

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

21 August 2022

Welcome! If you are visiting this morning, we're glad to have you with us today.

Life is full of rhythms, routines, and patterns. Seasons change. School always restarts in the fall. Holidays come and go. This morning as we finish the Noah narrative of Genesis, we're going to see that there is a pattern already developing in scripture. A pattern of blessing, and rebellion. We'll see how that blessing continues even to this day, and evaluate its effects on our own lives.

Prelude *This Is Amazing Grace*
Worship Team

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *Sovereign Over Us*
This I Believe

Prayer of Confession

Singing *Build My Life*

Kingdom Prayers

Message **IN THE BEGINNING: RECURSION**
Rev. Eric Schalk **GENESIS 9:18 – 29 (p. 8)**

Communion

Singing *The Blessing*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters Mike & Becky Berrevoets Next week: Tom & Norma Boehm
	Nursery Erin Berrevoets, Ruby Parler Next week: Mary Kay Townley & Kate Schalk
	Coffee Eric & Julie Schalk Next week: Kongcheng & Haju Kimyang

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

Wednesday 6:30 AM **Dude's Group** - *New Beginnings* - *Michigan St*
6:00 PM **Family Fellowship/Pizza Night**

Praise & Prayer

Bob & Connie Scherpenisse give praise for the prayers and encouragement they have received from their Fourth family. Keep praying for them as Bob recovers from the surgery, and begins working on mobility.

Last week we received an encouraging phone call from Jordyn. He was doing much better, and even eager to rank up in the program. Keep praying him through, your prayers are working!

Please be in prayer for **Caryl Christians** (Diane's sister) who was admitted to Trinity Health St. Mary's Hospital this week with pneumonia and Covid and has been placed on a ventilator. Pray for healing and for wisdom for those that are caring for her.

Announcements

RCA Update

This past Tuesday the classis formally accepted our petition to withdrawal from the RCA. In the coming weeks classis leadership will meet with our consistory, collect some additional documents, and eventually lead our congregation in a vote. Please keep praying for wisdom and grace as we move through this process. If you have questions or concerns, please talk to Pastor Eric, or your elder/deacon.

Bylaws

The process for transferring denominations requires us to submit our current church bylaws. Due to the fact that the original bylaws for the church could not be found, we have worked with the ARC, other local congregations, and a lawyer to draft revised bylaws for our body. They are a work in progress, but if you would like to see a copy, there are some available on the sign up table. If you have questions, you can direct them to Pastor Eric, or an elder/deacon.

Missionaries of the Month: Mission India

The Great Commission has always been the foundation of Mission India's work. This year, they've specifically focused on Colossians 4:4 "Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should." The relief work they did during COVID-19 opened up all kinds of doors to Proclaim the Gospel to people groups they've never had access to before. Especially in their Adult Literacy Classes and Year-Long Children's Bible Clubs, God is transforming people academically, financially and physically. Because of the holistic benefits these programs offer, their ministry partners are welcomed into communities that might otherwise be closed off to the Gospel. They are so thankful for the beautiful opportunity they have to live out the Great Commission in a way that transforms lives from the inside out. Your donations to help Mission India continue these life transforming ministries can be given anytime during the month of August either through the offering plate or online through our website.

Fellowship Pizza Night – Part Deux

Wednesday, August 24, we're having wood fired pizza! Like last time, we'll provide crust, sauce and cheese. You bring some toppings to share! We'll have games available to play, but you can just come and fellowship too!!! Save the date and come eat pizza with us.

Christian Education – Helpers Needed

As we think about closing out summer it's time to start thinking about Sunday school and Children's Worship. We do have a lead teacher for each class in place already, which is an answer to prayer, but we are looking for people to come alongside each as a sub or alternate from time to time. We also need people willing to lead and assist in Children's Worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the back for each of those things so please prayerfully consider stepping in to one of those roles.

GEMS Pool Party

GEMS Girls Club will be *diving* into a new year with a Pool Party at the Broene house on August 29th from 6:00-7:30 pm. GEMS is a club for Girls in 1st-8th grade. Our next meeting will be September 12th and we will be meeting every other Monday 6:00-7:30 pm. Contact Erin Broene or Sarah Parler if you have any questions.

Cadets

The Cadets boys program will be starting back up in September! The goal of Cadets is to help boys to grow in all areas of life – spiritual, mental, physical, and social (based on Luke 2:52). This is a combined club between Fourth Church and Coit Church and meets on Monday nights from 6:00 PM to 7:30 pm at Coit Church, located at 600 Lafayette NE. The program is designed for boys from 2nd grade through 8th grade. Our first meeting will be on September 12, the first Monday after Labor Day and we meet every Monday except the 4th Monday of each month. The cost is \$10 for the season (September through May). If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact Jeff Broene at 616-862-5552.

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