

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

7 July 2024

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

The theme of humility shows up multiple times in our text this morning as Peter talks to Elders and the general body of Christ. We'll see why Peter emphasizes humility for the church and why it is vital for us still today.

Prelude *Come Now is the Time to Worship*

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *Christ is Risen
Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Prayer of Confession

Singing *Be Thou My Vision*

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

Message **LIVING HOPE #13 – HUMILITY**
Rev. Eric Schalk | PETER 5:1-7 (P. 1179)

Communion

Singing *My Friends May You Grow in Grace*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters	Nancy Springfield, Etta Denbesten Next week: Mike & Becky Berrevoets
	Nursery	Betsy Coutchie, Josh Schalk, Eliana Parler Next week: Steve Wammack, Becky Tubergen, Ruby Parler
	Children's Worship	Nicole Donovan, Nevaeh Bills Next week: Caren Bills, Liam Baragar
	Coffee	Tom & Norma Boehm Next week: Paul & Amy Baragar

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

Wednesday 6:30 AM **Dude's Group** – *New Beginnings, Michigan St*
1:00 PM **GEMS Pool Party** *at the Broenes*
5:30 PM **Potluck & Play**
8:30 PM **Men's Ping Pong** *in the church basement*

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

Praise & Prayer

Please pray for **Kurt Faasse**. He had a procedure this past week to set his heart back in rhythm. Pray that his heart would remain in rhythm and that he would not keep having this issue.

Haju Kimyang is recovering well from her carpal tunnel surgery. Continue to pray for quick healing, and pray for Eden as she struggles to understand why her mom can't do normal activities with her.

Pray for **Mary Kay Townley** as she undergoes surgery on Monday to repair two hernias. Pray for peace going into the surgery, that the surgery would be successful and recovery goes well.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month – Words of Hope

Our mission of the month is Words of Hope. This month we will focus on the ministries that AK Lama oversees in South Asia where India and Bhutan are hard places to reach with the gospel. Buddhism and Hinduism heavily influence the culture, government, and religious practices allowed in each country. With Christianity making up less than 5% in each country, India and Bhutan are the most unreached people groups in the world. Because of generous donors and dedicated believers, the gospel message has and will continue to transform the lives of many. As the Bhutanese people come to know Jesus through radio broadcasts and house churches, the Indian people work through community development and social projects to ensure that the needs of many are met while hope is shared. Offerings for WOH can be given throughout the month.

Bulletin Deadline

Amy Coeling will be completing the bulletin on Wednesday morning this week. All bulletin announcements should be emailed to: office@fourthchurch.com or left on the office phone (616.454.1561) no later than 8am on Wednesday.

Gardens Update

Pizza night is the 17th, be sure it's on your calendar! Also, if you have a willingness and ability to weed the sunflower field, let Gideon know! It still needs help! And Potluck and Play is the 10th so come on out for that!

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.

GEMS Pool Party

GEMS girls join us on Wednesday, July 10, from 1 – 4pm for a Pool Party at the home of the Broenes!

We Need You!!!

Yep, you! How do we know it's you? Because you are filled with the Holy Spirit and gifted for service in the Kingdom of God! It may only be July but we are already thinking ahead to fall ministry kick-off. Please prayerfully consider serving the church as a Children's Worship helper, or a CE teacher for the young children's class, or a GEMS leader just to name a few. Don't let Aaron rope you into youth group though, he has enough volunteers. If children's ministry isn't your gift, consider starting a bible study group for women, or help serve on an upcoming pizza night. There are lots of ways to serve, and you may just have the gifts this body needs to do the work God's called us to!

Budget Update

As of our last count, we are running at about 78% of our budgeted income for the year. Summer is busy and while time away to enjoy creation is great, we encourage you to not neglect to financially support the ministry of the church. Help us push that percentage higher in the coming weeks as we continue to press into serving God in numerous ways.

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