

# FAITH

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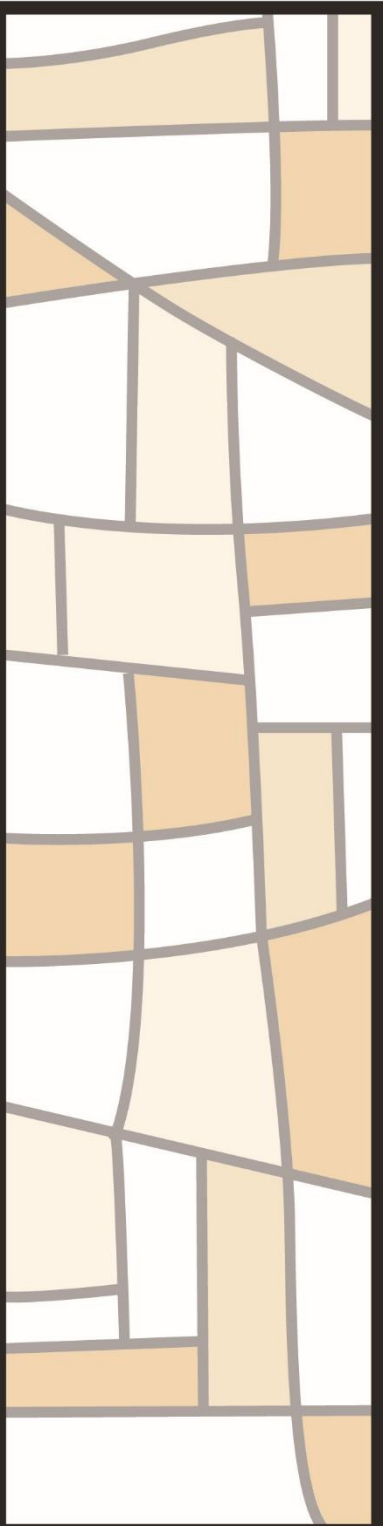
# CHURCH

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

Call to Worship

Welcome

God's Greeting

Songs of Worship:

"Glory to God Forever"

"By Faith"

## God's Grace Claims Us

God's Will for Our Lives

Song of Worship: #331:1,3,5 (PH)

Prayer

Offering Update

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

## God's Word Speaks to Us

Scripture:

Sermon:

Prayer

Numbers 23:27 – 24:19

**WHO?**

## God's Blessing Equips Us

Song of Response: #594:1,2 (WC)

Benediction

Song of Blessing: #594:3 (WC)

Postlude

"Like a River Glorious"

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## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Sermon:

Organ/Piano:

Bass: Carter Bulthuis

Vocalists:

Rev. Lanser & Dr. Schuringa

Rev. Matthew Lanser

Donna Erdman

Guitars: Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Randy Huisman, Sandy Roelofs, Carla Printz

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

*disposable sheet music is provided*

## This Week at Faith

**Sunday morning** we'll conclude the "Wandering in the Wilderness" series with Numbers 23:27 – 24:14. We've seen the Lord gather His people. We've seen the people disobey and grumble. As we come to the end of this book, we'll see the Lord continue to watch over His people.

Following this service, we encourage you to remain in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for our Congregational Meeting.

*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](#).*

*To view a live feed of the Congregational Meeting at 10:45 AM, [Click Here](#)  
Passcode: 537621*

**Sunday evening** please remember that our service will start at **5:00 PM**. In the sermon we will read Matthew 6:25 – 34 and conclude our trilogy of messages on worry. We'll look closely at what Jesus says is the fundamental problem with our worry and how, with His help, we can prevent that problem.

*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 4 PM Sunday to confirm our location.*

## Upcoming Worship at Faith

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 be live-streamed and available online at [faithelmhurst.org/listenwatch](http://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.

We have begun a regular rhythm of a **5:00 PM evening service through October**. 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. **Beginning November 1, we will move our Evening Service back to 6:00 PM and gather in the Fellowship Hall through the winter.**

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 COVID-19. 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. We strongly encourage you to give online at [faithelmhurst.org/give](https://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](mailto:prayer@faithelmhurst.org). All requests are kept confidential by the pastors.

**Thea Bakker** suffered a significant brain bleed early this week and began hospice care shortly thereafter. Please keep Thea and her family in your prayers.

**Ed Biesboer** is scheduled to have a minor heart procedure this Thursday. Please pray that everything goes well.

# Announcements

Our annual **Congregational Meeting** will be after the Sunday morning service this week. 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. We have seven elder nominees for five positions, and five deacon nominees for four positions. Due to relatively low number of nominees, and all the COVID-related complications, we're asking the congregation simply to affirm the slates of elders and deacons this year. On the ballot, simply mark 'Yes' if you affirm the Council's nominees for elder and for deacon, or 'No' if you don't wish to affirm this slate.

To view the **Congregational Meeting** live from home: [Click Here](#) or copy and paste this link in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88295553102?pwd=M2VXVk5IT0pPTVVqYWh2a3FMdUIvUT09> **Passcode: 537621** To join by phone, call 312-626-6799 and enter the Webinar ID: 882 9555 3102 **Passcode: 537621**

Beginning this week Monday, October 12, **office hours** through the end of the year will be as follows: Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Friday: Closed.

**Pastor Matthew** will be out of the office until Monday, October 19 for a time of study and planning. Please contact Pastor Greg, the office or one of the elders for ministry or pastoral support during this time.

**Seniors' Bible Study** will not be meeting in-person this fall. Hopefully we'll resume early in 2021. If you'd like something to work through personally, you could follow the New City Catechism readings we've suggested for our families with 6th-12th graders (See the 6th-12th Grade Faith Formation announcement below under 'Youth Announcements'), or contact Pastor Matthew for other suggestions.

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](mailto:prayer@faithelmhurst.org). All requests are kept confidential.

Thank you to all who brought in donations for **The Caring Network's Diaper Derby**. Your gifts will bless many families in our community. If you still want to contribute after today, contact Tracy Kerr at [tracy@caringnetwork.com](mailto:tracy@caringnetwork.com) to arrange a time and location to donate further items.

The **Mom2Mom** mentor moms are excited to invite you to walk with us through a devotional journey called "Overwhelmed by My Blessings." This is a free devotional reading plan on the *YouVersion Bible* app. We'll provide discussion questions every couple weeks, and you're invited to find a couple other ladies to gather with and reflect together. If you're having trouble finding ladies to connect with, we'll work to get you into a group (If you'd prefer, you could also work through the plan individually). We've mapped out a schedule that goes through five devotional readings every two weeks, and we'll provide you with instructions on how to find the devotional plan and get the biweekly discussion questions. We are just getting started, so you have plenty of time to catch up. To let us know you are joining us, email [womensministries@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:womensministries@faithelmhurst.org).

Ladies, it's time to sign up for **Women's Bible Study!** We will be studying the "Following God Series: The Book of Ephesians." In an attempt to accommodate COVID precautions, and different comfort levels with getting together, we're offering numerous smaller group studies at different locations and times (including Zoom), or you can form your own group. We will be starting at the end of October and finishing this study in May. The recommended schedule will be to meet every other week. Please sign up by Oct 18th at [faithelmhurst.org/connect/2020-wbs](https://faithelmhurst.org/connect/2020-wbs). For more information or questions, please email [womensministries@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:womensministries@faithelmhurst.org).

All available spaces at Faith for **The Caring Network's Virtual Banquet** have been filled. The Banquet will be live-streamed on October 22, 2020 at 7:00pm with Keynote Speaker Dr. David Jeremiah. Remember that this is Caring Network's biggest fundraiser of the year so donations may be made online at [CaringNetwork.com/annual-banquet](https://CaringNetwork.com/annual-banquet), checks made out to "Caring Network Illinois" and sent to Caring Network Illinois, 1200 Roosevelt Rd., Suite 114, Glen Ellyn 60137, or through Faith church. To receive the Banquet's link to connect from home, email [Nan Loerop \(nloerop@yahoo.com\)](mailto:Nan.Loerop@yahoo.com).

**Men's Bible Study** will meet again on Friday, October 23 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.

If you'd like to stay connected, contact [office@faithelmhurst.org](mailto: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.

"The Right to Life Committee encourages you to review the "Right to Life Voters Guide." Copies are available at the Registration Area in the Lobby and online.

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**

## Youth Announcements

Our Youth Ministry Leaders are working on organizing some future events for the **Faith Youth Groups** this season. Parents of Faith Youth, we need your feedback. Please [Click Here](#) (or contact the office for the link) to complete a survey to help us get an idea of participation and comfort levels as we plan our ministry year.

**Sunday School's** start is delayed until January, but we're providing some resources to help families spend time together focused on the Bible and growing in the faith. Our weekly church emails will include a "Family Time" sheet you can use to go over Bible stories together.

**6th – 12th Grade Faith Formation** classes will not be meeting until January 2021. Although these classes won't be happening, we want to encourage our students to continue to grow in their faith. As a substitute for our usual Sunday classes, we've put together a fall family devotional reading plan based on **The New City Catechism** (This is a recently written confession that draws from the Heidelberg Catechism and other significant Reformed and Presbyterian confessions.) The bulletin will have a list of readings for each week—usually five Q&As plus a brief Scripture passage. You can easily work through these readings in one sitting or space them out throughout the week. The New City Catechism is available online ([newcitycatechism.com](http://newcitycatechism.com)), as an Android or Apple app, and in hard copy. We'll email the reading plan to 6th-12th grade families, and provide you with a hard copy of the Catechism. Please contact Pastor Matthew or the office with any questions.

**The New City Catechism** suggested reading for this week is Q&A 1 – 5.

The **4th – 8th grade Cadets** are invited to a Father/Son outing at Brad & Kathy Miedema's back yard October 16 & 17. There will be campfire, pizza & games Friday night & a bike ride Saturday. Modified overnight camping will be available. Come & go as you please. More information to follow.

## **This Week at Faith**

### **Sunday, October 11**

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

Congregational Meeting | 10:45 AM | [Click Here](#) Passcode: 537621

Evening Worship | 5:00 PM | southeast lawn or Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, October 13**

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

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

### **Wednesday October 14**

Worship Team Rehearsal | 6:30 PM | Sanctuary

GEMS Meeting (5th – 8th Grade Girls) | 7:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, October 16**

Cadet Father/Son Outing

### **Saturday, October 17**

Cadet Father/Son Outing

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

### **Sunday, October 18**

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 indicate if you affirm the nominees for elder and the nominees for deacons. Circle 'Yes' or 'No' for the full slate of elders, and also for the full slate of deacons. At the congregational meeting, we will select five elders and four deacons by lot.

## Elder Nominees

(circle yes or no)

## Deacon Nominees

(circle yes or no)

Yes      No

Yes      No

Ken Laning

Scott Boonstra

Bob Loerop

Bob Flikkema

Ray Middel

Byron Plate

Don Oostman

Dan Roelofs

Chuck Slinkman

Justin Vander Naald

Brian Voss

Brad Wieringa

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please print clearly)*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are NOT attending the October 11 Congregational Meeting  
and voting in person,  
this ballot must be received by the office on October 8, 2020*