

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, April 7, 2019



Welcome...

Welcome to First Reformed Church on this Fifth Sunday of Lent. Lent is a season of repentance and renewal. During the forty days of Lent we remember that being a faithful disciple of Christ requires the disciplined nurture of spiritual life and its practical application. Accordingly, the church has historically observed Lent as a time of spiritual renewal practiced by prayer, fasting, and giving. We are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning as we continue our journey together to Golgotha and, ultimately, to the empty tomb.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT Communion Sunday, April 7, 2019 WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Time of Worship	#77 <i>"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"</i> <i>"God the Uncreated One"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance	<i>"O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Luke 15: 1-10
Sermon	"Coins"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
Congregational Prayer	Don DeGraff
Offering	<i>"Fairest Lord Jesus"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Chad Schuitema
*Sending in Grace	#479 <i>"O, How He Loves You and Me"</i>
*Postlude	<i>"Lead Me to Calvary"</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.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, March 31

Basket Total: \$5,672.00; Online Total: \$1,025.00

Special Projects: \$1,250.00

Gift & Memorial: Paul Paarlberg - \$20.00; Tom Peterson - \$310.00

Giving Total: \$8,277.00

(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.

WORSHIP...

THE PATH TO THE CROSS: Join us for times of worship and fellowship during the season of Lent continuing this **Wednesday, April 10**. It will be held in the Chapel at 6:00pm and is designed to foster the personal and corporate spiritual disciplines that are integral to the development of Christian discipleship. This gathering will include times of worship, teaching, introspection, and interpersonal discussion (nursery provided).

April 18: 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 19: Good Friday Service will be held in the Chapel at 7:00pm (nursery provided).

April 21: Easter Sunday our service begins at 9:30am.

AREA EVENTS...

ANNUAL BIBLE LEAGUE SPRING LUNCHEON: Please join us **Thursday, April 11** at Teibel's restaurant for a wonderful afternoon of fellowship. For tickets, please contact Jeannie Spike at 708-728-5800.

UNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY will be hosting its first annual Celebration of Unity on **Saturday, April 27** at the Flossmoor Country Club from 6:00pm-11:00pm. The evening will include dinner, entertainment and a silent auction. Tickets are available through the UCA office or online at www.WeAreUCA.org. See Mike Nysten for more information.

CHURCH LIFE...

WE WELCOME TO THE PULPIT Rev. Chad Schuitema. He is the Administrative and Ministry Leader for the RCA's Synod of Mid-America.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Mike and Pam Costello, on the passing of Pam's mother, Dorothy Jordan, on Tuesday, April 2.

OUR NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES will be in your mail slots next Sunday, April 14. Please use your existing directory notebook for the updated material. If you do not have a notebook, please notify the church office and one will be provided for you.

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS to make your favorite casserole for the dinnertime at our **Maundy Thursday** service on **April 18**. Please sign-up downstairs or call the church office at 333-0622 if you are willing to share your favorite casserole (and soon to be ours)☺.

MUNCH AND MINGLE is scheduled to meet next **Sunday, April 14** in the Activity Center. Please call the church office to reserve your spot.

COFFEE COUNTER in the Fellowship Hall will be open to those who would like to fellowship prior to the service at 9:00am and enjoy a hot cup of coffee.

THE CHAPEL is available for you to use to participate in the morning worship service. Please feel welcome to use this space to accommodate your family's needs.

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH BANQUET will be held on **Tuesday, May 21, 2019** to celebrate their 25th Anniversary. It will be held at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. Reception starts at 6:30 and dinner will be served at 7:00. Please RSVP by May 1 to cpoministries@sbcglobal.net or to Noreen VanDeursen at the office - 708-331-3301.

CARE...

Les VanDeursen has been admitted to Ingalls Hospital with severe back pain.

Ralph Paarlberg has returned home.

David Besser has completed a round of radiation on his brain and will wait until he is stronger before beginning radiation treatments on his hip. David started targeted chemo drugs last week. Pray that his body responds well to them.

Ralph Knopf has completed his immunotherapy treatments.

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

Colton Smit, great grandson of Clarence & Judy Brouwers will be having another neurological surgery on Monday.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Lenora Anker, Beecher Manor, Room 504A, 1201 Dixie Highway, Beecher, IL 60401

SERMON NOTES...

Luke 15:1-10

“Coins”

Rev. Chad Schuitema

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...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, APRIL 7

GREETERS: Ron & Shirley Scheffers and Rodger & Sherry Norris

COFFEE SERVERS: Griff & Mary Decker and Jim & Bonnie DeGroot

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Barb Housman

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Peter Keep, Bill Nyhanna, & Nick Paarlberg

PROJECTION: Darrow Alexander; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok; **PRAYER ROOM:** Ron & Diana Abernathy

WELCOME CENTER: Gwen Adams

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Mike Costello

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Norma Smit, Jeannie Spike and Deb Woltzen

MONDAY, APRIL 8

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

9:30AM: Book Club meets in the Library

1:00PM: Women’s Bible Study meets in the Genesis Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

6:00PM: Lenten Service in the Chapel

7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal

8:15PM: Bell Rehearsal

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14

GREETERS: Ron & Diana Abernathy and Bob & Nancy Asmus

COFFEE SERVERS: Craig & Jan Nelson and Rodger & Sherry Norris

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Aubrey Durkin

ORGAN: Margaret Oetjen; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, & Rachel Wooley

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **SOUND:** James Kuyper

VIDEO: Ron Rietveld; **PRAYER ROOM:** Roger & Arleta Hommes

WELCOME CENTER: Don VanBaren

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Eric Bruinsma; First Response: Mike Costello

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, Gail Housman & Mary Koster

MUNCH & MINGLE: Meets in the Activity Center at 11:30AM

OASIS: Meets in the Loft at 6:30PM

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION continues today for all ages at 11:00am. Easter Sunday we will not have Sunday School and Sunday, April 28 is the last day of Sunday School.

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 meets 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 meets 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: Barb Grevengoed, Mike Hoeksema and Roger Hommes. This class meets at the east end of the Fellowship Hall and is studying the Heidelberg Catechism.

NO ADULT CLASS is scheduled for today!

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK...

AFTERNOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be this **Tuesday, April 9** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. We continue our study of "The Rock, the Road, and Rabbi." Session 5 – "Mount of Olives: The Triumphant Entry" (Mark 11:1-2, 7-9). We will take a video tour of the Mount of Olives, then work on p.87-93 in our study guide. Homework assignment for the next two weeks: "Digging Deeper" p. 95-102. Questions call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316. Treats: Phyllis DeYoung and Nancy Bates.

BOOK CLUB meets this **Tuesday, April 9** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "Maggie Bright" by Tracy Groot. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

MEMORY VERSE...

"I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead."
- Philippians 3:10-11



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