

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship our Lord and King

**7 January 2018**

**Welcome!** Thanks for joining us! If you're new, please fill out a connect card (found in the bench rack), and drop it in the offering plate when it's passed, or give it to one of the people standing by the doors at the end of the service.

We welcome Rev. Jon Opgenorth, President of Words of Hope this morning. Before moving to Michigan, he served at Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City, Iowa (18 years) and did extensive work as a volunteer with Words of Hope through the years.

## Order of worship

Prelude <i>Worship Team</i>	<i>What a Beautiful Name</i>
Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>Come Thou Fount Glorious Day</i>
Prayer	
Our Giving	<i>Spirit Break Out</i> <i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3</i>
Kingdom Prayers	
Singing	<i>Spirit Break Out Reprise</i>
Message <i>Rev. Jon Opgenorth</i>	<b>In Over Your Head</b> <i>1 Kings 17:1-17 (p.345)</i>
Celebration of Communion	
Singing	<i>Take My Life</i>
Benediction	

## This week at Fourth

<b>Today</b>	<b>Nursery</b>	<i>Erin Meendering, Sarah Parler</i> <i>Next week: Nancy Brinks, Nancy Aukeman</i>
	<b>Children's Worship</b>	<i>Amy Baragar</i> <i>Next week: Amy Baragar</i>
	<b>Greeters</b>	<i>Ron &amp; Marcia Schuur</i> <i>Next week: Bill &amp; Marty Pypier</i>
	<b>Coffee</b>	<i>Mike &amp; Nancy Brinks</i> <i>Bob &amp; Connie Scherpenisse</i> <i>Next week: Kurt &amp; Dawn Faasse</i> <i>Micah &amp; Erin Meendering</i>
	11:00 AM 11:15 - Noon 5:00 PM	<b>Kids Praise Team</b> <b>Christian Education</b> <b>Youth Group</b> <i>at church</i>
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 PM	<b>GEMS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM 6:45 PM  8:15 PM	<b>Women's Bible Study</b> <b>Deacons/Elders</b> <i>those who feel led to confess their faith, desire baptism or transfer, are encouraged to contact Pastor Eric</i> <b>Consistory Meets</b> <i>Yes it is this Tuesday :)</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM 6:00 PM 6:45 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> <i>at New Beginnings</i> <b>Kid's Hope Party</b> <b>Yoga</b> <b>Alzheimer's Support Group</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 AM	<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b> <i>at Rest Haven</i>

## Praise and Prayer

Pray for wisdom and discernment for the **consistory** as they meet on Tuesday.

**Ephraim Parler** had a 24-hour EEG/sleep study done this past week. It was determined he has Benign Rolandic Epilepsy - atypical activity that can lead to seizures. We give thanks for clear answers and also thankful it is generally something kids outgrow and not too severe.

## Announcements

### Mission of the Month - Words of Hope (WOH)

Our offerings this month and in July for WOH will go for ministry efforts in modern day Persia, the nation of Iran. Their primary religious groups are Sunni and Shi'i, the two largest branches of Islam, with the overwhelming majority of Iranians practicing Shi'i Islam. The focus of our giving this month (January 21) and in July will be to support the work of WOH in Iran. Rev. Opgenorth today and a short video next week will explain the ministry efforts in Iran.

### Kids Hope USA

**Christmas Party** will be this Wednesday from 6 - 8pm. Pray for good weather!

**Mentors** - Enjoy connecting with your students this week!

### Alzheimer's Support Group

Bethlehem Intergenerational Center will have two people present their ministry to us on Wednesday. (We are thankful they are able to come this month as our December meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.) We will hear about the ministry and they will provide written material and have a Q&A with us. If you would like to join us this week, please do. Questions, see Tom Boehm.

### Mission Groups

Next Sunday, January 14, will be the last day to sign up for Mission Groups. These groups will begin meeting toward the end of January. If you want to dig into following Jesus together, serving, and sharing God's love, this is a key way to do so! If you have questions about the groups, see the FAQ sheet on the back table or talk to Branson or Pastor Eric.

### Appreciation

A very warm-hearted thank you to the special friends who came to our Christmas party. Continue in faithful prayers for the GEMS!

- Nancy Aukeman

### Digital Citizenship

Smartphones. Social media. Bullying. Mental health and suicide. How do we as parents help our kids engage wisely with today's technology? Mark your calendars for Saturday, Feb. 24! Brian & Becky Telzerow will be joining us from 9:30-11:30 to lead us in considering our call to be responsible stewards of this technology. Although especially aimed at parents, all are welcome to attend!

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to Redeem Our Community



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Jesus together, serve others, and  
share God's love

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