

October 8, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

- Prelude
- *Welcome and God’s Greeting
- *Song of Faith: “I Believe”

God Renews Us By Grace

- Prayer
- *Song of Worship: #412:1,3,4 (PH) “I Love to Tell the Story”
(children ages 3 - Kindergarten are dismissed for Children’s Church)
- Offertory Prayer
- Offering: Faith Promise Missionaries

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

- *Song of Preparation: “Speak, Oh Lord”
- Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:14-17 *(p. 1179)*
- Sermon: **PILLARS OF THE REFORMATION: SCRIPTURE ALONE**
- Prayer

God Blesses Us to Bless Others

- *Song of Response: #309 (WC) “Wonderful Words of Life”
- *Benediction
- *Closing Song: #404:2,5 (PH) “Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”
- Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

- Worship Leaders: Pastors Lanser and Schuringa
- Sermon: Pastor Matthew Lanser
- Organ: Rev. Gerry Erffmeyer
- 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)

EVENING WORSHIP – 6:00 PM

Prelude

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: #312 (PH)

"We Gather Together"

Prayers for Spiritual Growth

Scripture:

Colossians 4:2-6 (p. 1167)

Sermon:

PRAYERS FOR DEVOTION, PROCLAMATION, AND WISDOM

Prayers for the Spread of the Gospel

Offering:

Crossroads Prison Ministry

*Song of Worship:

"Hear O Lord and Answer"

Prayers for Wisdom and Witness

*Song of Response: #121:1,2 (PH)

"O God, to Us Show Mercy"

*Benediction

*Doxology: #121:3 (PH)

"O God, to Us Show Mercy"

Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Piano:

Ruth Hopp

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TODAY AT FAITH

This morning Our *Pillars of the Reformation* series continues with the theme "Scripture Alone." We'll read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and reflect on how the Bible is God's unique, useful gift to us.

Also this morning James and Ruth Padilla DeBorst, missionaries we support, will give us a report on their ministry. They serve in Costa Rica through the mission agency of the Christian Reformed Church, recently renamed Resonate Global Mission. Ruth serves in a variety of roles and ministries beyond Costa Rica speaking on missions, leadership development, Christian formation and other topics. They will also be speaking to our catechism students after worship. Welcome again to Faith CRC, Jim and Ruth!

This evening 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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS AT FAITH

October 15, 9:30 AM: We'll focus on "Christ Alone" as part of our *Pillars of the Reformation Series*. Hebrews 7:23-28 will remind us that we find hope and salvation only in the work of Jesus. Also, Rev. Eric & Penny Schering will be here to share about their ministry in Papua, New Guinea.

October 15, 6:00 PM: Rev. Mark Van Stee, the pastor of Western Springs CRC, will be preaching for us.

PRAYER & PRAISE

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

Bob Cook had surgery last week to repair an aortic aneurysm. Please pray for good recovery for Bob.

Pastor Schuringa is thankful for a good report following his MRI this past Monday. More health details can be found at his posts on carepages.com: <http://www.carepages.com/carepages/PastorGregsupdates>. As each round of chemotherapy has been getting tougher, prayers are appreciated as the fifth cycle begins tomorrow.

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

Thank you to everyone who helped with PADS the weekend!

OFFERINGS

Today: 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

We are looking for families or individuals to be part of our Christmas Giving Tree ministry. If you know of someone who may be struggling, and you would like to have them blessed with a gift, please contact Judy Bronger prior to November 12 with their information. They do not have to be part of our church family. They could be a friend, neighbor or co-worker. Information will be kept confidential.

Beginning next Sunday we will start collecting Christmas cards for prisoners who are taking part in Crossroad Prison Ministry's Bible study programs. Cards will be collected through November 12. You can find a list of the guidelines that we must follow in the sign-up area in the narthex or on the piano in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a box on the piano for your cards. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Bronger, 630-665-9422.

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.

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

Our CareNet Diaper Derby is approaching the finish line. Today is the last day the Right to Life Committee will be collecting diapers, baby wipes, and Walmart gift cards for CareNet clients. Please place your donations in the baby crib in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

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.

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.

4th - 8th grade Cadets will leave church this Friday at 6:00 PM for the camp out at Earlville. More information is in your mail box or on the table in the Narthex.

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 this Friday, October 13. See Pastor Greg or Sarah with any questions.

Have you been invited to attend the annual fundraiser banquet for CareNet DuPage on October 26 at Drury Lane? If not, please sign up in the narthex or contact a Right to Life Committee member: Bern/Jan Slinkman, 630-643-9128, Lambert/Judv Bronger, 630-665-9422, or Tim/Nan Loerop, 630-607-8242.

Sub Sale November 11: The Gathering high school youth group is doing their annual sub sale to raise money for their high school mission trip this summer. Every 10 you buy—get one free! You can pick your subs up from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at church or they will be placed in the church freezer. Signup sheets are available in the narthex and orders can also be placed online in Youth section of website.

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!

All God's Children, Honduras Service Opportunity: January 27 - February 3, 2018. James 1:27: *Pure religion is looking after orphans in their distress.* Do you like to hold little hands? Are you a Hugger? Well, we will have many opportunities to do just that while serving the children and ministries of All Gods Children in Comayagua, Honduras. Please prayerfully consider joining us for a week of Fellowship, Service and Fun. Please contact Bob Loerop, 630-988-2625 or gtobob@aol.com for details/questions or concerns.

YOUTH NEWS

Middle and High School Catechism students will be meeting together today in Rooms 1-3 for a presentation by Jim and Ruth Padilla-DeBorst. They'll be talking about their lives in Costa Rica and how all Christians have a mission vocation.

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 November 3. Drop off and pickup at church. Bring your Bible and a friend!

High School Mission Trip will be July 7 -14, 2018 this year. Save the dates!

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.

Middle & High School Catechism students will meet together in room 1-3 at 10:45 AM.

The Sermon Discussion Group will meet in room 4/5 at 11:00 AM.

The Gathering will meet at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

Bible Study Fellowship begins at 9:15 AM.

After Hours at 3:15 PM at the Barneys.

GEMS Girls Club will meet from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

Faith Book Club will meet at Park Place at 7:00 PM.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Mom2Mom will meet at 9:00 AM.

Creative Connections will begin at 6:30 PM.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Mens Bible Study will meet at 6:30 AM.

Cadet Camp Out – Cadets will leave church at 6:00 PM.

SERVING FAITH CHURCH

Welcome Team: Cathy Bulthuis

Next Week: Cathy Bulthuis

Saratoga Driver: Bob Nicodem

Next Week: Corey Van Dyk

Kitchen: Brad & Kathy Miedema, Bruce & DeDe Terpstra*

Next Week: Bob & Linda Loerop*, Gerrit & Lori Wieringa

Library: Jeri Cook, Laura Miller **Next Week:** Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa

Audio Visual: Steve De Boer, Ryan Swanson, Ryan De Boer

Next Week: Dan Kooyenga, Al De Los Santos, Chris Slinkman

Nursery Hostess: Joy Koopmans **Next Week:** Dorothy Allen

Infant Nursery: Rebecca Anderson, Nicole Huizinga, Grace Lindemulder

Next Week: Emily Folkerts, Kim Kooyenga, Sam David

Toddler Nursery: Liz Boonstra, Ruth Flikkema, Ben Murphy

Next Week: Diana De Boer, Mindy Slinkman, Leah De Boer

PM Nursery: Joy Koopmans, Olivia Schuringa

Next Week: Pat Tobin, Marta Veenstra