

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

21 July 2024

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

This morning we begin a seven-week series on the "I Am" statements of Jesus. Today we'll consider John 6, where Jesus declares himself to be the bread of life and we'll explore what Jesus means that we need to eat his flesh to have the life he promises.

Prelude	<i>Holy Spirit</i>
Welcome Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing It is Well with My Soul</i>
Prayer of Confession	
Singing	<i>Jesus Messiah</i>
Kingdom Prayers	
<i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3</i>	
Message	I AM – THE BREAD OF LIFE JOHN 6:25-71 (P. 1034)
<i>Rev. Eric Schalk</i>	
Communion	
Singing	<i>Promises</i>
Closing Blessing	

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters	Tom & Norma Boehm Next week: Dave & Richanda Bolt
	Nursery	Abbie Schalk, Kara Berrevoets Next week Kathy Burggraaf, Kate Schalk
	Children's Worship	Erin Berrevoets, Henry Coeling Next week: Norma Boehm, Siena Broene
	Coffee	Bob & Connie Scherpenisse Next week: Sam & Kristi Dennis
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Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i>
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Wednesday	6:30 AM	Dude's Group – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i>
	5:30 PM	Potluck & Play
	8:30 PM	Men's Ping Pong <i>in the church basement</i>
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Thursday	10:00 AM	Knitting Group <i>at Rest Haven</i>

Praise & Prayer

Continue to pray for **Mary Kay Townley** as she recovers from surgery. Recovery has been slower than anticipated so pray for her body to heal quickly, and the pain to be much less.

Keep praying for **Eric O'Brock** as he recovers from heart issues. Pray that he would continue to gain strength, and that he can be moved from ICU in the very near future.

We give praise that after a lengthy search, God has provided **Candy Parler** a new place to live.

Pray for folks who are struggling with chronic illnesses and physical pain. Pray that God would bring healing and hope in the midst of daily challenges.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month – Words of Hope

Despite the incredibly small number of Christians within Bhutan, by God's grace, the church has increasingly grown. Bhutan is predominantly Buddhist and Christianity has been met with much opposition. It is not legal for Christianity to be shared in public spaces so all churches have been planted out of the homes of committed believers who are working hard to spread the gospel. Use of the radio in Bhutan has been incredibly strategic yet has led so many to know Christ. Programming occurs three days each week for 15 minutes and includes health topics, music, and a Christian message. The team working to produce these broadcasts have begun to make visits within listening areas and offer interested persons the opportunity to join churches that are ready to accept them. As of now, Words of Hope has been able to offer the good news in four different languages within Bhutan. Our offering for Words of Hope will be received next week.

Out of the Office

Pastor Eric will be leaving for vacation Friday, July 26 and be out of the office until August 2. Evan Donovan will be preaching next week. If anything comes up, please reach out to your elder and/or deacon for care.

Gardens Update

Thank you to everyone who came out and helped or participated in the Pizza night on Wednesday! It was a great time of connecting with neighbors and eating pizza! Be sure to come out for Potluck and Play this Wednesday and be on the lookout for an upcoming workday!

GEMS Girls Club

There is nothing easy or fairy-tale like about being a girl today. Girls face unique challenges and unsustainable pressures in a culture of confusion about who they are and what truth is. Queen Esther got it. She may not have been perfect, but she is a perfect example to today's girls of how to live set apart in a faithless culture. She was a girl who could rise up in faith and stand her ground because she put her hope in God alone. GEMS will be studying Queen Esther this coming year and we are looking for women who would like to walk alongside these girls as they face this challenging world and help them to RISE UP and put their hope in God. Helping as a GEMS leader requires little or no preparation and is lots of fun! We would love to have one or two women join our team. Reach out to Erin Broene or Sarah Parler.

Where Has God Called You to Serve?

As we steadily approach the fall, we are looking for folks to help lead Children's Worship, volunteer with GEMS, and lead the youngest CE class. If you are interested in any of these things, please talk to Pastor Eric, Branson, or another ministry leader today!

CE Coordinator Update

We have had a few folks reach out with interest for leading the Christian Education and Children's Worship ministries here at Fourth. Pray for those folks, and church leadership, as we meet with people and conduct interviews in the near future. We hope to have someone in place by early August.

Sermon Notes

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