Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship our Lord and King

12 November 2023

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

Each of us will face some sort of hardship or persecution at some point in life. While that will look different for each of us, how we respond to it matters greatly. Our text this morning will help us understand how we can look to Jesus in the face of struggles.

Prelude Worship Team Abide

Welcome Call to Worship

Singing No Longer Slaves

Before the Throne of God Above

Prayer of Confession

Singing Give Thanks

Kingdom Prayers

Message James: Patient Perseverance

Rev. Eric Schalk JAMES 5:1-12 (P. 1174)

Communion

Singing Lord, I Need You

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received following our worship service

This week at Fourth

Today	Greeters	Marty Berthiaume, Mary Kay Townley Next week: Mike & Becky Berrevoets
	Nursery	Amy Coeling, Steve Wammack Next week: Sam Dennis, Haju Kimyang
Scripture	e Reader	Wendy Wetzel; Next week: Julie Schalk
Children's Worship		Norma Boehm, Nevaeh Bills Next week: Amy & Nolan Baragar
	Coffee	Norm Schalk, Phyllis Berrevoets Next week: Eric & Laura O'Brock
	11:15 AM	CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups
	5:00 PM	Prayer & Potluck
Monday	6:00 PM	Fourth/Coit Cadets at Coit Community Church
Tuesday	10:00 AM 6:30 PM 8:00 PM	Consistory Meets in the Fireside room Elders Meet. Those who feel led to confess their faith, desire baptism or transfer are encouraged to contact Pastor Eric prior to this meeting.
	8:00 PM	Deacons Meet
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Dude's Group – New Beginnings, Michigan St
Thursday	10:00 AM 10:00 AM	Knitting Group at Rest Haven Men's Bible Study in the Fireside room
Friday	6:00 PM	Youth Retreat Begins
Saturday	7:00 AM	Parents in Prayer

Praise & Prayer

Mike and Nancy Brinks were hopefully able to meet virtually with the pulmonary specialist at the U of M on Friday. Pray for them as they learn what treatment will look like going forward.

Continue to pray for **Dianne Waterloo** as her body recovers from all the treatments she has had, and as she awaits a PET scan on December 8.

Tim Randall was moved to Blodgett Hospital, and while he's doing well, is still waiting for surgery. Pray that the doctors would meet with Dave & Linda soon and make a plan of action.

Pray for all those heading into the woods this week to hunt deer.

Announcements

Thanksgiving Day Service

Join us on Thursday, November 23 at **10:00am** for our Thanksgiving worship service. We'll spend time praising God through singing, prayer, the Word, and through testimony. A special Thanksgiving offering will be taken to be split between the food pantries at North End Community Ministries and St. Alphonsus.

Missionaries of the Month: Jeff & Lisa Boehm Family, YWAM Bangkok, Thailand

In leading the Taw Sang Rak Foundation which equips, sends out, and supports Thai nationals in Kingdom Ministry, Jeff walks alongside these four leaders. Noiy as he sends Thai YWAMers to a seminar in Korea as they prepare for global missions; Gate as she implements a grant for member care retreats for 200 Thai missionaries; Uan as she inspires growing children of Thai YWAMers to be next generation missionaries; and Paw Pan as he sends and supports university graduates to serve rural hill tribe churches. Last month, Noiy recruited five people to join the Discipleship Training Week in Bangkok. One of those five, Jamorn, is heading to Discipleship Training School this week! The Boehms are sponsoring him with a scholarship. Offerings for the Boehm's ministry may be given any time during November.

Thank You

"I thank so many of you for your thoughts, prayers, emails, a phone call, cards, for a very special couple who sat with me in the prayer room a couple Sundays ago, for a wonderful care package, all very much appreciated! I am very thankful to have such a caring, supportive church family, and I warmly thank you once again." Deb Robinson

The Gardens

Please be in prayer for Union Gardens as we are leaving the green season and beginning to pray and plan for the winter and next year.

Youth Retreat

The retreat is almost here and I have almost everyone's forms. So, if you're one of the people who almost have their forms turned in, please turn that almost into an already and let's not miss out on the retreat. We'll be heading out from the church on Friday around 6pm. More details will be in the Facebook group.

Sermon Notes

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