

Welcome

December 23, 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

Tues:

9:30 am Christmas Worship

Thurs:

5:30 pm Community Meal

Prayer Commitment - Andy & Tine V, Albania

Our Church Family

Fred S had successful knee replacement surgery on Thursday.

Sue and John H's 6-year-old grandson, Reed B, is home! "Thank you so much for all the prayers and support for Reed and our family!"
Sue & John

Gary T's mom, Ruth T, passed away last Sunday. The funeral was Tuesday. Remember the family as they mourn her loss.

Leanne & Caspar G's mail should now be addressed to:

Announcements

Church School is on Christmas break until January 6.

The 2019 budget was approved at the congregational meeting last Sunday.

Council met Tuesday evening, receiving reports from Pastor Chris, Ministry Board, Care, Worship and Outreach teams. It was stated that the memberships of Tim and Amy S and family were transferred to North Street CRC in Zeeland, MI, Melissa B was transferred to Western Springs CRC, and Rachel V was transferred to First CRC, Sioux Falls, SD. May God bless them at their new churches. The council appreciates the giving of this year's Thanksgiving offering. Thanks be to God! Please continue to keep us in your prayers. Faith Council

Worship Participation: There will be a meeting after church on January 6 for all those who have participated in worship at Faith and for those who are interested in participating in the future. We are especially looking for more folks to help with video and to help lead singing in worship. Please contact Jennifer K with any questions.

Community Dinner: Every Thursday night, a free "Community Dinner" is served at a different church in Tinley Park. Faith offers the dinner on the 4th Thursday, which is this week Dec. 27. Doors open at 5pm. Supper is 5:30-6:30. You are welcome to come and encouraged to sit with someone you don't know and get to know them!

Faith Library: Reminder - there are many great *Christmas* books and DVDs for all ages! Check the list that was in your mailbox. If you check out Gideon's Gift or any other book in the *Red Glove Series* by Karen Kingsbury, ask for a pair of red gloves to share with someone.

Tinley Park Food Pantry: Next Sunday is our monthly collection day for the TFPF. All non-perishable food items are appreciated.

Upcoming Worship Services

Dec 25 Christmas Day: "Expect Victory" Revelation 12

Dec 30 "Expect Complete Joy" John 16:17-24 COMMUNION

Jan 6 Pastor Gerry E

Worship Service: 9:30 am

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4th Sunday of Advent

Prelude

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

*Call to Worship

*Song of Praise: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Advent Reading – Love Candle

*Response: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (v. 1,2,4)

*An Advent Lament

*Response: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (v. 6,7)

Children's Message

(Walk-Out Worship children age 3-K leave for downstairs;
guests welcome!)

Prayer of Illumination

Bible Reading: Romans 13:8-14 (page 1765)

Message: *What to Expect When You're Expecting Series:*
'Expect Spiritual Growth'

Prayer

*Song of Response – How He Loves

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Prayers of the People

Offering: Bible League – Serving the under-resourced Church globally
through the provision of Bibles, biblical resources, and training to
transform lives worldwide through God's Word

Offering: "Light of the World"

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn: "Even So Come"

Message: Pastor Chris P

Message Notes

Advent: What to Expect When You're Expecting

Romans 13: Expect Spiritual Growth

WAKE UP!!

+This ties in with Romans 12 "*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...*"

Newness in Jesus Christ for Me

+Consider Paul's exhortation in v. 14 "Clothe yourself in Christ" (He says this in Romans 6 too!) What might it mean for you to make this a habit in your life?

*Do you expect newness? Are you growing in the newness that is already yours??

Newness in Jesus Christ for the World: "Far as the Curse is Found"

"Redemption in Jesus Christ reaches just as far as the fall. The horizon of creation is the same as the horizon of sin and salvation. To conceive of either the fall or Christ's deliverance as encompassing less than the whole of creation is to compromise the biblical teaching of the radical nature of the fall and the cosmic scope of redemption."

+Albert Wolters *Creation Regained*

"We must see [history] as moving toward the goal of a finally restored and glorified universe."

*During Advent pray for the newness of Jesus Christ in the big dramatic ways it is promised.

*Are you an agent of renewal? Does your life bring newness in the places that are broken?

Opportunities to Serve

Today

Greeters & coffee servers

Jim & Jan B
Bernie & Karen B
Alex & Sandee D

Christmas

Bill & Jan B
Brenda & James C
Karen V

Next week

Derk & Sandy D
Jerry & Donna D
John & Mary D

Roving & after church

Dave P
Brad W
Wes S

Sandee D
Jan VL
Rich D

Jim D
Karen V
Fred H

Ushers

Bill J
Bert K
Bernie S

John H
Pete V
Tim Z

Nursery

Donna D
Tiffany S
Matt V

Andy S
Chris S
Hannah V

Kim P
Jan B
Kelsey W

Walk-out Worship

Tom V
Heidi V

Lauren G
Mitzee D

Librarian

Dawn T

Nancy T

Coffee setup – Dec

Ken H
Val H

January

John H
Bev H

Open & close church –Dec

Mark T
Jim D

January

Dale V
Jeff D

Offerings: Last week

General Fund:
Rehoboth Chr. School:

Christmas

World Renew

Next week

Benevolence



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