

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 16, 2020



Welcome...

Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened;
Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged;
Here may the struggling find help and the sorrowful find comfort;
Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed;
Here may the hurting find consolation and the searching be inspired;
Here may strangers find fellowship and friends be united;
Here may the voiceless find their song and the marginalized find a home;
Here may hate be challenged and community be formed.
We open our doors and welcome you in the name of Jesus.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Jim Oord
*Time of Worship	#130 <i>"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"</i> <i>"Great Is He"</i> <i>"We Will Glorify"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"Every Praise"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Acts 8:26-40
Sermon	<i>"Multi-Colored from the Start"</i>

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Trina Taylor
Offering	<i>"Come to the Water"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	#537 <i>"Be Glorified"</i> (vs. 3)
*Postlude	<i>"I Love to Tell the Story"</i>

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship
for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

GREETERS: Rick & Pam Furst and Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengoed

COFFEE SERVERS: Trina Taylor, Aaron Taylor and Gwen Adams

NURSERY: Darcy Daly & Dacia Hill

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, & Nick Paarlberg

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

PRAYER ROOM: Roger DeGraff; **WELCOME CENTER:** Russ Paarlberg

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Emergency: Craig Nelson; First Security: Mike Costello

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Diana Abernathy, Mary Decker, Arleta Hommes & Nikki Nyhanna

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:30AM: Quilters & Knitters meet in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

GREETERS: Craig & Jan Nelson and Bob & Nancy Asmus

COFFEE SERVERS: Griff & Mary Decker and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom

MUSIC TEAM: Kevin Hesselink, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, Bella VanderWoude, & Rachel Wooley

ORGAN: Margaret Oetjen

PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan

SOUND: Aaron Taylor

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski

PRAYER ROOM: Bob Asmus & Dan Dieck

WELCOME CENTER: Gwen Adams

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Emergency: Craig Nelson; First Security: Mike Costello

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Celeste DeBoer, Felicia Flowers, Joanne Hoeksema & Alice Kats

CARE...

Carol Barnes is at Park Place in St. John for rehab.

Leona Jacobs is in hospice care at Park Place in Elmhurst.

Chinedu Akoma continues her recuperation at home.

Bob Griffin continues with his treatments for lung cancer. Pray for signs of improvement.

Dave Schultz, brother of Deb Woltzen, continues with treatments for lung cancer.

Deb Woltzen's mother, **Jean Schultz** is now in Franciscan in Dyer for rehab.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Lenora Mulder, Village Woods Room 213, 2681 S. Rt. 394, Crete, IL 60417

WORSHIP...

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be **Wednesday, February 26** at 6:00pm in the Chapel. Join us for a time of worship and stay for a Soup Supper following the service as we begin the Lenten Season together. Nursery provided. Volunteers needed to make your favorite soups. Please sign up downstairs or call the church office at 333.0622. Also, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you are joining us for the evening.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES will be held in the Chapel on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Don't miss out on this mid-week opportunity to re-calibrate our hearts and minds on the mercy of Jesus (nursery provided).

March 4 – Lenten Lessons & Hymns

March 25 – Lenten Lessons & Hymns

March 11 – Prayers of Lament

April 1 – Prayers of Lament

March 18 – Liturgical Prayer Service

April 8 – Liturgical Prayer Service

April 9: Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall (nursery provided). We will have our casserole dinner first and then our service follows.

April 10: Good Friday Service will be held in the Chapel at 7:00pm (nursery provided).

April 12: Easter Sunday our service begins at 9:30am.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, February 9

Basket Total: \$6,020.00

Online Total: \$1,901.00

Gift/Memorial: Doris Peterson \$330.00

Giving Total: \$8,251.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

SERMON NOTES...

Acts 8:26-40
“Multi-Colored from the Start”
Pastor Jim Oord

PRAYER ROOM – Need a word of encouragement or someone to pray with? Come to the prayer room after church until 11am. It is located outside the double doors west of the Chapel. A team of dedicated volunteers would welcome the opportunity to pray with you this morning.

CHURCH LIFE...

DEAR CONGREGATION, thank you so much for all of your words, thoughts, prayers and cards as we mourned the passing of our mom, Elene DeBok. It was a joy to know the fulfillment of God’s promise in her return to Him as Savior and Lord after ninety years of her valued, purposeful life here with us. Special thanks to Pastor Jim, Pastor Corey & Don DeGraff for their perfect timing in the ER. And to Anthony Bolkema and Joanne Hoeksema for their precious talents provided at her service.

- Gratefully, Cindy & Mike Nylen, Randy, Rhonda, Jessica & Nicole DeBok

THANK YOU for all the prayers, cards and visits from Pastor Rich during my Mom's recent hospital stays and re-hab. It's such a blessing to be part of such a loving and caring church family.

- Deb,& Dennis Woltzen & Jean Schultz

“FIRST THINGS FIRST,” a class for those who are interested in joining our church or making public profession of faith, will be offered on March 8, 15, 22 & 29. We will be meeting in the living room of the parsonage. This is a four week course, taught by Pastors Anthony, Corey, and Jim, covering questions like “what do we believe,” “why do we worship the way we do,” and “what does it mean to be a church member?” Attending this class does not obligate you to become a member, it's also a good place to learn more about our church and ask questions about Christianity. If you're interested in joining us, sign up in the Fellowship Hall or speak to one of our pastors.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS are invited to stop in and wish Bill Rietveld a happy 90th birthday at his home today, **Sunday, February 16**, from 1-3pm. Coffee & cookies served. No gifts necessary!

ANOTHER ROSELAND MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE workday is planned for this **Thursday, February 20**. Please call Barb Grevengoed at 476.1341 for ride-sharing details. Thank you.

PASTOR JIM OORD will be officially installed as our senior pastor at a special service at 3:00pm on next **Sunday, February 23**. This service is a special meeting of our RCA Classis. Join us as we celebrate the beginning of our next chapter of ministry with Pastor Jim and his family.

ANOTHER FELLOWSHIP FORMATION EVENT will be held on **Saturday, March 28**. We will be heading to Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament in Schaumburg, IL. The night will feature a two-hour live medieval knight show (including jousting, weaponry, falconry, and horsemanship) as well as a four-course medieval feast (including soup, garlic bread, potato, chicken, corn on the cob, drinks, and dessert.) Make it a date night or bring the whole family along. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$40 for children ages 3- 12.

SOUTH HOLLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT'S annual 'all you can eat' pancake breakfast is **Saturday, March 28** from 7:00-11:00am at Station #1, 16230 Wausau Ave. The cost is \$8.00 per person.

PSALM 91:9 READS: "If you say, 'The Lord is my refuge, and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.'" Soon, Pastor Jim, Raylene, and the Oord family will lay roots in our community, not in a tent, but in our beautifully remodeled parsonage. We prayerfully ask for your continued contributions as we near the pinnacle of this project. Please see the letter in your church mail slot for further information and the dates of the parsonage tours.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

THE GOSPEL PROJECT: For ALL ages!

All students (3-year-old through 5th grade) can be dropped off in the Genesis Room at 11:00am and picked up there at 12:00pm. The adult class meets in the Chapel from 11:00am-12:00pm.

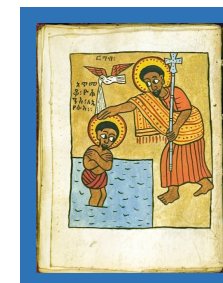
- ❖ February 16: "God Frees His People" – Exodus 7:14-18; 12:3-8, 12-13, 29-32
Who is the Lord? This question from the lips of Pharaoh may have been more defiant than inquisitive, but it led to the showcase of God's greatest acts of salvation for the Israelite people. Join us as we discuss this question in light of the story of the enslaved Israelites.
- ❖ February 23: "God Delivers His People" – Exodus 13:17-22; 14:1-4, 13-14, 21-22, 26-28
- ❖ March 1: No Sunday School
- ❖ March 8: "A Test in The Wilderness" – Exodus 16:2-4, 13-20; 17:3-6; I Corinthians 10:1-4

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING: This multi-generational class is open to learners of all ages from 6th grade on up! This class meets in the Heritage Room.

- ❖ February 16: "The Eighth and Ninth Commandments" (Q & A 110-112)
Join us in the Heritage Room (next to the chapel) at 11:00am as we delve into the foundational questions of our faith. This week's lesson studies the eighth and ninth commandments and considers how stealing and lying are both different and the same. This multi-generational class is open to learners of all ages from 6th grade on up!
- ❖ February 23: "The Tenth Commandment" (Q & A 113-115)
- ❖ March 1: No Sunday School
- ❖ March 8: "Praying for All It's Worth: Lord, teach us to pray." (Q & A 116-119)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is this **Tuesday, February 25**, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. We will discuss Chapters 1-3 of the new study book, "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23." Read Chapters 4-6 for our next session. Treats provided by Elaine Gouwens and Sherry Gouwens.

BOOK CLUB will meet on **Tuesday, March 10**, at 9:30am in the Library. We will be reading The Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg. Questions? Call Nancy Bates at 596.7314.



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