

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

2 July 2017

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.

How do we handle disappointment and discouragement? In our text today, we'll see Moses and Israel at one of their lowest moments. Deliverance isn't happening how they expected, and they are ready to give up. This morning we'll consider God's response to their discouragement, and what it means for us today, as we struggle with the realities of life.

Order of worship

Prelude *Holy Is The Lord*
Worship Team

Call to Worship

Singing *Always*
I Will Praise Him Still

Prayer

Our Giving *Meekness and Majesty*
Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3

Kingdom Prayers

Singing *Bring The Rain*

Message **Losing Hope**
Pastor Eric Schalk *Exodus 5:22-6:12 (p.59)*

Celebration of Communion

Singing *It Is Well With My Soul*

Benediction

This week at Fourth

Today	Nursery	<i>Sarah Parler, Nancy Aukeman</i> <i>Next week: Beth Rossiter, Erin Meendering</i>
	Children's Worship	<i>Betsy Couthie, Travis, Eliana</i> <i>Next week: Julie Gleason, Caden, Ellie</i>
	Greeters	<i>Nancy Aukeman, Jean Stadt</i> <i>Next week: Dianne Waterloo, Sandy Moll</i>
	Coffee	<i>Ralph & Lynn Simone</i> <i>Bob & Connie Scherpenisse</i> <i>Next week: Mike & Becky Berrevoets</i> <i>Bill & Marty Pyper</i>
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study <i>will not meet</i>
Wednesday	6:30 AM 6:45 PM	Men's Bible Study <i>at Grand Coney</i> Yoga
Thursday	10:00 AM 12:00 - 6:30 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry <i>at Rest Haven</i> New City Cafe <i>is open for business</i>

Announcements

Mission of the Month - Words of Hope

In January 2017, Rev David Bast stepped down as president of Words of Hope (WOH) but continues to serve in their broadcast ministry. You will be introduced to the new president on July 16 through a video. WOH provides gospel-centered media in some of the hardest-to-reach places in the world. They share the Good News among people suffering from poverty, hard-to-get-to geography, or social antagonism toward Christianity. Our mission offering will be taken July 23.

Mission Focus Group

Norm Schalk's care group will meet in room 1 at 11:15 this morning. **This is the last Sunday groups are meeting**, so if you haven't participated in this discussion yet, make sure you join in this morning!

Church Office

Please note the church office will be closed Monday and Tuesday this week.

New City Neighbors

New City Cafe is open on Thursdays from 12:00-6:30pm! We started with baked goods last week and we plan to serve pizzas this Thursday!

We are so thankful for Fourth's support as we launch this new social enterprise that not only has tasty food but provides new opportunities for youth employment and job skills training. We invite the Fourth family to come out and enjoy the cafe and fellowship with friends and neighbors on the patio. We hope this will be a new community gathering space of hospitality!

A few logistical changes: Our focus this summer is on creating a successful cafe experience for those who visit the cafe, as well as for the students who are working. The middle school bakery is now a part of New City Cafe. As we get started, you'll notice some menu changes and that we are currently not accepting orders. Please don't hesitate to reach out to ask any questions: alainad@newcityneighbors.org or (616) 970-4817.

TRIP - Credit this year: \$1,203. The TRIP office will be closed this week. All orders received will be filled next week. Thank you!

Men's Softball

There will be no game this week due to the holiday.

North End Community Ministry

We've done it! \$150,00 worth of receipts were collected from D&W and Family Fare for the North End Community Ministry (NECM). NECM was one of three organizations in Michigan who reached that goal, and it wouldn't have happened without your help! A check for \$1,000 will be sent from the Spartan stores to help this ministry. Thank you to Don and Betsy for encouraging us to participate.

Race the Power of an Allusion - Our second movie night in this series on race is happening Wednesday, July 12 at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. Join us as we learn more about the way racism has impact our lives, and what it means to be people of reconciliation.

Praise and Prayer

Happy Birthday to America! We give thanks to God for his grace, provision and freedom that we can enjoy in this country. We also give thanks for the men and women who have suffered and given their lives to help make this freedom possible.

Pray for the **Mission & Vision Team** (Mike Bolt, Brian & Becky Tubergen, Steve Burggraaf, Steve Wammack, Bob Scherpenisse, Wendy Wetzel, Beka McDowell, Dianne Waterloo, Pastor Eric) as they begin working through the data we have collected and what God is shaping us to be as a church.

Fourth Reformed

A Community Redeemed
to Redeem Our Community



Seeking to be a joyful, welcoming community that is transformed by the gospel, nurtured in God's Word, and led by His Spirit to redeem the city and beyond.

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