

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship our Lord and King

6 May 2018

Welcome! Thanks for coming. 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 welcome the girls from our GEMS program and their families/friends! The GEMS will help lead our worship in various ways.

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	
Call to Worship	
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>
Celebration of Communion	
Singing	<i>Step By Step</i>
Benediction	

This week at Fourth

Today	Nursery	<i>Julie Gleason, Erin Berrevoets Next week: Lynn Simone, Josh, Dave G.</i>
	Children's Worship	<i>Amy Coeling, Eliana, Kara Next week: Julie Gleason, Caden, Anna</i>
	Greeters	<i>Bob & Lynn Berthiaume Next week: Tom & Norma Boehm</i>
	Coffee	<i>Norm & Gina Schalk Scott & Melissa Schalk Next week: John & Caren Bills</i>
	11:00 AM 11:15-noon	Kids Praise Team <i>last Sunday</i> Christian Education <i>for adults and youth</i>
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study <i>in the fireside room</i>
Wednesday	6:30 AM 9:30 AM 6:45 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study <i>at New Beginnings</i> Kids Hope Leadership Team Meeting Yoga Alzheimer's Support Group <i>fireside room</i>
Thursday	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry <i>at Rest Haven</i>

Praise & Prayer

Pray for **Julie Schalk** as she undergoes foot surgery on Friday. Pray for a successful surgery and her two month healing process.

Pray for **Gary Proos** as he was admitted to the hospital Wednesday with human metapneumovirus (hMPV) - a respiratory virus. Pray for healing and encouragement as he struggles once again with his health due to his weakened immune system.

Praise God for a great spiritual retreat! I had an incredible week with thirty other men encountering the love of God. Thank you for all of your prayers while I was away. God is good!! - **Pastor Eric**

Pray for **Gary & Rachel de Leon** our missionaries for the month of May as they work to put at-risk youth in the job market through a new program they are developing. Pray God would provide funding for the Community Center.

Announcements

Mission of the Month - Gary & Rachel de Leon

Their focus since the beginning of this year in Guatemala has been to launch a vocational program for low-income high school graduates so they can be better prepared and skilled for the job market. This new ministry is called CCEE - Community Center for Employment and Entrepreneurship. For the past five years they have seen a great need for a program that would put at-risk youth in the job market once they have completed their studies. Our offering for the de Leons will be May 20.

GEMS

Thank you, thank you, thank you to Kristi, the GEMS volunteers, special friends, treat providers, prayer warriors, parents..... There are many of you who have volunteered and supported this group in various ways this past school year. Ministries do not happen without you!

This morning we will take an offering for the GEMS' headquarters and the girls will also be selling crafts to raise money for field trips next year following worship in the fellowship hall.

Kids Hope

Leadership Team Meeting will be held on May 9 at 9:30am.

No Prayer Gathering today to give you the opportunity to attend the Christian ed class.

Intersections of Faith, Hospitality, and Disability

We welcome Terry DeYoung this morning and the next two Sundays as she leads our discussion during the Christian ed time (11:15-12:00). 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.

Meals

There are still a few blank spots where you can sign up and bless the Schalk family with meals following Julie's foot surgery. Thank you!!

Appreciation

I want to thank my church family for the love and support you have given me through this difficult time of suddenly losing a sister. Your cards, words spoken and especially your prayers have been a true blessing to me. -

Marcia Schuur

Blow the Trumpet!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 19 at 3pm at Fourth for a sacred assembly of praise and prayer on the eve of Pentecost Sunday. Contact Regina Riley for more information: 616.834.8602.

In His Steps
1 John 2:1-6
Pastor Eric Schalk

Sermon Notes: