



Blessed to Bless

Welcome!

May 3, 2026

GEMS Sunday

SONGS & PRAYER

GOD'S WORD

Matthew 14:22-33
"Walk on Water"

PARTING

Song

Prayer Pointer

*Prayer is not an attempt
to force God's Hand,
but a humble acknowledgement
of our helplessness
and dependence on Him*

J.I. Packer - preacher, theologian, and writer

Outline

Matthew 14:22-33
"Walk on Water"

1. Sovereign Storm
2. Christ Comes
3. Fickle Faith
4. Climactic Confession

You are invited!

Kidshine 2026

A Musical/Drama under the Direction of
Kay VanWeethuisen

Presents

“Celebration”

May 3 at 6:00 p.m.



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Announcements

Welcome to GEMS Sunday!

We are glad you are here with us. Today we celebrate God's faithfulness to us and the thousands of generations who have gone before us. Through the theme,

"Walk on Water" the GEMS girls have discovered ways to step out in faith to trust our faithful God. Thank you to all the following leaders who have been a reflection of God's faithfulness by stepping out to work with the girls each week:

1st & 2nd Grade –

*Cheryl Stom, Emily Bowman
& Jessica Hilenbrand*

3rd & 4th Grade –

Chelsey Anema & Leslie

Grasmeyer

5th & 6th Grade –

Mary LeMonnier & Kristin Visser

Theme lesson leader:

Leneé Struiksma

Back Up/On Call leader:

Kate Rinker

Club Coordinator: Carol Halma

Thank you to our church family for stepping out to support our GEMS Club through prayer, coming to our GEMS dinner and giving financial gifts. We see His goodness through you. Thank you!

Our **second offering** today, GEMS Sunday, will be received for **GEMS Service Center**. (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior). GEMS is a non-profit club for girls which relies

on the gifts of local churches and faithful individuals. GEMS invites you to share in our mission! Through your prayers and continued financial support more girls will meet the Savior.

On **May 10**, the second offering will be for Resonate General Missions. **Resonate** formed by the joining of Christian Reformed Home Missions and Christian Reformed World Missions, Resonate Global Mission, trains missional leaders, guides new churches, and forges partnerships to proclaim and live out the good news of Jesus Christ worldwide.

The **annual Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for Monday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Packages with information related to the meeting were sent out April 29. In the package you will find bios for each of the nominees for Elder and Deacon, the proposed budget, absentee voting ballot, and instructions.

Nominees for Elder are

Jeff Brouwer, Randy Halma & Rick Milner.

Retiring Elders are Jeff Struiksma & John Van Kooy.

Nominees for Deacon are

Joe Martinez, Eric Schoonover & Jennifer Trujillo.

Retiring Deacons are Matt Anema & Alice De Bruin.

If you did not receive a package please reach out to the church office (562) 421-1721 or info@lbcrc.org. If you have a question with the budget, please email them to finance@lbcrc.org. We hope to see you here.



We want to celebrate with you! All those who will be graduating from Middle School, High School, or

College: Let us know your name, what school you will be graduating from, and, if from college, your degree. Please include what your plans are for the future. Email Kathleen at kpowell@lbcrc.org by **May 5**.

Camp Dunamis - June 14 – June 19, 2026 - Camp Dunamis is a Christian middle school camp in

the San Bernardino Mountains focused on providing space for racial reconciliation and lots of fun! Camp is for boys and girls going into 7th, 8th and 9th grade in the Fall of 2026. Go to <https://campdunamis.org/> to register.

Vacation Bible School Needs

YOU! - VBS is around the corner and we have volunteer opportunities for everyone!

1. Set Build Day - Saturday May 16th 8:30 AM - Noon - help set the stage with backdrops, posters and more - from building waterfalls to crafting tropical vines, we have opportunities for all skill levels. Please text or email Rebecca to let her know you will be there at vbs@lbcrc.org or 562-712-6969

2. Week of VBS leaders - we still need crew leaders to experience VBS



with the kids as well as a few station leaders. Help needed Monday June 15- Friday June 19 from 8:45 AM - Noon. Ages entering 7th grade through retired. Be a part of the fun!

3. Register your kids!

We have over 50 community kids registered so far for VBS, but there



is room for more! Share our info with your neighbors and friends, post on social media, and make sure to register your kids!

This summer, **our missionaries to Mexico, the Lee family** are planning to be in our area to connect with partnering churches and supporters. James and Barbarita and their two daughters will be here from August 3rd through August 25th. Their son, Joshua, will be away at a Christian camp. The Lee's are requesting accommodations for the four of them during their visit.

If you can help by providing a place for the Lee family to stay, please contact the church office.

Serving This Sunday

(May 3, 2026)

Greeters – Larry Vander Schaff,
Ron Oldham

Ushers – John Bakker,
Bill Cullison, Bruce Hecox

Prayer Leader –
Louisa Bakker - DeVries

Children's Message –
Leneé Struiksma

Nursery – Alice De Bruin,
Megan Chamberlain
Helper – Raelynn Minnema

Children's Church – Claudia Bakker
Greeter – Matt Anema

Campus Safety – Jeff Struiksma

Serving Next Sunday

(May 10, 2026)

Greeters – Julie Hecox

Ushers – Eric Schoonover,
Steve O'Neil, Bruce Hecox

Prayer Leader – Ron Sato

Children's Message –
Cyndie Struiksma

Nursery – Donna Sato
Helper – Raelynn Minnema

Children's Church – Chelsey Anema
Greeter – Dawn Grasmeyer

Campus Safety – Tyler Mc Clurg

Calendar

This Week

Sunday – GEMS Sunday

Sunday Service

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
KidShine Presents "Celebration"
6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.

Sunday – Mission Sunday

Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Upcoming

May 10 – Mission Sunday
May 16 – VBS Set Building
May 17 – Communion Sunday
Deacon's Luncheon
Welcome New Members
May 18 – Congregational Meeting

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Tree-mendous adventure awaits!

Join us for VBS!

June 15-19

9 AM - NOON

ages 4 -6th grade

Register
students here



Volunteers
Register here



Questions? Contact Rebecca Corona
562-712-6969 or vbs@lbcrc.org

