

the Bible:  
reading for transformation

Luke 6:43-49



### FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Aug 5-25:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 7,678.36
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 510.00
Community Offering: DMS	\$ 193.51
Guiding Light	\$ 133.51
Backpack Buddies	\$ 100.00
Desert Streams-Lont	\$ 40.00

### From the Treasurer:

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

### Community Offerings

#### **TODAY: Desert Streams Ministries**

*David & Sara Lont and family*

David, Sara, and Anna Lont serve as our missionaries through Desert Streams Ministries near the city of Tulancingo, Hidalgo, Mexico. They facilitate the studies of the 40 pastors/leaders enrolled in the Advanced School of Ministry degree program with the goal of earning degrees by January, 2026, and the online Bible School which has 150 students this fall semester. David, Sara, and Anna also pastor and serve their local church which continues to thrive as several new young people have joined. They are very thankful to Fellowship CRC for the faithful offerings which support the growth of the Bible School and the Advanced School of Ministry as students are not able to pay the real costs of tuition.

**Sep 8:** Denominational Ministry Shares

**Sep 15, 22:** World Renew

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### THIS WEEK

**Monday, Sep 2**

*Labor Day*

**Tuesday, Sep 3**

**Wednesday, Sep 4**

**Thursday, Sep 5**

**Friday, Sep 6**

**Saturday, Sep 7**

**Sunday, Sep 8**

9:30am Worship

11:30am Fall Kick-Off

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### COMING UP

**Sep 9**    Exec

**Sep 15**    Church School begins  
Youth Group

**Sep 23**    Elders  
Deacons

**Sep 29**    Prayer Service

### STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

# September 1, 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)

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**TODAY:** Jesus tells us in the gospels that his words are not just meant to teach us knowledge, God expects his word to change us.

How does this transformation take place in us yet today?

NEXT WEEK: James — practical wisdom

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### LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS

are available at the sound booth

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*Praise to the Lord Almighty*  
*10,000 Reasons*  
*Holy Holy Holy*

**Mission Moment** *Desert Streams Ministries*

### Prayers of the People

**Scripture** *Luke 6:43-49*

#### A Tree and Its Fruit

<sup>43</sup>“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>44</sup>Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. <sup>45</sup>A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

#### The Wise and Foolish Builders

<sup>46</sup>“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? <sup>47</sup>As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. <sup>48</sup>They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. <sup>49</sup>But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

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

*Speak O Lord*  
*Build My Life*

### God’s Parting Blessing

## TODAY

9:30am Worship  
11am Adult Bible Study

## CHURCH LIFE

**36 days and counting until our 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration.**

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY** Due to the Fall Kick-Off, there will be no Adult Bible Study next week, September 8. 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 BIRTHDAY** Happy Birthday to **Bob Eggerding** who will celebrate his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday today, on September 1. We give thanks for his life and may he know the gift of God’s faithful presence with each new day.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** Congratulations to **Gordon & Char Bell** who will celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 13! We give thanks for their lives and their marriage. May they continue to know God’s faithful presence with them.  
Congratulations to **Mark & Marcia Behrens** who will celebrate their 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 15! We give thanks for their lives and their marriage. May they continue to know God’s faithful presence with them.

**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://bit.ly/fall\\_kickoff2024](https://bit.ly/fall_kickoff2024)  
**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](mailto: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](http://www.fellowshipcrc.com/crl).

**BLOOD DRIVE** THANK YOU to all who donated blood this past Wednesday! The next blood drive will be on October 23.

Take the next step following the sermon series on prayer; [sign up by September 8 to join one of the prayer practice groups.](#)



## PRAYER FOCUS

- **Mary Visser** had surgery this past week to remove her gall bladder. Give thanks that surgery went well. She was able to return home the following day. Pray for a good recovery process.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Aardema, **Jean Cisler**, **Rachel Tjoelker**.
- Please pray for these particular requests from **David, Sara, and Anna Lont and Desert Streams Ministries**: for funding for the growing online Bible School; for divine connections with people, churches and other Bible schools who would be interested in joining this mission; for the next Advanced School of Ministry conference which focuses on strengthening pastors and leaders of local churches in the foundations of church life: the cross of Christ, the Word of God, and doctrines; for the family of Pastor Homero Rios, former leader of the Advanced School of Ministry team, who passed away in May and for David who has been commissioned as the new leader of the team; and for the Desert Streams Church in Tulancingo as new members grow in faith becoming more effective in bringing the love of Jesus Christ and the Gospel to the city.
- 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. **Sandy Campo** (616)889-3134