



# TRANSFORMED



GEMS girl's club



## God's Invitation Gathers Us

Welcome

God's Greeting

"Come, People of The Risen King"

## God's Grace Claims Us

GEMS Litany

*Adeline Frank*

"Like A River Glorious"

*#594 (WC)*

Congregational Prayer

Children's Blessing

"He is Lord"

*#227 (LH)*

Offering: GEMS International

*Willow Anderson*

*Alex Koopmans*

## God's Word Speaks to Us

Prayer

John 20:11-23

*pg. 1074*

**Sad, Mad, Add**

Prayer

## God's Blessing Equips Us

"Hallelujah Praise Jehovah"

*#304 (PH)*

Benediction

"We Receive Your Blessing"

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Faith GEMS, Matthew Lanser

Praise Team:

Maddie Boonstra, Izzy David, Donna Erdman,

Kinley Hemelinck, Mabel Kinnas, Summer Ridder, Dan Roelofs,

Elaina Slinkman, Nora Slinkman, Grace Tobin, Kristen Voss

*(PH-Psalter Hymnal | WC-Worshipping Church | LH-Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal)*

Welcome & God's Greeting

*"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*  
#335:1-3 (PH)

Responsive Reading  
*Psalms 118*

Prayer

Offering: Luke Society

Matthew 21:1-17  
pp. 977

**Hosanna**

Prayer

Blessing

*"Rejoice, The Lord Is King"*  
#262 (WC)

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders & Sermon:

Matthew Lanser, George Tan

Accompaniment:

Jan Slinkman

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

## This Week at Faith

**Sunday Morning:** we'll read John 20:11-23 as we continue working through "The Gospel of Glory."

**Sunday Evening:** we'll be going back a bit and reflecting again on Palm Sunday with the text Matthew 21:1-17.

**Next week,** we'll read John 20:24-29 in the morning, and a number of selections from John in the evening.

## Praise and Thanksgiving

**Happy May Birthdays** to Robert Cook (May 6), Bob Herlien (May 6), Theresa Folkerts (May 8), Eileen Rauglas (May 12), Karen Folkerts (May 14), Martha Hoekstra-Brouwer (May 20), Bern Slinkman (May 23), Ken Laning (May 29), Theresa Vander Naald (May 30), Pat Schipma (May 31).

**Lampstand Ministries** wishes to express their gratitude for your recent offering donation as well as for serving at My Brother's Kitchen. Your donations and service help meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people they serve, providing hope and transformation to their west-side Chicago communities of Lawndale, Garfield Park, Austin, and Humbolt Park.

## Upcoming Worship

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
May 4	Matthew Lanser	Matthew Lanser
May 11	Matthew Lanser	Guest Pastor
May 18	Ben Ribbens	Guest Pastor

# Offering Schedule

**Need support?** If you are experiencing financial hardship, please reach out to your district deacon (the office can get you connected). They are eager to do what they can.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
May 4	Faith Promise Missions	ReFrame Ministries
May 11	Christian Education Fund	Bible League International
May 18	Partners Worldwide	Providence Life Services

## Announcements

Faith CRC will be having their annual **Congregational Meeting** next Sunday, May 04, after the morning service. The budget for the 2025-2026 ministry year will be reviewed and voted on and we will elect new officers to Council. Here are the names for the office of Deacon: Dave Denazarie, Brett Harbaugh, Cal Hoving, Jon Kinnas, Brad Miedema, and Chase Southwood. Here are the names for the office of Elder: Spencer Anderson, Scott Folkerts, Matt Huizinga, Bob Loerop, Ray Middel, and Herm Vander Naald. We would like to thank those that have served the past three years and are now ending their term. Your leadership and wisdom will be missed. Jim Engel (Elder), Don Miller (Elder), John Tazelaar (Elder), Marv Tazelaar (Deacon), Gary Vander Naald (Deacon) and Adam Zarek (Deacon). We will be selecting three deacons and three elders to serve the 2025-2028 term. Absentee ballots are available on the welcome counter.

This year's Christian Education **Tuition Assistance** night is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00 PM**. If you need help with tuition at Timothy Christian Schools, or other approved Christian school, fill out the forms in your mailboxes or request one from the office ([office@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:office@faithelmhurst.org)) and bring it with on April 30<sup>th</sup> to meet with a deacon.

**Seniors' Bible Study** will have our next meeting on Tuesday, April 29 at 1:00PM to finish up our study of the gospel of Luke

**Pray on Wednesday:** This week Wednesday at 1:00PM will be our final Pray on Wednesday time for this ministry year.

**Faith CRC Springfest** will be **Saturday, May 10**. Save The Date! Lots of fun activities are being planned. You won't want to miss out on this fun day! We are currently looking for auction items. If you are willing to donate sports tickets, restaurant gift cards, services (i.e. babysitting, cooking etc.) or brand new, unused items, please contact David Egan, Bill Ridder or Matt Sowers.

Women of all ages and stages are welcome to join **Faith's Summer Bible Study 2025**. We're back reading Liz Curtis Higgs! We'll enjoy her engaging style and fellowship with each other while applying God's Word to our lives. Sign up at the registration counter and pick up your book in the church office. Come for the dates that work for you! Wednesdays at 7PM at Faith. June 4, 18, July 2, 16, 30, & August 13

**Faith Book Club 2.0 reboot?** COVID shut down the Faith CRC Book club and we're reaching out to see if there is any interest to reboot the book club. Look for the signup sheet at the registration counter or talk to Chuck Slinkman.

**Registration is open! Join is for Vacation Bible School (VBS).** Kids ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us as we brave the woods and head True North, learning to trust Jesus in a wild world through worship, games, lessons, and fun! Our VBS week is Monday through Friday, June 23-27, from 9:00-11:30am. Spread the word and invite your friends. **Register now at [faithelmhurst.org/vbs](https://faithelmhurst.org/vbs).**

**God is working at Faith CRC!** Beginning in May, this will be the new theme of our Faith Focus spot on the back of the bulletin and in our Friday emails. We want to hear from you! How do you see God working in and through Faith CRC? What are you thankful for? Send in your stories and experiences (about 150 words or less) to [office@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:office@faithelmhurst.org), text 330-223-5216, or put it in the Faith Focus collection box at the registration counter.

## Giving and Volunteer Opportunities

**Ebenezer CRC** is having a **clothing distribution** on Saturday, May 3. They are in need of children's, women's and especially men's clothing (socks and underwear are also appreciated!) and shoes. **Please bring in new or gently worn items BEFORE May 2.** See Sandy Turnbull with any questions or for pick-up. Thank you for your generous heart for the Ebenezer community.

We are in need of **volunteers for Springfest**. If you are able to donate your time to help make Springfest a big success, please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex so we can make preparations. If you have questions about donating, please contact a deacon or [springfest@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:springfest@faithelmhurst.org).

**Love to bake or craft? Springfest** is calling your name! Do you have a favorite recipe that everyone always asks for? Consider donating a batch for Springfest's bake sale. Are you crafty? Do you have an idea for handmade items that can be sold at Springfest's craft sale? Please contact David Egan, Bill Ridder or Matt Sowers or [springfest@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:springfest@faithelmhurst.org). All donations should be brought to church by Friday, May 9.

**We need your help** turning church into a forest for **VBS**! Let us take that old Christmas tree off your hands! Happen to see a faux tree being thrown out, grab it, or give us a call at 630-279-1776! We are looking for artificial trees of any size (Christmas trees or ficus). We could also use heavy duty cardboard of any size, but especially large pieces. **Please bring your trees and cardboard to the church office!** If you need help getting an item here, please contact the office at 630-279-1776 or [office@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:office@faithelmhurst.org).

Our recent trip to serve at **My Brother's Kitchen** was a success thanks to many of you who donated food and volunteered to serve! We will have three more opportunities to donate and serve in this way again. We would love for you to consider donating food or serving on Saturday, June 28, August 30, or November 29. We will post more details and signup sheets as the dates approach.

## Community Announcements

**Timothy Christian Schools** is seeking a creative and passionate High School Photography & Art Teacher to join our faculty for the 2025-2026 school year. This position includes teaching high school photography and art classes, as well as middle school art classes. The ideal candidate will have a strong understanding of both traditional and digital photography, with a preference for experience developing photos in a darkroom setting. To find more about this job and others at Timothy, visit [timothychristian.com/employment](http://timothychristian.com/employment).

**Greenhouse Christian Co-School** has open positions available to qualified candidates who want to serve the Lord in their professional careers. They have a classical education program that works with homeschool families. Positions for the Fall semester starting in September 2025 and a part time HR position starting July 2025. Please visit [greenhousecoschool.org/employment](http://greenhousecoschool.org/employment) or call Jerry Smith at 630-462-9657 ext. 223.

## Youth Announcements

**Sunday School & Faith Foundations** meet today. 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders meet in the South hallway after singing. MS Faith Foundations will meet in room 3. HS Faith Foundations will meet next door in the church house. Classes begin at 10:45 AM. This is the last class of the school year and we hope you can join us!

**Cadets (4th – 8th Grade Boys)** have the **4<sup>th</sup> grade rocket launch** on May 7.

**The Gathering** meets next tonight at 6PM! This will be our last regular meeting for the year, so don't miss it! If you have any questions, email [thegathering@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:thegathering@faithelmhurst.org).

**Sign up for VBS** happening June 23-27 from 9:00-11:30 AM for ages 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Register at [faithelmhurst.org/vbs](http://faithelmhurst.org/vbs)



# This Week at Faith

## **Sunday, April 27**

GEMS Sunday

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

Mission Team Meeting | 10:45 AM | Room 1

MS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Room 3

HS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Church House

Sunday School Singing | 10:45 AM | Sanctuary

Sunday School | 11:00 AM | South Hall

Evening Worship | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary

The Gathering | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

## **Tuesday, April 29**

Seniors' Bible Study | 1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

The Gathering Hangout | 3:00 PM | Church House

## **Wednesday, April 30**

BSF Class Day | 9:00 AM | Church

Wednesday Prayer Time | 1:00 PM | Library

The Gathering Hangout | 3:00 PM | Church House

## **Thursday, May 1**

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

## **Friday, May 2**

Men's Bible Study | 6:30 AM | Library

## **Saturday, May 3**

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

## **Sunday, May 4**

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

Evening Worship | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary

# Serving Faith Church

**Audio Visual:** Chris Slinkman, Sue Slinkman, Robert Flikkema

**Next Week:** Niki Tazelaar, Matt Huizinga, Adam Zarek, Benet Hoogstra

**PM Audio Visual:** Al Miedema

**Next Week:** Gary Vander Naald

**Security Host:** Bill Hoving

**Next Week:** Gary Vander Naald

**April Greeters:** Don Miller, Jim Engel, John Tazelaar

**May Greeters:** Len Turnbull, Al Miedema, Steve David

**Refreshments:** Hank and Becky Vander Naald

**Next Week:** Logan and Bonnie VanProyen

**Children's Church:** Erik Van Kampen, Scott Piersma, Rachel Hoogstra

**Next Week:** Mindy Slinkman, Ivy Tang, Andrew Slinkman

**Nursery:** Joy Koopmans, Cindy Vander Naald, Alex Koopmans

**Next Week:** Emily Hoving, Chelsea Van Dyk, Adeline Frank

**Sunday School:** Mindy Slinkman, Joy Koopmans, Rebecca Anderson,  
Julie Speelman, Chelsea Van Dyk, Bethany Voss



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**Faith Focus on Ministries:  
GEMS Girls Club**

**GEMS** (Girls Everywhere Meeting their Savior) Girls Club equips girls from grades 1 through 8 to grow in a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ as well as to develop positive relationships with their peers and GEMS leaders. At GEMS, girls will enjoy dynamic singing, creative movement, signing and dance, participate in team building, develop important life skills through badge activities, learn how to apply the Bible to their life, make creative and fun crafts, participate in service projects that make a difference in others' lives and find answers to challenges that face girls today. GEMS meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**2024-2025**  
**Faith CRC Council**  
**Pastor Matthew Lanser**

**ELDERS:**

Dirk Rauglas '26 (President)  
Mike Oldenburger '27 (Clerk)  
Don Miller '25 (Vicar)  
Steve David '27  
Jim Engel '25  
Bill Hoving '26  
Al Miedema '27  
Bern Slinkman '26  
John Tazelaar '25  
Len Turnbull '26

**DEACONS:**

Corey Van Dyk '26 (Chair)  
Marv Tazelaar '25 (Treasurer)  
David Egan '26  
Jon Huizinga '27  
Bill Ridder '27  
Chris Slinkman '27  
Matt Sowers '27  
Gary VanderNaald '25  
Jonathan Veurink '26  
Adam Zarek '25

**Elder/Deacon Districts**

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

**Districts:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- Out of Town

**Elder/Deacon Team:**

Len Turnbull/Chris Slinkman  
Bern Slinkman/David Egan  
Jim Engel/Jonathan Veurink  
Bill Hoving/Jon Huizinga  
Steve David/Matt Sowers  
Don Miller/Gary VanderNaald  
John Tazelaar/Adam Zarek  
Al Miedema/Bill Ridder  
Mike Oldenburger/Marv Tazelaar

**Visiting Teams**

**Elder Visiting Teams:**

Len Turnbull/Bern Slinkman  
Jim Engel/Bill Hoving  
Steve David/Don Miller  
John Tazelaar/Al Miedema

**Deacon Visiting Teams:**

Chris Slinkman/David Egan  
Jonathan Veurink/Jon Huizinga  
Matt Sowers/Gary VanderNaald  
Adam Zarek/Bill Ridder

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A decorative border featuring a purple butterfly at the top left, green vines with pink and orange flowers along the right and bottom edges, and a green vine with pink flowers along the left edge.

# TRANSFORMED

Today's girls are experiencing an overwhelming amount of pressure. In their efforts to fit in, girls are conforming to the world rather than the Word.

This year through GEMS Girls' Clubs, girls were equipped to live transformed instead of copying the patterns of the world. GEMS girls experienced transformation from the inside out as they discovered who Jesus is and how to follow Him, learned the gospel and how to share it, and developed a love for God's Word. Girls also were equipped to memorize, study, and apply scripture along with putting their faith into action through *Transformed* service projects.

Join us as we celebrate:

- **GEMS Leaders.** These dedicated women pour into the hearts and lives of GEMS girls so that they can know Jesus and the Truth of scripture.
- **GEMS clubs.** Clubs are a safe, welcoming place for girls to belong and be loved. At club, girls discover who Jesus is and how to follow Him while also fostering friendships.
- **GEMS girls.** Girls trusted Jesus as Savior and Friend, memorized scripture, prayed boldly, created, and served wholeheartedly together.

May God use the many seeds planted in the lives of His girls at GEMS this year to continue to transform each one from the inside out.

**Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.**

**ROMANS 12:2**

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