



FAITH

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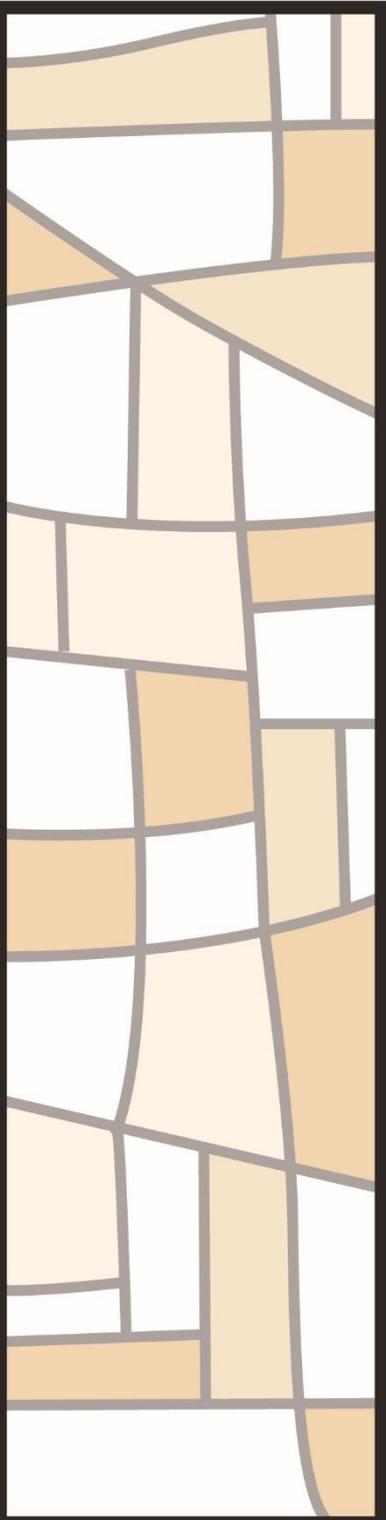
CHURCH

Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM & 6:00 PM

Dr. Greg Schuringa
Senior Pastor

Rev. Matthew Lanser
Pastor

EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD
EXPRESS GOD'S LOVE
EQUIP GOD'S PEOPLE



God's Invitation Gathers Us

Prelude

Welcome

God's Greeting

Song of Praise: #222:1 – 3, 6 (PH)

“O Give the Lord Whole-hearted Praise”

God's Grace Claims Us

God's Will for Our Lives

Songs of Worship:

“Who You Say I Am”

“Sovereign Over Us”

Prayer

Offering Update:

Deacon Steve David

Song of Preparation:

“Thy Word”

God's Word Speaks to Us

Scripture:

Genesis 39

Sermon:

**Our Father's Focus on His Family #2:
FAITHFUL LIVING IN A FAITHLESS LAND**

Prayer

God's Blessing Equips Us

Song of Commitment: #372:1,3,4 (PH)

“At the Name of Jesus”

Benediction

Doxology: #60:1 (WC)

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Lanser & Dr. Schuringa

Sermon:

Dr. Greg Schuringa

Organ: Donna Erdman

Piano: Jan Slinkman

Violin: Kristen Voss

Bass: Carter Bulthuis

Guitars: Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Vocalists:

Carla Printz, Heather Turner, Kaitlyn Tobin

*(PH-Psalter Hymnal | WC-Worshiping Church | LH-Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal)
disposable sheet music is provided*

This Week at Faith

Sunday morning we continue in a sermon series on the life of Joseph. Joseph, the favorite son of Jacob, with his coat of many colors. Joseph, the little brother, the tattle-tale, the dreamer, the slave, the prisoner, and ultimately the second in command of all of Egypt. This is an incredible account of how God's grace and sovereignty shine through all the twists and turns of Joseph's life as well as of His people. Our series, "The Story of Joseph – Our Father's Focus on His family" continues in Genesis 39 where we see what faithful covenant living looks like in the midst of an unfaithful land.

A live feed of this service will be streamed in the Fellowship Hall and outside at the church house (weather and technology permitting). To view this service at home at 9:30 AM on Sunday, [Click Here](#).

Sunday evening we will read 1 Kings 8:22 – 30 as part of our series on "Imperfect Conversations between Kings." This text brings us to the prayer that King Solomon offers at the dedication of the temple.

This service will be held on the southeast lawn, but if there's bad weather, we'll move to the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket. We'll send out a social media update by 5 PM Sunday to confirm our location.

Upcoming Worship at Faith

In the morning service on **September 27**, we are beginning a three-part series on the book of Numbers. We'll be reading Numbers 2 for the sermon, but you're invited to read Numbers 1 – 10 for more background. Ryan David will be making profession of faith in this service.

In the morning service on **October 4**, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. We'll do this a little differently due to contact precautions and social distancing, but for those who are here, the elders will be providing the elements in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and the church house yard. If you're able to come, we encourage you to attend worship at one of those locations to share in communion.

Going forward, on Sunday mornings, we'll meet in the sanctuary with some capacity limitations. We'll also have a **live feed in the Fellowship Hall**. Along with that, we will offer a **livestream outside at the church house back patio** (weather and technology permitting.) We recognize that these more relaxed and socially distanced settings may be more comfortable for some. The service will also be live-streamed and available online at faithelmhurst.org/listenwatch.

Please note that registrations to attend in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall are accepted on a first come, first served basis. If you attempt to register after the capacity is reached for that week, please fill out the wait list registration form, and you'll be secured a spot for the next week's service. If you do not have internet access, please call the office and leave a voicemail to register. Your reservation will be kept in the order it was received.

On Sunday evenings, we'll gather outside for a brief service. In the event of bad weather, we will move the service indoors to the Fellowship Hall. A notice will be sent via social media at 5:00 PM every Sunday confirming our location for that evening.

As we continue to resume in-person worship, we encourage you to use your discretion in joining us. People of any age with certain underlying medical conditions are at a higher risk of severe illness from Covid19. To review the list [Click Here](#) or visit cdc.gov.

Offerings

We are grateful to the congregation for those that have been able to continue their tithes and offerings during this uncertain time. Beginning this week, we will be receiving offerings after the service; deacons will have baskets by the exit doors to place your offering in. We strongly encourage you to give online at faithelmhurst.org/give, however you may also mail your tithes and offerings to the church office. We'll begin having an offering schedule in the near future also.

If you are experiencing financial hardship these days, please reach out to your district deacon, or any deacon. They are ready and eager to do what they can to help you.

Prayer & Praise

If you have prayer needs, please contact your district elder or one of the pastors. We also encourage you to send prayer requests at any time to prayer@faithelmhurst.org. All requests are kept confidential by the pastors.

We express our Christian sympathy to **Jan and Bern Slinkman** in the passing of Jan's sister, Bea Wilshe, this past Monday.

Classis Northern Illinois, the regional group of Christian Reformed Churches to which Faith belongs, plans to have its fall meeting this coming Tuesday via Zoom. The following office bearers will represent Faith: Pastor Matthew Lanser and Elder Mike Hoving. Please pray for our church leaders as they meet with leaders of nearby congregations.

This past week the **Mexico Serve Team** was supposed to be ministering to the people of Mexico and working on completing the orphanage. Covid19 has put up yet another road block. Please pray for Tapestries of Life and their work in Mexico.

Announcements

A Note from the Deacons: We have been informed that multiple churches in the area have reported stolen and cashed checks that have been mailed in to their respective churches. This past week, the diaconate experienced some similar issues and so the church is in the process of purchasing a lockable mailbox to ensure the security of all church mail. The diaconate would highly encourage the online option to give as it's a much safer route to give. If you are unable to give online, please know proper measures have been taken to keep this from happening in the future.

Faith CRC will have a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, October 11 after the morning service. Since we were unable to have our regular annual meeting at the usual time in May, we'll be picking up those matters (approving the budget, electing new office-bearers, and so on) at this meeting. For those who can't gather in-person, we will be accepting mailed-in proxy ballots for the elder and deacon election this year. We'll have more details in the bulletin in the weeks ahead.

Fall is almost here and that is usually the time that **Sunday School** starts up again. In following with much of the other church programs, the start of the Sunday school year will be delayed until January. We hope at that time to begin to have classes again and will follow up with more details as the new year approaches. Although there will be no classes right now, we strongly encourage parents to spend some time on Sunday with their children going over Bible stories. To help with those discussions, please watch the weekly emails from church for a “**Family Time**” sheet you can use with your children. We look forward to January and hope to see you and the kids soon!

Cadets and Jr. Cadets is going to look different this year. The first event will be a Mother/Son miniature golf night Wednesday October 7. Boys 2nd - 8th grades and their female grown-ups are invited. After that, events will be scheduled on Saturdays. More information to follow.

Men of all ages are welcome to join the **Men’s Prayer Group**. We are now meeting on Saturday mornings from 7 – 8 AM. If you have prayer requests for our group, please put them in the prayer box in the Lobby or email them to prayer@faithelmhurst.org. All requests are kept confidential.

Parents of **college students** and **military personnel**: If you would like your child to receive goodie boxes and other encouraging correspondence from the Faith CRC family this year, please email your child’s address to Laura Miller at lauramiller289@comcast.net. We want to include your child whether living at home or at school this year.

Men’s Bible Study will be meeting again on Friday, September 25 at 6:30 AM. We’ll meet in the Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome to join us as we continue to walk through the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. Contact Christopher Koopmans for more info.

The Right to Life Committee invites you to join us at Faith CRC on Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 PM for the Annual **Caring Network “Virtual” Banquet**. Registration is limited to 100 people, so contact the office soon to reserve your spot. For more information visit <https://caringnetwork.com/annual-banquet/> or email Nan Loerop (nloerop@yahoo.com).

Because of the difficulties in scheduling a **Women's Bible Study** (with childcare) this year we are attempting something new: smaller groups studying the same study! Our hope and prayer is that this will allow maximum flexibility in allowing women, of all stages of life, to gather together (either in person or via Zoom) to discuss God's Word and build closer relationships with our sisters in Christ. We are excited to announce that we will be studying the book of Ephesians using the study guide book *Following God Series: The Book of Ephesians*. So, talk a few friends into doing this study with you, set a time and place that works for your comfort levels, and let us know OR tell us when you're available and what you're comfortable with (only Zoom, masks inside, only outside, etc.) and we will match you with other women with similar availability and comfort levels. Next week's bulletin will include sign up details or email womensministries@faithelmhurst.org with questions or to sign up early.

This is week #2 of the **Diaper Derby** to support families served by The Caring Network's Baby Bank Programs. As a church, we will be collecting diapers, wipes, lotions and soaps. Please bring your donations to church on Sundays, or Mondays and Thursdays from 9-11am, and place in the designated box in the main entryway. All donations must be turned in by October 11, 2020.

We are **collecting items** for our college student and military personnel goodie boxes! Please consider donating M&Ms, hard candy, gum, individually wrapped snacks, school supplies, or quick notes of encouragement to be included! Items can be dropped off at church on or before September 28 during Sunday worship services or Mondays & Thursdays from 9 AM to 12 PM in the entryway. You may also contact lauramiller289@comcast.net to arrange pickup. Our first packages will be mailed in late September.

The **church office** is now open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. For the safety of our staff, please continue to contact the office via phone call or email as much as possible. We ask you to give us advanced notice for any materials you may need copied or prepared as access to the office will be done so through the window in the entryway only. Thank you!

If you'd like to stay connected, contact office@faithelmhurst.org to sign up for our weekly emails. Early in the week, "**Faith-Full Reflections**" will bring you some follow-up questions and applications from the most recent messages. On Fridays, "**Faith Forward News**" will be sent with links to the upcoming Sunday's live-stream feed, the bulletin and other announcements.

We invite you to pray with us each week during **Faith Prayer Time**. Join us to pray for the needs of our congregation, neighbors and world every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM. Prayers are led by a pastor or elder. To join by phone, call 312-626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID: 270 403 498 **Passcode: 374473**
To join by video, [Click Here](#) or copy this link into your browser:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/270403498> **Passcode: Prayer**

Ministry Planning: The Reopening Team wants to continue providing support for leaders as we plan for this ministry year. Please contact the church office (office@faithelmhurst.org, 630-279-1776) if you have any questions about meeting guidelines or need assistance with making plans. We may not have all the answers, but we're happy to help with anything we can.

This Week at Faith

Sunday, September 20

Morning Worship Service | 9:30 AM | [Livestream Click Here](#)
Evening Worship | 6:00 PM | southeast lawn or Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 22

Faith Prayer Time | 7:00 PM | [Click Here](#) (Passcode: Prayer)
Faith Reopening Team Meeting | 7:00 PM | Zoom

Wednesday, September 23

Discipleship Committee Meeting | 7:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 24

Worship Team Rehearsal | 6:00 PM | Sanctuary

Friday, September 25

Men's Bible Study | 6:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 26

Men's Prayer Group | 7:00 AM | Room 3

Sunday, September 27

Morning Worship Service | 9:30 AM | Sanctuary & Livestream
Evening Worship Service | 6:00 PM | southeast lawn or Fellowship Hall

2019-2020
Faith CRC Council
Dr. Greg Schuringa, President
Rev. Matthew Lanser

ELDERS:

Dirk Glaubke – 2021 (VP)
Pete Holtrop – 2020
Mike Hoving – 2021 (Vicar)
Chris Kakabeeke – 2021 (Clerk)
Bern Slinkman – 2020
Mike Tornow – 2021
Len Turnbull – 2020
Randy Van Dahm – 2022
Herm Vander Naald – 2022
Ted Vander Naald – 2022
Dave Voss – 2020

DEACONS:

Spencer Anderson – 2020
Cal Boonstra – 2021
Steve David – 2021 (Deacon Chair)
Calvin Hoving – 2022
Dan Kooyenga – 2021
Jay Lumkes – 2022
Nathan Middel – 2022
Brad Miedema – 2022
Scott Piersma – 2020
Chris Slinkman – 2020
Mark Van Dahm – 2021 (Treasurer)
Corey Van Dyk – 2020

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2019 – 2020
Elder/Deacon Districts

Church Members:

1. A – B
2. C – E
3. F – Hof
4. Hol - J
5. K
6. L – O
7. P - Tam
8. Taz – Van D
9. Van K - Vander
10. Ven – Z
- Out of Town

Elder/Deacon Team:

Mike Tornow & Jay Lumkes
Pete Holtrop & Spencer Anderson
Len Turnbull & Nathan Middel
Dan Kooyenga
Mike Hoving & Cal Boonstra
Herman Vander Naald & Brad Miedema
Randy Van Dahm & Corey Van Dyk
Dave Voss & Calvin Hoving
Bern Slinkman & Scott Piersma
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