

# March 19, 2017

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*MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM*

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## God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

\*Welcome and God's Greeting

\*Song of Worship: #20 (WC)

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

## God Renews Us By Grace

GEMS Litany

GEMS Songs:

"The Name of the Lord"

"Days of Elijah"

Prayer

\*Song of Worship: #298 (PH)

"I Will Extol Thee, O My God"

*(children ages 3 - Kindergarten are dismissed for Children's Church)*

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

GEMS Girls Clubs

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture:

1 Thessalonians 3:12 *(p. 170)*

Sermon:

**BUILDING THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH #13:  
A MISSION EMPHASIS WEEK DEBRIEFING**

Prayer

## God Blesses Us to Bless Others

\*Song of Response: #297 (WC)

"Spirit of the Living God"

\*Benediction

\*Doxology:

"We Receive Your Blessing"

Postlude

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### **LEADING US IN WORSHIP**

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Guitars:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

*\*Please stand if you are able*

*(PH-Psalter Hymnal; WC-Worshipping Church)*

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## *EVENING WORSHIP*

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### **We Enter His Presence**

Prelude

\*Welcome and God's Greeting

\*Song of Praise: #314 (PH)

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

\*Profession of Faith:

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21-23 (*p. 14 in the back of the PH*)

Prayer

\*Song of Worship:

"By Faith"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Horizon Community Church

### **We Listen**

Scripture:

Romans 3:21-26 (*p. 1114*)

Sermon:

**FAITH**

Prayer

### **We Are Sent to Serve**

\*Song of Response: #389:1-2 (PH)

"Not What My Hands Have Done"

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: #389:3 (PH)

"Not What My Hands Have Done"

Postlude

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### *LEADING US IN WORSHIP*

Worship Leader:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Guitar:

Matt Bulthuis

Violin:

Kristen Voss

Piano:

Donna Erdman

*\*Please stand if you are able*

*(PH-Psalter Hymnal; WC-Worshiping Church)*

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## TODAY AT FAITH

**Today** we celebrate GEMS Sunday by having the girls from our GEMS club participate in morning worship in a special way.

**This morning** in the message we continue in our *Building the Household of Faith* series using this year's GEMS theme verse and reflecting on Mission Emphasis Week 2017.

**This evening** we'll be reading Romans 3:21-26. The sermon will focus on the gift of faith—what it isn't, what it is, and how we can practice it.

**We continue in the period of the church year called Lent.** Lent is a 40 day period of preparation and repentance between Ash Wednesday (March 1 this year) and Good Friday and Easter. The 40 days historically does not include Sundays, which are reserved for celebratory worship as the day of resurrection. As a church we'd encourage any spiritual practices that could help in your time of reflection on the heart of our faith—the death and resurrection of Jesus for the salvation of all who believe.

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## UPCOMING WORSHIP AT FAITH

**March 26, 9:30 AM:** Elim Christian School Worship Team in worship

**April 9, 9:30 AM:** Palm Sunday Worship

**April 14, 7:00 PM:** Good Friday Worship with Communion

**April 16, 9:30 AM:** Easter Morning Worship

**April 23, 9:30 AM:** Professions of Faith in Worship

**May 4, 7:00 PM:** National Day of Prayer Service

**May 7, 9:30 AM:** Professions of Faith in Worship

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## PRAYER & PRAISE

**If you have prayer needs**, please visit room 1 on the north side of the sanctuary after the morning service.

**Pearl Dykstra** moved from Oak Brook Care to Providence in Downers Grove last week. Please pray that this transition goes well for Jerry and Pearl.

**Gert Tazelaar** (Mrs. Ray) will be at Park Place for some time as she continues to recover from a broken leg.

**Mark Teune's** recovery from an infection is going well. Please pray for complete healing for him.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Annette Klein** who lives in Alden Poplar Creek in Hoffman Estates.

**Annette (Sis) Bosman** has moved to a new home. Her new address is Lacey Creek, 4200 Lacey Rd., Downers Grove, IL 60515; 331-903-1504.

**Dan Tobin** has finished basic training and is now in Engineering school. Letters and words of encouragement can be sent to PFC Tobin, Daniel, Marine Corps Engineer School, PSC Box 20069, Camp Lejeune, NC 28542. Please update your church directory to reflect these changes.

## OFFERINGS

**Today: AM:** GEMS Girls Clubs. **PM:** Horizon Community Church.

**March 26 AM:** Elim Christian Ministries. **PM:** CareNet Pregnancy Services.

**The Deacons gratefully acknowledge** the following offerings in February.

\$51,218	Faith General Fund	\$1,519	Cadets International
\$4,147	Faith Promise Missionaries	\$25	CareNet Pregnancy Services
\$3,580	Faith Benevolent Fund	\$34	Feed My Starving Children
\$255	Faith Building Fund	\$124	Grace & Peace Fellowship
\$2,680	Faith Education Fund	\$330	Love, Inc.
\$1,252	Faith Youth Fund	\$336	Luke Society
\$130	All God's Children	\$3,145	Timothy Assistance Fund
\$218	Bethshan		

**\$68,993 Total Offerings for February**

**Actual General Fund receipts** from June 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 totaled approximately \$533,000 compared to budgeted receipts of \$597,000 or a \$64,000 shortfall to budget. Actual accrued expenses for the same period totaled \$584,000 or a \$51,000 actual shortfall.

**As of February 28, 2017,** the Timothy Tuition Assistance obligation for the 2016-2017 school year was approximately \$42,800.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congregational Survey: Faith Church** has been selected to be part of a denomination-wide study to assess congregational and denominational health. You are encouraged to participate in this online survey. If 30 or more people from Faith CRC complete it, the results will be shared with us. These results will help us as a church to evaluate where we are doing well and where we might do better. Please consider taking part! It will take about 30 minutes to complete. Please follow this link to take this survey: <https://www.crcna.org/survey/2486>. If you would like assistance completing the survey please contact the church office: 630-279-1776.

**New Welcome Team:** We'll be launching a new welcome team at Faith in the next few weeks. Every Sunday morning, we'll have people assigned to actively welcome our guests here. This will involve seeking out guests for about 20 minutes before and after the morning service, welcoming them to Faith, and helping them feel at home here. Each team member will be responsible for one Sunday every two or three months. Training will be provided. If you're interested in joining this team, contact Pastor Matthew.

**Senior Bible Study** will meet this Tuesday, March 21 at 1:15 PM. We'll be wrapping up our study of Exodus with chapter 8 of the study guide. Dr. Derke Bergsma will be leading the study this time. Beginning in April, we'll be doing a four-part study of different matters related to heaven.

**You're Invited!** This Thursday at 7:00 PM the Adult Ministries Committee is hosting the screening of the highly acclaimed movie and documentary called Poverty Inc. Bring your family, co-workers, neighbors and friends to this engaging and thought-provoking documentary that will confront us as Christians on "how to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God." Please go to [www.faithelmhurst.org](http://www.faithelmhurst.org) for more information including the movie trailer, and to RSVP. The event is free, and free childcare will be provided.

**Next Sunday, March 26, during our morning worship service, we will welcome the Elim Christian Services Worship Team!** Elim's Worship Team will lead us in worship through song, fellowship, and an infectious passion for our Savior. Please join our brothers and sisters at Elim in lifting up the Name that is above every name as a testament to the life-giving work He is doing among His people! Following the service, the fellowship continues with refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

**The Music Committee** is well on the way to prepare for our Good Friday Tenebrae service as well as our Easter morning celebration. We are praying that you will want to be part of these meaningful services. The practice schedule dates will be:

**Palm Sunday: The Women's Chorus** will practice today after the morning service.

**Good Friday: The Men's Chorus** practice will be on March 26 after our morning service.

**Easter Sunday: Choir** practices will be on April 2 & April 9 after our morning service.

**Easter Sunday: Instrumental** practices will be on April 2 & April 9 at 4:00 PM. You are invited to consider being part of bringing glory to God in these services.

**Taco Dinner:** Join us on April 6, 5:00 – 7:00 PM to show support for the high school youth. Donations made will go to support the Gathering SERVE trip to Lynden, Washington. Sign up on the piano in the fellowship hall today to donate any supplies for the night or <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4AAAAD2AA3F49-taco>.

**Men's Breakfast coming up:** Our spring men's breakfast is coming up on Saturday, April 8 at 7:30 AM. Plan to attend this time of great food and fellowship; all ages are welcome. Brad Eidsen will be our speaker again this year. Brad spent over a decade working as a missionary in Pakistan before taking his current position at Camp Forest Springs in Wisconsin. He'll be speaking with us about how we can connect with our neighbors in today's context. Sign up in the narthex or online to help us plan for how much food to make.

**Faith Book Club** has chosen *The Case for Easter* by Lee Strobel for their April selection. This story is a journalist's investigation into the evidence of Jesus' resurrection on Easter morning. Please join us in discussing this timely subject on April 12 at 7:00 PM.

**Faith CRC on Facebook.** If you don't yet, follow Faith Christian Reformed Church on Facebook to stay up to date on current and upcoming events. Also, consider giving our church a Facebook review. Right now we are at 4.7 stars out of five with just 13 reviews total. Help us expand that. Through Facebook you can help share God's Word and Love by increasing our church's online reach. Share our events and worship services with friends through Facebook to help connect more and more people to the Lord and all that He is doing in our midst.

## YOUTH NEWS

**The Gathering**, our ministry to high school students, will meet tonight at 7:00 PM.

**GEMS Girls Club** will meet this Wednesday from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at church.

**Asylum Calendar update** — Asylum will be canceled this Friday, March 24, due to Spring Break.

**Soup Kitchen:** All 6-12th graders are invited to our service event as we partner with Lampstand Ministries' My Brother's Kitchen in Berwyn. We'll leave the church on April 22 at 8:30 AM and arrive back around 1:30 PM. Limited spots—so RSVP soon!

**The Gathering SERVE Trip:** ([www.faihelmhurst.org/connect/youth](http://www.faihelmhurst.org/connect/youth)) Your student is invited to join us to serve in Lynden, WA. Cost: \$250. Save the date: June 24 - July 2. Open to all current 8 – 12<sup>th</sup> graders; registration due March 19.

**Taco Dinner:** save the date for April 6, 5:00 - 7:00 PM to support our High School Youth Ministry as they prepare for their summer service project.

**January – July 2017** - The Asylum/Gathering Calendar is available on the church website!

**Vacation Bible School:** Join us at the Maker's Fun Factory on June 12 - 15!

## THIS WEEK AT FAITH

### TODAY

**Children's Church** will meet during the second half of morning worship.

**Sunday School** students should go to the sanctuary for singing at 10:45 and will be dismissed at 11:45 AM.

**Catechism Students** should go to their regular classrooms at 10:45.

**PADS sign-up sheets** will be in the Fellowship Hall for April. Please consider volunteering your time to serve the homeless in our community.

**The Women's Chorus for Palm Sunday** will rehearse in the Choir Room after the morning service.

**The Sermon Discussion Group** will meet 15 minutes after the morning service in room 4/5.

**The Missions Committee** will meet in Pastor Schuringa's office following the morning service.

**The Gathering** will meet at 7:00 PM.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 21

**Senior Bible Study** will meet at 1:15 PM.

**Music Committee** will meet at 7:00 PM.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

**Men's Prayer Group** will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 AM.

**Bible Study Fellowship** will meet at 9:15 AM.

**GEMS Girls Club** will meet from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at church.

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### THURSDAY, MARCH 23

**Mom2Mom** will meet at 9:00 AM.

**Poverty, Inc.** movie screening at 7:00 PM.

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### FRIDAY, MARCH 24

**Men's Bible Study** will meet at 6:30 AM.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS

**Timothy Christian Coaching Position** --- We have an opening for the boy's varsity basketball coaching position. If interested, please contact Athletic Director, Jack LeGrand ([legrand@timothychristian.com](mailto:legrand@timothychristian.com)) to obtain an application. Applications are due by March 24, 2017.

**Timothy Christian Open House** - Please join us for our final open house of the year on Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 PM. All families with children entering PreK-12th grade are invited to visit our school, meet our staff, and get your questions answered. Spots are filling up fast! Please contact Dan Quist, Director of Admissions at 630-782-4043 with any questions.

**Humboldt Community Christian School's Annual Auction** will be held on Friday, April 21 at Elmhurst CRC at 7:00 PM. You are invited to this entertaining evening and opportunity to support HCCS! Auction items and volunteers are also needed. For information or to donate items, call 773-278-6330.

**Attention golfers:** It's not too late! Register today for the 2017 GEMS Open on Friday, May 19 at Diamond Springs Golf Club in Hamilton, Michigan. Or golf at a distance for a discounted rate! You still have time to sign up as a foursome, an individual, or a corporate or individual sponsor. Contact the GEMS Service Center, 616-241-5616 ext. 3035 for information or [gemsgc.org](http://gemsgc.org).

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## **SERVING FAITH CHURCH**

**Greeters:** GEMS Girls Club

**Saratoga Driver:** Bob Nicodem    **Next Week:** Corey Van Dyk

**Kitchen:** Bob & Linda Loerop, Gerrit & Lori Wieringa\*

**Next Week:** Jim & Kathleen Lindemulder\*, Byron & Cathy Plate

**Coffee Servers:** Bob & Linda Loerop    **Next Week:** Evelyn Bertini, Barb Vroom

**Library:** Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa    **Next Week:** Chuck Slinkman

**Audio Visual:** Steve David, Ryan David, Charles Hooker

**Next Week:** Steve De Boer, Mike Speelman, Ryan De Boer

**Nursery Hostess:** Flory Hoving    **Next Week:** Sarah Schuringa

**Infant Nursery:** Susan Dillon, Harma Slinkman, Riley Wieringa

**Next Week:** Ruth Flikkema, Mindy Slinkman, Lauren Gehrke

**Toddler Nursery:** Joy Koopmans, Laurie Van Dahm, Jacki Van Dahm

**Next Week:** Janna Piersma, Niki Tazelaar, Jeremiah Groenewold

**PM Nursery:** Susan Middel, Paige Hoving

**Next Week:** Pat Tobin, Olivia Schuringa

### **2016 – 2017 FAITH CRC COUNCIL**

**Rev. Greg Schuringa, President**

**Rev. Matthew Lanser**

#### **ELDERS:**

Matt Bulthuis – 2018 (Vicar)

Jim Engel - 2019

Ken Folkerts - 2017

Greg Lanenga - 2019

Bob Loerop - 2017

Ray Middel - 2018

Don Miller - 2019

Ken Rusthoven - 2017

Chuck Slinkman - 2017 (Clerk)

Ron Tazelaar - 2018

Brent Van Dyk – 2018 (Vice Pres.)

Rich Vroom - 2018

Bob Wieringa - 2019

#### **DEACONS:**

Scott Boonstra - 2017

Al De Los Santos – 2018 (Deacon Pres.)

Peter Groenewold - 2018

Bill Hoving - 2017

Jon Huizinga - 2019

Matt Huizinga - 2017

Jon Kinnas - 2019

Matt Sowers - 2017 (Treasurer)

Mike Speelman - 2018

Darrell Stodola - 2018

John Tazelaar - 2019

Matt Tazelaar - 2018

Adam Zarek - 2019



## FAITH MINISTRY CONTACT INFORMATION

Adult Ministries	Bob Wieringa 312-623-9981 Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Asylum (grades 6-8) (Middle School Youth Group)	Jonathan Barney 630-279-0420
Bible Study Fellowship	Traci Hoogendoorn 630-789-8336
Cadets Boys Club	Lambert Bronger 630-665-9422
Children's Church	Christy Hooker 630-832-5378
Crossroad Bible Institute	Ray Middel 630-862-1861
Deacons/Finance	Al De Los Santos 630-592-1906
Elders	Brent Van Dyk 630-279-3321
Evangelism	Dirk Glaubke 312-450-4893 Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Fellowship	Bob Loerop 630-942-8403
Greeters	Karen De Los Santos 630-592-1906
GEMS Girls Club	Flory Hoving 630-279-5294
Hospitality/Meals	Peter Groenewold 630-200-4035
Library	Chuck Slinkman 630-730-4018
Membership Classes	Pastor Schuringa 630-279-1779
Men's Prayer Group	Lambert Bronger 630-655-9422
Missions	Don Oostman 630-983-7239
Mom2Mom Ministry	Sarah Schuringa 630-279-0016
Music Ministries	Bob Loerop 630-942-8403
Nursery	Joy Koopmans 616-610-0259
P.A.D.S.	Lambert Bronger 630-665-9422
Profession of Faith Classes	Pastor Schuringa 630-279-1779
Senior Bible Study	Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Shoebox Ministry	Evelyn Wieringa 630-495-8956
Shut-in Visitation	Ken Rusthoven 708-863-7916
Small Groups	Chuck Slinkman 630-730-4018 Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Stephen Ministry	Grace Harbaugh 630-624-9468
Sunday School	Joy Hoving 630-780-9862
Technology Ministries	Adam Zarek 312-434-0527
The Gathering (High School)	Jonathan Barney 630-279-0420
Transportation	Darrell Stodola 630-833-5042
Ushers	Ray Rozendal 630-782-1998
Women's Bible Study	Sarah Schuringa 630-279-0016

## SERMON NOTES



**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Encourage one another and build each other up,  
Just as in fact you are doing.  
1 Thessalonians 5:11