

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship: #339 (LH)

“He Knows My Name”

Welcome and God’s Greeting

Song of Worship: #5 (WC)

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Relying on Grace

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Song of Gratitude: #284 (PH)

“Give Thanks to God, for Good is He”

Prayer

Song of Worship: #384 (WC)

“This is My Father’s World”

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Faith Promise Missionaries

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture:

Genesis 1:26-31 (*p. 2*)

Sermon:

GOD’S CREATED PEOPLE

Prayer

Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #462:1,2 (PH)

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Benediction

Doxology: #462:4,5 (PH)

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Violin:

Kristen Voss

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

Today at Faith

This morning we're beginning a new sermon series on the books of Genesis and Exodus. This series, *Who Are We?: God's Gift of Identity*, will show us different ways in which the Lord gives His people a new identity.

This evening, as we usually do on Labor Day weekend, we'll be gathering for a combined worship service at 6:00 PM at Western Springs CRC, 5140 Wolf Rd, Western Springs. Rev. Gerry Erffmeyer will be preaching on Jeremiah 18:1-6.

Upcoming Worship Highlights at Faith

September 9, 9:30 AM: New Morning Series on the Book of Judges

September 9, 6 PM: Prayer Service

September 16, 9:30 AM: First Graders' Bible Presentation

September 16, 6 PM: New Evening Series on *1 Peter: Hope for the Journey*

September 23, 9:30 AM: Baptism Sunday

Offerings

Today: AM: Faith Promise Missionaries.

September 9: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund.

PM: Elim Christian Services.

September 16: AM: Faith Cadets. PM: Gideons.

September 23: AM: Faith GEMS. PM: Bethshan.

September 30: AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Ebenezer CRC.

Prayer & Praise

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

We extend our Christian sympathy to **Al Havenga** following the passing away of his daughter, Betty Kay Murray, in Maryland last week.

Ron Tazelaar went to be with his Lord on Tuesday. We extend our Christian sympathy to his wife **Karen** and their family. A funeral was held at Faith on Friday.

Continue to keep **Harma Slinkman** and **Judy Veldsema** in prayer as they recover from recent surgeries.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Grace Lanenga** who lives in Village Woods in Crete, IL.

"Praise the Lord for answered prayers and medication that is working for Dirk! We want to thank our pastors and family of Faith for all the cards, calls, and prayers and acts of kindness during this difficult time in our lives."

Dirk & Florence Zaagman

Announcements

Fall Fest on Saturday, September 8: We'll be kicking off our ministry year together with a Fall Fest from 4:30 - 6:30 PM on Saturday, September 8. Come for a free dinner, car show, live music, a bounce house and other kids activities. This is a great chance to re-connect after a busy summer, and to celebrate the beginning of our new ministry year. Come to enjoy a good evening with family, friends, and neighbors. This event is co-sponsored by the Discipleship and Evangelism Committees. Contact Pastor Matthew, Pete Holtrop, or Greg Lanenga with any questions.

Fall Fest Car Show: If you have a muscle car we'd love to have you show it in our car show this Saturday, September 8! Please contact Peter Holtrop, 630-953-2938 for more details.

Young Adult Small Group: All are welcome to join the Barneys' small group which meets every other week at 10:00 AM on Saturdays at the Barney's house near church! Join us for a brunch treat, coffee, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. Our next meeting will be on September 8. Contact Jonathan for more information.

The Welcome Team will be meeting briefly at 10:45 AM next Sunday, September 9. We'll be checking in as our new ministry year begins and working on our sign-up schedule for the next few months.

The Evangelism Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 PM.

It's time to register for Mom2Mom! Mom2Mom is a group for moms and mentor moms at Faith for fellowship, encouragement, discussion, prayer, and mentoring. Excellent childcare is provided for infants and toddlers. Faith Kids preschool class is provided for kids ages 3 and up. Mom2Mom meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of most months from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Whether you're a new mom of an infant, or an experienced mom with a house full of kids, you will benefit from this group. Contact Sarah Schuringa with any questions at sschuringa@sbcglobal.net. Register online at faithelmhurst.org. Our first meeting this season is September 13.

The Friday Men's Bible Study meets two Fridays a month from 6:30 - 7:30 AM. We're currently working through the book of 1 Samuel and seeing how God works graciously in the midst of challenging circumstances. Contact Christopher Koopmans or Pastor Matthew for more information. Our next meeting is Friday, September 14.

Seniors' Bible Study will begin meeting on Tuesday, September 18 at 1:15 PM. This fall we'll be looking at several parables of Jesus, using the study *Generosity: How God's Radical Grace Makes Us Givers*. This study will help us to encounter and respond to the reality of God's grace in different areas of our lives. Contact Pastor Matthew for more information.

Faith Book Club has selected *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* by James Martin, SJ for discussion at their next meeting. This story invites believers and seekers alike to experience Jesus through Scripture, prayer and travel through the storytelling of Father Martin. Come to know Jesus as the author does, as Messiah, Savior, brother and friend. We will meet on Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00 PM at Park Place. As always, newcomers are welcome.

Cadets, Jr. Cadets (all boys 1st - 8th grade) and their Mothers: Save the date of Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 PM for the Mother/Son outing. Details to follow.

Reserve September 22, 2018 for the Faith CRC Golf Outing at Maple Meadows golf club to benefit our Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. Start time is 1:00 PM with dinner to follow. Cost is \$100 per golfer. Anyone can join us for the dinner for \$25 per person. Sign up online or in the narthex today. Contact Jon Huizinga, 708-476-4263 for information.

Young Adult Bowling and Laser Tag: Join us at Main Event in Warrenville from 8:00 – 10:00 PM on Saturday, September 22. Feel free to invite others. Please RSVP to Jonathan, jbarney@faithelmhurst.org.

Time for Prayer: The Wednesday morning men's prayer group meets every week at Faith from 7:15 - 8:00 AM. This is a great opportunity to spend time in prayer for our church, for the world, and for a variety of other prayer requests. Contact Lambert Bronger with any questions.

Wednesday Evening Men's Bible Study is planning to meet on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month. Contact Steve David or Dirk Glaubke if you'd like to join this group.

What's in the Bible? Family Small Group: Pastor Matthew and Laura Lanser will be hosting a *What's in the Bible?* group on the fourth Tuesday of the month beginning in September. Join us for a whole-family potluck supper, fellowship and learning about the Bible. We'll watch a video series called *What's in the Bible?* by Phil Vischer (the founder of Veggie Tales). These videos walk through the Bible in a way that's fun to watch and easy to understand. The videos are geared toward lower elementary students, but younger and older kids (and adults) enjoy them too. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 25 at 6:00 PM. Contact Pastor Matthew or Laura Lanser for more information or if you plan to attend.

For the Life of the World Group: Pastor Matthew and Laura Lanser will be hosting a monthly study entitled *For the Life of the World*. This study reflects on living as exiles in this world in the areas of family, work, justice, wisdom, wonder/art, and hope. We'll watch a brief video together, read a section or two of Scripture, talk, pray, and have a snack too. We're planning to meet at 7:15 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, with our first meeting on October 11. Contact Pastor Matthew or Laura Lanser for more information or if you plan to attend.

Pastor Greg and Sarah Schuringa are planning on leading a small group in their home this church year on the second Friday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, starting on October 12. The topic will be a DVD series and discussion on the idea of biblical generosity. Please let us know if you'd like to join in! gschuringa@faithelmhurst.org; sschuringa@sbcglobal.net.

Young Adult Meal: Join us for food, fellowship and discussion on Sunday, October 28 at 7:15 PM. Please RSVP to Jonathan, jbarney@faithelmhurst.org with a main dish or side.

Join the Welcome Team: Every Sunday morning, we have people assigned to actively welcome our guests here. This involves 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 is responsible for about one Sunday every two or three months, and everyone picks their own schedule. If you're interested in joining this team going forward, contact Pastor Matthew.

Young Adult Discipleship Groups: Looking to become a more cross-exalting, gospel-saturated disciple of Christ with other like-minded people? Join a discipleship group. Groups meet by gender for encouragement, Bible study and prayer. The men will finish David Platt's *Radical* this fall. Contact Jonathan Barney for more info.

The Diaper Derby has begun! Please help our church collect diapers, wipes and Walmart gift cards for Caring Network (CareNet) through October 1. All donations benefit Caring Network's baby programs which provide material goods, parenting classes and spiritual support to new parents in need. Place your donations in the crib in the Fellowship Hall.

Updated College and Military Addresses: If you have not already emailed Jonathan this year, please fill out the updated address on the sheet in the narthex. Thank you!

Youth News

The Gathering Kickoff: Cosmic Bowling at 9:45 PM on September 7, at Fox Bowl in Wheaton. High school students are invited to join us for a night of fellowship, laser, music, disco and black lights. Invite your friends, especially non-Christians! Cost: \$30 (includes Gathering sweatshirt, two games and shoe rental).

Asylum Returns: Our middle school youth group begins on September 9, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Join us for a meal, Bible study, games and small groups!

Asylum Kickoff Event: 6th – 8th graders are invited to join us on September 14 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at Laser Quest in Downers Grove for pizza and two games of laser tag. Invite your friends, especially non-Christians! Cost: \$32 (includes Asylum sweatshirt, two games and pizza snack).

Big Night of Worship: join us to meet with seven local church youth groups at Elmhurst CRC to begin the school year unified in Christ in worship, fellowship and prayer. We'll meet from 7:00 – 9:00 PM on Sunday, September 16.

Press Pause Youth Fall Retreat at Lake Geneva on October 12-14: All 6th - 12th graders are invited to join us to "press pause" for a time of fellowship, rest, worship and prayer. No teaching. No cell phones. It's time to unplug, slow down and be with the Lord. We will be joining four other Elmhurst church youth groups (Cityview, Pathway, West Suburban and Grace).

This Week at Faith

Today, September 2

Joint Worship Service at Western Springs CRC at 6:00 PM.

Wednesday, September 5

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

GEMS Counselors will meet at 7:00 PM.

Thursday, September 6

Women's Bible Study will meet at 9:00 AM.

Women's Bible Study will meet at 7:15 PM.

Friday, September 7

The Gathering Cosmic Bowling at Fox Bowl at 9:45 PM.

Saturday, September 8

Fall Fest from 4:30 – 6:30 PM.

Serving Faith Church

Kitchen: Spencer & Rebecca Anderson*, Brad & Kathy Miedema

Next Week: Bruce & DeDe Terpstra*, Ted & Laurie Vander Naald

Library: Nancy Boer, Sharon Herlien **Next Week:** Jeri Cook, Laura Miller

Audio Visual: Steve De Boer, Mary Huizinga, Colin Middel

Next Week: Dan Kooyenga, Al De Los Santos, Chris Slinkman

Nursery Hostess: Joy Koopmans **Next Week:** Allison Sowers

Infant Nursery: Mindy Slinkman, Cindy Tazelaar, Sophia Schuringa

Next Week: Jen Bernahl, Julie Speelman, Hailey Bernahl

Toddler Nursery: Kim Kooyenga, Ashley Van Byssum, Marta Veenstra

Next Week: Nicole Huizinga, Kathy Miedema, Zach Miedema

PM Nursery: **Next Week:** Charis Engel, Etta Veenstra

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