy Campo** (889-3134).

*Beef or Chicken chunky soups, Individual snack sized bags of pretzels, popcorn, gold fish, cheese or peanut butter cracker sandwich packs, granola bars, nutrigrain bars.*

We will give small Easter treat bags - donations of candy or snacks welcome.

### LOVE INC FOOD PANTRY

We are open on Mondays from 9am-3pm. Thank you for your ongoing support of donations. Current needs include - *Pancake syrup, apple sauce, mandarin oranges, juice, crackers, velveta, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, paper towels, laundry detergent and dish soap.*