

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

16 December 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 is the third Sunday of Advent, and we'll be looking at the arrival of the Magi. Through this passage we'll see how God defies expectations to invite people into his kingdom.

Order of worship

Prelude <i>Worship Team</i>	<i>Welcome to Our World</i>
Welcome	
Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i> <i>Come and Worship</i>
Advent Wreath	
Prayer	
Our Giving	<i>Offering</i> <i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3</i>
Kingdom Prayers	
Message <i>Pastor Eric Schalk</i>	Radical Hospitality 3 - God Invites <i>Matthew 2:1-12 (p.934)</i>
Singing	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>
Benediction	

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Nursery	<i>Betsy Coutchie, Lynn Berthiaume</i> <i>Next week: Sarah Parler, Becky Tubergen</i>
	Children's Worship	<i>Haju Kim, Addie</i> <i>Next week: Abbie Schalk, Eliana, Kate</i>
	Greeters	<i>Jeff & Erin Broene</i> <i>Next week: Dave & Julie Gleason</i>
	Coffee	<i>Beth Rossiter, Nancy Aukeman</i> <i>Scott & Melissa Schalk</i> <i>Next week: Don & Betsy Coutchie</i> <i>Tom & Norma Boehm</i>
	11:00 AM 11:15-Noon 5:00 PM	Kids Praise Team Christian Education Youth Group
Monday	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	GEMS Christmas Party Women's Study <i>book of Mark</i>
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study <i>in the fireside room</i>
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study <i>at New Beginnings</i>
Thursday	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry <i>at Rest Haven</i> Men's Bible Study <i>book of Romans</i>
Saturday	9:00 AM	Program Practice & Pizza <i>pick up at noon</i>

Announcements

Family Meeting

We will gather in the fellowship hall after the worship service this morning to review and approve our 2019 budget. We'll also spend time talking briefly about the new nomination process, and a new opportunity for our church in 2019.

Christmas Program & Practice

Youth in grades 8th and under will practice today from 11:15 to noon. They will again have practice on Saturday at 9 am, with pizza at 11:30 and pick up at noon. We look forward to their program next Sunday. Thank you to Julie for all the time and effort she puts into it all!!

Christmas Day

Be thinking of who you can invite on Christmas to our 10 am service!

Mission of the Month - Jeff & Lisa Boehm, Bangkok, Thailand

Radical Hospitality was a big part of the Boehm's life this past summer as they helped plan for and orchestrate a huge YWAM Together gathering in Pattaya held in September. Over 3,000 YWAMers from many nations had the opportunity to worship, be refueled for ministry, and shine the light of Jesus into the city of Pattaya. They went to the streets, schools, prisons, encountered tourists, distributed Bibles, and shared the gospel through the arts, music, and sports. Breakout groups helped in forming partnerships among like-minded YWAM ministries in different countries. It was a feast of knowledge and inspiration among cultures and generations. As volunteers and participants in this gathering, Jeff, Lisa, and their four children experienced a mountain-top encounter with God and left refreshed in their mission to be used by God to continue their part in sharing the love of Jesus with the predominantly Buddhist country of Thailand. Our offering for the Boehms will be received next Sunday.

Potluck and Christmas Carols

All are welcome next Sunday, Dec. 23, at 5 pm at the church for a potluck followed by a time of singing Christmas songs together.

New Member Class

Starting in January, we will be having a new members class. We'll meet three Thursdays in a row to talk about theology, our denomination, and what it means to be a part of the Fourth family. If you're new, a long-time visitor, or just want a refresher, sign up today! The first class will be Thursday, January 10 at 7:00 pm.

Creston Area Combined Church Service

On Sunday, December 30 at 6:30 pm, we are invited to New City Church for a combined year-end worship service. We will enjoy a time of singing, and then an open mic to share stories of God's faithfulness throughout the year. The service will end with communion, and a time of fellowship with cookies. This is another great chance to worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in our neighborhood.

Quest Bible Study

The Quest Bible Study Group will not meet in December. See you January 15. If you have questions or would like to join us, see Beka McDowell. It's not too late to start!

Save These Dates

- January 4-5 starting at 7:00 pm is the youth All Nighter at 4th. Pick up will be 8:30 am with all sorts of games, food, and fun in between!
- The evening of February 9 will be a Murder Mystery Dinner hosted and served by the Youth Group including a fantastic dinner and childcare included in the ticket price of \$25. More details coming soon!

Prayer

Be in prayer for strength and healing for Fran Bolthuis. The family is requesting no visitors at this time so he can rest.



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