

Welcome

September 16, 2018

We're glad you're here! You are invited to fill out a blue welcome card from the pew rack and place it in the offering basket. Please don't feel obligated to donate during our offering. Join us for refreshments after church in the Fellowship Hall (go left as you exit).

This Week

Today:

8:45 am Morning Prayer - Rm 2
9:30 am Worship
10:55 am Choir
11:00 am Church School
11:10 am Adult Church School in the library. All are welcome!

Mon:

6:30 pm Prayer Group
6:55 pm Women's Bible Study Fellowship kicks off

Tues:

6:30 pm JOJ Committee – new members welcome!
7:00 pm Council

Weds:

6:30 pm GEMS Theme Night

Sat: GEMS to Camp Tecumseh

Prayer Commitment - Staff of Hogar de Ninos & CasAyuda, Honduras

Save the Date: Awesome Brats and Chili dinner Wed., Oct. 10, 5-7pm.

Our Church Family

Today we will celebrate the infant baptism of Hendrik and Theissen D, twin sons of Kyle and Andrea D!

Gert V, mother of Dale V, Lois S, and Esther V, and aunt to other members, passed away last Sunday. The funeral was held on Thursday. Please remember the V family in your prayers.

Ray D has completed his therapy for his broken hip and is doing very well. He and Jean thank the Faith family for prayers and cards, which were very much appreciated.

Karen B is having out patient breast surgery on Monday, Sept. 17 at the Tinley Woods Surgery Center. Please keep Karen and Bernie in your prayers.

Happy Birthday to Grace W, who will celebrate her birthday on Wednesday, Sept. 19.

Mark & Joyce B are grandparents again! Camden Michael J arrived on Monday. He's 8lbs and 21.5in long. Everyone is doing great!

The G family would like to thank the congregation for the cards, prayers and support after the passing of Bill's dad. He was truly blessed to live 97 years. To God Be the Glory! Bill, Nancy, Mandy, Megan & Lauren.

Upcoming Worship Services

Sept 23 Faith Formation Series: "A Faith That Continues"
2 Timothy 1

Sept 30 Kyle D preaching

Announcements

Church School for students begins today.

Bulletin: Karen V W will be in the office this week. Please have bulletin announcements in by noon on Thursday.

Adult Church School: Join us as we study the questions on the first "That the World May Know Ray VanderLaan video: Cultures in Conflict: Engaging the Mind: Paul in the Stoa of Athens", filmed on location in Athens, Greece. All are welcome.

Trunk or Treat – Join us Saturday, Oct. 13 from 2-4:00 pm for a FREE day of fun for the whole family - trick or treat from car to car, organized games, food, crafts and touch-a-truck. Invite your family and friends!

Trunk or Treat – Decorate your trunk (lots of ideas online) or volunteer to serve beverage & snacks, oversee kids games (games provided), greet/mingle with people, be a parking attendant or roaming security, setup or take down. Sign up on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall. Food donations of apple cider (store bought), rice krispy treats (store bought), and bags of candy to hand out may be placed in the outer office (or refrigerator) by Oct. 7.

Trunk or Treat Info Bags – To have your church or community group informational postcard or flyer included in the info bags we hand out at Trunk or Treat, please put 150 of them in the outer office by Sept. 30.

The JOJ committee welcomes new members! We meet every other Tuesday. The next meeting is Tuesday night at 6:30. Contact Carla W for details.

Honduras Service Trip dates are Jan. 26 – Feb. 2, 2019. Prayerfully consider if God is calling you to show love to the children of Honduras. Contact John and Elaine H or Bob and Cheryl D for more information.

Love INC Personal Care Pantry needs: laundry detergent, shampoo, toilet paper, conditioner, shaving cream (men's & women's), deodorant, & Kleenex. Donations may be placed in the designated box in the foyer. Thanks!

Announcements, cont.

Offering today: *Resonate Global Mission* – denominational agency which sends and supports missionaries in the U.S. and throughout the world.

Rooted: Tonight at 6:00 pm is another worship service in the Ozinga Chapel lobby at Trinity Christian College. All are welcome.

The Elim Dutch Festival is this Sat., Sept. 22. See details in the Community Activities sheet in the foyer or call Cheryl D.

Outreach Ministry Team's Awesome Brats and Chili (and hot dogs) dinner is Wed., October 10 from 5-7pm. Proceeds will benefit Journey of Joy. Desserts and sides/salad donations are appreciated; contact Mary D if you can provide one or the other.

Faith Bible Study will resume on Thursday, October 4 at 7:00pm. We will study Ester for 3 weeks and begin a new book. Please come and join us! See Bruce V L for details.

Worship Service: 9:30 am

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Message Notes

Faith Formation: Faith & Unfaith

Prelude
Welcome
*God's Greeting
*We Greet Each Other
*Invitation to Worship
*Hymn of Praise: *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (grey hymnbook #556)

Baptism
Song: *Jesus Loves Me*

Children's Message
(Children age 3-K leave for Walk-Out Worship downstairs;
guests welcome!)

*Song: *Baptized in Water*

Bible Readings: Luke 8:22-25 (page 1606); Mark 9:14-24 (page 1568)

Message: Faith Formation Series - "Faith and UnFaith"

Prayer

*Response in Song: *Faith Begins by Letting Go*

Announcements
Prayers of the People
Offering: Resonate Global Mission

*Blessing
*Closing Song: *Go My Children*

Message: Pastor Chris P

1. Faith as a gift—Faith as a noun. Something God gives to us to share in the life of Jesus.

*What if faith was like an immunization shot? (once given, permanent, no repeat necessary).

James 2 "You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder."

+Faith is more than knowing stuff (the demons know stuff). It is a trust. Receiving it.

+ "Faith is a deep-rooted assurance created in me by the Holy Spirit." *An assurance that sins are forgiven, we are right with God and have salvation.* Heidelberg #21

2. Exercising Faith—Faith as a verb. Something we cultivate to become more like Christ.

+Luke 8 "Where is your faith" Jesus didn't say that they are without faith, but not exercising it.

*How are you exercising your faith lately? (Faith is a pure gift, but at some point we take responsibility and live with this gift!)

3. Lacking Faith (doubt)

*Is doubt a normal/natural part of faith? How do you engage doubt?

+Mark 9:24, "I believe. Help me with my doubts!" is a great prayer!

*Faith at all phases (gift, exercise) is always about surrender.

Opportunities to Serve

Today

Greeters & coffee servers

Fred & Barb H
John & Bev H
Morgan & Donna A

Roving & after church

Dave P
Jan V L
Wes S

Ushers

Bernie B
Bill B
Pete D

Nursery

Debbie V M
Kim W
Kelsey W

Walk-out worship

Mary Beth F
Norma D

Librarian

Alice W

Garden – Sept. 16-22

Lindsey H
Carla W

Coffee setup – Sept

George & Bev D V
Norma D

Open & close church – Sept

Dale V
Jeff D

Offerings: Last week

General Fund
Calvin Seminary

Next week

Lucian & Jasmine I
Bill & Marilyn J
Bert & Roberta K

Jim D
Karen V W
Bill G

John A
Jim B
Tim Z

Donna (Rich) D
Joan A
Kelsey W

Sue H
Al H

Jane Z

Sept. 23-29

John D
Mitzee D

Next week

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