

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship our Lord and King

21 March 2021

Welcome! If you are visiting this morning, we're glad to have you with us today. Due to COVID, we are asking that everyone sits only in the pews with cushions, and does their best to maintain social distancing in the rows. As well, we're asking everyone to wear their masks throughout the service, if you are able. We're eager to worship the Lord, but we want to do so wisely!

Psalm 23 is a familiar psalm that many of us turn to for comfort, peace, and a reminder of God's presence. This morning we're going to dig into this psalm and see what it means to follow and trust the Shepherd who knows what is best for us.

Order of worship

Prelude <i>Worship Team</i>	<i>Christ is Mine Forevermore</i>
Welcome	
Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i> <i>The Church's One Foundation</i> <i>Lord, I Lift Your Name on High</i>
Kingdom Prayers	
Message <i>Rev. Eric Schalk</i>	THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE PROPHETS – THE GOOD SHEPHERD Psalm 23
Singing	<i>You Never Let Go</i>
Closing Blessing	

Our offering this morning will be received following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeter 6:30 PM	Mary Kay Townley Next week: Julie Schalk Middle School Youth Group Meets
Wednesday	6:30 AM 7:00 PM	Dude's Group meets at New Beginnings on Michigan Street, or join us via Zoom by contacting Aaron Wetzels for the link Men's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i>
Thursday	10:00 AM	Knitting Group <i>in the Fireside room</i>
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Gather Group <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i>

Praise & Prayer

Please be in prayer for **Mike Brinks** as he awaits his cardiologist appointment on April 7. Pray for answers and a treatment plan for the health concerns he is experiencing.

Connie Wierenga thanks everyone for their visits, prayers and cards as she recovered from her broken pelvis and would appreciate your continued prayers as she is now struggling with fractured vertebrae in her back and will be seeing a bone specialist on Wednesday. Please pray for a good treatment plan, pain management and encouragement for Connie.

Lorraine Smith wants to thank Pastor Eric and the congregation for their prayers for her daughter Shelly as she underwent and is recovering from her recent heart surgery. Shelly is doing very well and they give praise for answered prayer.

Announcements

Good Friday

Join us at 4th Church on April 2 at 7:00 PM for our Good Friday Service. Prepare to gather in a space of darkness as we sing, take communion, and reflect on scripture while journeying with Jesus to the cross.

Easter Sunday

Last Easter, we celebrated the resurrection in our homes. This year, we celebrate the risen Christ together! We'll gather Easter morning at 10:00am to worship and celebrate the amazing work of Jesus. As you prepare for Easter, pray about who God would have you invite to worship to hear the Gospel. The last year has been difficult for many, and we have family and friends that need to encounter Jesus with us. Be bold and invite folks to worship with you Easter morning.

Middle School

Join us tonight from 6:30-8:00 for another in-person Middle School youth group! Wear a mask and take your temperature. See you tonight!

Missionaries of the Month – The VanDyke Family

Joel has been working for the past 4 months on a “Center for Urban Mission” that would serve urban ministry practitioners, congregations and denominational agencies of the CRC and the RCA. An initial concept paper of the “Center” has been completed and will be circulated for feedback. I see 4th as the kind of congregation that a “Center” like this would serve and partner with and thus I am really excited to share more details soon. He continues to serve a worldwide network of urban training hubs led by national leaders in key cities all over the world. The training focuses on the development of incarnational leadership committed to social and spiritual urban renewal. The Center for Urban Mission that Joel and his wife Marilyn were able to launch during their 15 years living in Guatemala City, is back on track after some very difficult leadership transitions. They are so very encouraged to see this development especially in light of the huge challenges of the global pandemic that Guatemala continues to navigate. Gary and Rachel DeLeon’s ministry, that you partner with at Fourth, is a vital part of the network of Guatemalan lead ministries that the Center for Transforming Mission serves. Please be in prayer for the Vandyke family and support them, as you are able, this month through your giving.

Library Update

We want to thank Ruth Meendering, Phyllis Berrevoets and Marty Berthiaume for their many years of service in keeping our library running smoothly, and to Dawn Faasse for the awesome bulletin boards! We are happy to announce that Kandi Zeller will be overseeing the library. We appreciate Kandi’s experience and willingness to take over this ministry, along with Dawn who will continue to bless us with creative bulletin boards!

Free VHS Tapes

We’re in the process of reorganizing the church library and came across a number of older VHS videos. They are currently on the desk in the library and free to whomever wants them. Take a look and see if there are any videos you want. In a couple weeks, we’ll likely donate the remaining videos to Mission India.

Diaper Drive

Our diaper drive will run through the end of March. We encourage you to purchase diapers on your shopping trips, and put them on the table in the hallway near the library. Diaper sizes most needed are 4, 5 and 6.

Community Good Friday Service

7th Reformed Church will be holding their annual “The Seven Last Words of Christ” Community Good Friday Service on April 2 from 12-3pm. You can attend all or part of this service in person with certain social distancing practices in place, or by tuning into WFUR-FM (92.9), or by livestream on their YouTube Channel at www.7thref.org beginning at 12:15. For more details, see the flyer on the wall by the mail station.

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