

**September 10, 2017**

**MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM**

**God Calls Us to Worship**

Prelude

\*Welcome and God's Greeting

\*Song of Praise: #298 (PH)

"I Will Extol Thee, O My God"

**God Renews Us By Grace**

Prayer

First Grade Bible Presentation

\*Songs of Worship:

"The Love of God"

"Into My Heart"

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

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund

**God Speaks to Us Through His Word**

Scripture:

Colossians 1:15-23 *(p. 1165)*

Sermon:

**BEING REFORMED: WHAT DO WE LOVE?**

Prayer

**God Blesses Us to Bless Others**

\*Song of Response: #115 (WC)

"Fairer Lord Jesus"

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: #4 (WC)

"Father, I Adore You"

Postlude

**LEADING US IN WORSHIP**

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Violin:

Kristen Voss

Guitars:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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

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**EVENING WORSHIP – 6:00 PM**

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Prelude

\*Welcome and God's Greeting

\*Song of Praise: #26 (WC)

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Prayers for Renewal in our Knowledge of God

Scripture:

Colossians 1:9-14 (p. 1165)

Sermon:

**FOUR WAYS TO PRAY FOR TRANSFORMATION**

Prayers for Renewal in our Good Works

Offering:

Lawndale CRC

\*Song of Worship: #534:1-3 (WC)

"Draw Me Nearer"

Prayers for Renewal in Our Endurance and Gratitude

\*Song of Response: #14:1-3 (PH)

"Whole-hearted Thanksgiving"

\*Benediction

\*Doxology:

"Step by Step"

Postlude

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**LEADING US IN WORSHIP**

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

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

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## TODAY AT FAITH

**This morning** we're beginning a *Being Reformed* sermon series on Colossians. As we begin a new church season, these sermons will help us to see how God transforms who we love, how we think, and what we do. In today's service, we'll read Colossians 1:15-23. These verses bring us back to the center of our faith: Jesus our Lord and Savior. In the sermon today, we'll be challenged to ask ourselves what's most important to us.

**This evening** We'll have a prayer service focused on the coming church year. The service will include a brief meditation on Colossians 1:9-14 as part of the *Being Reformed* series. We'll spend time in prayer for God to renew us in our knowledge of Him, in our good works, and in our endurance and gratitude in the Christian life.

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## UPCOMING WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS AT FAITH

**September 17, 9:30 AM:** The *Being Reformed* series continues with the question of how believing in Jesus transforms our thinking. We'll read from Colossians 2.

**September 17, 6:00 PM:** Dr. Bergsma will be preaching for us.

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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.

**Congratulations to Nathan Middel and Kayla Vander Zee** who were married on Friday, August 18, in South Holland, IL. Their new address is 816 Woodwind Dr., Naperville, IL 60563.

**Jerry Dykstra** is at Providence in Downers Grove for several weeks of rehab following hip surgery. **Pearl Dykstra** recently began hospice care. Please pray for comfort, peace, and good days together for Jerry and Pearl.

**Karen Tazelaar** is in rehab and therapy at Meadowbrook Manor in Naperville. We are thankful for steady improvement, even while we continue to pray because she has a long road of recovery ahead.

**Jack and Marlene Vos** are both at Park Place for some rehab time. Jack recently had heart trouble and a stroke, and Marlene has had some blood clots and general weakness. Please pray for strength and good recovery for both of them.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Annette Bosman** who lives in Lacey Creek in Downers Grove.

**"I just want to thank the congregation** and Pastor Matthew for the many cards and messages I received since my recent surgery. It was very much appreciated."  
Cindy Klaassens

**Today, a group of 16 volunteers** is leaving for a week of work in Mexico. Please be in prayer for their safety as they travel, work, and serve God at Tapestries of Life Ministries. Serving from Faith are Lambert Bronger, Randy Heerdt Jr., Bill & Flory Hoving, Greg & Lynda Lanenga, Ria Hoogsteen, Sharon Holtrop, Don Oostman, and Brandon and Corey Van Dyk.

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## OFFERINGS

**Today: AM:** Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. **PM:** Lawndale CRC.

**September 17: AM:** Faith GEMS Girls Club. **PM:** Elmhurst Walk-in Ministry.

**September 24: AM:** Faith General Fund. **PM:** PADS Du Page County.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today is the first day of Sunday School!** Students should be in the sanctuary for singing at 10:45. They will be dismissed from their classes at 11:30 today.

**Our Faith Jr. Cadet ministry** is expanding to include first and second graders. As we expand we could use more Jr. Cadet and Cadet Counselors. Please contact Lambert Bronger, 630-346-8324, if you feel led to serve in this special ministry to the boys at Faith.

**Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Group:** This group meets every week from 7:15 - 8:00 AM (They often go out for breakfast afterward too, but that's optional). This is a great opportunity to spend time in prayer for our church, for the world, and for a variety of other prayer requests. Lambert Bronger coordinates this group.

**Bible Study Fellowship:** Faith will again be hosting Bible Study Fellowship meetings on Wednesday mornings from 9:15 – 10:45 AM. BSF is studying Romans this year. This is a great in-depth Bible study opportunity. Introductory welcome classes are on September 13 and 20. Childcare is provided for children aged six months up. Check out [BSFInternational.org](http://BSFInternational.org) or contact Jen Cozette, 708-491-8241 with any questions.

**GEMS -- this week Wednesday** is our first GEMS meeting! Girls, 1st-8th grade, join us for a great night of worship, small group, games, and a craft. Our theme this year is "Walk Humbly in His Steps," in which we will be exploring 1 John 2:6 - *Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did*. Questions? [dideboer@comcast.net](mailto:dideboer@comcast.net).

**The Faith Book Club** will be meeting on Wednesday, September 13 to discuss our summer selection: *Deep Undercover* by Jack Barsky. This former spy for the KGB gives an accounting of his life and how it was changed. Please join us at 7:00 PM at Park Place of Elmhurst.

**Mom2Mom** begins again this fall on Thursday, September 14! Mom2Mom is a group designed specifically for moms with young children. It meets twice a month at Faith CRC for fellowship, encouragement, discussion and mentoring. This year we'll be studying the book *Christ-Centered Parenting* for six of our meetings. Our other meetings will be a variety of topics, issues, and fun things like gardening, make and take meals, adoption, creation care, parenting, marriage, and nutrition. Moms can join at any time, and friends are always welcome to come to any meeting. Excellent childcare is provided for infants and toddlers. Children ages three through five can attend *Faith Kids*, a special class just for preschoolers. Our meetings this year will be on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, September through April, from 9:00 - 11:00 AM.

**Creative Connections** will be held on Thursday, September 14 from 6:30 - 9:30 PM. Join us for a fun evening of fellowship and crafting. We will be making a wooden photo/recipe/scripture/prayer card holder (see signup sheet for picture). Sign up today to reserve your spot! For more information or questions please call Susan at 630-656-2801.

**Sign up today!** The annual Faith CRC golf outing is on Saturday, September 23 at Maple Meadows Golf Course in Wood Dale. Golf begins at 1:00 PM with dinner to follow, so whether you have a foursome or are an individual, come out to a great event to help support our Timothy Tuition Assistance fund. All level of golfers welcome! Registration is now OPEN either online through our church website or on the sign-up sheet in the narthex! If you have any questions, contact Jonathan Huizinga, 708-476-4263.

**Young Adult Discipleship Groups:** Looking to go deeper in your faith? Groups meet by gender for encouragement, Bible study and prayer. Contact Jonathan Barney for the men's groups, or Chelsea Barney ([chelsea.m.barney@gmail.com](mailto:chelsea.m.barney@gmail.com)) for info on the women's groups.

**Do you enjoy working with children?** Are you looking for a way to serve? Join us in the nursery! We especially need additional student volunteers (typically starting in 4th grade). Volunteers usually help 4-6 times over the year in either the infant or toddler nursery. Want to learn more? We will be having a 20-30 minute meeting for all current and new volunteers on Sunday, September 17 in the Choir room following the morning service to review nursery procedures and some changes taking place this year. Contact Joy Koopmans or Mindy Slinkman ([faithcrcnursery@gmail.com](mailto:faithcrcnursery@gmail.com) or 616-610-0259) with questions.

**Wednesday Evening Men's Group:** meets twice a month on the Wednesday evenings that Cadets meets from 7:15 - 9:00 PM. This group generally works through a book, and spends a lot of time talking about how to grow as Christian men with all the challenges that life throws our way. Steve David and Dirk Glaubke head this group up. The next meeting will be on September 20.

**Friday Morning Men's Bible study** meets about two Fridays a month, beginning at 6:30 AM and ending promptly at 7:30 AM so people can get to work. Our next meeting will be on Friday, September 22. We're currently studying 1 Corinthians. Christopher Koopmans leads this study.

**Fall Men's Breakfast** will be on Saturday, September 30 at 7:30 AM. We'll have our usual stellar breakfast to lead off. Ray Middel will be speaking on his work with Partners Worldwide, and some ways that we can wisely help people in need around the world. Sign up in the narthex or online to help us know how many to prepare food for.

**Senior Bible Study** will begin meeting in October. We'll be studying the book of Ruth this fall. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, October 3 at 1:15 PM. We spend around an hour studying the Bible, and then have a time of fellowship and refreshments. If you're interested in being part of this group, you can pick up a copy of the study guide in the church office starting next week. Let Pastor Matthew know if you have any questions.

**Generosity Small Group:** Pastor Matthew & Laura Lanser will be leading a small group on generosity this year, using the study *Generosity: How God's Radical Grace Makes Us Givers*. Life often feels too stretched, and we want the reality of God's grace to encourage us to be more generous in different areas of our lives (relationships, hospitality, ministry, wealth, and power are some of the topics the study covers). This group will meet on the first Wednesdays of the month at 7:15 PM, beginning on October 4. Contact Pastor Matthew or Laura Lanser for more information.

**What's in the Bible? Family Small Group:** Join us on the second Tuesday of every month 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 on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00 PM. Contact Pastor Matthew or Laura Lanser for more information or if you plan to attend.

**Marriage Group:** Pastor Greg & Sarah Schuringa will be leading a group study on *The Meaning of Marriage: A Vision for Married and Single People*. Whether you're married or single, this study will help you better understand the reality and hope of marriage according to the Scriptures. The group will meet on the second Friday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 PM, starting on October 13. Contact Pastor Greg or Sarah with any questions.

**The Right to Life Committee** invites you to reserve October 26, 2017 for the CareNet Pregnancy Services of DuPage Annual Banquet at Drury Lane.

**Young Adult Small Group:** All are welcome to join the Barney's small group which meets biweekly on Saturdays at the Barney's house near church! Contact Jonathan for more information.

**Getting involved at Faith:** If you're interested in learning more about the range of activities and programs here at Faith, please check out the information on our website at [faithelmhurst.org](http://faithelmhurst.org). If you're interested in joining a particular ministry, please contact one of the ministry leaders listed at the end of the bulletin or talk to one of the pastors.

**Email Address Updates:** Faith sends out a weekly email every Friday along with occasional prayer needs. If you're part of the Faith community, this is a great way to keep informed about events and needs in the life of the congregation. If you want to be added to this list, or if you need to update your email address, please let the church office know at [office@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:office@faithelmhurst.org).

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## YOUTH NEWS

**Children's Church (age 3-kindergarten), Sunday School (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and Catechism (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)** all start up for the year today. Grades 1-5 should report to the sanctuary at 10:45 AM. Grades 6-8 will meet in room 3, Grades 9 & 10 will meet in room 2 and grades 11 & 12 will meet in room 1.

**The Gathering:** High Schoolers are invited to join us for dinner, Bible study and small groups every Sunday 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Bring your Bible and invite your friends!

**After Hours on September 13:** 6-12th graders are invited to the Barney's home (1080 S Prospect Ave) across from Timothy school on Wednesday, September 13, from 3:15-4:45 PM for snacking, gaming and hanging out. Bring your HW if you want!

**Asylum:** Middle Schoolers are invited to join us on select Fridays at the church for games, Bible study and small groups. Our next meeting is Friday, September 22. Drop off and pickup at the church. Bring your Bible and a friend!

**SERVE Trip Reunion with Palos Heights CRC on September 24:** Join us for our evening service here at Faith at 6:00 PM and a meal and social gathering with the youth from Palos Heights CRC.

**Youth Ministry Calendar:** You can check out and print off our calendar here: <http://faithelmhurst.org/connect/youth>. If you have Google calendar you can upload it straight to your phone!

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## THIS WEEK AT FAITH

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### TODAY

**Children's Church, Sunday School & Catechism** begin.  
**PADS sign-up sheets** will be in the Fellowship Hall for October. Please consider volunteering your time to serve the homeless in our community.  
**The Sermon Discussion Group** will meet in room 4/5 at 11:00 AM.  
**The Gathering** will meet at 7:00 PM.

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### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**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.

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### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

**Men's Prayer Group** will meet from 7:00-8:00 AM.  
**Bible Study Fellowship** begins at 9:15 AM.  
**GEMS Girls Club**, for girls in grades 1-8 will meet from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.  
**The Faith Book Club** will meet at 7:00 PM at Park Place.

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### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

**Mom2Mom** will meet at 9:00 AM.  
**Creative Connections** will meet at 6:30 PM.

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## SERVING FAITH CHURCH

**Welcome Team:** Sharon Rozendal **Next Week:** Cathy Bulthuis  
**Saratoga Driver:** Corey Van Dyk **Next Week:** Darrell Stodola  
**Kitchen:** Jim & Kathleen Lindemulder\*, Byron & Cathy Plate  
**Next Week:** Val Hoving, Mary Huizinga, Gary & Lisa Vander Naald\*  
**Library:** Jeri Cook, Laura Miller  
**Next Week:** Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa  
**Audio Visual:** Dan Kooyenga, Ryan Swanson, Chris Slinkman  
**Next Week:** Todd Lindemulder, Al De Los Santos, Adam Zarek  
**Nursery Hostess:** Allison Sowers **Next Week:** Nicole Huizinga  
**Infant Nursery:** Dorothy Allen, Nicole Huizinga, Riley Wieringa  
**Next Week:** Ruth Flikkema, Cindy Tazelaar, Grace Lindemulder  
**Toddler Nursery:** Rachel Kinnas, Christina Muruato, Eli Baron  
**Next Week:** Diana De Boer, Kelly Rauwerda, Leah De Boer  
**PM Nursery:** Chelsea Barney, Laura Lanser  
**Next Week:** Susan Middel, Sam David

## COUNCIL NOTES

### Highlights from the June and August Council meetings:

- The 2017-18 committee chairpersons and members were approved.
- Council committees finalized details for the Barneys to move into the church house at 1080 S. Prospect, Elmhurst.
- Ray Middel was elected to serve as Council Vice President for the remainder of the 2017-18 year.
- Council approved the formation of a temporary Adult Ministries' subcommittee, the Shalom Subcommittee, to explore our practices of grace, justice, and mercy.
- Council approved a job description for unpaid interns in the Youth Ministries programs.
- Al De Los Santos and Ray Middel will serve as Faith CRC representatives to Classis Northern Illinois on September 20.
- Council discussed Pastor Schuringa's workload in light of the cumulative effect of his ongoing chemo treatments, and decided to reduce his preaching and administration responsibilities for the month of September. Pastor Matthew will be picking up some of these responsibilities, with support from the elders. At the end the month, the elders will review the situation and make any necessary adjustments. Council asks the congregation to continue to join in prayer for Pastor Schuringa's health and for the effectiveness of these treatments.

### 2017 – 2018 FAITH CRC COUNCIL Rev. Greg Schuringa, President Rev. Matthew Lanser

#### ELDERS:

Matt Bulthuis - 2018 (Vicar)  
Jim Engel - 2019  
Pete Holtrop - 2020  
Greg Lanenga - 2019  
Ray Middel – 2018 (Vice Pres.)  
Don Miller - 2019 (Clerk)  
Bern Slinkman - 2020  
Ron Tazelaar - 2018  
Len Turnbull - 2020  
Rich Vroom - 2018  
Bob Wieringa - 2019  
Dave Voss - 2020

#### DEACONS:

Spencer Anderson - 2020  
Al De Los Santos - 2018 (Deacon Pres.)  
Peter Groenewold - 2018  
Jon Huizinga - 2019  
Jon Kinnas - 2019  
Scott Piersma - 2020  
Chris Slinkman - 2020  
Mike Speelman - 2018 (Treasurer)  
Darrell Stodola - 2018  
John Tazelaar - 2019  
Matt Tazelaar - 2018  
Corey Van Dyk - 2020  
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	Jen Cozette 708-491-8241
Cadets Boys Club	Lambert Bronger 630-665-9422
Children's Church	Christy Hooker 630-832-5378
Crossroads Prison Ministries	Ray Middel 630-862-1861
Deacons/Finance	Al De Los Santos 630-592-1906
Elders	Ray Middel 630-862-1861
Evangelism	Peter Holtrop 630-953-2938 Pastor Lanser 630-530-7900
Fellowship	Spencer Anderson 630-853-9912 Pete Holtrop 630-953-2938
GEMS Girls Club	Flory Hoving 630-279-5294
Hospitality/Meals	Peter Groenewold 630-200-4035
Library	Chuck Slinkman 708-343-1962
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	Len Turnbull 630-941-8213
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	Bern Slinkman 708-492-0114
Small Groups	Greg Lanenga 708-562-6697 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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS

**You are cordially invited to the GRAND OPENING** of our new 16 MM state-of-the-art middle school and field house. The project is fully funded and under budget. Our Grand Opening for Project IMPACT will take place on Thursday, September 14 at 6:00 PM with tours happening until 8:00 PM. There are so many rich stories that have come out of the building of this project. From raising the money, to the impact it will have on our students, to how the facility will serve the community at large (especially as we are able to host bigger events).

**Men of A-Chord** has an exciting season planned ahead!! You don't want to miss out! Would you like to be part of this group of men that sing praises together? If you've thought about it in the past, maybe now is the time!! Please consider coming out and joining our family of men that serve God making a joyful noise. The Men of A-Chord hold rehearsals every Wednesday night at 7:45 PM at Trinity Christian College in the choral room in the Ozinga Chapel. Come join us for a great evening of singing praises. Rehearsals start September 13, 2017. If you have any questions, please call Dave Buikema, 219-308-6002 or Justin Rich, 219-588-5471.

**Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church** will celebrate its 150th anniversary with a Gala on Saturday, September 23. The event will begin at 6:00 PM in the new addition. To reserve your seats, email [rich.brander@ebenezer-crc.org](mailto:rich.brander@ebenezer-crc.org).

**Cyclists: On Saturday, October 7, 2017**, Roseland Christian Ministries will host a bike ride to raise funds for the Women's and Children's Transitional Housing program at RCM. The ride (40, 25, or 18 miles) will begin at 8:00 AM on Trinity Christian College's campus in the parking lot of the Bootsma Bookstore Café and take place on the Cal-Sag and Tinley Creek trails. Registration fee is \$45. Interested cyclists please send your email address to [pedal40@roselandchristianministries.org](mailto:pedal40@roselandchristianministries.org) and check out the website at <http://www.roselandchristianministries.org/events/bike-ride/>.

**Please join Roseland Christian Ministries** for our First Annual Van Zanten Center Golf Outing to Fight Hunger in Roseland on Saturday, October 14, at Lincoln Oaks Golf Course in Crete, IL. Proceeds will support RCM food programs at the Van Zanten Center. The tournament, lunch & awards ceremony is \$100 per golfer. Check-in begins at 8:30 AM; the tournament begins at 9:30 AM. You can register online at <http://www.roselandchristianministries.org/events/golf-outing> or contact Jei Wilson with questions or for additional information at 773-264-5665.

**Save the date – October 28, 2017** - Cornerstone Protestant Reformed Church and Men of A-Chord are planning an evening "Remembering the Reformation" at 7:00 PM. Remembering the Reformation will be a celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the protestant reformation. Justin Rich will be on the organ and Beverly Hoitsma on the piano, and Men of A-Chord will be singing throughout the evening. Cornerstone PRC will be hosting the evening in their sanctuary at 13251 109<sup>th</sup> Ave. Dyer, IN.