

Psalm 29:1-11



Belgic Confession

Article 2: The Means by Which We Know God

We know God by two means:

First, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe, since that universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book in which all creatures, great and small, are as letters to make us ponder the invisible things of God: God's eternal power and divinity, as the apostle Paul says in Romans 1:20. All these things are enough to convict humans and to leave them without excuse.

Second, God makes himself known to us more clearly by his holy and divine Word, as much as we need in this life, for God's glory and for our salvation.

TODAY: The creation itself reveals the creator. We are reminded through the Psalms not to worship created things, but always to see God through the creation.

NEXT WEEK: the Bible: reading for transformation

FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Jul 15 – Aug 4:Received for General Ministries:\$ 12,836.40Received for Christian Education:\$ 675.81Community Offering:Mission French Africa\$ 155.00Love Your Neighbor\$ 116.02DMS\$ 20.51Resonate – 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 reengagement in the community.

https://guidinglightworks.org/

Sep 1: Desert Streams Ministries (Lont's)Sep 8: Denominational Ministry SharesSep 15: World Renew

THIS WEEK Monday, Aug 26 Tuesday, Aug 27 6pm Life Skills 7pm Full Council 8pm Elders 8pm Deacons Wednesday, Aug 28 1:30pm Blood Drive		Thursday, Aug 29 Friday, Aug 30 Saturday, Aug 31 Sunday, Sep 1 9:30am Worship 11am Adult Bible Study
COMING UP		STAFF
Sep 8	Fall Kick Off	Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)
Sep 9	Exec	Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)
Sep 15	Church School begins Youth Group	Andrew Lenhart (Worship) Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry) Laura Williams (Admin Assistant) Katherine Sneller (Custodian)
Sep 23	Elders Deacons	

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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 Bags" with kid's 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

All Creatures Of Our God And King This Is Amazing Grace Goodness Of God

Prayers of the People

Scripture Psalm 29:1-11

Psalm 29

A psalm of David.

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
 ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.
- ³The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. ⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. ⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶He makes Lebanon leap like a calf. Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning. ⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh. ⁹The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever.
 ¹¹ The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.

Message "Divine Fingerprints"

God of Wonders

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY 9:30am Worship 11am Adult Bible Study

CHURCH LIFE

Some birthdays come around every year; a 50^{th} only once. Be there on October 6.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY Adult Bible change in schedule. The previous announcement stated that there will be no class on Aug 25 has changed. The class this Sunday will start between 15 to 30 minutes after the outdoor service ends. This is to allow time to assist the pickup of sound, video and music equipment after the service ends.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Congratulations to **Dan and Sandy Wynia** who will celebrate their 46th 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 67th 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 85th 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.

FALL KICK OFF On September 8, we will be celebrating the Kick-Off of the new church year with a lunch following the worship service. Subs and paper products will be supplied. A few other items are needed; a RSVP and sign up for other items is available via the link here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4BAFAD29A5FB6-50848779-fall

Please still sign up that you are coming even if you don't bring food. That way I will know how many to plan for. If the sign up is full for food items, it's a great day for you just bring yourself!!!! Questions? Text, email, or call **Pam** Kortman (pam.kortman@gmail.com, 616.437.0005)

★Keep up to date with all the activity of the Church Renewal Lab at www.fellowshipcrc.com/crl.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for **Rog and Mary Visser**. Mary is scheduled for surgery on August 27 to have her gall bladder removed. Pray that surgery will go well and for a good recovery process.
- Jo Postema fell recently and is experiencing a lot of pain from bruised bones. Give thanks x-rays indicate there are not any broken bones. Pray for Jo during this time, and what is anticipated to be a long healing process.
- 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.

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

We are back to school and back to packing weekend food bags for the kids at Central Elementary.

Here are some items that we are collecting for September and October.

Canned Chicken Canned Pasta

- Chunky soups
- Fruit Cups
- Nutrigrain bars

*monetary donations can be given through the deacons and will be used to purchase food items through Feeding America West Michigan and at local grocery stores.

Thank you for your support of this ministry. If you missed my Ministry Highlights at church on Aug 11th, please feel free to send me a note or call with any questions you may have.

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BLOOD DRIVE Summer is coming to a close and your blood donation is greatly needed before the Labor Day holiday! Our next drive is THIS WEEK, 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

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

