

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship  
our Lord and King

2 June 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.

This morning we step into the interlude between the sixth and seventh trumpet. In this brief scene, John is asked to eat a bittersweet scroll as he is recommissioned to prophecy on behalf of God. We'll explore what eating this scroll meant for John, and what it means for us today as well.

## Order of worship

Prelude *At Your Great Name*  
*Worship Team*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Singing *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*  
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
*Mighty to Save*

Prayer

Our Giving *As We Seek with Jesus Draw Me Close*

Kingdom Prayers

Message **The Bittersweet Scroll**  
*Pastor Eric Schalk* *Revelation 10 (p.1198)*

Communion

Singing *In Christ Alone*

Benediction

This week at **Fourth**

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**Today**      **Nursery**      *Scott Schalk, Beka McDowell*  
*Next week: Leslie Hawkins, L. Berthiaume*

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**Greeters**      *Beth Rossiter, Barb Funckes*  
*Next week: Tom & Norma Boehm*

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**Coffee**      *Branson & Sarah Parler*  
*Steve & Jeni Wammack*  
*Next week: Kurt & Dawn Faasse*  
*Micah & Erin Meendering*

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11:00 AM      **Why Pray? Meeting** *in fireside room*  
5:00 PM      **Youth Group**

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**Tuesday**      10:00 AM      **Women's Bible Study** *in fireside room*

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**Wednesday**      6:30 AM      **Men's Bible Study** *at New Beginnings*

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**Thursday**      10:00 AM      **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *at Rest Haven*  
7:00 PM      **Men's Bible Study** *in fireside room*

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## Prayer & Praise

**Gail Spangler** continues to struggle but is back home. Pray that Gail would continue to heal from her treatment, and that God would restore her strength. Pray for Mark to find moments of rest as he cares for Gail.

**General Synod** will be held June 6-11. Pray for denominational leaders as they wrestle with how to lead the RCA forward and pray that God would be glorified through these meetings.

**Jeff Stephan** is still recovering from quadruple bypass. Pray for continued strength and faith in the days ahead.

We give thanks **Cora Kuiper** has completed cycle 1 of her new chemo treatments and reports have shown it to be beneficial! She started this past Friday with cycle 2. Pray the chemo will continue to be effective and the side effects minimal. Pray also for her husband, Dan, (Joy's brother) that he will be encouraged and feel the peace of our Heavenly Father through this already long and difficult journey.

## Announcements

### Mission of the Month - Words of Hope

Iran, also known as Persia, is known as a closed country to the Bible where its Christians cannot worship freely. Christians within its borders who are caught often face imprisonment, physical abuse, harassment and discrimination. And yet Iran is currently the country with the fastest growing church in the world. The next two weeks you will hear the story of Fatimeh, whose life has been touched by the gospel.

### Update

Pastor Eric will begin a two-week vacation starting this afternoon. Please contact the office or your elder/deacon for any needs. Branson Parler will be leading us in worship the next two Sundays.

### Wedding Shower

Come and support our bride-to-be, Laura Montalvo, at a shower on Wednesday, June 26 at 7 pm at church. She is registered at Target, Bed Bath & Beyond and they have a knot.com website. The gift of money can be given to Marcia Schuur or Dianne Waterloo by June 16. The sign-up sheet is out for you today!

### Why Pray?

This morning we'll have a short meeting at 11:00 am in the fireside room to talk briefly about how our homes can become "houses of prayer." We'll talk about a helpful resource, the book "Why Pray?" and how we can partner together to pray for the neighborhood around Fourth and the other neighborhoods where we're at throughout the city. If you desire to see God's kingdom grow, please join us!

### Radical Mentoring

Radical Mentoring is an opportunity for men at Fourth to meet once a month over nine months to discuss topics such as godly character, leadership, prayer, marriage, and mentoring. It is designed after a book titled "Mentor Like Jesus" by Regi Campbell. Our Radical Mentoring journey will begin in September 2019. Men are encouraged to join Tom Boehm and Bob Scherpenisse in the fireside lounge at 11:15 next Sunday to hear more about Radical Mentoring. The vision is to help men live God-centered lives and fulfill their God-given potential.

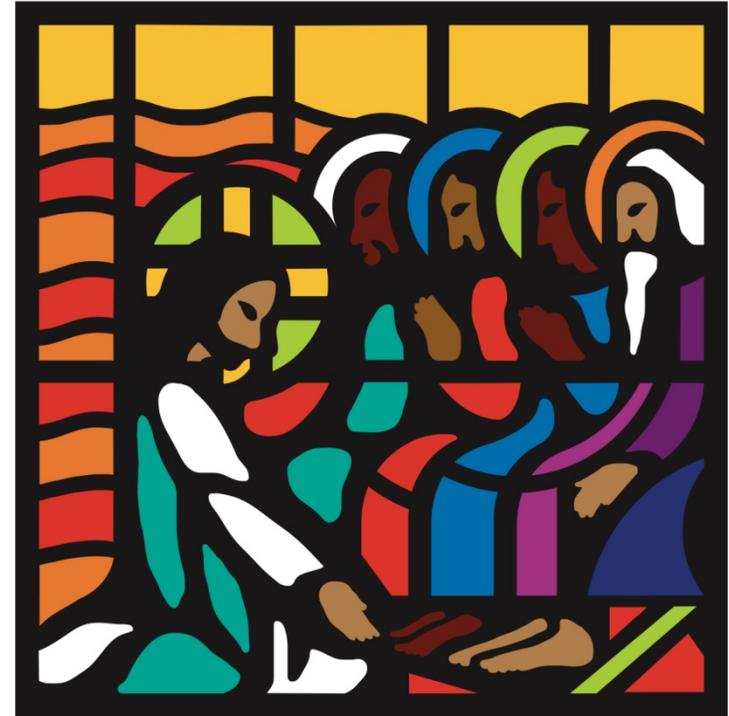
### New City Neighbors

New City Day Camp needs volunteers! Invest in elementary schoolers from the Creston Neighborhood. The program begins June 24 and ends August 8, with a volunteer orientation on June 13 from 12:30 to 2:00.

Volunteer opportunities include tutoring (12:30-1:30, M-Th), van driving (Morning or afternoon, M-Th), or chaperoning field trips (Fridays).

Volunteer once a week or more! For more information on schedule and need contact Holly Hetherington at [hollyh@newcityneighbors.org](mailto:hollyh@newcityneighbors.org) or 616-301-4768, apply online at [newcityneighbors.org/volunteering/](http://newcityneighbors.org/volunteering/), or sign up in the back.

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

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