

February 4, 2024

Morning Worship

GEMS SUNDAY GATHER

Prelude
Welcome
Opening Prayer
***Song: Gather Us In vs 1&2**
*God’s Greeting
***Song: How Great is Our God vs 1-2**

THANKSGIVING
Ministry Update: GEMS
GEMS Litany
Offering: GEMS, General Fund
Morning Prayer
Children ages 2-4 are invited to Children’s Worship
***Song: Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God vs 1-3**

WORD
Scripture: *Selected From Esther*
Message: **Rise Up**
Prayer

SENT
*Benediction
***Song: Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me vs 1-4**

Pastor Dave
Accompanist: Tonia Westmaas
Worship Team: Kendra and Alivia Bouma, Breanne and Brinley Cook,
Kristin and Elizabeth Power
Guitar: Josh Horstman

*Congregation stands if able

Welcome!

*If you have a prayer request or you would like to know more about us, please fill out the Welcome Card and place in one of the Connection boxes as you leave the sanctuary.
To view our services online go to: firstorchudsonville.org and click the link at the top of the page.*

THIS SUNDAY: GEMS Sunday
AM: Selected from Esther Message: **Rise Up!** This Sunday we will celebrate what God is doing in the GEMS ministry. This year the girls have been studying the life of Queen Esther. Esther lived by faith in a faithless culture. In this message we’ll learn what it means for each one of us to *rise up* in God’s strength and stand strong in our faith, having complete confidence that we will be okay, no matter what.
Offerings: GEMS, General Fund

PM: Matthew 9: 35 - 10:8 Message: Commissioned Join us as Rev. Sam Krikke leads us in worship. Offering: World Renew

NEXT WEEK:
AM: 1 Peter 5: 1-7 Series: 7 Deadly Sins Message: **Pride** In this new series we will explore the infamous Seven Deadly Sins — pride, greed, anger, envy, lust, gluttony, and sloth. We’ll also uncover the spiritual antidotes that can enable us to break free from their destructive grip move into the freedom and life God desires for us.
Offerings: Faith Promise, General Fund

PM: Romans 3: 23-26 Series: Sound Doctrine: Understanding and Living What We Believe Message: **Death and Descent** We all want justice to be done when we’ve been wronged in some way. But how does justice work when we are the ones who have wronged God? Offering: World Renew

- THIS WEEK:**
- **Sunday School and Catechism** meets after morning service.
 - **Adult Sunday Education** meets after morning service.
 - **Pop! Snr High**, Sunday February 4, 6:00PM
 - **Pastoral Council**, Monday February 5, 7:00PM
 - **Cadets**, Wednesday February 7, 7:00PM
 - **GEMS Soup Supper**, February 7, 5:30PM @ Immanuel CRC

Evening offerings for the month of **February** will go to World Renew.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Starting in February, special collections will be held periodically for the Christian Education Student Tuition Grant Fund. Prayerfully consider supporting First CRC's ministry of supporting the next generation with the opportunity of Christian education.

Sunday Adult Education on the book of 1 Peter - Sunday mornings, 11 a.m., in the Upstairs Fellowship room. Everyone is welcome. No books or pre-reading; just show up! Leader: Pastor Marc VanBerkum

Ladies Bible Study will not meet Tuesday, February 6.

Young Adults will host our first GAME NIGHT Thursday, February 8th at 7pm in the Church basement! Please feel free to bring a (short-ish) game, bring a snack, and/or bring a friend! Children are welcome, but we understand it can be a little tricky to play games with little ones! We are looking into having someone from the youth group babysit in the nursery during this event! We will start the event by revealing our Mission Statement/ Theme Bible verse! This will be a great night to get to know each other and have some fun as well! Please sign up either using the QR code on the flyers or pre-service slide or sign up at the welcome center! We look forward to seeing you there! Questions? Contact Alyssa Horstman at (616) 581-0544 or find me after the service!

GEMS Soup Supper - You are invited! The GEMS are hosting a soup supper on February 7 from 5:30-7:00 at Immanuel CRC to raise money for our sponsor student Faustina and the Esther School in Zambia. Hope to see you there!

Pop! Youth Ministries will be having a chili cook off/auction fundraiser on Saturday February 17, 5-7pm. Proceeds go towards youth mission trips. There is a participation sheet along with an attendance sheet at the welcome center. Anyone who is interested in donating a item, or service please contact David or Julia Hekstra. Also, cards for a cause a sign-up sheet is also on the welcome center. \$30 for a box of 30 cards. Proceeds will go towards Pop! general funding. Payment can go in the Hekstra mailbox (there is a minimum of 15 boxes that need to be sold to place the order.)

Save the Date! The First CRC Clay Shoot will be held on March 16 for Set Free Ministries. More information to follow!

Cadet Fertilizer Sale: Please support the Cadets by purchasing fertilizer for your lawn and garden. A Cadet may be contacting you or you can find an order form on the Welcome Center in the narthex. Orders must be in Jeff Horstman's mailbox by March 3. Orders should be ready for pick up by the week of March 25. Contact Jeff if you have any questions.

February Missionary Highlight: Jamie and Edgar Martinez, serving in Mexico with Mission Enablers International.

Prayer requests:

- Pray for them as they travel to remote villages
- Praise God for the spiritual growth they see in their ministry
- Pray for wisdom as they disciple

FIRST CRC/PINE REST PARTNERSHIP Preventing the Winter Blahs

Gray days, snowstorms, ice storms, school closings can all take a toll on our mental health. While there's nothing we can do about the weather we can take steps now to help lessen the impact. The experts available through our Pine Rest partnership can help you start feeling less down, overwhelmed, and more like yourself. There is no co-pay or out-of-pocket cost; simply call 800.442.0809 (press 1) or send an email to eap@pinerest.org.

Nursery: The Nursery is open for morning services.

This Week: Cindy Palmbos, Jenna Persenaire, Alivia Bouma

Next Sunday: Andrea Matthyse, Kara Helms, Eve Power

Ushers for February:

AM: Dan Meyaard, Troy Nagelkirk, Kevin Palmbos, Jeff Persenaire

PM: Brett Devries, Ron Sterk, Mark Vander Brug

Coffee Server: This Week: Sylvia Aukeman

Next Week: Natalie Timmer

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Concerns and Praises:

- We extend our Christian sympathy to **Barb Bloem** as she mourns the loss of her husband **Dan**. We ask God to give Barb and and Bloem family His comfort and peace during this difficult time.
- **Kathy Krikke** received an encouraging report this week that the tumor has shrunk
- **Marguerite Smeda** returned home from the hospital last Monday.
- **Sharon Walters** who lives with the effects of PML/Brain infection

Shut-ins: Wilma Johnson, Elmer Hoffman, Molly Schreur, and Donna Machiela.

If you have any needs or prayer requests, please contact your Care Group Elder/Deacon or Pastor Dave.

Our Prayer Coordinator, Tammy Schnyders, produces a monthly prayer sheet, "Partners in Prayer", sends out prayer emails, and regularly updates the Praise and Prayer Line [669.5548]. If you have a prayer need contact Pastor Dave, your Care Group Elder, or Tammy Schnyders.

FROM THE DENOMINATION

Kids Corner: Names of God: The Father of Compassion - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Check out the story of Joseph. He was sold into slavery by his brothers, wrongly accused, thrown in jail, and forgotten for a long time. He comes face to face with his brothers and forgives them! When you receive God's mercy, you extend that mercy to others, even those who have hurt you. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Valentine Cards

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Harmony Communities - Are you interested in a unique position where you can love and serve others? Harmony Communities has an exciting full-time opportunity for a live-in home manager to work with 6 men in our Hudsonville group home. An attached apartment and utilities are provided along with salary. Please visit harmonycommunities.org/employment for more information or call 616-226-3473.

"THE CHOSEN": South Grandville Church (4130 Wilson Ave., Grandville, MI) will be hosting a screening of Season One of the series "The Chosen". You're invited to join us each Sunday evening, January 28 - March 17, as we gather at 5PM for a free meal. The screening will start at 5:30, followed by a time of conversation about the episode, led by Pastor Rod Galindo. To help us plan for the amount of food needed, please text "Chosen" and the number of people attending to 616-253-6361, call the church office at 616-532-5413, or email office@southgrandvillechurch.org.

Free Play Group: Ridgewood CRC (next to the Georgetown Township Library) will offer a free playgroup on Monday mornings starting February 5 until March (except February 19) from 9:30- 10:30 AM for children ages 0-5 and their caregiver(s). There is a bounce house, a large open space with fun toys and activities, and coffee and snacks provided. Enter through door "N." No need to sign up; just show up! We hope to see you there!

FROM LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Love Your Neighbor Group Therapy curriculum has been developed by our staff, and classes will be led by social work interns from Love Your Neighbor and other local agencies. Sessions will follow an 8 week repeating cycle, and anyone can join a group at any time. Any community member 18 or older dealing with depression or anxiety is encouraged to click the link below and fill out the form and someone will reach out for possible enrollment! **There is a \$5 cost per session. Please let us know if the \$5 is a barrier to you attending!** Group therapy for anxiety will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm at Love's main campus. Group therapy for depression is anticipated to start the week of February 26th!

February 4, 2024 - Evening Worship

GATHER

Prelude
Welcome and Opening Prayer

*God's Greeting

*Song: **Come Thou Almighty King vs 1-4**

*Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

*Song: **We Praise You O God vs 1-3**

Offering: World Renew

Offertory: **May the Mind of Christ My Savior vs 1, 2 & 4**

Congregational Prayer

WORD

Scripture: *Matthew 9: 35 - 10:98*

Message: **Commissioned**

Prayer

*Song: **Christian Hearts in Love United vs 1-3**

SENT

*Benediction

*Song: **Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing vs 1, 2 & 7**

*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Guest Pastor: Rev. Sam Krikke
Accompanist: Tonia Westmaas

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