

the Bible:  
reading for identity

Psalm 8:1-9



### FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Jul 15 – Aug 4:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 12,836.40
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 675.81
Community Offering:	Mission French Africa \$ 155.00
	Love Your Neighbor \$ 116.02
	DMS \$ 20.51
	Resonate – Rodriguez \$ 10.00

### From the Treasurer:

Year to Date Receipts: \$178,147    Year to Date Expenses: \$163,499  
(through 07/31/2024)

### Community Offerings

#### TODAY: Guiding Light

Guiding Light is a donor-funded Christian non-profit dedicated to helping individuals recover from addiction and the associated chaos of a life consumed by substance abuse. They provide tools, relationships, and support to empower individuals in living a new life of recovery, where they're back to work, reconnected, and safely housed.

Through the guiding light of God's Spirit, Guiding Light partners with individuals to fulfill their God-given potential through rescue, recovery and re-engagement in the community.

<https://guidinglightworks.org/>

August 25: Guiding Light

Sep 1: Desert Streams Ministries (Lont's)

Sep 8: Denominational Ministry Shares

### THIS WEEK

Monday, Aug 19

Tuesday, Aug 20  
6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Aug 21

Thursday, Aug 22

Friday, Aug 23

Saturday, Aug 24

Sunday, Aug 25  
9:30am Outdoor Worship

### COMING UP

Aug 27 Full Council  
Elders  
Deacons

Aug 28 Blood Drive

Sep 8 Fall Kick Off

Sep 9 Exec

### STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)  
Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)  
Andrew Lenhart (Worship)  
Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)  
Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)  
Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

August 18, 2024



Welcome!

We are glad you are here!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in our service

Also available during worship:

Nursery for infants & toddlers;  
"Busy Bags" with kid's activities;

Puzzle & sermon notes written by Pastor Tom for students Grades 3 & up  
(found by weekly bulletins)

**TODAY:** The Bible not only reveals God's gospel message of redemption, it also gives us a perspective towards our own identity in this world; it reminds us of who we are.

NEXT WEEK: outdoor worship service

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*The Praise Is Yours*

*How Great Thou Art (Until That Day)*

*How Great Is Your Love*

### Communion

*Remembrance*

### Prayers of the People

### Scripture *Psalm 8:1-9*

#### Psalm 8.

For the director of music. According to *gittith*. A psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup>Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory  
in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>Through the praise of children and infants  
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,

<sup>4</sup>what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?

<sup>5</sup>You have made them a little lower than the angels  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup>You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under their feet:

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and herds,  
and the animals of the wild,

<sup>8</sup>the birds in the sky,  
and the fish in the sea,  
all that swim the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup>Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Message** “the Bible: reading for identity”

*Who You Say I Am*

### God's Parting Blessing

### TODAY

9:30am Worship

11am Adult Bible Study

## CHURCH LIFE

**TODAY** we celebrate the sacrament of communion during the morning worship service.

**NEXT SUNDAY** we plan to have the worship service outdoors. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring your own lawn chairs. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be moved indoors.

*Some birthdays come around every year; a 50<sup>th</sup> only once. Be there on October 6.*

### SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY THERE WILL BE NO CLASS AUG 25.

The class is in Room 10, and it will begin around 15 minutes after the end of worship and will end 45 minutes later. All are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Mike Philo ([LMPHILO@aol.com](mailto:LMPHILO@aol.com)) or Dave Cook ([dcook0104@gmail.com](mailto:dcook0104@gmail.com)).

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** Congratulations to **Bill and Kathy Poel** who will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 23! We give thanks for their lives and their marriage. May they continue to know God's faithful presence with them.

Congratulations to **Dan and Sandy Wynia** who will celebrate their 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 26! We give thanks for their lives and their marriage. May they continue to know God's faithful presence with them.

Congratulations to **Don and Ann Aardema** who will celebrate their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 28! We give thanks for their lives and their marriage. May they continue to know God's faithful presence with them.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Happy Birthday to **Bob Eggerding** who will celebrate his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 1. We give thanks for his life and may he know the gift of God's faithful presence with each new day.

*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and flowers on the passing of our mother, Ann Nieuwstraten. They have been a blessing to our family.*

*Many thanks to Barb Snaders and all who have visited with and ministered to mom in the last couple of years.*

*With Gratitude, the family of Ann Nieuwstraten*

★ Keep up to date with all the activity of the Church Renewal Lab at [www.fellowshipcrl.com/crl](http://www.fellowshipcrl.com/crl).

Take the next step following the sermon series on prayer; sign up to join one of the prayer practice groups beginning in September.



## MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**FOOD PANTRY** We are once again in need of a few items!

### Our Needs Are:

crackers (graham & saltine)	hearty soups
strawberry jam	gravy
juice	tea
SPAM	beef stew
pop tarts	coffee
honey	laundry detergent

\*monetary donations can be made through the deacons.

**Thank you** to everyone who has donated to the pantry!

### BACKPACK BUDDIES

Summer food collection for the August start of school.

Canned Chicken  
Canned Pasta  
Chunky soups  
Fruit Cups  
Nutrigrain bars  
\*monetary donations can be given through the deacons

**Sandy Campo** (616) 889-3134

**BLOOD DRIVE** Summer is coming to a close and your blood donation is greatly needed before the Labor Day holiday! Our next drive is Wednesday, August 28, from 1:30-6:30pm in the Fellowship Room. A sign up for the canteen is on the M&CC Bulletin Board.

Use this link to schedule your appointment today!

[https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/158931](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/158931)

## PRAYER FOCUS

- We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Mike Philo** and his family. Mike's brother, Jim, passed away on August 2. May this family know Christ's comfort, peace, and presence with them at this time.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Aardema, **Jean Cisler**, **Rachel Tjoelker**.
- Pray for the work of **Guiding Light** and the staff, volunteers, and the individuals who are a part of their programs. Pray that the men and women they serve are able to transform their lives and become re-engaged in their community.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.