

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship our Lord and King

7 April 2019

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.

Today is GEMS Sunday, which means the GEMS will be leading us in worship through song, Scripture, and even a skit. The theme for GEMS this year is *Be a Blessing*. We will explore what that means today by looking at the promise God made to Abraham.

Order of worship

Prelude <i>Worship Team</i>	<i>Blessed Be Your Name</i>
Welcome	
Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>Come Thou Fount</i>
GEMS	<i>Everlasting Love</i> <i>Bless the World</i> <i>The Blessing</i> <i>Romans</i>
Prayer	
Our Giving <i>Offering for GEMS</i>	<i>Step By Step</i> <i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3</i>
Kingdom Prayers	
Message <i>Pastor Eric Schalk</i>	Be a Blessing <i>Genesis 12:1-5 (p.11)</i>
Celebration of Communion	
Singing	<i>May the Peace of God</i>
Benediction	

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Nursery	<i>N. Brinks, N. Aukeman, J. Schalk</i> <i>Next week: S. Newman, T. Eising</i>
	Children's Worship	<i>Sydney, Erin, Breanna</i> <i>Next week: Erin Broene, Kate, Jaidyn</i>
	Greeters	<i>Ralph & Lynn Simone</i> <i>Next week: Skip & Sue Hawkins</i>
	Coffee	<i>Mike & Suzanne Bolt</i> <i>Marty Berthiaume, Mary Kay Townley</i> <i>Next week: Tim & Maria Dorn</i> <i>Scott & Melissa Schalk</i>
	11:00 AM 11:15 AM - Noon	Kids Praise Team Christian Education
Monday	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	GEMS Women's Bible Study <i>in room 1</i>
Tuesday	10:00 AM 6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study <i>in fireside room</i> Consistory Meets
Wednesday	6:30 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study <i>at New Beginnings</i> Alzheimer's Support Group
Thursday	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry <i>at Rest Haven</i> Men's Bible Study <i>in fireside room</i>

Prayer & Praise

As you read the update from **Gary & Rachel de Leon** last week in your email, you noticed they are short \$800 each month. Be in prayer if God is calling you to sign up and personally support our missionaries in Guatemala. We want them to be able to go about doing the Lord's work they are called to and not have to worry about finances. Contact the office with any questions or email them at garyracheldeleon@gmail.com.

Remember to keep praying over the person God is leading you to invite for our **Easter** breakfast and service. Pray for an openness to the invitation, and a heart ready to receive the gospel!

Announcements

Palm Sunday

We look forward to our children singing next Sunday. If your child would like to wave a palm and is not singing, please meet in the narthex area before the service begins. Kids who are singing need to be ready to practice upstairs at 9:10.

Good Friday Service

On Friday, April 19, we will once again join with Creston CRC, and New City Church for a joint Tenebrae Service. The night will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner, followed by a service of worship and reflection at 7:00 pm. If you are able to help with set up, clean up, or nursery, please sign up.

Easter Breakfast

Our annual Easter breakfast will be at 8:30 - 9:30 with our worship service beginning at 10:00. Norm Schalk will be organizing the breakfast, so if you are willing to help, please talk to him, Pastor Eric or indicate your willingness on the online sign-up or on the sign-up table.

Mission of the Month - Joel & Marilyn Van Dyke

Transitioning from Guatemala to Florida, Joel is the Director of the Urban Training Collaborative (UTC), which is a network of urban ministry training hubs around the world. UTC equips urban community leaders, churches and organizations seeking to love their cities into greatness as ambassadors of urban shalom.

Mission Offering

\$1203 was collected for Mission India. Thank you for your support!

Kids Hope USA

Easter Celebration with our Kids Hope students and their families will be held on April 17 from 6 to 8 pm. Weather permitting, we will begin with an Easter egg hunt, followed by dinner, an Easter message by Branson Parler and games. Kids Hope volunteers, plan to attend this fun evening with our families and make your reservation by April 14.

Mentors our mentoring schedule resumes tomorrow. Only 7 more weeks of mentoring .. let's finish strong!

Fourth's Alzheimer Support Group

You are invited to join us this Wednesday, April 10, at 7:00 pm to hear about what steps you should take if a loved one has been recently diagnosed with dementia. Sean Patrick Cox will provide a general overview of elder law which will include: estate planning, wills, trusts, durable power of attorneys and patient advocates. He will also discuss VA benefits as well as Medicaid benefits for nursing care. Please call Tom Boehm at 616-662-4525 and leave a message by Monday, April 8, if you are planning to attend.

Missions Stay Info Meeting

We will have a meeting at 11:00 am on April 14 in the fireside room, before CE starts, to answer questions and give more information on how the Missions Stay works. If you are a youth group parent or are thinking you might want to help that weekend, please plan on attending!

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