

April 30, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Song of Praise:

"Behold Our God"

God Renews Us By Grace

Confession and Assurance

Prayer

*Song of Worship: #349:1,2,4 (WC) "I Love You, Lord, My Strength, My Rock"
#247 (LH) "I Love Your Church, O Lord"

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

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

World Renew-World Hunger

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture:

Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 *(pp. 951, 1147)*

Sermon:

PILLARS FOR A HOUSEHOLD THAT GIVES

Prayer

God Blesses Us to Bless Others

*Song of Response: #482 (PH)

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

*Benediction

*Doxology: #487 (PH)

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

Postlude

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*

(LH—Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal—not in pews; PH—Psalter Hymnal; WC—Worshiping Church)

We Enter God's Presence

Prelude

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: #594 (WC)

"Like a River Glorious"

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 54 (*p. 27 in the back of the PH*)

Prayers for Church Leadership

*Song of Worship: #398:1-2 (PH)

"The Church's One Foundation"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Faith General Fund

We Hear God's Word

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 1:4-9 (*p. 1128*)

Sermon:

CHURCH

We Bring Our Prayers to God

Prayers for Church Health

*Song: #426:1,2,3

"Jesus, with Thy Church Abide"

Prayers for Church Growth

We Are Sent to Serve

*Song of Response: #840:1,2 (WC)

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

*Benediction

*Doxology: #840:3 (WC)

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Prayers:

Jonathan Barney, Ken Folkerts, Christopher Koopmans

Piano:

Donna Erdman

**Please stand if you are able*

(PH-Psalter Hymnal; WC-Worshipping Church)

WORSHIP AT FAITH

In morning worship we'll examine biblical pillars of giving from Malachi 3 and 2 Corinthians 9.

This evening we'll have a prayer service especially focused on the church. For our message, we'll read 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 and talk about how the Lord gathers, gifts, and guards the church. Following up from our recent 3 for 30 prayer initiative, we'll spend time in prayer focused especially on church leadership, church health, and church growth/making disciples.

This Thursday we'll have a National Day of Prayer service at 7:00 PM here at Faith. We'll open our service by giving thanks for the hope we have in Christ, and then spend time praying for our country, communities, and churches. We'll also have time to share prayer requests.

UPCOMING WORSHIP AT FAITH

April 30, 6:00 PM: Prayer Service

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

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

PRAYER & PRAISE

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

Pearl Dykstra was able to return to Providence last week after some time in the hospital.

Following some shortness of breath recently, **Lois Rusthoven** will be getting a pacemaker soon.

This week **Pastor Greg Schuringa** continues with chemotherapy treatments. Pastor Greg asks for prayers for long-term health and for minimal side effects to the chemotherapy. He will continue to post occasional updates on his health here: <http://www.carepages.com/carepages/PastorGregupdates>.

Gert Tazelaar is at Park Place for some additional rehab time as she continues to recover from breaking her leg some time ago.

George Vos was able to return home from rehab last week. Pray for his continued healing and recovery from broken bones.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Bill Bolt** who lives in Saratoga Grove Retirement Home.

Happy 90th Birthdays to **Theresa Folkerts** who will celebrate on May 8 and **Terry Vander Naald** who will celebrate on May 30.

OFFERINGS

Today: AM: World Renew-World Hunger. **PM:** Faith General Fund.

May 7: AM: Faith Promise Missionaries. **PM:** Bible League International.

May 14: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. **PM:** Faith Cadets.

May 21: AM: Faith General Fund. **PM:** Unity Christian School.

May 28: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. **PM:** Daystar School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith CRC's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held today, after the morning worship service. All professing members are encouraged to attend. **One purpose of this meeting** is to seek congregational endorsement of Council's budget for the June 2017 - May 2018 fiscal year. The budget is a covenant commitment made by our members to support our church's mission and operating expenses. Council encourages both faithful service and giving in recognition that God is the "Great Giver" who has given the life of His Son for our salvation. The proposed budget will be in your mailboxes. **We will also elect new elders and deacons** to serve our Council. The nominees for the office of Elder are Pete Holtrop, Bob Hooker, Bern Slinkman, Mike Tornow, Len Turnbull and Dave Voss. For the election of elders, Council is asking the congregation to vote for four elder nominees to replace the retiring elders. The nominees for the office of Deacon are Spencer Anderson, Chris Kakabeeke, Scott Piersma, Byron Plate, Chris Slinkman, Gary Vander Naald, Jeff Vander Naald and Corey Van Dyk. Council is asking the congregation to vote for four of the deacon nominees to replace the retiring deacons. Photos of the nominees can be found in your church mailbox today, so you can connect names with faces. The congregation is encouraged to complete proxy ballots if they cannot attend the meeting. Proxy ballots need to be signed by the voting member and turned in by the start of the meeting to be considered valid. Please pray that our meeting along, with the commitments and decisions made, will be in accordance with God's will for Faith.

May Flower Sale: After much discussion and consideration, the decision has been made not to have Faith's flower/plant sale this year. For those who normally purchase their spring annuals, vegetables and hanging baskets at Faith's sale, we hope this does not cause too much of an inconvenience. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Darrell Stodola.

Welcome Team Orientation: If you're interested in being part of the new welcome team, please plan to attend an orientation meeting after the morning service next week Sunday, May 7. Contact Pastor Matthew with any questions.

Faith CRC SpringFest will be Saturday, May 13. Save The Date! Lots of fun activities are being planned. For the kids: Pony rides, petting zoo, face painting and more. Special this year - the Reptile Guy. For the adults: great food, shopping, silent auction, photo booth and bags, jenga and other games. You won't want to miss out on this fun day!

We are currently looking for Volunteers and auction items for Springfest. If you are willing to donate your time to help at Springfest a sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex. If you are willing to donate sports tickets, restaurant gift cards, services (i.e. babysitting, cooking etc.) or brand new, unused items, please contact Jen David at jenbdavid@gmail.com or Niki Tazelaar at nikitazelaar@gmail.com or 773-332-0405.

Faith Book Club has chosen *7 Women: And the Secret of Their Greatness* by Eric Metaxis for their May selection. This book focuses on the way ordinary women can be used in extraordinary ways by God. Pick up a copy and join us on May 17 at 7:00 PM.

The fight against abortion is far from over. Plans are being made to start a Right to Life Committee or a small group here at Faith. Please consider joining the fight against abortion. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Lambert Bronger, lambertbronger@gmail.com, 630-665-9422, or 630-346-8324.

Save the Date! A group from our church will be serving Tapestries of Life Ministries in Mexico this fall from September 10-16. If you have any interest in joining this group or need information regarding this opportunity, please contact Greg & Lynda Lanenga, 708-562-6697 or glanenga@hotmail.com.

Serving at Faith Church: One possible area of service at Faith CRC you may not have considered is serving on one of our many committees. Committees give support to our many ministries and also dream of ways for our church to be more effective in following our mission. Some of the possible areas of committee service are: Technology, Adult Ministries, Decorating, Small Groups, Evangelism, Music. Contact Pastor Greg or Pastor Matthew for more information.

Faith CRC on Facebook. If you haven'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. If you do follow Faith CRC on Facebook consider sharing our events and worship services. This helps expand our reach. Through Facebook you can help share God's Word and Love and build the church!

YOUTH NEWS

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

Asylum: Middle Schoolers are invited to join us on select Fridays at church for games, Bible study and small groups. Our next meeting is on Friday, May 5, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Drop off at the church; pick up at the house. Bring your Bible!

Cadets & Jr. Cadets: We will have a Sing-A-Long Pizza Party at Saratoga Grove on Wednesday, May 3. We will leave church at 6:30 PM and return at 9:00 PM.

Sub Sale: A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex as well as forms to pass along to friends or neighbors or order at www.faihelmhurst.org.

Registration for VBS is available online at www.faihelmhurst.org: 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 will meet from 10:45 – 11:45 AM.

Catechism Classes will not meet today.

The Congregational Meeting will follow the morning worship service.

The Gathering will meet at 7:00 PM.

MONDAY, MAY 1

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:30 PM.

The Deacons will meet at 6:30 PM.

The Elders will meet at 7:00 PM.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Senior Bible Study will meet in room 4/5 at 1:15 PM.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

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

Bible Study Fellowship will meet at 9:15 AM.

Cadets & Jr. Cadets will have a pizza party sing-a-long at Saratoga Grove.
Please be at church at 6:30 PM.

Men's Bible Study will meet at 7:00 PM.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

National Day of Prayer service at 7:00 PM.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Asylum meets at 7:00 PM.

SERVING FAITH CHURCH

Greeters: Steve & Diana De Boer, Scott & Sandy Roelofs

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: Don & Laura Miller **Next Week:** Evelyn Bertini, Barb Vroom

Library: Chuck Slinkman **Next Week:** Nancy Boer, Sharon Herlien

Audio Visual: Sue Folkerts, Ryan Swanson, Jonah Vander Naald

Next Week: Steve David, Ryan David, Charles Hooker

Nursery Hostess: Janna Piersma **Next Week:** Susan Middel

Infant Nursery: Liz Boonstra, Grace Harbaugh, Samantha David

Next Week: Dorothy Allen, Nicole Huizinga, Riley Wieringa

Toddler Nursery: Kathleen Glaubke, Cindy Vander Naald, Marta Veenstra

Next Week: Ruth Flikkema, Christina Muruato, Kelli Van Dahm

PM Nursery: Susan Middel, Hannah Schuringa

Next Week: Jill Veenstra, Etta Veenstra

BALLOT 2017

Elder

Please vote for 4:

- () Peter Holtrop
- () Bob Hooker
- () Bern Slinkman
- () Mike Tornow
- () Len Turnbull
- () Dave Voss

BALLOT 2017

Deacon

Please vote for 4:

- () Spencer Anderson
- () Chris Kakabeeke
- () Scott Piersma
- () Byron Plate
- () Chris Slinkman
- () Corey Van Dyk
- () Gary Vander Naald
- () Jeff Vander Naald