



FAITH

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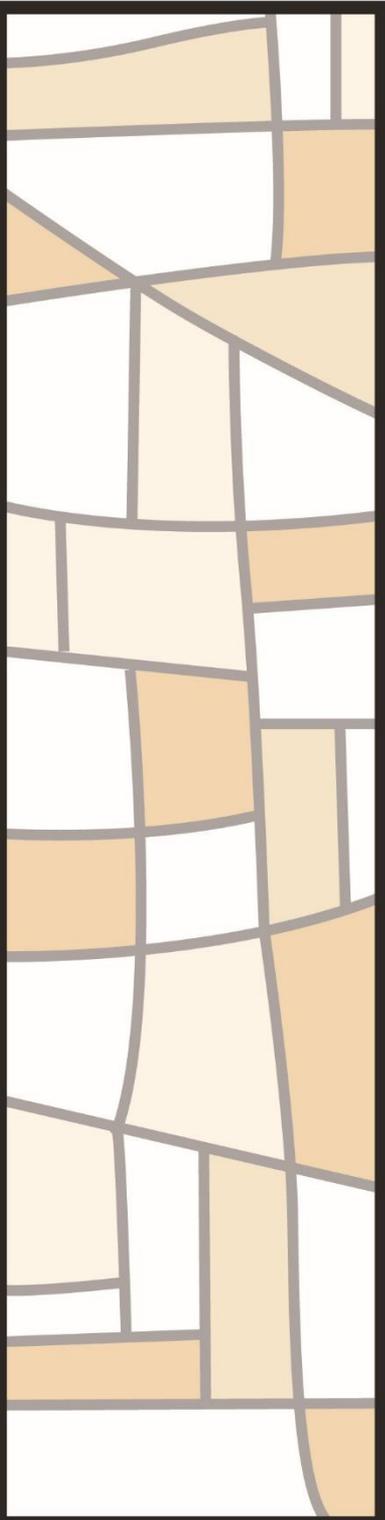
CHURCH

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

Call to Worship & God's Greeting

Songs of Praise and Faith:

"Your Name"

"I Believe"

God's Grace Claims Us

Profession of Faith:

Ryan David

Song of Commitment: #576:1 – 3 (WC)

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Preparation for Celebrating the Lord's Supper on October 4

Prayer

Offering Update

Song of Preparation: #297 (WC)

"Spirit of the Living God"

God's Word Speaks to Us

Scripture:

Numbers 2

Sermon:

WHAT?

Prayer

God's Blessing Equips Us

Song of Response: #247 (LH)

"I Love Your Church, O Lord"

Benediction

Doxology: #537:1,3 (WC)

"Lord, Be Glorified"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Lanser & Dr. Schuringa

Sermon:

Rev. Matthew Lanser

Organ/Piano: Donna Erdman

Guitars: Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Vocalists:

Ryan David, Carla Printz, Sandy Roelofs

(PH-Psalter Hymnal | WC-Worshiping Church | LH-Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal)

disposable sheet music is provided

This Week at Faith

Sunday morning we're beginning a new series on the book of Numbers. For the next three weeks we'll be "Wandering in the Wilderness" as we follow Israel's journey from Mount Sinai toward the Promised Land. This week's passage will be Numbers 2. If you want to do some reading ahead for next week, check out Numbers 10 – 21.

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 Matthew 6:25 – 34 asking the question "Why Worry?" We'll see three answers that Jesus gives us, that are three wonderful reasons God's people don't have to worry.

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 **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 (weather permitting.) 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.

NOTICE: Our evening worship service time is changing! Next Sunday evening (October 4), we will begin a regular rhythm of a **5:00 PM evening service**. We want to take advantage of the warmer temperatures and sunlight as long as we can. In the event of inclement weather, we'll move this service to the Fellowship Hall. A notice will be sent via social media at 4:00 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](https://www.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 extend our sympathy to **Peter & Nancy Boer**. Nancy's brother, Ed Rozendal, was called to his eternal home this past Sunday afternoon. Services were held this past Thursday at Bethel CRC in Lansing, IL and the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

We would like to thank the congregation for your overwhelming expressions of sympathy and kindness in the loss of Bern's brother and Jan's sister. Even though we couldn't be in person for something like this, we truly felt loved and cared for by our Faith family. "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." Ps 34:18
Bern & Jan Slinkman

October's **Missionary of the Month** is Mission India. Please continue to pray for this ministry. missionindia.org.

Happy Birthday to **Marge Van Kampen** on October 1, **Jerry Dykstra** on October 12, **Annette Klein** on October 13, **Florence Zaagman** on October 23, **Bonnie Ridder** on October 26, **Ben Vander Naald** on October 27 and **Marcia Evenhouse** on October 29.

Announcements

The **Congregational Meeting** is Sunday, October 11 after the morning service. Since we were unable to have our regular annual meeting 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 or dropped-off proxy ballots for the elder and deacon election this year. To cast an absentee vote, please fill out the ballot on the last page of this bulletin, or print a copy off of the website at faithelmhurst.org/resources/ballot. Submit your signed ballot to the office by mail or drop off (Monday & Thursday 9 AM – 12 PM) no later than Thursday, October 8.

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!

The Cadet & Jr. Cadet Mother/Son night scheduled for Wednesday, October 7 is switching locations! Meet us at Enchanted Castle in Lombard at 6:30 PM. RSVP to Lambert or at office@faithelmhurst.org. Reservations must be in by October 2.

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 meet again on Friday, October 9 at 6:30 AM. We’ll meet in the Fellowship Hall following mask and social distancing protocol. 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).

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.

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.

Only two more weeks remain in the **Caring Network's Diaper Derby!** For the more competitive donors out there, this IS a friendly competition between all the churches that support Caring Network in our neighborhoods so please be generous. Remember to drop off diapers, wipes, lotions, and soaps in the church entryway on Sundays, or Monday and Thursday mornings.

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.

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**

Faith CRC Reopening Team Update 9/27/20

The Re-Opening Planning Committee wishes to provide the following update to the Congregation about our plans for re-opening Faith CRC. The committee has expanded to include a few more individuals from our congregation as follows:

Al DeLosSantos	Property
Mike Hoving	Executive/Property
Ashley Slinkman	Office
Niki Tazelaar	Office
Greg Schuringa	Pastor
Matthew Lanser	Pastor
Al Tobin	Facility/Maintenance
Todd Lindemulder	Facility/Maintenance
Joy Koopmans	Medical
Heather Lindemulder	Medical
Kelly Rauwerda	Medical
Steve David	Council
Chris Kakabeeke	Council
Jen David	Timothy Christian Liaison

The Planning Committee continues to monitor the following sites for our re-opening planning activities:

1. The DuPage County Covid19 Dashboard: [Click Here](#)
2. The Restore IL Plan (Currently in Phase 4): [Click Here](#)
3. CDC Recommendations: [Click Here](#)
4. IL Department of Public Health: [Click Here](#)

Per the latest statistics from CDC and IDPH, it appears that trends are positive overall in terms of Covid cases, deaths and hospitalizations in DuPage County.

Covid cases are trending down.

% of positive tests are hovering under 5% and trending down.

Deaths and hospital admissions are both low and trending down.

We continue to monitor these statistics and will adjust our planning activities according to any negative indicators as required. Continued thanks to Joy, Heather and Kelly for their medical guidance and suggestions regarding our in-person worship and ministry activities.

Current in-person worship guidelines on Sunday mornings include 100 registered attendees in the Sanctuary, overflow capacity in the Fellowship Hall, and outside streaming at the Prospect Parsonage with all congregants asked to follow safety guidelines (wear masks, practice social distancing, hand sanitizing, etc.). Evening services remain outside, weather-permitting, and otherwise move to the Fellowship Hall. Ministries are starting up again slowly with most planning for some type of activity by October at the latest. Similar safety guidelines are required by ministry participants. We hope and pray that these plans accommodate the worship and ministry needs of a majority of our congregation.

Please do forward any questions or concerns to the Committee via the office email or telephone. The Lord's grace and peace continue to be with each and every one of us.

Al DeLosSantos
Property Committee Chairman

This Week at Faith

Sunday, September 27

Morning Worship Service | 9:30 AM | [Livestream Click Here](#)

Evening Worship | 6:00 PM | southeast lawn or Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 29

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

Faith Reopening Team Meeting | 7:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 3

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

Sunday, October 4

Morning Worship Service | 9:30 AM | Sanctuary & Livestream

Evening Worship Service | 5:00 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
Ted Vander Naald & Chris Slinkman
Chris Kakabeeke & Steve David

Elder/Deacon Ballot

Please select yes or no to affirm or deny the offices of
Elder & Deacon for the nominees listed below.

Elder Nominees

(circle yes or no)

Deacon Nominees

(circle yes or no)

Yes

No

Yes

No

Don Oostman

Scott Boonstra

Ken Laning

Bob Flikkema

Bob Loerop

Byron Plate

Ray Middel

Dan Roelofs

Chuck Slinkman

Justin Vander Naald

Brian Voss

Brad Wieringa

Name: _____
(Please print clearly)

Signature: _____

This ballot must be received by October 8, 2020