

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

21 April 2024

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

This morning we continue in 1 Peter considering how we can have hope in the midst of suffering.

Prelude *At Your Great Name*
Worship Team

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *In Christ Alone*
No Longer Slaves

Prayer of Confession

Singing *Speak, O Lord*

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

Message **LIVING HOPE #2 – SUFFERING & HOPE**
Rev. Eric Schalk **I PETER 1:6-12 (P. 1176)**

Communion

Singing *To God Be the Glory*

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 Beth Rossiter, Erin & Clara Broene Next week: Betsy Coutchie, Mary Kay Townley
	Children's Worship Erin & Violet Meendering Next week: Don Coutchie, Christian Parler
	Coffee Don & Betsy Coutchie Next week: Ryan & Morgan Faasse
11:15 AM	CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meets

Monday 6:00 PM **GEMS** in the Fellowship Hall

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

Wednesday 6:30 AM **Dude's Group** – *New Beginnings, Michigan St*
8:30 PM **Men's Ping Pong** in the church basement

Thursday 10:00 AM **Knitting Group** at Rest Haven
10:00 AM **Men's Bible Study** in the Fireside room

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

Praise & Prayer

We praise God that **Phyllis Berrevoets** continues to gain strength as she rehabs from back issues. Pray that God will give her patience as she works hard at physical therapy.

Evelyn Ekkens was recently moved to assisted living at Rest Haven to receive more care as her health declines. Pray that God would be with her and her family as they navigate changes in need for care.

Pray for **Nancy Aukeman** as she has a scan this coming week to determine whether or not she has Parkinson's disease. Pray for encouragement and hope for her as she waits to find out results.

Pray for **Taylor Eising, Haju Kimyang,** and **Shayla Newman** as they depart today for Quest. Pray that God will meet them in this week away and surround them in his abiding love.

Continue to pray for folks who are struggling through intense trials right now. Pray for God's Spirit to provide comfort, peace and healing, as only He can.

Announcements

Gardens Update – Church Work Day!

May 4th! It's coming up! and we are having a Work Day at the church and the Gardens that day from 9am to Noon. We will be spreading mulch, painting, and more! There's a sign-up sheet so we know how much help to plan for! Also don't forget to sign-up for the things you'd be interested in helping with in The Gardens. Both sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex.

Missionaries of the Month: The Gary & Rachel De León family – After a year of working with displaced families, we have come to the conclusion that one of the biggest challenges families have in their resettlement process is finding a job. We have decided to bring a new program to the community center where families can learn a variety of job skills on a virtual platform to prepare for future employment. We will be using the same program we used in Guatemala called *Capacitate para el Empleo (Employment Training)*. The program is all in Spanish, and our applicants will need an intermediate level of the language to be able to participate. Thank you to those who have made it possible for launching this program and for supporting this initiative. We are excited to see how it will work in this context and help families find more stability and provide for their loved ones. Donations for the De León family will be collected throughout the month of April with a special offering being taken during the worship service next Sunday.

GEMS Store Donations Needed – GEMS is seeking donations for the year end “GEMS store.” The GEMS store is prizes the girls get to pick out using the points they earn throughout the year. Prizes are for girls age 7-13. New and used items are accepted. Please leave in the GEMS room (Rm. #4) in the Sunday school hallway. The GEMS store will take place on May 6, please have donations in by next Sunday.

Rooted Youth Group – Let’s get another youth group going tonight 6-8pm. It’s going to be a little wild, so wear shoes that you can protect your precious toes with. See you all there!

Men of Fourth – Come join us Wednesday nights at 8:30 pm for some ping pong in the church basement. We have averaged 5 guys for the first few weeks and we would love to get more guys involved! Come test your skills against Kongcheng or just hang out. No equipment required, just show up! If you have any questions, reach out to Sam Dennis via email (sddennis1@gmail.com) or phone (724.988.9681). See you there.

Who do I talk to about building maintenance? If you notice an issue around the building that you’d like to bring to someone’s attention, please send an email to office@fourthchurch.com. From there, we will make sure it gets reported to the right person, and we’ll see what can be done. That being said, if you see something that needs to be addressed AND want to be part of the solution, your help is always welcomed!

Sermon Notes

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