

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 10, 2019



Welcome...

Each and every Sunday we gather together as a family to be reminded of and re-formed by the Story of the Bible. It's a dynamic Story of a world made by God, stuck in sin, but saved by Jesus and sustained by the Holy Spirit. It's a Story that provides hope for the hurting, purpose for the wanderer, and community for the lonely. And ultimately, it's a Story that draws us in to worship and sends us out in mission, to share this Good News with our world that is in desperate need of salvation. So welcome to worship at First Reformed Church! We pray God will speak to you through His Story today and you would join us in Growing Together in the Grace of Christ.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Steve DeVries
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"</i> – Bell Ringers
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Anthony Bolkema
*Time of Worship	<i>"In Christ Alone"</i> #87 <i>"His Name Is Wonderful"</i> #89 <i>"Our Great Savior"</i> (vs. 1 – 3)
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"Lamb of God"</i> – Chancel Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	John 13:1-7
Sermon	<i>"Our Feet Stink"</i>

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Song of Response	<i>"All the Room was Hushed and Still"</i>
Congregational Prayer	Russ Paarlberg
Offering	<i>"His Mercy is More"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Moises Pacheco
*Sending in Grace	#479 <i>"O, How He Loves You and Me"</i>
*Postlude	Steve DeVries

*Those who are able please stand.

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

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, March 3

Basket Total: \$9,277.00; Online Total: \$1,300.00

Special Offering: \$150.00: Gift/Memorial, Paul Paarlberg: \$1,390.00

Giving Total: \$12,117.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2019...



We are now addressing the improvements needed for our parsonage. For more information or with any questions please see Clair Hoeksema, Elder VP, or Mike Decker, Deacon Chairman. "Special Project" envelopes are available on the narthex shelves.

AREA EVENTS...

THE EXODUS PROJECTS is looking for volunteers for **Saturday, March 9** for a community event in Chicago Heights. See the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for more information. If you have any questions, see Nikki Nyhanna or Pastor Corey.

JOIN US FOR PANCAKES! We invite you to partner with the South Holland Fire Department for our Annual "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast. This annual event takes place on **Saturday, April 6** from 7:00am until 11:00am at Fire Station #1 (16230 Wausau Avenue). We will enjoy a fun-filled morning with a delicious meal, fellowship, raffle, and conversations with our firefighters.

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW...



My name is Steve Alexander and I have been happily married to Tiffany Alexander (the Kindergarten Teacher at Family Life Christian Preschool and Daycare) for twenty-one years. I have 2 sons—Kyel & Kyree—whom I am very proud of. I currently work for CTA in the Law Department doing video surveillance. I graduated from Northern Illinois University with a BA in Special Physical Education. In my spare time I enjoy coaching baseball, bowling & spending time with my family. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and serving the members of First Reformed Church and Family Life Christian Pre-School and Day Care as the new church custodian.

CHURCH LIFE...

WE WELCOME Moises Pacheco to our pulpit this morning. Moises is a real estate developer, an educator, a worship planner, and an aspiring Christian Reformed Church pastor. Moises is currently working on completing the requirements to become a commissioned pastor within the CRC and, together with his wife, Erin, plans to plant a CRC congregation in the East Garfield Park neighborhood on the West side of Chicago.

NOMINATING BALLOTS for the **Tuesday, May 14** Congregational Meeting at 7:00PM were placed in your mail slots (shut-ins and those out-of-town were mailed). Your completed ballots should be placed in the ballot boxes in the Narthex by **Sunday morning, March 17**.

THE ANNUAL ELIM HOSTESS SUPPER will be held on **Friday, March 15** at the Protestant Reformed Church in Crete. If you are interested, please contact Judy Gill (708-279-7599) or Lynn Hoeksema (219-808-3752).

THE MONTH OF MARCH we will be restocking our food pantry. Your donations can be placed on the table in the Fellowship Hall. We will accept all foods, but we really need the following: *canned fruit, canned meat & fish, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, and canned or boxed potatoes.*

PRELIMINARY COPIES OF THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY are available downstairs at the Welcome Center for you to use as a reference in completing your elder, deacon, and trustee nominations. Feel free to utilize these as a way to match a name with a face, but please do not remove the copies from the welcome center.

MEMORY VERSE...

"Blessed are those who live at Your house. They are always praising You."

– Psalm 84:4

CARE...

Dave Besser found out that his cancer is much more aggressive than first thought. He has started an intensive radiation treatment plan this past week consisting of ten straight sessions.

Ralph Knopf has started immunotherapy treatments.

Claude Boomsma has been moved to Providence in Crestwood, Room 36-Bed 2.

Tom Peterson is in hospice care at home.

Colton Smit, great grandson of Clarence & Judy Brouwers is recovering from neurological surgery.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Barb Rietveld, 1413 E. Joe Orr Road, Chicago Hts., IL 60411

SERMON NOTES...

**“Our Feet Stink”
John 13:1-7
Moises Pacheco**

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.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

GREETERS: Colin & Geni Cutler and John & Gay Kraai
COFFEE SERVERS: Russ & Heidi Paarlberg and Ron & Shirley Scheffers
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Isabella Veldboom
ORGAN: Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Celeste DeBoer and Amy Veldboom
MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, and Nick Paarlberg
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **SOUND:** James Kuyper
VIDEO: Mike Decker
PRAYER ROOM: Bob Asmus and Dan Dieck
WELCOME CENTER: Russ Paarlberg
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Mike Costello
MUNCH & MINGLE meets in the Activity Center at 11:30am
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Arleta Hommes, Barb Grevengoed, Gail Housman & Mary Koster

MONDAY, MARCH 11

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room
7:00PM: Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

9:30AM: Book Club meets in the Library
1:00PM: Women’s Bible Study meets in the Genesis Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

6:00PM: Meet in the Chapel for Lenten Service, “The Way of the Essenes”

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

GREETERS: Mike & Cindy Nylén and Rich Zimmerman
COFFEE SERVERS: Gwen Adams, Trina Taylor and Faye Gowens
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Nikki Nyhanna
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema
MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Daniel Day, Kevin Hesselink, Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, Bill Nyhanna, and Rachel Wooley
PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok; **PRAYER ROOM:** Clair Hoeksema; **WELCOME CENTER:** Dave Wright
FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Mike Costello
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Decker, Rhonda DeBok, Nancy DeVries and Grace Jacobsma

WORSHIP...

THE PATH TO THE CROSS: Join us for times of worship and fellowship during the season of Lent continuing this **Wednesday, March 13**. They will be held in the Chapel on Wednesdays (through **April 10**) at 6:00pm and are designed to foster the personal and corporate spiritual disciplines that are integral to the development of Christian discipleship. As such, these gatherings will include times of worship, teaching, introspection, and interpersonal discussion.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION continues today for all ages at 11:00am.

PRESCHOOL AND PRIMARY DEPARTMENT KIDS meet for a time of singing in the Genesis Room at 11:00am followed by their Bible story time.

- **PRESCHOOL** (Ages 3-4) Teachers: Aubrey Durkin, Rhonda Hesselink, Sara Jabaay, and Brittany Paarlberg. This class will meet in the Genesis Room for learning basic Bible stories and a craft-time.
- **PRIMARY** (Kindergarten-4th Grade) Teachers: Kim Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna and Noreen VanDeursen. This class will meet in the rooms across from the drinking fountain in the Activity Center for crafts and learning the stories of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation.
- **SECONDARY GROUP** (5th Grade – High School) Teachers: Pastor Corey, Barb Grevengoed, Mike Hoeksema and Roger Hommes. This class will meet at the east end of the Fellowship Hall and will be studying the Heidelberg Catechism.

ADULT CLASS:

Beginning today, Stu Swenson will lead a 4-week class during the Sunday School hour on how modern archeology can enhance our knowledge of the Bible. We will look at many specific examples along with such discoveries as the Dead Sea scrolls which complement our understanding of the Bible.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK...

AFTERNOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be this **Tuesday, March 12** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. We continue our study of "The Rock, the Road, and Rabbi." Session 3 – "Capernaum: Ministry Headquarters." (Luke 4:31-32, 38-39). We will take a video tour of Capernaum then work on p.51-57 in our study guide. Homework assignment for the next two weeks: "Digging Deeper" p. 59-65. Questions, call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Anna Mae Groeneveld and Myrna Eytcheson.

BOOK CLUB meets this **Tuesday, March 12** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency" by Alexander Smith. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.



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