

October 1, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Song of Worship: #78 (WC)

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

God Renews Us By Grace

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21 (*p. 14 in the back of the PH*)

Prayer

*Song of Worship:

"By Faith"

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

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Partners Worldwide

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture:

Galatians 2:15-16; Ephesians 2:8 (*pp. 1152, 1157*)

Sermon:

PILLARS OF THE REFORMATION #1: FAITH ALONE

Prayer

God Meets us at His Supper

Song of Preparation:

"Behold the Lamb"

Meaning and Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song of Worship: #446 (PH)

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Song of Praise & Thanksgiving: #378:1-3 (PH)

"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"

(*during this song an offering for our **Benevolent Fund** will be taken—as God has met us in our need, God's people meet others in their need!*)

God Blesses Us to Bless Others

*Benediction

*Doxology: #378:4 (PH)

Postlude

"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Soloist:

Sandy Roelofs

Violin:

Kristen Voss

Guitar:

Matt Bulhuis

**Please stand if you are able*

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

We Enter His Presence

Prelude

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: #517 (WC)

"The Solid Rock"

*Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1 (*p. 8 in the back of the PH*)

Prayer

*Song of Worship: #463 (PH)

"He Leadeth Me"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

New Leaf Resources

We Listen

Scripture:

Psalm 131 (*p. 615*)

Sermon:

A HUMBLE HOPE

Prayer

We Are Sent to Serve

*Song of Response: #276 (PH)

"Not Haughty Is My Heart"

*Benediction

*Doxology: #10:1 (WC)

"Glorify Your Name"

Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Sermon:

Mr. Nathan Voss

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

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TODAY AT FAITH

This morning we begin a morning October sermon series: *Pillars of the Reformation*. This month is the occasion of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Each week we plan to highlight a key biblical teaching rediscovered at the time of the Reformation. We'll begin with "By Faith Alone" and the meaning of faith.

This evening Seminarian Nathan Voss will be preaching for us on Psalm 131. Nathan is a member of Faith who is attending Mid-America Reformed Seminary in preparation to serve as a pastor. We're looking forward to hearing Nathan preach here at Faith for the first time, and also to celebrating how God has worked in his life as he prepares for ministry.

UPCOMING WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS AT FAITH

October 8, 9:30 AM: Our *Pillars of the Reformation* series continues with the theme "By Scripture Alone." We'll read 2 Timothy 3:14-17 and reflect on how the Bible is God's special, useful gift to us.

October 8, 6:00 PM: Colossians 4:2-6 will encourage us to grow spiritually and to work for the spread of the gospel around the world. We'll spend some extra time in prayer for the lost around the world and in our communities.

PRAYER & PRAISE

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

Congratulations to **Megan Folkerts & Joseph Miller** who were united in marriage at Faith CRC on September 23. The newlyweds will be living at 45W700 IC Trail, Maple Park, IL 60151.

Pearl Dykstra went to be with her Lord on Tuesday morning. We extend our Christian sympathy to her husband Jerry and their daughter Cheryl and son Jim & Cathy and their family. A funeral was held on Saturday at Faith CRC.

Pastor Greg Schuringa is scheduled for his regular three month MRI tomorrow. Please pray for an excellent report.

Please pray for **Jack and Marlene Vos** as they continue to recover from a number of health issues. They'll be staying at Park Place (1150 S. Euclid Ave. #368, Elmhurst), for the next month.

Peter Voss continues to undergo rehab at Lexington Square in Elmhurst following a fall.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Bill Bolt** who lives in Saratoga Grove in Downers Grove.

Happy Birthdays to **Marge Van Kampen** (82) on October 1, **Jerry Dykstra** (83) on October 12, **Annette Klein** (89) on October 13, **Florence Zaagman** (80) and **Bill Bolt** (93) on October 23, **Bonnie Ridder** (86) on October 26, **Ben Vander Naald** (89) on October 27 and **Marcia Evenhouse** (81) on October 29.

OFFERINGS

Today: AM: Partners Worldwide. **PM:** New Leaf Resources.

October 8: AM: Faith Promise Missionaries. **PM:** Crossroads Prison Ministry.

October 15: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund.

PM: Roseland Christian Ministries.

October 22: AM: CareNet Pregnancy Services of Du Page.

PM: Lampstand Ministries.

October 29: AM: Faith General Fund. **PM:** Gideons.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Faith Jr. Cadet ministry has expanded to include first and second graders. We still 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.

P.A.D.S. starts next weekend, October 7 and 8. We still need some food items and people to monitor the site for those dates. The signup sheets are in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider being part of this service ministry to the homeless in DuPage County. Contact Lambert or Judy Bronger, 630-665-9422, if you have any questions.

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

Senior Bible Study will be studying the book of Ruth this fall. Our first meeting will be this 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.

Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Group: This group meets every week 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. Lambert Bronger coordinates this group.

Cadets and Jr. Cadets (boys in grades 1-8) will meet on Wednesday, October 4, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at church. Please bring shirt orders and forms.

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*. 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.

A 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 is on October 4.

The GEMS Annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser will be held this Thursday, October 5 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Come out for food and fellowship, and to help support the Counselors for their GEMS counselor training fund

Our CareNet Diaper Derby is heading into its second week. The Right to Life Committee is collecting diapers, baby wipes and Walmart gift cards. Please place your donations in the baby crib in the Fellowship Hall. The Derby will run through October 8. You can make a difference in the life of a CareNet client with your donation.

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 more information.

Faith Book Club has selected *The Wright Brothers* by popular historian David McCullough for their October discussion. It is the dramatic, behind the scenes story of the courageous brothers who taught the world to fly. We will meet on Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 PM at Park Place of Elmhurst.

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?* that walks through the Bible in a way that's fun to watch and easy to understand. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00 PM. Contact Pastor Matthew or Laura Lanser for more info or if you plan to attend.

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 next meeting is Thursday, October 12, from 9:00 - 11:00 AM.

Creative Connections will be held on Thursday, October 12 from 6:30 - 9:30 PM. We will be making two different size Pottery Barn inspired metal pumpkins. The cost will be \$10.00, sign up today in the narthex to reserve your spot. Need a night out to craft with other women but want to bring your craft? We would love to have you join us! For more info please contact Susan Middel.

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, October 13. We're currently studying 1 Corinthians. Christopher Koopmans leads this study.

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. See Pastor Greg or Sarah with any questions.

I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14. Join the Right to Life Committee on October 26 at Drury Lane for the CareNet Banquet that celebrates His most beautiful creation. If you have not been contacted, sign up in the narthex or call Bern/Jan Slinkman, 630-643-9128, Lambert/Judy Bronger, 630-665-9422, or Tim/Nan Loerop, 630-607-8242.

Save the date for a Seniors' event at church on November 21 at 11:30 AM! Following a catered lunch, we will all enjoy a living history portrayal of Eleanor Roosevelt, one of the most fascinating and influential public figures of the twentieth century. Details to follow!

YOUTH NEWS

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 church for games, Bible study and small groups. Our next meeting is this Friday, October 6. Drop off and pickup at church. Bring your Bible and a friend!

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.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

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.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Senior Bible Study will meet at 1:15 PM.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

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.

Men's Bible Study will meet at 7:00 PM at the Glaubkes' house.

Generosity Small Group will meet at 7:00 PM at the Lansers' house.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

GEMS Spaghetti Dinner will be from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Asylum will meet at 7:00 PM.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

PADS at Elmhurst Presbyterian Church.

SERVING FAITH CHURCH

Welcome Team: Al De Los Santos **Next Week:** Cathy Bulthuis

Saratoga Driver: Ken Teune **Next Week:** Bob Nicodem

Kitchen: Spencer & Rebecca Anderson, Ted & Laurie Vander Naald

Next Week: Brad & Kathy Miedema, Bruce & DeDe Terpstra*

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

Audio Visual: Steve David, Mary Huizinga, Ryan David

Next Week: Steve De Boer, Ryan Swanson, Ryan De Boer

Nursery Hostess: Nicole Huizinga **Next Week:** Joy Koopmans

Infant Nursery: Chelsea Barney, Susan Middel, Sophia Schuringa

Next Week: Rebecca Anderson, Nicole Huizinga, Grace Lindemulder

Toddler Nursery: Jen Bernahl, Jessica Vander Naald, Luke Miller

Next Week: Liz Boonstra, Ruth Flikkema, Ben Murphy

PM Nursery: Laura Lanser, Caleb Lindemulder

Next Week: Joy Koopmans, Olivia Schuringa