

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship our Lord and King

15 April 2018

Welcome! Thanks for coming. We especially welcome those who have joined us for **GEMS Sunday**. 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.

This morning we also welcome the girls from our GEMS program who will help lead us in worship. Our sermon today will focus on their program theme, which is "In His Steps." We'll be looking at 1 John to see what it means to follow in the steps of Jesus, and the importance of our life expressing our faith.

Order of worship

Prelude <i>Worship Team</i>	<i>Yes and Amen</i>
Welcome	
Singing	<i>Hosanna Praise Is Rising How Great Thou Art Jesus, Your Name</i>
GEMS	
Our Giving <i>GEMS Offering</i>	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3</i>
Kingdom Prayers	
Message <i>Pastor Eric Schalk</i>	In His Steps <i>1 John 2:1-6 (p.1183)</i>
Singing	<i>Step By Step</i>
Benediction	



This week at Fourth

Today	Nursery	<i>Sandy Moll, Micah Meendering Next week: Erin Meendering, Suzanne Bolt</i>
	Children's Worship	<i>Amy Baragar, Jaiden, Anna Next week: Alaina Dobkowski, Erin, Kate</i>
	Greeters	<i>Bob & Connie Scherpenisse Next week: Beth Rossiter</i>
	Coffee	<i>Bob & Kathy Burggraaf Ed & Noreen Reitsma Next week: Eric & Julie Schalk Tim & Maria Dorn</i>
	11:00 AM 11:15-noon 5:00 PM	Kids Praise Team Christian Education <i>for adults and youth</i> Youth Group
Monday	6:00 PM	GEMS <i>end of year celebration</i>
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study <i>in the fireside room</i>
Wednesday	6:30 AM 6:45 PM	Men's Bible Study <i>at New Beginnings</i> Yoga
Thursday	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry <i>at Rest Haven</i>
Saturday	2:00 PM	Women's Self Defense Class

Praise & Prayer

We give thanks **Ed Reitsma** is slowly recovering from pneumonia. Continue to pray for healing and strength.

Pray for **Pastor Eric** as he leaves this coming Saturday for a week-long spiritual retreat in Georgia. Pray that he would have a spirit-filled week as he spends guided time reflecting on the goodness and love of God. Because of the nature of the retreat, please contact the office or your elder if a need arises.

Announcements

Mission of the Month - Joel & Marilyn Van Dyke

Continue to pray for the Van Dykes as they have moved their "office" from Guatemala to Sarasota, Florida. The Urban Training Collaborative and Joel's role with Resonate Global Mission (previously called Christian Reformed World Missions) facilitating Urban Mission innovation is exploding with opportunity for ministry. Pray for the family as they navigate through the months ahead. Our offering for the Van Dykes will be received next Sunday.

FYI

This morning the GEMS will have crafts to sell to raise money for field trips for next year. Tomorrow will be the final event for the year. Special friends, moms, sisters, etc are invited to attend at 6pm.

Next Sunday Branson Parler will be preaching and on April 29 Aaron Wetzel will be leading us.

Kids Hope

We give praise that Don Coutchie has joined the Kids Hope team and will begin mentoring a first grade student as soon as Parental Consent has been received.

Self Defense Class

Ladies from middle school and up are invited to a Self Defense Class at 4th this Saturday, April 21 from 2 - 4pm. Krystal New, a self defense instructor, will be leading the class. Please sign up and contact Sarah Parler if you have any questions.

Testing, Testing 123

The worship team is looking for volunteers to join our existing team to run sound on Sundays. If you have ever had an interest, or think that you might, Steve Burggraaf will be holding a training seminar on Saturday, April 28 from 10-11:30am. You will learn the basics of how a sound system is designed, simple mixing techniques, and how to troubleshoot common issues. You are under no obligation to volunteer if you attend, so sign up today!

Mission Trip

This summer we'll be partnering with World Renew in the Detroit area. Parts of Detroit are still recovering from the historic flooding that took place in the summer of 2014. We have the opportunity to come alongside this recovery effort and share Jesus' love in a very real way. This trip is open to everyone who is in middle school or above at Fourth. People of all skill levels are needed to work together to help reconstruct homes and buildings damaged by the flood. We will be going on Friday, June 22, and returning on Monday, June 25. If you are interested in learning more about this trip, please sign up this morning and also come to the fireside room immediately following the morning service.

Christian Ed Opportunity: Intersections of Faith, Hospitality, and Disability

Come join us as we welcome Terry DeYoung to our Christian education hour after church (11:15-12:00) on May 6, 13, and 20. Terry is the Coordinator for Disability Concerns in the RCA. This class will explore a variety of Bible passages dealing with disability, paying close attention to places where faith, hospitality, and disability intersect. We will examine several theological and biblical perspectives and consider how the church can and how the church body is complete when we welcome and engage people with disabilities. We hope you can make it!

- The Inclusion Team

Sermon Notes:
