

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

27 August 2023

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

This morning we welcome Pastor Jessica Maddox, from Community Christian Reformed Church, who will bring us the message from God's Word.

Prelude *Christ Be Magnified*
Worship Team

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *Sovereign Over Us*
We Fall Down

Prayer of Confession

Offering for Mission India
Confession Song *Speak O Lord*

Kingdom Prayers

Message **LIVING FAITH**
Pastor Jessica Maddox **JAMES 2:14-25 (P. 1173)**

Communion

Singing *Holy Spirit Living Breath of God*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at Fourth

Today

Greeters Don & Betsy Coutchie
Next week: Mike & Nancy Brinks

Nursery Becky Berrevoets, Alexis Bolt
Next week: Caren & Nevaeh Bills, Nancy Aukeman

Scripture Reader Kristi Dennis; Next week: Taylor Eising

Coffee Caren Bills, Mary Kay Townley
Next week: Dave & Judy Portinga

11:00 AM **Tubergen/Faasse Care Group** *in room 1*

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

Wednesday 6:30 AM **Dude's Group** – *New Beginnings, Michigan St*
5:00 PM **Garden Work (5-6) & Potluck (6 pm)**

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

Saturday 9:00 AM **Women's Passion Prayer** *in the Fireside room*

Praise & Prayer

Mike Brinks had an emergency appendectomy on Thursday. Please pray for healing and a full recovery free of complications!

We give praise that **Dianne Waterloo** has completed her chemo treatments! Please pray for her and she meets with the P.A. on Monday, August 28 to learn the findings of her scan that was taken this week and about the next step in her treatment.

Kendra Berthiaume was admitted to the hospital on Sunday due to further pancreas issues and had another procedure done on Monday evening. We give praise that she was able to return home on Wednesday night. Your continued prayers for healing are greatly appreciated. Kendra also wants to thank the Prayer Shawl Ministry for her beautiful prayer shawl!

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: Mission India

Manipur is one of few Indian states with a significant Christian population at around 45%. Politically rooted tensions between two tribes erupted into violence, and Christians faced unimaginable persecution. Please link arms with Christians in Manipur through prayer and support as they continue to spread the gospel during this difficult time. Tens of thousands of people in Manipur were displaced through the violence, leaving them wondering where they would lay their heads at night and where their next meal would come from. Our offering taken today will help Mission India provide Relief Kits for these displaced families.

Tubergen/Faasse Care Group

The Care Group of Brian Tubergen and Dawn Faasse will be meeting today in Room 1, across from the nursery. Feel free to first pick up coffee and cookies to go, and enjoy them with us at the meeting!

Gardener's Update

Secondly, set October 21st on your calendar for pumpkin carving at Union Gardens. Firstly, however, be sure September 16th from 1pm-3pm is on your calendar to come out to the sunflower trail, have your picture taken and meet neighbors. If you're able to help with this event, please let Gideon know!

CranHill Potluck & Bonfire

You're invited to join our church families who will be camping at CranHill Ranch over Labor Day weekend for a potluck on Saturday, September 2 from 5-7pm. We would ask that every family please bring a dish to pass. We are also going to have a bonfire afterwards. Any questions can be directed to Marty Pyper.

The Commissioning

On September 17, from 6-8pm, we'll be gathering in the sanctuary for a crazy night of fun for the whole family. 6 contestants will sit before the gathered masses in 1 contest of wills and comedic gold. Plan on joining us for this amazing night of shenanigans and buffoonery as we kick off the ministry year with some style.

Transportation Needed

Nancy Aukeman needs someone willing to take her to and from church. She lives just about 1 block from the building so for many people it can be on your way! If you're willing to help load her walker and get her to service, please contact Nancy, Kristi Dennis, or Becky Berrevoets to let her know that you are willing to be in the rotation!

Opportunities to serve!

As we look to the fall, here are four areas where we need further help in our children's ministry. You can sign up for any of these on the table in the back foyer.

1. **Nursery reboot.** We need more nursery workers! We need to have two adults in the nursery at all times, and so we need everyone (including men!) to serve in this area. If you are older and feel uncomfortable being the main adult, please consider signing up to be a second adult presence and helper, even if you are limited in the direct care you can offer.
2. **Children's worship.** We need both leaders and helpers for our children's worship. This group is for kids ages 2 1/2 to 5 1/2. If you are willing to nurture faith in some of our youngest kids in this way, please sign up!
3. **Christian education.** If you would be willing to serve as a preschool or 1st grade teacher, or an occasional teacher (once a month) to help give our regular teachers a regular rhythm of rest, sign up or talk to Amy Baragar.
4. **GEMS.** Our GEMS program needs at least two more women willing to help out. Last year we had a good group of girls from both the church and neighborhood. If you want to help build faith and introduce girls to Jesus, this is a great opportunity to serve. Please connect with Erin Broene or Sarah Parler to learn more!

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