

Welcome

March 8, 2020

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
4:30 pm Prayer Group

Mon:

6:55 pm Women's Bible Study Fellowship

Tues:

7:00 pm Deacons
7:00 pm Outreach

Thurs:

8:30 am Breathe
7:00 pm Bible Study

Fri:

6:30 pm STIR

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

Upcoming Worship Services

Mar 15 9:30 am *Meal as Salvation* Luke 22:7-24 COMMUNION

Mar 22 9:30 am *Meal as Promise* Luke 24:36-49

Our Church Family

Linda E passed away on Feb. 28. Her funeral was held Wednesday. Please continue to pray for her family and friends.

Announcements

Note: Due to concerns about the spread of viruses in recent weeks, the elders decided to discontinue the practice of handshakes and greeting each other during the service, but please be creative when greeting visitors and friends before and after church.

Walk Out Worship will be meeting in the old preschool rooms (next to the nursery) for a few weeks while the property team repairs a water leak in the WOW room downstairs.

Easter Lilies, Tulips or Daffodils may be purchased in memory of, or in honor of a loved one and picked up on Easter morning. Order forms are in mailboxes and in the foyer. Please return the form with \$10 per plant to Jan B or the church office by Sunday, March 22.

A Church School teacher is needed for grades 1-4. Anna V needs a replacement due to family circumstances. The remaining dates are: March 15 & 22, Apr. 5, 19, 26, and May 3. Please contact Sam V to volunteer.

Women – Breathe meets Thurs., March 12 from 8:30 - 11:00am. Our Lenten topic is simplicity and fasting as two spiritual practices of self-denial that lead to reorienting our lives to focus on God and things that really matter. Women of all ages welcome! Childcare provided.

Our Go Local Team meets on *Tuesday, March 24 from 7-9 pm* with leaders Ruth K and Pastor Jon H. If you have been asked to participate, please let Pastor Chris or Dave P know .

Pinewood Derby! STIR invites you to participate in pinewood derby races on Friday, April 17, 6:00 pm. See flyers in the foyer for details.

Update: Our Faith Church Campout is Aug.14-16 at Timber-Lee in East Troy, WI. Another church cancelled, so we can reserve more sites! Currently we have 14 water & electric sites (\$78 for the weekend) and 3 primitive tent sites (\$62/ weekend). Go to www.timber-lee.com. Let Nancy G know that you want a site saved ASAP before they are taken. We MUST pay for our reserved sites, so we can't reserve extra.

Teapots needed for a GEMS Mother-Daughter Tea on Weds, March 18. If you have one we could borrow, contact Dawn T or Nancy T.

Worship Service: 9:30 am

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Prelude

God Gathers His People

Welcome

*God Greet Us

*Call to Worship

*Opening Song – *Oh How Good It Is*

Confession

Assurance

Song of Response – *Jesus is Mine* (choir)

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message

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

Lord's Prayer Through Lent: *Your Kingdom Come*

Bible Reading – Luke 19:1-10 (page 1630)

Message: **Meal as Surprise**

Prayer

We Respond to God's Word

*Song of Response – *You Are Mine*

Announcements

Prayer of the People

Offering: Trinity Christian College – a Christian academic community
in Palos Heights, IL supported by the Christian Reformed Church

God Sends Us with His Blessing

*Blessing

*Sending Song – *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

Message: Pastor Chris Pedersen

Message Notes

Luke 19:1-10

Meals with Jesus: Meal as Surprise

Basic House Courtesies

“Don’t just show up at someone’s house. Call before going to someone’s house.”

“So and so is coming. WE NEED TO CLEAN UP THIS MESS!!”

“Zacchaeus!” Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.”

*How would you feel if anyone invited him/herself over to your house on short notice? If it was Jesus would you want even more notice so you could clean up first?

Zacchaeus’ character

+We tend to assume that wee-little Zacchaeus is a nice lad with good intentions who is looking to welcome Jesus to town and his house.

+Those around Zacchaeus didn’t like him: he’s unpleasant and dangerous.

+Was he looking to change? Verse 3—he wanted to get a look at Jesus.

Change Comes Anyway

+“I must be a guest in your home today.” = “It is *necessity*” God’s way of doing salvation. This business about Jesus’ wanting to stay at that particular house was in the end going to be a matter of salvation itself.

+He received Jesus “with joy.” Luke 15 and 3 parables of lost-and-found speak of joy and rejoicing. The “joy” with which this little tax collector received Jesus is the very joy that always crops up when salvation is in the air!

*How does Jesus posture toward Zacchaeus show us God’s heart?

*How does Zacchaeus’ change show us his heart and the joy of salvation?

Opportunities to Serve

Today

Greeters & coffee servers

Karen V
Glenda V
Anna V

Roving & after church greeters

Sue H
Sheryl R

Ushers

Jeff D
Bill B
Bert K

Nursery

Andrea D
Rachel D
Grace H

Walk-out Worship

Anna T
Hannah V

Librarian

Nancy

Coffee setup – Mar.

John H
Bev H

Open & close church – Mar.

Rich D
Pete V

Offerings – Last week

General Fund: \$
SCCS Partnership Fund: \$

Next week

Doug & Dawn T
Pete & Debbie V
Tom & Cindy V

Glenda V
Ken S

John D
Dave L
Brad W

Donna (Rich) D
Bob B
Jack W

Tiffany S
Deklan K

Donna A
Apr.
Mitzee D
Julie V

Apr.
Mark T
Jim D

Next week

Benevolence



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