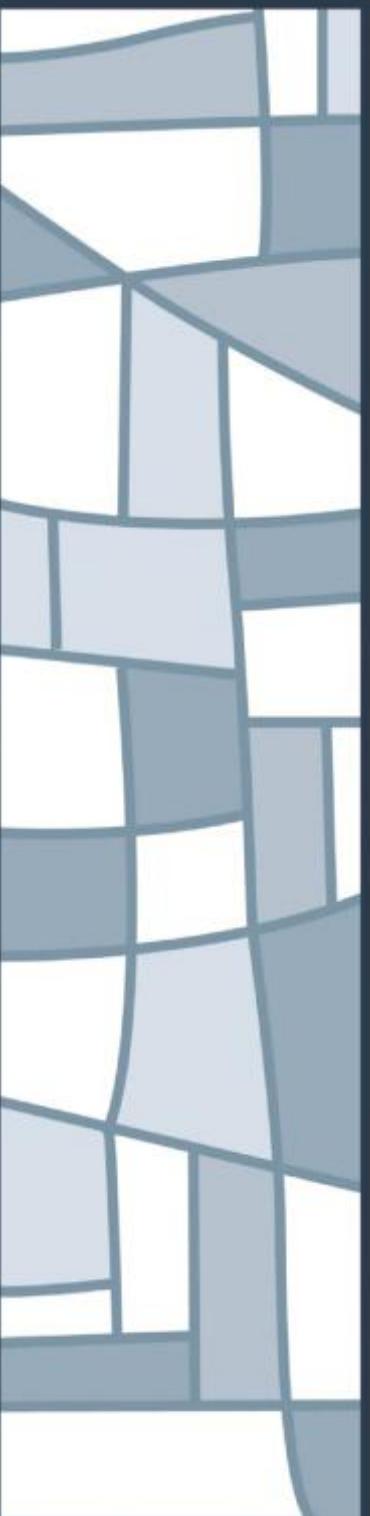


FAITH

CHRISTIAN REFORMED

CHURCH

EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD
EXPRESS GOD'S LOVE
EQUIP GOD'S PEOPLE
EXPAND GOD'S KINGDOM



God's Invitation Gathers Us

Welcome

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Sandy Roelofs

Prayer

God's Greeting

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

#356:1,2,4,5 (WC)

God's Grace Claims Us

Congregational Prayer

Children's Blessing

"10,000 Reasons"

"I am Not My Own"

Offering: Caring Network

God's Word Speaks to Us

Prayer

Matthew 13:1-9 | pg. 968

The Sower, The Seed, The Soils

Prayer

God's Grace Renews Us

"Behold the Lamb"

#840 (LH)

Celebration of Communion

Benevolence Offering

"Amazing Grace"

#502 (WC)

God's Blessing Equips Us

Benediction

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#493 (PH)

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Matthew Lansen

Praise Team: Izzy David, Janna Piersma, Sandy Roelofs, Chris Tang, Clement Tang,

Hank Vander Naald, Jonah Vander Naald, Kristen Voss

(PH-Psalter Hymnal / WC-Worshiping Church / LH-Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal)

Welcome & God's Greeting

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
#576:1-4 (WC)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 40

Prayer

Offering: Providence Life Services

Luke 15:11-32 | pg. 1035
Luke 10:25-37 | pg. 1028
Matthew 20:1-16 | pg. 976
Mark 4:1-20 | pg. 993

Interpreting the Parables

Prayer

Blessing

"Rejoice, The Lord is King"
#368:1,2,4 (PH)

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders & Sermon:

Matthew Lansen
Chris Tang

Accompaniment:

(PH-Psalter Hymnal / WC-Worshiping Church / LH-Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal)

This Week at Faith

Sunday Morning: we'll read Matthew 13:1-9 for our "Mysteries of the Kingdom" series, and we'll celebrate the Lord's Supper during this service. If you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and are a professing member of a Christian church, we welcome you to join us. The center two rings of each tray have grape juice if you would prefer to partake of that rather than wine. A gluten free option will be available in the middle of the bread trays.

Sunday Evening: we'll walk through an overview of approaches to interpreting the parables. We'll read Luke 15:11-32, Luke 10:25-37, Matthew 20:1-16, and Mark 4:1-20 as case studies.

Next week: we'll read Matthew 13:1-23 in the morning, and ??? in the evening.

Upcoming Worship

Sunday	Morning	Evening
January 25	Matthew Lancer	Mo Pacheco
February 1	Matthew Lancer	Matthew Lancer
February 8	Matthew Lancer	Matthew Lancer

Offering Schedule

Need support? If you're facing financial hardship, contact your district deacon (the office can connect you). They're ready and eager to do what they can.

Sunday	Morning	Evening
January 25	Cadets International	Crossroads Prison Ministries
February 1	Faith Promise Missions	Men of A-Chord
February 8	Bright Promise Fund	Crossroads Prison Ministries



Online giving is available for the following funds: General, Benevolence, Building, Christian Education, and Faith Promise Missions. Scan this QR code to give online.

Prayer Requests

Need prayer? If you have prayer needs, please contact your district elder, one of the pastors, or fill out a prayer card from the welcome counter and place it in the prayer box. Send prayer requests at any time to prayer@faithelmhurst.org.

Please keep **Randy Miedema** in prayer following a recent car accident. He's likely to be discharged from the hospital soon, and will be living with Al and Sharon Miedema for the next few weeks of recovery.

Announcements

Grace in Garfield at Faith in Elmhurst: At our January 25 evening service, our pastoral resident and church planter Mo Pacheco will be giving us a taste of the Grace in Garfield plant by leading us in a repeat of their Saturday service that week here for our Sunday evening service. The service includes Grace's usual pattern of responsive readings, songs, a message, and the Lord's Supper.

The **Right to Life Committee**, in recognizing January 18th as **Sanctity of Life Sunday**, wants to remind you of special events arranged to remember God's precious gift of life. Caricatures of new lives born in Faith Church in 2025 will be displayed (thanks, Jim Engel!). Please celebrate that we were all created in God's image and had worth to Him before birth.

Members of Faith CRC are serving alongside our neighbors at Ebenezer CRC in multiple different ways. You're invited to **watch the video** on our Faith Connect YouTube channel or find the link on our website at faithelmhurst.org/resources. Please take a look at what God is doing there! We hope this inspires you to get involved through serving or giving.

Get ready to race! 🏁🏆 The **Faith Pinewood Derby** is coming up on **Wednesday, February 18**, and we can't wait to see your creativity and speed on the track! 🚗💨 **Need a car?** Request one with the QR code: **Need help cutting or shaping** your car? Please contact Steve Van Kampen (vankampen.steve@gmail.com; 630-947-6598) or Calvin Hoving (calvin.l.hoving@gmail.com; 630-601-8953). **Have Questions** about the event? Email cadets@faithelmhurst.org. Start your engines! we'll see you at the Derby!

Pray on Wednesday: will meet this week.

We'll be serving at My Brother's Kitchen on January 31 from 8:00-noon and we need volunteers! This ministry and the service you help provide align with our mission of Expanding God's Kingdom. We are looking for **food donations** and 5-10 **people to serve** at My Brother's Kitchen in Lawndale. Please sign up at the Registration Counter if you can help. Contact Dirk Glaubke dglaubke@faithelmhurst.org with any questions.

The Discipleship Team will be hosting the second ***Practicing the Way*** small group study from 10:45-11:30 AM on January 4, 11, 18 & 25. Register to join us in learning more about the **Practice of Sabbath**. Sabbath is a 24-hour time period set aside to stop, rest, delight and worship. It is the best day of the week! In our era of chronic exhaustion, emotional unhealth, and spiritual stagnation, few things are more necessary than the recovery of this ancient practice. Sign up at the Registration Counter or faithelmhurst.org/resources

The Faith Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, February 10, at 7:00 PM** to discuss *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee. In this sequel to the classic *To Kill a Mockingbird*, twenty-six-year-old Scout returns to Alabama and uncovers unsettling truths about her family and hometown amid the tensions of the civil rights era.

Save the date! While hard to think about summer with snow and freezing temperatures summer is coming and we need *your* help with **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**! This year VBS is happening Monday-Friday, June 22-26, from 9-11:30am. There are volunteer opportunities both big and small – the whole week or just a couple of days. If you are able to help in any capacity, we'd love to have you! Visit faithelmhurst.org/vbs-volunteer.

Hymn Requests! Send us hymns you'd like to hear in the first prelude of the month. Place them in the box at the registration counter or email office@faithelmhurst.org so we can play the music meaningful to you!



Scan this QR code for faithelmhurst.org/resources for Faith's links and registrations.

Community Announcements

Join us for the **2025 January Series of Calvin University!** Weekdays **January 19-30, from 11:30 am-12:30 pm** at Park Place of Elmhurst. This award-winning simulcast series offers free, thought-provoking lectures. You can find flyers at the welcome center and registration counter. For more details on the series and speakers visit calvin.edu/january-series.

Roseland Christian Ministries: Join us for “**Rise Up Roseland**” silent auction and fundraiser happening **Saturday, February 7, 2026** at the Firehouse Art Studio in Chicago (1123 Roosevelt) from 3pm-6pm. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets. Your presence and support truly matter! Call 773.264.5665 for more details.



GLORIA: The Illiana Oratorio Society will be presenting Gloria by Vivaldi and Gloria from Mass in C Minor by Mozart! Rehearsals are every Monday beginning on February 16 through April 13 from 7:30-9:00pm at First Church of South Holland, located at 16248 South Park Ave. Attendance at a minimum of 6 regular rehearsals + the final dress rehearsal is required. The performance will be on Saturday, April 18 at 7:00pm at First Church of South Holland. For more information, visit www.illianaoratorio.org or find us on Facebook or Instagram!

Youth Announcements

Sunday School starts with singing in the sanctuary at 10:45. Then, grades 1-3 will meet in rooms 13/14; grades 4-5 will meet in room 10.

Faith Foundations begins at 10:45am. MS will meet in rooms 4/5, and HS will meet next door in the church house.

The Forge will not meet tonight. We will meet on Sunday, February 1 instead. Thanks for your flexibility!

The Gathering meets next Sunday, January 25, at 6PM. Questions? Email thegathering@faithelmhurst.org.

GEMS (1st-8th grade girls) will meet next Wednesday, January 28, at 6:30PM. Questions? Email gems@faithelmhurst.org.

Cadets (4th-8th grade boys) meet this Wednesday, January 21, at 7PM. Email cadets@faithelmhurst.org with any questions.

Jr. Cadets (1st-3rd grade boys) will meet this Tuesday, January 20, at 6:30PM. Email cadets@faithelmhurst.org with any questions.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) for students **age 3 years through 5th grade** is happening Monday-Friday, June 22-26, from 9:00-11:30am. Register now with the QR code below or at faithelmhurst.org/vbs. Too old to attend as a student? Volunteer instead (faithelmhurst.org/vbs-volunteer), we'd love to have you still be a part of it!



PreK-5th grade
students register
here.



Volunteers
6th grade & up
register here.

Serving Faith Church

Audio Visual: Niki Tazelaar, Michael Speelman, Robert Flikkema

Next Week: Logan Van Proyen, Joy Hoving, Ethan Lindemulder

PM Sound: Dave de Nazarie

Next Week: Len Turnbull

Security Host: Jon Huizinga

Next Week: Ray Middel

January Greeters: Bob Loerop, Ray Middel, Len Turnbull

February Greeters: Al Miedema, Steve David, Bill Hoving

Refreshments: Bill and Alyssa Ridder

Next Week: Chase Southwood and Maureen Reilly

Children's Church: Chelsea Van Dyk, Joy Koopmans, Olivia Kinnas

Next Week: Rachel Hoogstra, Nicole Huizinga, Andrew Slinkman

Nursery: Mindy Slinkman, Kelly Rauwerda, Avery Rauwerda,
Elaina Slinkman

Next Week: Janna Piersma, Laura Van Kampen, Sam Piersma

Sunday School: Kathy Miedema, Jon Kinnas, Heidi Folkerts,
Rachel de Nazarie

Next Week: Julie Speelman, Rebecca Anderson, Heidi Folkerts,
Rachel de Nazarie

This Week at Faith

Sunday, January 18

Men's Bible Reading Fellowship | 8:30 AM | Room 4/5
Pre-Worship Prayer Time | 9:10 AM | Room 1
Morning Worship | 9:30 AM | Sanctuary
Adult Ed – Practicing of Sabbath | 10:45 AM | Rooms 1-3
MS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Room 4/5
HS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Church House
Sunday School Singing | 10:45 AM | Sanctuary
Sunday School (1st-5th grade) | 11:00 AM | Room 10, Room 13/14
Evening Service | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary

Monday, January 19

Executive Meeting | 6:30 PM | Library
Council Meeting | 7:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 20

The Gathering Hangout | 2:45 PM | Church House
Jr. Cadets Meeting | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 21

Pray on Wednesday | 1:00 PM | Library
Cadets Meeting | 7:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
Practice Preaching | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary
Women's PM Bible Study | 7:00 PM | Library

Thursday, January 22

Mom2Mom | 9:00 AM | Fellowship Hall
Senior Men's Coffee Fellowship | 9:30 AM | Choir Room

Saturday, January 24

Men's Morning Prayer Group | 7:00 AM | Library

Sunday, January 25

Men's Bible Reading Fellowship | 8:30 AM | Room 4/5
Pre-Worship Prayer Time | 9:10 AM | Room 1
Morning Worship (Cadet Sunday) | 9:30 AM | Sanctuary
Adult Ed – Practice of Sabbath | 10:45 AM | Rooms 1-3
MS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Room 4/5
HS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Church House
Sunday School Singing | 10:45 AM | Sanctuary
Sunday School (1st-5th grade) | 11:00 AM | Room 10, Room 13/14
Evening Service | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary
The Gathering | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
Youth Service Practice | 6:00 PM | Sanctuary

Faith CRC Teams

Care: Dirk Glaubke, Al Miedema

Communion: Bob Loerop, Al Miedema, Len Turnbull

Worship: Matthew Lansen, Bob Loerop, Ray Middel, Mike Oldenburger

Music: Kathy Greenfield, Bob Leorop, Mike Oldenburger, Dan Roelofs, Sandy Roelofs, Jan Slinkman, Chris Tang, Kristen Voss

Discipleship: Melissa Biesboer, Jim Engel, Bill Hoving, Christopher Koopmans, Susan Middel, Julie Speelman, Niki Tazelaar

Library: Kim Biesboer, Nancy Boer, Laura Miller, Chuck Slinkman

Expanding God's Kingdom: Steve David, David Egan, Dirk Glaubke

Missions: Mary Baas, Scott Folkerts, Sharon Holtrop, Cal Hoving, Don Oostman, Susan Slinkman, Len Turnbull, Randy Van Dahm

Youth Ministries: Abbie Egan, Scott Folkerts, Peter Groenewald, Joy Koopmans, Kathy Miedema, Mike Oldenburger, Mindy Slinkman, Chelsea Van Dyk, Logan Van Proyen

Sunday School: Kathy Meidema, Bethany Voss

Decorating: Rebecca Anderson, Charis Engel, Joy Hoving, Jayne Lindemulder, Niki Tazelaar, Megan Veurink

Executive: Matthew Lansen, Ray Middel, Mike Oldenburger, Dirk Rauglas, Matt Sowers, Corey Van Dyk

Fellowship: Jon & Nicole Huizinga, Jay & Melanie Lumkes, Brad & Kathy Meidema, Ray & Susan Middel, Bill Ridder, Hank & Becky VanderNaald

Finance: Mike Hoving, Byron Plate, Whitney Ribbens, Matt Sowers, Mike Speelman, Jon Veurink

Nursery: Joy Koopmans, Mindy Slinkman

Property: Dave de Nazarie, Scott Folkerts, Rachel Kinnas, Brad Miedema, Jonathan Poortinga, Mindy Slinkman, Matt Tazelaar, Al Tobin

Safe Church: Abbie Egan, Joy Koopmans, Mike Oldenburger

Staff Relations: Rachel Hoogstra, Ray Middel, Dirk Rauglas,

Technology: Chris Slinkman, Logan Van Proyen

Timothy Liaison: Jon Huizinga, Todd Lindemulder, Corey Van Dyk

(For corrections to this list or for more information about joining a team, please contact the office at 630-279-1776 or Office@faithelmhurst.org)

**2025-2026
Faith CRC Council
Pastor Matthew Lanser**

ELDERS:

Dirk Rauglas '26 (President)
Mike Oldenburger '27 (Clerk)
Ray Middel '28 (Vicar)
Steve David '27
Scott Folkerts '28
Bill Hoving '26
Bob Loerop '28
Al Miedema '27
Bern Slinkman '26
Len Turnbull '26

DEACONS:

Corey Van Dyk '26 (Chair)
Matt Sowers '27 (Treasurer)
Dave DeNararie '28
David Egan '26
Cal Hoving '28
Jon Huizinga '27
Jon Kinnas '28
Bill Ridder '27
Chris Slinkman '27
Jonathan Veurink '26

Elder/Deacon Districts

Districts were reassigned in 2022. Email the office for your district.

Districts:

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 - 2.
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 - 7.
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- Out of Town

Elder/Deacon Team:

Len Turnbull/Chris Slinkman
Bern Slinkman/David Egan
Scott Folkerts/Jonathan Veurink
Bill Hoving/Jon Huizinga
Steve David/Dave DeNazarie
Bob Loerop/Jon Kinnas
Ray Middel/Cal Hoving
Al Miedema/Bill Ridder
Mike Oldenburger/Matt Sowers

Visiting Teams

Elder Visiting Teams:

Len Turnbull/Bern Slinkman
Scott Folkerts/Bill Hoving
Steve David/Bob Loerop
Ray Middel/Al Miedema

Deacon Visiting Teams:

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Jonathan Veurink/Jon Huizinga
Dave DeNazarie/Jon Kinnas
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Faith Focus of the Week: The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper at Faith this Sunday morning, and we'll celebrate the sacrament again in the evening on January 25 as pastoral resident and church planter Mo Pacheco leads us in a service drawn from Grace in Garfield. Over the next couple weeks, as always, you're invited to prepare for the Lord's Supper by reflecting on the vertical and the horizontal—your relationship with the Lord and with his people. You're also invited to reflect more deeply on the meaning of Lord's Supper; one brief and helpful resource on the CRC's view of the sacrament can be found here: crcna.org/resources/church-resources/liturgical-forms/lords-supper/introduction-celebration-holy-communion.

Sermon Notes:



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Sunday worship times: