

May 21, 2017
Ascension Day Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Song of Worship: #208 (LH)
#92:1,4 (WC)

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

God Renews Us By Grace

Thanks for Graduation Milestones

Prayer

*Song of Worship: "Before the Throne of God Above"
(children ages 3 - Kindergarten are dismissed for Children's Church)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Faith General Fund

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 24:50-51; Ephesians 1:18-23; 4:7-12
(pp. 683, 1047, 1156)

Sermon: **LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL!**

Prayer

God Blesses Us to Bless Others

*Song of Response: #366 (PH)

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

*Benediction

*Doxology: #97:1 (WC)

"He Is Lord"

Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Guitar:

Matt Bulhuis, Mike Printz

Violin:

Kristen Voss

**Please stand if you are able*

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

We Enter His Presence

- Prelude
*Welcome and God's Greeting
*Song of Praise & Faith: #372 (PH) "At the Name of Jesus"
Prayer
*Song of Worship: #609 (WC) "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
Offertory Prayer
Offering: Unity Christian School

We Listen

- Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11 (*p. 1143*)
Sermon: **WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR FRIEND IS GRIEVING**
Prayer

We Are Sent to Serve

- *Song of Response: #84 (WC) "Children of the Heavenly Father"
*Benediction
*Doxology: #946:1 (LH) "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"
Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

- Worship Leader: Pastor Matthew Lanser
Sermon: Rev. Gerry Erffmeyer
Piano: Ruth Hopp

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

TODAY AT FAITH

In morning worship we celebrate Christ's ascension. In the message we'll focus on how King Jesus leads His Church. Also in worship we'll give thanks for this year's graduates.

This evening we welcome Rev. Gerry Erffmeyer, chaplain at Park Place, our neighbor to the southeast of Faith CRC. We look forward to what God has laid on his heart to share with us about helping people in grief.

UPCOMING WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS AT FAITH

May 21, 6:00 AM: Guest Pastor Gerry Erffmeyer

May 28, 9:30 AM: Baptism in worship

May 28, 6:00 PM: Memorial Day Hymnsing with Rev. Burt Kettinger

June 4, 9:30 AM: Pentecost; Installation of New Elders and Deacons

June 11, 9:30 AM: Communion

PRAYER & PRAISE

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

Congratulations to **Bill & Alyssa Ridder** on the birth of their son, **Maverick Scott** last Sunday.

Pearl Dykstra is at Elmhurst Hospital due to kidney infections.

Pastor Greg Schuringa is starting the last two weeks of his first chemotherapy cycle. He is doing better than anticipated the past few weeks, even though there are challenges. He is thankful to the congregation for the amazing support and for continuing prayers for strength, endurance, and health.

Gert Tazelaar was able to return home last week following an extended time of recovery from a broken leg.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Ralph Van Kampen** who lives in Park Place of Elmhurst.

From the United Community Concerns Association: "Dear members of Faith Church, I am writing to thank you for your donation of toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash and dental floss donated to the 80 families who participated in the Mobile Food Pantry from the members of your church. We greatly appreciate your congregation's continued generosity and kindness toward our UCCA families."

Congratulations to the following Cadets for being awarded "Outstanding Cadet" trophies at the Chicago West Council's Competition Day: **Noah Laslo** 6th Grade, 2nd Place, **Ryan DeBoer** 7th Grade, 1st Place, **Ryan David** 7th Grade, 2nd Place, **Zavion Baron** 8th Grade, 1st Place, and **Carter Bulthuis** 8th Grade, 2nd Place.

Congratulations to all of Faith CRC Graduates!

Zavien Baron is graduating from Bryan Middle School in Elmhurst. Carter Bulthuis, Hannah Schuringa & Etta Veenstra are graduating from Timothy Christian. Riley Wieringa is graduating from Albright Middle School in Villa Park.

Sydney Bulthuis, Charles Hooker, Elijah Tornow, and Jonah Vander Naald are graduating from Timothy Christian High School today. Kelli Van Dahm will graduate from Naperville North High School.

Sydney plans on attending Palm Beach Atlantic University for English and music. Charles Hooker plans to attend Baylor University. Kelli Van Dahm plans to attend the University of Illinois. Elijah Tornow plans on attending South Dakota State University. Jonah Vander Naald plans to attend Trinity Christian College.

Andrew Groenewold graduated with honors from Calvin College with a double major in Math and Computer Science and a minor in Spanish. He plans to intern at FIS in Bolingbrook this summer before continuing on to Purdue for his PhD in Computer Science this fall.

Stephanie Groenewold graduated from Calvin College majoring in Elementary Education with Math and Integrated Science.

Bonnie Van Dyk graduated from Calvin College. She will have a degree in elementary education and Spanish.

Justin Vander Naald graduated from Trinity International University in Deerfield with a Bachelors in Business-Accounting. He will be working for a CPA firm and pursuing his CPA certification.

Staci Vander Naald graduated from Huntington University with a Bachelor of Science in Animation summa cum laude. She will be working at Christian Art Gifts and also doing freelance work for Jellyfish Labs.

OFFERINGS

Today: AM: Faith General Fund. **PM:** Unity Christian School.

May 28: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. **PM:** Ebenezer CRC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith CRC recently hosted a successful screening of the documentary Poverty, Inc. Discussion guides were provided for personal and group reflection on this thought-provoking movie on poverty. Today after the morning worship service you are invited to a group discussion on Poverty, Inc. We will discuss vivid images and stories from the documentary and their application for us personally and as a church. Plan to attend!

Senior Bible Study will meet for the last time this year on Tuesday, May 23 at 1:15 PM. We'll be talking together about "Heaven and Hope." Study guides are available on the sign-up counter.

The Cadet Father/Son Bike Hike/Campout for this weekend was cancelled because of bad weather. We are rescheduling for June 2- 4, 2017. Please sign up in the narthex or call Lambert, 630-665-9422 or 630-346-8324 (call or text).

Everyone is invited to the Annual Memorial Day Hymn Sing on Sunday, May 28, at 6:00 PM. Recording artist, minister, and former solo artist from Moody Bible Institute, Burt Kettinger, will be the director for this evening of patriotic and hymn selections. Donna Erdman and Jan Slinkman will be on the organ and piano. Refreshments will be served after the hymn sing. Don't miss this night of worship and fellowship!

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 Book Club is reading *Deep Undercover: My Secret Life and Tangled Allegiances as a KGB Spy in America* by Jack Barsky for their September 13 meeting. This story tells of a spy working undercover for a decade before a surprising shift in allegiance challenged everything he thought he believed. Excellent summer reading!

YOUTH NEWS

Registration for VBS is available online at www.faihelmhurst.org: Join us at the Maker's Fun Factory on June 12 - 15! Invite your friends and neighbors to this FREE program!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

TODAY

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

Sunday School & Catechism are on break for the summer. Classes will resume in September.

The Poverty, Inc Discussion Group will meet 15 minutes after the morning service in room 4/5.

MONDAY, MAY 22

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 PM in room 4/5.

New Elders & Deacons Orientation begins at 7:00 PM in room 4/5.

The Shoebox Committee will meet at 7:00 PM.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

Senior Bible Study will meet at 1:15 PM.

The Small Groups Committee will meet at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

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

FRIDAY, MAY 26

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

SERVING FAITH CHURCH

Greeters: Ben & Terry Vander Naald, Andy & Sharon Venhousen

Next Week: Ryan & Sara Swanson, Gary & Lisa Vander Naald

Saratoga Driver: Randy Van Dahm **Next Week:** Marv Tazelaar

Kitchen: Ed & Kim Biesboer, Bob & Sharon Herlien*

Next Week: Spencer & Rebecca Anderson, Ted & Laurie Vander Naald*

Coffee Servers: Harry & Alida Boerman **Next Week:** Jack & Marlene Vos

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

Audio Visual: Todd Lindemulder, Mary Huizinga, Adam Zarek

Next Week: Sue Folkerts, Ryan Swanson, Jonah Vander Naald

Nursery Hostess: Laura Lanser **Next Week:** Mindy Slinkman

Infant Nursery: Charis Engel, Rachel Kinnas, Grace Lindemulder

Next Week: Chelsea Barney, Harma Slinkman, Nathan Printz

Toddler Nursery: Laurie Van Dahm, Jessica Vander Naald, Jaci Van Dahm

Next Week: Sara Boone, Janna Piersma, Carter Bulthuis

PM Nursery: Joy Koopmans, Hannah Schuringa

Next Week: Julie Speelman, Olivia Schuringa

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS

Attention all fishermen: The Calvinist Cadet Corps is hosting the fifteenth annual fishing tournament to raise funds to support its ministry – helping boys grow spiritually in all areas of life. The fishing tournament will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at Gun Lake State Park in southwest Michigan. For more information, call the Corps office, 616-241-5616 ext 4, or check out the Cadet website under the “Events” tab. Everyone is welcome! Registration forms are available from your Cadet club’s head counselor, or you can register at our website: www.CalvinistCadets.org. Lunch will be served at noon. Join us for a fun filled day!

PrimeTime (a monthly gathering of those 55+) will wrap up the ministry year with a Wednesday, June 7 outing to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Included are luxury coach transportation; a one hour boat tour of Geneva Bay; a rotisserie chicken or rotisserie pork dinner with salad, dessert and beverage; and a tour of Black Point Mansion (Fodor’s Travel says it is “one of the best 10 mansion tours in the United States.”) Cost of the day \$80. For more information or to sign up, contact Bert or Celia DeJong at dejong66@comcast.net or 630-530-2924.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

And let us consider how we may spur one another
on toward love and good deeds.

Hebrews 10:24