

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

12 February 2023

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

This morning we will look at the parable of the sower to consider what it means for us to be fertile soil for the gospel.

Prelude *10000 Reasons*
Worship Team

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *The Wonderful Cross*
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Prayer of Confession

Singing *Be Thou My Vision*

Update on The Gardens

Kingdom Prayers *Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3*

Message **SOWING THE GOSPEL**
Rev. Eric Schalk **MARK 4:1-20 (P. 971)**

Communion

Singing *Speak O Lord*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters	Sam & Kristi Dennis Next week: Ron & Marcia Schuur
	Nursery	Nancy Aukeman, Caren Bills Next week: Beth Rossiter, Eliana Parler
	Scripture Reader	Wendy Wetzel; Next week: Jeff Broene
	Children's Worship	Suzanne & Jack Bolt, Ruby Parler Next week: Amy & Nolan Baragar, Kate Schalk
	Coffee	Branson & Sarah Parler Next week: Bill & Marty Pyper
	11:15 AM	Christian Education Classes Middle & High School Small Groups

Monday 6:00 PM **GEMS** *in the Fellowship Hall*
6:00 PM **Fourth/Coit Cadets** *at Coit Community Church*

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

Wednesday 6:30 AM **Dude's Group** - *New Beginnings - Michigan St*

Thursday 10:00 AM **Knitting Group** *at Rest Haven*

Saturday 9:00 AM **Women's Passion Prayer** *in the Fellowship Hall*

Praise & Prayer

Suzanne Bolt continues to recover from breast cancer surgery. Pray for complete healing and freedom from infection.

Dianne Waterloo underwent surgery this past week to remove cancer from her small intestine, and during that procedure the doctors discovered cancer in her pancreas. Pray fervently for Dianne as she deals with pain from the surgery, and considers treatment options.

Margaret Baker continues to recover from having part of her left leg amputated. Pray for continued healing, and rehabilitation.

Gina Schalk will undergo triple bypass surgery this coming Thursday. Pray that the surgery would go well, and for Gina's recovery.

Please pray for **Bob Monsma** as he meets with a doctor on February 21 regarding some issues with his right shoulder. Pray for wisdom for the doctor in knowing the best treatment plan to bring about pain relief.

Pray for **Mike Brinks** who has been dealing with blood clots in his lung and leg, and is also being monitored due to some precancerous polyps found in his intestines. Pray that his oxygen levels would improve, the clots would safely dissolve and that no other issues come up with his small intestine.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: Mission India

Mission India's Church Planter Training is a year-long program where each Church Planter is trained through classroom instruction and on-site fieldwork, with the goal of reaching 600 families with the Gospel and establishing two new churches during their training. As they share the Gospel and pray, people break free from physical and spiritual bonds thanks to God's love and work through these passionate Church Planters! \$2,400 sponsors the training and equipping of one church planter. Your gifts for Mission India can be given anytime during the month of February.

The Gardens

Pastor Eric will give an update this morning, during worship, on next steps for the field, and the direction God is leading us. Next Sunday, after worship, you will be invited to spend some time with us seeking God's will for the field, and considering opportunities for ministry.

Youth Group

Youth Group has been cancelled this week due to an unfortunate scheduling conflict with Roger Goodell. Once again, his administrative assistant was completely unresponsive to my insistence on an alternate date for the Super Bowl. I can only promise that this battle is not over.

Youth Group Off-Week

Next week Sunday, we'll be gathering at Steve & Jeni Wammack's for another Off-Week. All high school and middle school students and leaders are welcome to join!

Church Directory

Check your mail slot for an updated Church Directory. Hopefully there are no corrections, but if there are, please call the church office!

Save the date for a marriage getaway - Nov. 3-5

Our friends from Corinth Reformed Church, an ARC church in Byron Center, have invited us to join their annual marriage getaway. Do you and your spouse need time to get away to rest, restore, and rekindle your marriage? This weekend includes limited times of worship and a speaker, as well as substantial time set aside just to connect with your spouse and other couples on the getaway. The location is still to be determined (it is generally held at a hotel in the lower peninsula), but we will pass that information on as soon as it is set.

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