

September 17, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: #86:1,2,4,5 (WC)

"We Come, O Christ, to You"

God Renews Us By Grace

*Song of Worship:

God's Will For Our Lives

Prayer

*Song of Faith:

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

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

"How Deep"

"In Christ Alone"

Faith CRC GEMS Girls Club

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture:

Sermon:

Prayer

Colossians 2:6-15 (p. 1166)

BEING REFORMED: HOW DO WE THINK?

God Blesses Us to Bless Others

*Song of Response: #560 (WC)

*Benediction

*Doxology: #487 (PH)

Postlude

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leaders:

Sermon:

Organ:

Violin:

Guitars:

**Please stand if you are able*

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

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Donna Erdman

Kristen Voss

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

EVENING WORSHIP – 6:00 PM

We Enter His Presence

Prelude

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: #3:1,3,4 (WC)

*Profession of Faith:

Prayer

*Song of Worship: #273 (PH)

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"
Apostles' Creed (*p. 3 in the back of the PH*)

"From Out the Depths I Cry"

Elmhurst Walk-in Ministry

We Listen

Scripture:

Sermon:

Prayer

Psalm 32:1-7 (*p. 549*)

THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS

We Are Sent to Serve

*Song of Response: #55:1-3 (PH)

*Benediction

*Doxology: #537:1 (WC)

Postlude

"How Blest Is He Whose Trespass"

"Lord, Be Glorified"

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader:

Sermon:

Piano:

**Please stand if you are able*

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

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Dr. Derke Bergsma

Ruth Hopp

TODAY AT FAITH

This morning we're continuing our *Being Reformed* series. We'll reflect on how following Jesus transforms how we think, and we'll be challenged to make Jesus the center of our faith, our worldview, and our planning. We'll read Colossians 2:6-15 for this sermon.

This evening Dr. Derke Bergsma will be preaching on Psalm 32:1-7. He'll remind us of how forgiveness brings joy and transformation to our lives.

UPCOMING WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS AT FAITH

September 24, 9:30 AM: The *Being Reformed* series continues with the question of how believing in Jesus transforms what we do. We'll be reading Colossians 3:1-7 for this sermon.

September 24, 6:00 PM: Rev. Mac Wiener, one of the Bible teachers at Timothy Christians Schools here in Elmhurst, will be preaching for us. We'll also be joined by the youth group from Palos Heights CRC.

PRAYER & PRAISE

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

At the elders meeting this past week the memberships of **Jay & Melanie Lumkes and their children, Jennifer, Andrew and Megan** was accepted from the Elmhurst CRC. Also the memberships of **Don & Evelyn Bertini** were released.

Jerry Dykstra is planning to return home this weekend. Please continue to pray for Jerry as he continues to experience short-term limited mobility following his hip surgery.

Pastor Greg Schuringa continues to so appreciate the prayers of the congregation during his chemotherapy treatments, especially these past weeks as the treatments have become more challenging. He is now half-way through the fourth of an anticipated six cycles.

Karen Tazelaar continues to undergo rehab for two broken ankles. Pray for good health and recovery for Karen.

Jack and Marlene Vos continue to be in rehab at Park Place. Jack is hoping to return home this Wednesday, September 20. Marlene will be at Park Place for a few more weeks; please pray that she continues to regain strength. Both Jack and Marlene are deeply grateful for the cards, phone calls, and visits from people at Faith.

Peter Voss fell recently and suffered a compression fracture in his back. He'll be doing rehab at Lexington Square in Elmhurst for a few weeks.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Lee Tazelaar** who lives in Elmhurst.

"Thank you to the congregation for the immense outpouring of support and love we have experienced from our Faith family following Brent's sudden passing. 'My soul finds rest in God alone;...He alone is my rock and my salvation. He is my fortress. I will never be shaken.' Psalm 62:1,2"

Linda, Brandon, Corey, Bonnie (and Logan) Van Dyk

"Thank you to the congregation for the cards and prayers during my recent cancer treatment. My radiation treatments resulted in the tumor shrinking and my next follow up is in February. God is good!"

Annette Bosman

OFFERINGS

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

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

The Deacons gratefully acknowledge the following offerings in August:

\$43,020	Faith General Fund	\$1,168	All God's Children
\$3,916	Faith Promise	\$257	My Brother's Kitchen
\$1,946	Faith Benevolent Fund	\$311	Pacific Island Ministries
\$273	Faith Building Fund	\$400	Roseland Christian Ministries
\$464	Faith Education Fund	\$210	Shoebox Ministry
\$4,853	Faith Youth Fund	\$6,289	Timothy Assistance Fund
\$63,107 Total Offerings for August			

Actual General Fund receipts from June 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017 totaled approximately \$153,000 compared to budgeted receipts of \$203,000 or a \$50,000 shortfall to budget. Actual accrued expenses for the same period totaled \$198,000 or a \$45,000 actual shortfall.

As of August 31, 2017, the Timothy Tuition Assistance obligation for the 2017-2018 school year was approximately \$83,000.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual Faith CRC golf outing is this Saturday, September 23 at Maple Meadows Golf Course in Wood Dale. **Be sure to sign up today!** 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.

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 in Africa, 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.

Complimentary Directory Photos have arrived! If you didn't receive yours in your home mailbox, please check the signup counter for your family photo.

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 or 616-610-0259) with questions.

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 or contact Jen Cozette, 708-491-8241 with any questions.

Cadets and Jr. Cadets (boys in grades 1-8) will meet on Wednesday, September 20, from 6:30 -8:30 PM at church. Please turn in shirt orders and other forms.

The Shoebox Committee will meet on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM.

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.

The Missions Committee will meet next Sunday, September 24 at 10:50 AM in room 10.

Welcome Team Meeting: The Welcome Team will be meeting next Sunday, September 24 at 10:45 AM in the choir room. We'll be talking about our first few months of having this team be active, and thinking about any improvements we can make. Contact Pastor Matthew with any questions.

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

On your mark, get set, GO! CareNet's annual Diaper Derby is coming to a Fellowship Hall near you. Starting September 24 the Faith Right to Life Committee will be collecting diapers, wipes and gift cards from Walmart. The greatest needs are diapers and wipes. Look for the baby crib in the Fellowship Hall for your donations. Thank you.

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 (The next meeting is on September 28).

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

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) for info on the women's groups.

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 from Rev. Tim Keller 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.

"A baby is born....another miracle clothed in flesh" (Barbara Singer's blog @CareNetDuPage.com). The Right to Life Committee invites you to reserve October 26, 2017 for the CareNet Pregnancy Services of DuPage Annual Banquet at Drury Lane.

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. 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.

YOUTH NEWS

Children's Church (age 3-kindergarten), Sunday School (1st-5th grade) and Catechism (6th-12th 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!

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!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

TODAY

Sunday School meets in the sanctuary at 10:45 AM.

Catechism students meet in their classrooms at 10:45 AM.

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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

Bible Study Fellowship begins at 9:15 AM.

Cadets & Jr. Cadets will meet from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

The Shoebox Committee will meet at 7:00 PM.

The Adult Ministries Committee will meet at 7:00 PM.

The Evangelism Committee will meet with the Adult Ministries Committee at 7:30 PM.

The Evangelism Committee will meet at 8:00 PM.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

Asylum (Middle School) will meet at 7:00 PM.

SERVING FAITH CHURCH

Welcome Team: Jen David

Next Week: Sara Swanson

Saratoga Driver: Darrell Stodola

Next Week: Marv Tazelaar

Kitchen: Val Hoving, Mary Huizinga, Gary & Lisa Vander Naald*

Next Week: Ed & Kim Biesboer*, Bob & Sharon Herlien

Library: Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa

Next Week: Chuck Slinkman

Audio Visual: Todd Lindemulder, Al De Los Santos, Adam Zarek

Next Week: Sue Folkerts, Mike Speelman, Adam Zarek

Nursery Hostess: Laura Lanser

Next Week: Sarah Schuringa

Infant Nursery: Ruth Flikkema, Cindy Tazelaar, Grace Lindemulder

Next Week: Mary Huizinga, Laurie Vander Naald, Paige Hoving

Toddler Nursery: Diana De Boer, Kelly Rauwerda, Leah De Boer

Next Week: Ashley Van Byssum, Laurie Van Dahm, Jaci Van Dahm

PM Nursery: Susan Middel, Sam David

Next Week: Jill Veenstra, Marta Veenstra

2017 – 2018 ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS

Church Members:

1. A– Bo
2. Br– D
3. E – G
4. H - Huin
5. Huis – K
6. L – Mie
7. Mil – R
8. S – Taz
9. Taz – Van K
10. Van T – Ve
11. Vos – Z
- Out of Town

Elder/Deacon team:

Ron Tazelaar/Darrell Stodola
Pete Holtrop/Spencer Anderson
Len Turnbull/Jonathan Huizinga
Matt Bulthuis/Matt Tazelaar
Rich Vroom/Peter Groenewold
Bob Wieringa/John Tazelaar
Greg Lanenga/Corey Van Dyk
Dave Voss/Adam Zarek
Ray Middel/Scott Piersma
Bern Slinkman/Chris Slinkman
Jim Engel/Jon Kinnas
Don Miller/Al De Los Santos

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS

Timothy is looking to hire bus drivers either fully licensed or those who need training! We currently have 2 routes that need permanent drivers, and we are always looking for people to fill in as substitutes or sports team drivers. You can choose a little or a lot! The hours are good, and we have vacation when the students have vacation! No Saturdays or Sundays required! If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Sue Folkerts, Transportation Coordinator at: folkerts@timothychristian.com or 630-833-4616x105.

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. If you have any questions, contact 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.brandner@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 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.

PrimeTime invites you to meet FBI Special Agent Phil Andrew. Agent Andrew will speak at a meeting open to all on Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 PM in the Garden Room of Elmhurst CRC. His topic will be "Negotiating for Life." With more than 20 years experience in hostage/kidnapping cases, counterterrorism, national security and other assignments his life story will be an impactful presentation for our audience. At the end of his presentation there will be opportunity for questions. All are invited! To help us plan for refreshments call 630-530-2924 or email dejong66@comcast.net.

Illiana Oratorio Society will be starting rehearsals for its annual presentation of Handel's Messiah. Rehearsals will be held each Monday evening starting on October 16, 2017 at 8:00 PM until 9:30 PM. The concert will be on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 2:00 PM. Please join us at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL. Please consider joining us for singing this great work of music to God's praise!

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 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	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