

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

4 September 2022

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

This morning, while a good portion of the church is camping, we'll look at a time when Israel was camping through the wilderness, and grumbling about food. We'll see that God not only lovingly provides for their stomachs, but also points ahead to Jesus, the true bread of life.

Prelude *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*
Worship Team

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *This is my Father's World
Before the Throne of God Above*

Prayer of Confession

Singing *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Kingdom Prayers

Message **BREAD OF LIFE**
Rev. Eric Schalk **EXODUS 16 & JOHN 6 (p. 9)**

Communion

Singing *Doxology*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters Nancy Aukeman, Phyllis Berrevoets Next week: Dave & Richanda Bolt
	Nursery Caren & Nevaeh Bills Next week: Erin Broene, Megan McDowell
	Coffee Ron & Marcia Schuur Next week: Brian & Becky Tubergen

Tuesday	10:00 AM Women's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i>
	6:00 PM Elders/Deacons Meet. <i>Those who feel led to confess their faith, desire baptism or transfer are encouraged to contact Pastor Eric.</i>
	8:00 PM Consistory Meets <i>in the Fireside room</i>

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

Praise & Prayer

Pray for **Consistory** as they meet this coming Tuesday with members of North Grand Rapids Classis to review our petition to leave the denomination. Pray for God honoring dialogue as we seek to enter a new chapter as a church.

Pray for **Ayanfe** as her son Jahlani passed away this week due to medical complications. Pray for God's grace to be poured out on her as she grieves the loss of her son.

Pastor Eric and Julie will be leaving town on Friday, September 9 to attend a marriage retreat in Colorado. Pray for a great time of refreshing and spiritual growth.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: Joel & Marilyn VanDyke

Although Joel is now co-pastor at Lee St Church, urban mission remains their focus - at Godfrey Lee in Wyoming and around the world. As part of The Urban Training Collaborative, through Resonate Global, they encourage, connect and resource urban leaders and congregations to bring the Good News to the hard places. Below is the latest article Joel wrote for Street Psalms, and also a video link to their collaborative outreach right here at home - I Am Art - so fun! Please be in prayer for them and support them through the offering plate, or on our website through September.

<https://mailchi.mp/streetspsalms.org/word-from-below-guests-of-honor-7z9z9hccvv?e=98b895d7d5>

https://youtu.be/tWhheGeYq_A

RCA Update

On September 25 we will have a special congregational meeting where we will vote on leaving the RCA, to join the Alliance of Reformed Churches. Absentee ballots will be emailed out later this coming week. In order to accommodate members of classis who will be leading this meeting, we will eat lunch together at noon on the 25th. Church will provide Jimmy John sandwiches. We ask that you sign up on the back table to let us know if you'll be there that day, and if you're willing to bring a side dish or dessert.

Email List

Fourth Church has an email list we use to send out periodic prayer requests, and weekly e-blasts. If you're not on that list, but would like to be, please email the front office at office@fourthchurch.com

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 have a lead teacher for each class in place already, but we are looking for people to come alongside each as a sub/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

GEMS is a club for girls in 1st-8th grade. We will be meeting on September 12 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm and we'll meet every other Monday after that. Contact Erin Broene or Sarah Parler if you have any questions.

Cadets

The Cadets boys program will be starting back up on September 12! 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. 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.

High School Youth Group

High School Youth Group literally starts, literally, next weekend at, literally, 6:30pm. I literally can believe it. We'll literally be talking about Jesus' use of figurative language.

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