

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

10 September 2023

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

This morning Pastor Eric is back from sabbatical and leading us in worship! We'll be starting a series on the book of James, and exploring what it means to endure trials with an attitude of joy.

Prelude	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>
<i>Worship Team</i>	
Welcome	
Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Living Hope</i>
Prayer of Confession	
Confession Song	<i>All I Have Is Christ</i>
Kingdom Prayers	
Message	JAMES: PURE JOY
<i>Rev. Eric Schalk</i>	JAMES 1:1-12 (P. 1172)
Communion	
Singing	<i>It is Well with My Soul</i>
Closing Blessing	

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters	Julie & Abbie Schalk Next week: Bob & Connie Scherpenisse
	Nursery	Caren Bills, Laura Shoults Next week: Cindy Davis, Sarah Parler
	Scripture Reader	Wendy Wetzel; Next week: Julie Schalk
	Children's Worship	Amy & Nolan Baragar Next week: Eliana Parler, Clara Broene
	Coffee	Brian & Becky Tubergen Next week: Sam & Kristi Dennis
11:15 AM	CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups	
6:00 PM	Youth Group	
Monday	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	GEMS <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i> Fourth/Coit Cadets at Coit Community Church
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i>
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Dude's Group – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i>
Thursday	10:00 AM	Knitting Group <i>at Rest Haven</i>
Saturday	7:00 AM 9:00 AM 1:00 PM	Parents in Prayer Women's Passion Prayer <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i> Sunflower Trails <i>in the Gardens</i>

Praise & Prayer

Continue to pray for **Mike Brinks** as he recovers from an emergency appendectomy. Pray that Mike would also get answers soon on how to treat the major blood clot he has in his leg, along with the clots he has in his lungs.

Pray for **Dianne Waterloo** as she begins radiation treatments this week to continue shrinking the tumor in her pancreas. Pray that the treatment would be successful, and pray against any side effects.

Kendra Berthiaume was admitted to the hospital again this week and underwent another procedure on her pancreas on Thursday morning. Please continue to lift her and Tyler up in prayer, as well as friends and family as they come alongside them to help care for Colton!

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: The VanDyke Family - After the leadership groups in Columbia, Joel was asked to stay on for a third summit, hosted by [The Americas Initiative for Transformation & Reconciliation](#). AITR is the work of Duke University, seeking to network, educate and transform Christians across Latin America to work for peace, justice & reconciliation. Making new connections with other Christian leaders is part of his leadership role with Resonate Global. Joel says, "The synergy of all of this was unbelievable and again exceeded all expectation." Answered prayers!! Joel asks that we continue in prayer for discernment on how best to continue guiding and facilitating the follow-up and momentum the experience in Medellin created. The countries include: Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Venezuela and now, Colombia. "The situations in many of these countries is extremely difficult and Christian leaders are up against incredible challenges." Offerings are being collected for the VanDykes through September.

Adult Christian Education - This morning we are kicking off Adult Christian Education in the Fireside Room from 11:15-12:00. We will meet every week with alternating topics; some weeks we will take a deeper dive in reflecting on the sermon, and the alternate weeks we'll be engaging a series called "Tell Me Why...", exploring in greater depths our belief and practice around things like infant baptism, the rapture, the sacraments, predestination, and other topics. Today we are kicking things off with a time of reflecting and digging deeper into the beginning of James. Stay tuned each week for more details!

New Members Class - If you're interested in joining Fourth Church, or just want to find out a bit more about who we are, you're invited to sign up for our New Members class. We'll figure out the exact days/times once we know who's interested.

Gardener's Update - We are still in the swing of things even as the school year has started and Wednesday nights have wrapped up. The 16th is approaching and if you are able to help, let Gideon know! Most importantly, thanks to everyone that gave! We hit our goal for the extra money we had needed!

Open House - An Open House to celebrate Brian and Hannah Townley's wedding is being planned for Tuesday, September 19 from 7 – 8:30pm. Weather permitting, we can enjoy the outdoor space here at the church as well as the indoors. We would encourage both ladies and gentlemen to come and enjoy this event! If you wish to join us in providing a financial blessing for Brian and Hannah, please see Dawn Faasse or Betsy Couthie. If you plan to attend, please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex by September 17.

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

Announcements - Continued

The Commissioning

Next week Sunday, September 17, from 6-8pm, we'll gather in the sanctuary to laugh together as we witness the hilarious results of Gideon, Sarah, Dawn, Brian, Wendy and Kongcheng attempting to complete some very simple missions. They will be scored for their efforts, but not much. It will be fun for the whole family as these seemingly perfectly normal people churned out a massive amount of complete and utter nonsense.

Youth Group

Tonight, we'll begin our trip through the Bible as we begin to see how the whole Bible tells us one massive story. We'll also do things that are slightly athletic in nature, so dress like you don't mind a little workout. We'll go from 6-8pm.

Youth Group Small Group

Don't miss as we start the year with a deep dive into the story of Scripture. This first week will be pretty crucial in order to keep up as we hit the starting line. We'll meet after church today in the high school Sunday school room. If you're in 8th-12th grade or a leader, this is for you.

Flyers Available

Please pick up Gems/Cadets and Sunflower Trail flyers from the table in the narthex and invite your friends and neighbors! Gems and Cadets both start tomorrow. The Gems are still in need of a couple more volunteers. If you're able to help, please see Sarah Parler. Plan to join us for the Sunflower Trail event next Saturday, September 16 from 1 – 3 pm – See the flyer for all the details.

Cran-Hill Ranch Labor Day Weekend 2024

Please join our church family for our annual tradition of camping at Cran-Hill Ranch over Labor Day weekend next year. This is a time guaranteed to be filled with fun and fellowship. To reserve your spot for camping at Cran-Hill over Labor Day weekend 2024, please fill out the sign-up form in the back of the church. If you have any questions please reach out to Suzanne Bolt at suzannebolt@gmail.com. We hope you will consider joining us next year! The deadline to sign up is Sunday, September 24, 2023. Please make sure to reserve a spot before it's too late!