

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship our Lord and King

3 December 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.

This morning is the first Sunday of Advent, the time of year that encourages us to take up a position of watchful waiting. Advent points us to the birth of Christ where we see God's love radiantly on display. This time of Advent will encapsulate the last segment of our mission series as we focus on how we are to share God's love.

Order of worship

Prelude	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i>
<i>Noreen & Kyle Reitsma</i>	
Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i> <i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i> <i>Emmanuel</i> <i>All Hail King Jesus, All Hail Emmanuel</i>
Advent Wreath	
Prayer	
Our Giving	<i>What Child Is This?</i>
<i>Noreen & Kyle Reitsma</i>	<i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3</i>
Kingdom Prayers	
Worship Team	<i>Imagine</i>
Message	Joyful Proclamation
<i>Pastor Eric Schalk</i>	<i>Luke 1:67-79 (p 992)</i>
Celebration of Communion	
Singing	<i>Beautiful Savior</i>
Benediction	

This week at Fourth

Today	Nursery	<i>Jeni Wammack, Melissa Schalk</i> <i>Next week: C. Scherpenisse, B. Coutchie</i>
	Children's Worship	<i>Amy Coeling, Anna, Eliana</i> <i>Next week: Julie Gleason, Caden, Ellie</i>
	Greeters	<i>Mike & Becky Berrevoets</i> <i>Next week: Dave & Julie Gleason</i>
	Coffee	<i>Norm & Gina Schalk</i> <i>Nick & Alaina Dobkowski</i> <i>Next week: Ken & Amy Coeling</i> <i>Greg & Leslie Hawkins</i>
	11:00 AM	Kids Praise Team
	11:15 AM	Budget Meeting
	11:15 - Noon	Christian Education
	5:00 PM	Fuel
	5:00 PM	Youth Group
Monday	6:00 PM	GEMS
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
	6:45 PM	Deacons/Elders <i>those who feel led to confess their faith, desire baptism or transfer, are encouraged to contact Pastor Eric</i>
	8:15 PM	Consistory Meets
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study <i>at New Beginnings</i>
	6:45 PM	Yoga

Praise and Prayer

Tim and Maria Dorn would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, flowers and the many rides that have been given following Maria's accident. Your prayers for complete healing and patience as Maria continues to recover and will be off from work until mid-January are greatly appreciated.

Continue to pray for the **Parlers** as they seek answers to some of the health concerns **Ephraim** has experienced. Some progress is being made with test results and they are now waiting for a 24-hour EEG to be scheduled to determine exactly what is going on.

Announcements

Our Missionaries of the Month are Jeff & Lisa Boehm

The Boehms are serving in Bangkok, Thailand with Youth With a Mission. Jeff is the Executive Director of YWAM's Project LIFE Foundation (<http://www.ywamthai.org/projectlife>), which is a group of 15 ministries that share Jesus' love with the poor and marginalized people in Thailand. Lisa serves as the head of the YWAM Bangkok Community Team, providing opportunities for staff to experience worship, teaching, fellowship and support. She also works with persecuted Christians from Pakistan who are seeking asylum in Thailand. We will focus on her work this month. The offering for the Boehms will be received on December 17.

Budget Meeting

We will meet today at 11:15 in the sanctuary to vote on the budget.

Advent

This Sunday begins a new church year and the start of Advent. In this season, we remember Israel's waiting for the coming of the Messiah. We pray and long for God's coming in new ways into our lives and into history. We look forward with hope and longing for the return of Jesus as King. To help guide us in this season, there is a sheet in your mailbox with verses, images, and a prayer for each day of Advent.

Reminder

Cards for our shut-ins: Vera Baar, Peggy Blanksma, Barb Blystone, Connie Larson, Charlton Meyer and Tim Randall are due by next Sunday! The box is out under the sign-up table.

Kids Hope USA

Christmas Party will be held on December 13 from 6-8pm. After we enjoy a ham dinner together, Kathy Miedema, Ventriloquist, will present the Christmas story. Kids Hope volunteers, please plan to attend and make your reservation by December 10. If you're able to help with our Christmas gift bags for our families, please place your monetary donation in an envelope marked "Kids Hope Christmas" and place it in the offering plate TODAY!

GEMS Special Friends

Information on your special friend is in your mailbox today. There are no pictures included at this time. Our annual Christmas Party will be on December 18 at 6:00 PM. Call Laura O'Brock with any questions.

The King's Choraliars Christmas Concert

You're invited to attend the King's Choraliars Christmas Concert on December 10 at 7:30 PM at LaGrave Ave. Christian Reformed Church, 107 LaGrave Avenue SE. They will be joined by Strike, a percussion ensemble from Caledonia Middle & High School. Free admission. A freewill offering will be taken.



Empowered by the Spirit to follow
Jesus together, serve others, and share
God's love

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