

# The Pool of Bethesda

John 5:1-9



## DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on Feb 28:

Received for General Ministries: \$3,128.00  
 Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00  
 Received for Christian Education: \$260.00  
 Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

### **Community Offering:**

CRCNA Pastor Church Resources \$40.00

### Upcoming Community Offerings

**TODAY: 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).

**Mar 14:** World Renew – Disaster Response Services

**Mar 21:** Backpack Buddies

**Mar 28:** Bethany Christian Services

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



**March 7, 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)

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### THIS WEEK

#### **Monday, Mar 8**

9am Food Pantry

#### **Tuesday, Mar 9**

9:15am Tuesday Small Group

7pm Admin Board

#### **Thursday, Mar 11**

7pm Women’s Bible Study (online)

#### **Sunday, Mar 14**

9:30am Worship

10:30am Church School

5:30pm Middle School Youth Group

6:30pm High School Youth Group

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### COMING UP

**ELDERS**, 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 provides healing for a man in need, and also demonstrates a new pattern of living as the people of God.

**NEXT WEEK:** Feeding the Multitude.

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

### We Profess Our Faith Together

#### 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.

### Prayers of the People

#### Scripture *John 5:1-9*

*5 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. 3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. 5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” 7 “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” 8 Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” 9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath.*

#### Message “The Pool of Bethesda”

*Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)  
Exalted Over All  
How Great Thou Art*

### God's Parting Blessing

#### TODAY:

9:30am Worship  
10:30am Church School

## CHURCH LIFE

### BUDGET 2021

Copies of the proposed 2021 budget were e-mailed to members. Please let the office (lboerman@fellowshipcrc.com) know if you did not receive a copy. Paper copies can also be found at the Welcome Desk.

On **Sunday March 14**, following the morning worship service, there will be an informational meeting on the proposed 2021 budget.

On **Sunday March 21**, following the morning worship service, there will be a congregational vote on the proposed 2021 budget.

These meetings will be live streamed if you are unable to attend. Links will be provided in the mid-week e-mail in upcoming weeks.

### EASTER FLOWERS

It's time to get ready for Easter! Your order will help us decorate the church. Please fill out an order slip with your payment and place it in the slot at the Welcome desk or drop off at church during office hours. Order slips can be found in your mailbox. Checks are payable to Fellowship CRC. Flowers can be taken home following the Easter morning service on April 4.

Orders are due by Sunday, March 14. Contact the office with questions.

## PRAYER FOCUS

### Recent Updates:

- **Mary Visser** had neck surgery on Tuesday. Give thanks that surgery went well. Currently Mary is experiencing a lot of pain. Pray that medicine will help alleviate the pain of the initial recovery time. She hopes to return home soon and we pray for a good recovery.
- Continue to pray for **Ron and Carole Dykstra**. Ron continues to be hospitalized with sepsis. Carole writes, “Ron seems to be improving. Fever gone, off 1 antibiotic. Now they are trying to are trying to keep him hydrated. Still has times of disoriented.”

### Missionaries:

- **David & Sara Lont** as they continue to pastor a church during the challenges of COVID. Pray too as they continue with Bible translation and offering online Bible School classes. See the mid-week for a link to their most recent Newsletter.

### 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**.

### THIRD OFFERING

There will be a third offering this morning for Denominational Ministry Shares. Each church that is a member of the Christian Reformed Church of North America is encouraged to support our denomination with contributions called ministry shares. Ministry shares allow us to combine our funds to further God's Kingdom in more ways than we could as an individual congregation.

### TUESDAY SMALL GROUP

On Tuesday, March 16, the Tuesday morning group will be beginning a new study by Anne Graham Lotz - *Jesus and me*. This will be an 8-session study. All are welcome to join this study 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  
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## 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.*