

Welcome

February 24, 2019

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

Mon:

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

Tues:

7:00 pm Ministry Board

Thurs:

5:30 am Community Meal
7:00 pm Bible Study

Save the dates:

Next Sun. Church Celebration Lunch - 11:30 am
March 6 Ash Wednesday Service @ 7pm

Prayer Commitment: David S, campus ministry pastor at NIU

Our Church Family

"We would like to thank our family at Faith for all the cards & expressions of sympathy in the passing of John's mother, Theresa. We are so thankful & blessed by all the love shown. We praise God!"
John & Bev H

Pastor Chris and Kim are looking for people to help them move to their new house in Tinley Park this Saturday, Mar. 2 at 8 am. If you are able, please let one of them know. Thank you!

Announcements

Council Report: Council met on Tuesday evening. We received reports from Pastor Chris, Ministry Board, Worship, Care and Outreach teams, Elders, Deacons and the Treasurer. Pastor Chris will be joining the Love INC board. We finalized the 2019 council nominees slate. Congregational voting will be Sunday, March 31 through Sunday, April 7 with selections being made on April 14.

Tinley Park Food Pantry donations will be collected today.

Celebration Meal: Join us for lunch next Sunday at 11:30. People whose last names begin with A-L are asked to bring a dessert, M-Z are asked to bring a side (salad, fruit salad, jello, etc). You are invited share with others at your table some of ways you have been blessed at Faith and some hopes and dreams for the years ahead.

Ash Wednesday service is Wed., Mar. 6 at 7pm. It marks the beginning of Lent. We will confess our sins with Psalm 51 and at the end of the service you may receive the sign of the cross in ashes on your forehead or hand as a visual reminder of our salvation in Christ.

STIR Murder Mystery Party (for 20's & 30's singles and couples) is Friday, March 8 at 6:30 pm. RSVP via email to Rachel D by Friday, March 1. You will receive an email with your character. For more details, see our Facebook page – STIR faith tinley. Nursery and Kids Club provided.

WOW still needs gently used Lego and Duplo blocks for our summer curriculum. Place donations in the basket outside the nursery. Thanks!

Bethany Baby Bottles may be returned to the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you forgot yours, please bring it next week or arrange to give it to Brooke A or Kelsey W. Thank you!

Community Dinner: Meet your neighbors at a free community meal here at Faith this Thursday, Feb. 28. Doors open at 5pm. Supper is from 5:30-6:30. You are welcome to come and encouraged to sit with someone you don't know and get to know them!

Adult Church School: Join us in the library at 11:10 today for the DVD, "Mount of Olives: The Triumphal Entry", based on the book *The Rock, The Road, & The Rabbi* with Kathie Lee Gifford & Rabbi Jason Sobel. We won't meet next Sunday due to the lunch.

Worship Service: 9:30 am Feb. 24, 2019

Prelude

God Gathers His People

- *Call to Worship
- *God Greet Us
- *We Greet Each Other
- *Prayer of Preparation
- *Opening Song – *O Church Arise*

*Statement of Faith – Matthew 5:13-16
Song of Dedication – *Lord, I Want to Do Your Will* (Choir)

We Hear God's Word

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

Prayer of Illumination
Bible Reading – Philippians 3:12-21 (page 1829)
Message: **A Colony of Heaven**
Prayer

We Respond to God's Word

*Song of Response – *Take My Life* (PsH #289 v. 1-4)

Announcements
Prayer of the People
Offering: Calvin College – **a Christian academic community in
Grand Rapids, MI supported by the Christian Reformed Church**

God Sends Us with His Blessing

- *Blessing
- *Sending Song – *Take My Life* (PsH #289 v. 5-6)

Message: Pastor Chris P

Upcoming Worship Services

- Mar 3** “Celebrate in the Lord” Philippians 4:1-9 COMMUNION
- Mar 6** “To Dust You Shall Return...Fear NOT!” ASH WEDNESDAY
- Mar 10** “Fear of Inadequacy” Luke 5:1-10

Message Notes

Philippians 3:12-21

A Colony of Heaven

“But our citizenship is in heaven...” Philippians 3:20

Your identity—Citizen of Heaven Our identity—Colony of Heaven

“You are a heavenly Colony” (v.20)

+Philippi is a Roman Colony (many enjoy the benefits of Roman
Citizenship.

Many perhaps would say, “This places reminds me of Rome.”

+Paul tells the church they are heaven’s colony and citizens of this
homeland.

Jesus ultimately is Lord (not “lord” Caesar).

The church now is a colony of heaven made up of heavenly citizens.

“Resident aliens” people who reside but don’t fully fit in or belong.

We aren’t defined and ultimately identified by our familiar
surroundings. There is more!

Being heavenly minded so that we might be earthly good. Church as
colony is meant to be an active (offense) rather than settled in (defensive).

*Your citizenship is in heaven: what are the blessings of this citizenship
you need to remember, what are the responsibilities that you need to
(re)engage?

Citizens of a place we’ve never been

+The heart of all these verses is the good news that God has, is and
will do things for us that we can never do for ourselves. *“By the power
that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform
our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”* (v.21)

*How do you trust that “heaven is for real” and the God of heaven is
worth your total commitment/focus—your ultimate allegiance?

We know a Lord and so have a power and a joy and a comfort the world
will never know on its own. We’re here to point them to that Savior & Lord.
*“I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things
ahead of me. The goal I pursue is the prize of God’s upward call in
Christ Jesus.”* Philippians 3:13-14 Common English Bible

Opportunities to Serve

Today

Greeters & coffee servers

Bill & Marilyn J
Bert & Roberta K
Haley K

Roving & after church

Sandee D
Jan V
Wes S

Ushers

Brad H
Dave L
Dave P

Nursery

Val H
Norma D
Heidi V

Walk-out Worship

Tiffany S
Jack W

Librarian

Dawn T

Coffee setup – Feb.

Karen V
Gwen A

Open & close church – Feb.

John D
Ken S

Offerings

General Fund
Luke Society

Next week

Brian & Tani K
Dave & Sue L
Neal & Nancy M

Jim D
Karen V
Dave V

Jeff D
Bill J
Bernie S

Kim W
Penny D
Anna T

Tani K
Doug T

Norma D

Mar.
Ken H
Val H

Mar.
Rich D
Peter V

Next week
World Renew



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