

Lazarus

John 11:1-44



DEACONS REPORT

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

Received for General Ministries: \$4,563.00
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00
Received for Christian Education: \$544.00
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

Community Offering:

Bethany Christian Services \$128.00

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Resonate Global Mission – **Jesse & Jari Rodriguez** are missionaries serving in Jinotega, Nicaragua. They partner with a ministry located in Grandville, Discipling Marketplace Leaders (DML). DML educates, equips, and empowers the local church to establish a ministry that disciples every believer to live out work as worship and mission.

Apr 11: World Renew – Growing Hope Globally

Apr 18: 70X7 Life Recovery

Apr 25: Friendship Ministries (now part of All Belong)

May 2: Mission French Africa – Paul & Charlotte Mpindi

THIS WEEK

Monday, Apr 5
9am Food Pantry

Sunday, April 11
9:30am Worship

Thursday, Apr 8
7pm Women’s Bible Study (online)

COMING UP

ADMIN BOARD, Apr 13

STAFF

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

TODAY: The power of resurrection we see on Easter shows us that Jesus has conquered sin and death; the power of Jesus to raise Lazarus from the tomb shows us that resurrection extends from Jesus to all his people.

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April 4, 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

We Profess Our Faith Together

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 *(Elise Alvaro)*

Prayers of the People

Scripture *John 11:1-44 (selections)*

11 ¹ Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." ⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, ⁷ and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." ⁸ "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. ¹⁰ It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light." ¹¹ After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." ¹² His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." ¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. ¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Message "Lazarus"

*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today
Great Things
Exalted Over All*

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY:

9:30am Worship

CHURCH LIFE

We extend a warm welcome and thanks to Elise Alvaro, an undergraduate music major studying voice at GVSU who will be ministering in music during our service this morning.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Due to the Easter and Spring break schedule, there will be no Church School today or next Sunday, April 11. Classes will resume meeting on April 18.

TUESDAY SMALL GROUP

Due to Spring break, the Tuesday small group will not meet on April 6 and will resume meeting again on April 13.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

Applications for the Christian Education Assistance Program and an explanation of the program are available at the Welcome Desk and also are linked in the mid-week e-mail. If you would like to receive level 1 financial assistance for the 2021-22 school year, please fill out the form and place it in the slot at the Welcome Desk by April 11. If you are considering level 2 or 3 assistance, please contact your district Deacon. Members of the Christian Ed. Committee are eager to answer questions you may have. They are **Ron Scholten, Tom Bouma, Jon Meengs** and **Bruce Morren**.

PRAYER FOCUS

Recent Updates:

- **Ron Dykstra** passed away on Monday, March 29. We pray for Christ's comfort and peace to enfold **Carole** and their family at this time.
- **Tom Smalligan** had rotator cuff surgery on Thursday, April 1. We pray for a good recovery process.

Outreach:

- **Jesse** and **Jari Rodriguez** continue to work under the auspices of Resonate Global Mission. They moved to a different part of Nicaragua. They now live in Jinotega and are partnering with Discipling Marketplace Leaders, a ministry located here in Grandville.

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: **Rick Carter, Jean Cisler, Valerie Fleming, Len Koetje, Gary Roode, Arv & Pearl Tap, Mary Visser, Tom & Donna Westra**.

THANK YOU!

We would like to give God so much praise and thanks for a successful surgery. Thank you all for the expressions of love too!!! We are truly blessed!! We are giving thanks to God for His unfailing love and faithfulness. Thanks for everything ~ Love **Mary, Rog,** and **Pam Visser**.

We have been so blessed by the cards, visits and prayers over the last several weeks. Thank you so much ~ **Len & Lois Koetje**.

EASTER FLOWERS

Given in memory of:

Richard & Dorothy Funk

Deborah Pineda &

Aunt Flor

Ryan Brunink

by:

Shelly Funk

Dean & Dinorah Dykstra

Jodi & Brooklyn TenHopen

Please take your flowers home following this morning's worship service. Names are found on the base.

BIRTHDAYS

For a list of upcoming birthdays, please see the mid-week for a link, or pick up a paper copy at the Welcome Desk.

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 for your support for this ministry through food and the special offering. We were able to purchase 200lbs of food for our pantry through Feeding America...for just **\$31**. We purchased canned chicken, tuna, tuna skillet dinners, beef ravioli, beef stew, spaghetti sauce, and Mac n Cheese to get us through 2-3 months!! Food items we frequently use have been very inexpensive for us to purchase through FA making cash donations a huge benefit right now, rather than having church members purchase the items themselves.

Food items we are need of that have not been available lately are; *single serve cereals, Nutrigrain Bars, Fruit cups (no applesauce needed currently),* and any snacks such as *granola bars, fruit snacks, pretzels,* etc. If you wish to donate, food items can be placed in the wooden box in the narthex and cash can be donated anytime through the deacons.

LOVE INC FOOD PANTRY

We are open on Mondays from 9am-3pm. Thanks to your ongoing support of donations. We are currently in need of paper towels and laundry soap. Please continue to drop your *Family Fare receipts* into the slot at the Welcome desk - these are added up each week as we work toward our goal!