

October 22, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Song of Worship: #52 (WC)

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

God Renews Us By Grace

*Song of Confession, Assurance, and Commitment:

"O Great God"

Prayer

*Song of Worship: #191 (LH)

"Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"

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

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

CareNet Pregnancy Services of DuPage

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture:

Genesis 3:1-8, 22-24 (p. 3)

Sermon:

EATING FROM THE TREE OF LIFE

Prayer

God Blesses Us to Bless Others

*Song of Response:

"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"

*Benediction

*Doxology: #316:3 (PH)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leaders:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Sermon:

Dr. Derke Bergsma

Organ/Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Violin:

Kristen Voss

Oboe:

Olivia Schuringa

**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: #311 (PH)

"We Praise Thee, O God"

*Profession of Faith:

Athanasian Creed (*p. 5 in the back of the PH*)

Prayer

*Song of Worship: #43 (LH)

"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Lampstand Ministries

We Listen

Scripture:

Matthew 8:28-34 (*p. 963*)

Sermon:

WHAT ABOUT...DEMONS?

Prayer

We Are Sent to Serve

*Song of Response:

"Christian, Do You Struggle?"

*Benediction

*Doxology: #97:1 (WC)

"He Is Lord"

Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Sermon:

Rev. Mark Van Stee

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

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

TODAY AT FAITH

This morning we welcome Dr. Derke Bergsma to our pulpit. Dr. Bergsma is a member of our congregation and served many years as a professor of theology and Bible at Trinity Christian College and Westminster Seminary California.

This evening we welcome again Rev. Mark van Stee, pastor at Western Springs CRC. Tonight's message will focus on what we believe about demons.

NEXT WEEK AT FAITH

October 29, 9:30 AM: On this week of Reformation Day, we'll be reflecting on the reality that we are saved by "Grace Alone." We'll read from Ephesians 2, and rejoice in the salvation and new life that God graciously gives us.

October 29, 6:00 PM: Rev. Dave Armstrong will serve as our guest preacher. During this service, the congregation will have the opportunity to request songs.

OFFERINGS

Today: AM: CareNet Pregnancy Services of Du Page.

PM: Lampstand Ministries.

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

The Deacons gratefully acknowledge the following offerings in September:

\$53,013	Faith General Fund	\$413	Elmhurst Walk-in Ministry
\$2,917	Faith Promise Missionaries	\$399	Lawndale CRC
\$905	Faith Benevolent Fund	\$461	PADS
\$287	Faith Building Fund	\$14,740	Timothy Golf Outing
\$210	Faith Education Fund	\$2,775	Timothy Assistance Fund
\$1,384	Faith GEMS	\$4,760	World Renew-Hurricane
\$73	All God's Children	\$82,337	Total Offerings for September

Actual General Fund receipts from June 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 totaled approximately \$206,000 compared to budgeted receipts of \$271,000 or a \$65,000 shortfall to budget. Actual accrued expenses for the same period totaled \$256,000 or a \$50,000 actual shortfall.

As of September 30, 2017, the Timothy Tuition Assistance obligation for the 2017-2018 school year was approximately \$72,000.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Dirk & Florence Zaagman cordially invite the congregation for cake in the Fellowship Hall after the service this morning to celebrate their milestone birthdays! Dirk turned 85 on September 27 and Florence's 80th birthday is Monday, October 23. All are welcome!

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

Lenore (Lee) Tazelaar went to be with her Lord last Saturday. We extend our Christian sympathy to her daughter **Ellen & Gerry Penczak and their family** along with her extended family and friends here at Faith. A funeral was held at Faith on Friday morning.

Shirley Vroom has been moved to Providence Healthcare. Please remember her in prayer as she adjusts to this move and for relief from pain.

Steve & Sue Weglarz and family thank the congregation for the many prayers for their twin grandsons, Jack and Silas Weglarz. The boys, now 3 months old, are at Lurie's Children's Hospital NICU. Please pray for continued lung development and steady gains.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Ralph Van Kampen** who lives in Park Place of Elmhurst.

Pastor Matthew Lanser will be back in the office this Tuesday after some time away.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School & Catechism do not meet today, but will resume next week.

Young Adult Sunday Evening Get-Together: We'll be getting together every month or so this year for a meal and discussion on Sunday evenings. Join us **tonight** around 7:00 PM (after the evening service). These will be good times to eat together and talk about things that matter.

Have you ever wanted to participate in a serve project but just don't have the time? Why not consider helping with P.A.D.S. It only requires a few hours of your time, and it's right in your backyard, no passport or shots required. We serve once a month through May and you can help as often as you like. Sign-up sheets for November 4 & 5 are in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions please contact Lambert or Judy Bronger, 630-664-9422. Thank you.

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.

Faith Church will be participating in the Angel Tree program again this year. In preparation, we're looking for volunteers to call or text recipient families during the next few weeks. All materials and a script will be provided to you and calls can be made at times that are convenient for you from the comfort of your home. Please contact the church office if you can help, 630-279-1776 or office@faithelmhurst.

Senior Bible Study is studying the book of Ruth this fall. Our next meeting will be this Tuesday, October 24 at 1:15 PM, and we'll be working through Lesson 2 in the study guide. We spend around an hour studying the Bible, and then have a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Christianity and Islam: On November 5 and 12, Dr. Derke Bergsma will be leading a two-week class on Christianity and Islam. Building on last year's *Understanding Islam* course, these two sessions will focus on understanding the Crusades and other Christian-Muslim confrontation, and on discerning similarities and contrasts between Christianity and Islam. The course will meet after the morning service.

The Faith Book Club has chosen *Rescuing the Gospel: the Story and Significance of the Reformation* by Dr. Erwin Lutzer, former senior pastor for the Moody Church in Chicago, for discussion at their next meeting. You are welcome to join us on November 8 at 7 PM at Park Place.

Creative Connections will be held on Thursday, November 9 from 6:30 - 9:30 PM. Let it snow! Create a 10x10" string art snowflake accent piece to sit on your mantel or hang on your wall this holiday season. Cost is \$6.50, please bring a hammer and a needle nose pliers. Sign up today in the narthex to reserve your spot. If you 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 information please contact Susan Middel, 630-656-2801.

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.

We are collecting Christmas cards for prisoners who are taking part in Crossroads 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.

Join us for a special Senior's event at church on November 21 featuring a presentation by historian Leslie Goddard on the life of Eleanor Roosevelt. A catered lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM with the presentation following. Reservations are required. There is a sign-up sheet available in the narthex or you can call the church office to make reservations. The cost for this event is \$22 and payment can be made to the church office or to Cathy Bulthuis. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Cathy Bulthuis, 630-935-1849.

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.

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

We have some copies of the Taste of Faith Cookbooks from 2005 that we would like to give away. The Cookbooks will be at the Welcome Center, first come, first serve until they are all gone.

The Right to Life Diaper Derby has crossed the finish line, and here are the results. Bringing up the rear were "Pull Ups" with 258, lagging behind the front runners were "Huggies" with 834, giving a fine showing and finishing in the end with 1,952 were diapers, but cleaning up on the competition were "Baby Wipes" with 3,708. The big winner was CareNet and their clients who thank you for your generous donations this year.

YOUTH NEWS

Gathering Bonfire and S'mores: High school students are invited to join us from 7:00 – 9:00 PM on October 29 at the Barney's house (1080 S. Prospect Ave.).

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!

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! We will not be meeting tonight!

Servant Leader Trip: All current 8-12th graders are invited to join us for our service trip to Puerto Vallarta, MX from July 7-14, 2018. Registration is available online and due by November 12. Cost: \$450.

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

No Sunday School or Catechism classes today.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Senior Bible Study will meet at 1:15 PM.

The Evangelism Committee will meet at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

Bible Study Fellowship begins at 9:15 AM.

The Gathering/Asylum After Hours at the Barney's home at 3:15 PM.

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Mom2Mom will meet at 9:00 AM.

SERVING FAITH CHURCH

Welcome Team: Maria Kearney

Next Week: Dave Printz

Saratoga Driver: Darrell Stodola

Next Week: Randy Van Dahm

Kitchen: Jim & Kathy Lindemulder, Byron & Cathy Plate*

Next Week: Val Hoving, Mary Huizinga*, Gary & Lisa Vander Naald

Library: Chuck Slinkman

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Audio Visual: Todd Lindemulder, Mike Speelman, Adam Zarek

Next Week: Sue Folkerts, Mike Speelman, Chris Slinkman

Nursery Hostess: Emily Frank

Next Week: Mindy Slinkman

Infant Nursery: Jill Groenewold, Sara Swanson, Nathan Printz

Next Week: Kathleen Glaubke, Harma Slinkman, Etta Veenstra

Toddler Nursery: Kathy Miedema, Ashley Van Byssum, Zach Miedema

Next Week: Sue Dillon, Christina Muruato, Emma Dillon

PM Nursery: Pat Tobin, Hannah Schuringa

Next Week: Jill Veenstra, Grace Veenstra