

Welcome

March 3, 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
Church Lunch

Mon:

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

Tues:

7:00 pm Elders

Weds:

6:30 pm GEMS
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday service

Thurs:

7:00 pm Card Ministry
7:00 pm Bible Study

Fri:

6:30 pm STIR Murder Mystery

Prayer Commitment: Steven K, Back to God Ministries Int'l

Our Church Family

"We would like to thank the congregation for the prayers, visits and food. Their support has been amazing and a true blessing from God. We don't know how to thank them enough. How wonderful to be part of this wonderful church. Thank you to Pastor Chris for visiting me in the hospital. That meant a lot to us." Ed & Linda U

Eleanor & Norman R's son, Ken, stopped chemotherapy and will start a new regimen soon. Pray for good results of recent scans.

The P family has moved! Their new address is in Tinley Park. They no longer have a house phone.

Happy Birthday to Joe S, who will celebrate his 95th birthday on Wednesday, March 6!

Announcements

Celebration Meal: Join us for lunch after church today. You will be invited to share with others at your table some of ways you have been blessed at Faith and hopes and dreams for the years ahead.

Ash Wednesday service is this Wednesday, March 6 at 7pm. Please use the main lobby entrance as GEMS will also be meeting.

STIR Murder Mystery Party - Friday March 8. Please RSVP via email to Rachel D ASAP. You will receive an email with your character. For more details see our Facebook page – STIR faith tinley. Nursery and Kids Club provided.

STIR Pinewood Derby - Friday April 12. The Pinewood derby is open to all. Kits are available for purchase for \$10 each. See flyer in your mailbox for more information. Questions? Check with Rachel D.

Card Ministry will be meeting this Thursday. Please text or call Chris S by Tuesday morning to let her know if you are coming so that enough materials are prepared.

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 bring them to the church office. Thank you!

New Library Resources: The DVD "*Indivisible*" is the true story of Army Chaplain Darren Turner and his wife Heather, who endured the pressures of an army life and his deployment during the 2007 Iraqi war (rated PG-13). [Children in the Woods](#) is Carl Sam's newest photographic book for children. A little girl explores the woods using all of her senses. Pastor Chris recommended [Seeking Refuge](#) by Bauman during *The Church Between Borders* class. We have 2 copies of that book.

Upcoming Worship Services

Mar 6 "A Clean Heart" Psalm 51:10-19 ASH WEDNESDAY

Mar 10 "Fear of Circumstances" Mark 4: 35-41

Mar 17 "Fear of Death" Mark 5:35-43

Worship Service: 9:30 am

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Message Notes

Prelude

God Gathers His People

*Call to Worship

*God Greet Us

*We Greet Each Other

*Prayer of Preparation

*Opening Song – *We Are One in Christ Jesus*

Confession

Song of Response – *I Love Your Church, O Lord* (PsH 510)

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 4:1-9 (page 1829)

Message: **Celebrate in the Lord**

Prayer

We Respond to God's Word

*Song of Response – *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior* (PsH 291: 1-2)

Announcements

Prayer of the People

Offering: World Renew – an agency of the Christian Reformed
Church which responds to needs of people around the world
suffering from poverty, hunger, disaster, and injustice

Communion

God Send Us with His Blessing

*Blessing

*Sending Song – *God Be in My Head* (Choir)

Message: Pastor Chris P

*Communion Note: We serve only gluten-free bread to
accommodate those with allergies.*

**Philippians 4:2-9
Celebrate in the Lord**

Anxiety & Conflict: Paul addresses these two concerns.

Anxiety—“*Do not be anxious about anything.*” *How are you sleeping
(or not) at night?

Conflict—“*I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the
same mind in the Lord.*” *What exactly got between them anyway?

Philippians a letter spilling over with joy is written to people with anxiety
and people likely taking that anxiety out on each other. How does this
influence your perspective of Philippians?

*Is conflict necessary to being the church? Why?

Paul's Prescription: “Have the same mind in the lord”

Paul talks about being like-minded in Philippians 2: “*have the same
mindset as Christ Jesus.*” Sharing the same mind is not having the
same opinion but having Jesus mindset in common.

Jesus Christ is always “between us.” Contrast with conflicts and issues
that get “between us.”

Celebrate in the Lord!!!

Anxiety in our lives is a natural tendency. Conflict is a church default.
God's dream for his people is a joyful celebration. Anxiety isolates us.
Conflict separates us. Celebration united us in what already defines us—
Jesus Christ.

God in his grace invites us to unclench our fists and extend the open
hands of joy. This takes a response to grace.

1-Let Gentleness be evident—The Lord is near. (v.5)

2-Don't be Anxious—pray with thankfulness to the God who cares. (v.6)

3-Focus on the positive—God is present and active in our lives. (v.8)

*When have you had the joy of celebrating in the Lord with God's people

*How do we make this a habit among us?

Opportunities to Serve

Today

Greeters & coffee servers

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

Roving & after church

Jim D
Karen V
Dave V

Ushers

Jeff D
Bill J
Bernie S

Nursery

Kim W
Sue H
Anna T

Walk-out Worship

Tani K
Doug T

Librarian

Norma D

Coffee setup – Mar.

Ken H
Val H

Open & close church – Mar.

Rich D
Peter V

Offerings

General Fund
Calvin College

Next week

Dorothy M
Richard & Christi M
Rich & Judy O

Glenda V
Rich D
George Z

Jim D
Mark T
Morgan A

Rachel D
Deanne S
Hannah V

Lauren G
Sam V

Donna A

Next week

New Leaf Resources



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