

Brought Together to Dwell
with God

Ezekiel 37:21-28



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Feb 12-25:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 7,007.98
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 320.00
Community Offering: DMS	\$ 680.86
Kids Hope USA	\$ 108.00
Pine Rest	\$ 20.51
FCRC Food Pantry	\$ 20.00

For January and Feb of 2024: We have collected \$5637 less than what we have spent.

Community Offerings

TODAY: Missionary Sunday

Desert Streams Ministries

David & Sara Lont and family

“Taking Streams of Living Water to a Dry and Weary Land”

David and Sara Lont serve as our missionaries to Mexico. They pastor Desert Streams Church in Tulancingo. Sara works with the women and meets with a women’s group. Anna, David and Sara’s daughter, is the youth leader. David says, “It is such a blessing to work together as a family in ministry.” They also translate Christian materials and texts into Spanish and have an Online Bible School with over 170 students participating and working toward completing the Advanced School of Ministry degree program.

Mar 17: Denominational Ministry Shares

Mar 24,31: Guiding Light

THIS WEEK

Monday, Mar 11

7pm Exec

Tuesday, Mar 12

9:15am “Path to the Cross” Small Group

6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Mar 13

7pm Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, Mar 14

Friday, Mar 15

Saturday, Mar 16

Sunday, Mar 17

Easter Flower Orders Due

9:30am Worship

10:45am Church School

10:45am Adult Bible Study

4:30pm Youth Group-Middle School

6pm Youth Group-High School

COMING UP

Mar 25 Elders
Deacons

Mar 28 Maundy Thursday Service

Apr 8 Exec

Apr 21 Combined Worship Service
Youth group

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

March 10, 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)

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS
are available at the sound booth

TODAY: The restoration of God’s shalom shows up not only in God’s closeness to his people, but also in his people’s closeness to each other.

NEXT WEEK: Shalom – Journey with the prophets

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Better Is One Day
How Great Thou Art
Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Ezekiel 37:21-28*

²¹ and say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land. ²²I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms. ²³They will no longer defile themselves with their idols and vile images or with any of their offenses, for I will save them from all their sinful backsliding, and I will cleanse them. They will be my people, and I will be their God.

²⁴ ‘‘My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees. ²⁵They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your ancestors lived. They and their children and their children’s children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever. ²⁶I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever. ²⁷My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. ²⁸Then the nations will know that I the Lord make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever.’’

Message “Brought Together to Dwell with God”

Greatest Hallelujah

God’s Parting Blessing

TODAY

9:30am Worship
10:45am Church School
10:45am Adult Bible Study
2pm Youth Group-Winter Jam

CHURCH LIFE

Would you like to dive deeper into the scripture passage for the message?
Expanded **SERMON NOTES** are available at the tables in the lobby.

EASTER FLOWERS Easter Flower order forms are in your mailboxes and at the Information Center. There is also an online order form accessible through the link in the midweek (payment instructions on form). If you would like to purchase flowers, please have completed order form and payment to the marked slot at the Information center or to the office by **NEXT WEEK, Sunday, March 17**. Thank You!

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR COMBINED SERVICE Three wonderful congregations, all united in their love for God, will be coming together for a combined Worship Service on Sunday, April 21 at 10:00 AM in the Calvin Christian High School gymnasium. Fellowship, Ivanrest, and South Grandville CRCs are all eagerly looking forward to this event. Mark your calendars and get ready to experience the joy of worshipping together!

PEACE OF MIND SEMINAR A Peace of Mind Seminar, presented by MKD Funeral Homes, is scheduled to be at Fellowship on Sunday, May 5, at 11 am, with lunch provided. More information coming.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE **Mike Campo** has joined the Building and Grounds Committee. The current members: **Mike Philo** (co-chair), **Gordon Bell** (co-chair), **Diane Ronda** (secretary), **Jeff DeWitte** look forward to Mike’s contributions to the committee. If you have any interest, there is still room for more members.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Happy Birthday to **Arv Tap** who will celebrate his birthday on March 22. We give thanks for his life and may he know the gift of God’s faithful presence with each new day.

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

PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Aardema, Jayne Barnhill (**Sandy Campo**’s sister), **Jean Cisler**, **Lois Oom**, Katherine Sneller, **Rachel Tjoelker**, Barb Voskuil (**Carole Dykstra**’s sister).
- For **Desert Streams Minsitries** and **David & Sara Lont and family** as they minister to people in Mexico. Pray for peace in Tulancingo, that the drug gangs will remain at bay. Pray for the Lont’s and Desert Streams Church in Tulancingo, that they will be an effective witness for Christ, and that many will come to know the Lord through their congregation. Pray for the Bible School students. There are many pastors and leaders who take classes with them. Pray that they would effectively apply the training they are receiving as they do ministry in their local churches and communities around Mexico.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

The Missions and Community Connections Committee would like to celebrate our missionaries:

David and Sara Lont with Desert Streams Ministries,
Paul and Charlotte Mpindi with Mission French Africa, and
Jesse and Jari Rodriguez with Satisfied Wages for Nicaragua
in a new way.

They are our hands and feet in different countries as they spread God’s Word. We will be more intentional in updating everyone with news and prayer requests.

Our Community Offerings for our missionaries will now be scheduled on the first Sunday of every month which will be designated Missionary Sunday.

FOOD PANTRY We had **8** visitors this week, and are once again in need of a few items!

Our Needs Are:

crackers	pancake mix	pancake syrup	hearty soups
peanut butter juice (orange, apple)	gravy	jam	tea
ketchup	salad dressing	honey	pop tarts
diced tomatoes	SPAM	beef stew	kid’s cereal
canned meats (tuna, chicken)	tuna helper	hand soap	
paper towels	facial tissue	toilet paper	
body wash	dishwashing liquid	laundry detergent	

*monetary donations can be made through the deacons.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the pantry!

BACKPACK BUDDIES We are currently collecting for March.

Our current needs:

We are in urgent need of plastic grocery bags!
snacks: granola bars, rice krispie treats, fruit snacks, cheese or peanut butter crackers, etc.
fruit: applesauce, small boxes of raisins (bags of 12 little boxes are great)
canned chunky soups
canned chicken
Nutrigrain bars
*Cash donations can be made through the deacons.
*Food donations can be placed in the wooden box in the narthex.

We couldn’t do this ministry without you. Your donations are very appreciated!

Sandy Campo