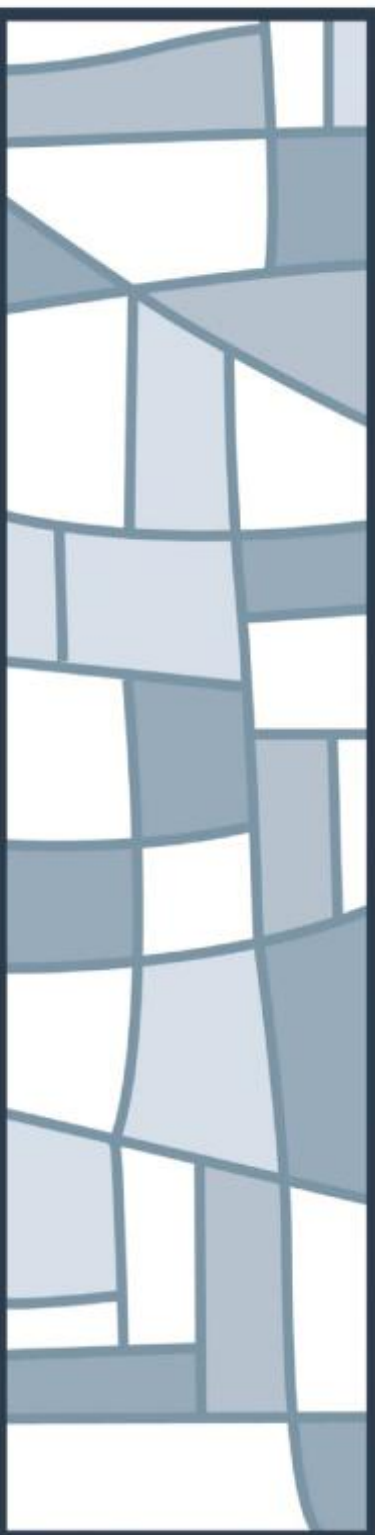


FAITH

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

God's Greeting

"We Gather Together"

#312 (PH)

God's Grace Claims Us

Call to Confessions

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#522:1,2,3 (WC)

Congregational Prayer

Children's Blessing

"Lord I Need You"

"Speak O Lord"

Offering: Bright Promise Fund

God's Word Speaks to Us

Prayer

Esther 4:1-17; Matthew 6:16-21

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The Practice of Fasting

Prayer

God's Blessing Equips Us

"Leaning On the Everlasting Arms"

#609:1,2 (WC)

Benediction

"Leaning On the Everlasting Arms"

#609:3 (WC)

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Matthew Lanser

Praise Team:

Chris Tang, Clement Tang, Faith Praise Team,
ReFrame Ministries, Mary Reitsma, Dan Roelofs,

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

This Week at Faith

Sunday Morning: we'll be picking up our occasional "Draw Near" series focused on spiritual disciplines. This morning we'll read Esther 4:1-17 and Matthew 6:16-21 and reflect on the practice of fasting.

Sunday Evening: we're concluding our "Reading Revelation" series with Revelation 13.

Next week We'll read 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 in the morning, and Luke 4:14-30 in the evening.

Upcoming Worship

Sunday	Morning	Evening
October 26	Mo Pacheco	George Tan
November 2	Matthew Lanser	Mo Pacheco
November 9	Matthew Lanser	George Tan

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.

Sunday	Morning	Evening
October 26	General Fund	CRCNA Prayer Shepherd
November 2	Faith Promise Missions	Zuni CRC
November 9	Christian Education Fund	Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry

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. Please also feel free to send prayer requests at any time to prayer@faithelmhurst.org.

Beth Cunningham was able to return home from the hospital last Thursday.

Tony Sipusich would like prayers for his brother and sister-in-law **Roy and Kathy Sipusich** as **Kathy** recovers from surgery for cancer and faces an extensive healing time.

Praise and Thanksgiving

“Thanks to the Faith family for the unbelievable support while I’ve been in the hospital the last few weeks! I’ve been so incredibly uplifted by all the cards and prayers. Thank you!” - **Beth Cunningham**

Announcements

Pastor Matthew will be out of the office this week Monday through next Sunday October 26. Please contact Dirk Glaubke or one of the elders for pastoral care needs during this time.

A Friendly Reminder for Our Young Friends! We love the energy and joy our kids bring to church—it’s a blessing to see so much life in our halls! However, we kindly ask that everyone slow down a bit and avoid running through the building or weaving through groups of people. We want to make sure all of our members—especially our older friends—feel safe and steady while moving around. Let’s work together to keep our church a joyful *and* safe place for everyone. If you have any suggestions or ideas to help, please reach out at **office@faithelmhurst.org** or give us a call at **630-279-1776**.

Seniors Bible Study: will be studying *David: God’s True King* this fall. Study guides and bookmarks are available on the registration counter. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 28 at 1:00PM; we’ll work through Study 3 in the guide. Contact Pastor Matthew with questions.

‘Reading Revelation’ in the Evening: Tonight is the final evening we will host this special series with discussion and dinner to follow. Dr. Ben Ribbens, our Pastor of Teaching, will be leading the series, *‘How to Read Revelation.’* Many Christians find the Book of Revelation hard to understand, so we will take three weeks to learn more about Revelation, think about how to read the book, and practice those principles of interpretation by reading selected chapters. Come and experience the glory of God, his word for his struggling people, and his redemption of all things. Nursery will be provided during the services. Please fill out the RSVP at **faithelmhurst.org/revelation** if you are able to attend so we can prepare the correct amount of food and seating. We hope you can join us!

Pray on Wednesday: will not meet this week.

Are you hungry?! The Gathering HS Youth Group Sub Sandwich Sale is November 8, and orders must be in by Monday, November 3. Subs are \$5 each and for every 10 subs purchased, you get 1 sub free! All proceeds benefit The Gathering Youth Group. Order forms are available at the registration counter as well as online at faithelmhurst.org/resources or through this QR code.



Let's test your memory! Logan Van Proyen is on a search to nail down when this church's youth group first started selling sub sandwiches as a fundraiser. He has rough estimates dating back to the 80's, but nothing concrete. If you have any information or specific dates that you are confident subs were made, please let him know or email office@faithelmhurst.org.

Church Planting and Prayers: Faith will be hosting an evening of learning and prayer for Spanish-speaking CRC church plants in our area. We will have several church planters in attendance: Dario Mendez, working in the Berwyn/Cicero area; Mac Sore, planting a church in Milwaukee; and Gustavo Valles, who will begin church planting work in Aurora in early 2026. The planters will share a vision for CRC ministry among Hispanic people, and we'll spend some time in prayer for them. We'll meet at 7:00PM on Thursday, November 13.

If you **want to know more about Helping Hands, Helping Hearts**, stop by **Room 2/3** after church today to view a slide show about the work being done in La Ceiba, Honduras. Tim and Nan Loerop will be giving the presentation and answering any questions as well. Plan to bring your coffee and enjoy learning more about work in this third world country. Muchas gracias.

Beginning on Sunday, Nov 2, at 10:45-11:30 AM, after the morning service, Faith's Discipleship Team will host the first of a series of small group studies from the **Practicing the Way** curriculum. Visit practicingtheway.org for more information. The first 4 week study we will dive into is the **Practice of Fasting**. Fasting is going without food for a set amount of time to awaken our body and soul to our deep hunger and need for God. It's one of the most powerful -and neglected- of all of Jesus' practices. There is no homework or additional study — just come, participate, and grow together. Sign up today at faithelmhurst.org/resources or the Registration Counter.

College Students and Parents if you or your student would like to receive a college care package please email name and address information to office@faithelmhurst.org by October 26.

College Care Packages: Donations are being collected for our Fall Care Package mailing. Check out our list of items needed and sign up to donate at the registration counter. Please drop off any donations in the box between the West doors before November 2. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Laura Miller at lauramiller289@comcast.net.

"Pastor Picks": The library team and Pastor Matthew have worked together to provide "Pastor Picks". These are Faith library books that accompany the themes Pastor Matthew has been preaching on. The books have been selected to help the congregation develop a deeper understanding of the topics. A display has been set up in the welcome area with the books selected. People are encouraged to "check out" a book. Date and sign the library card and place the card in the tray by the display. When done, please return the book to the library. Right now, there are books covering the topics of "Drawing Near" and "Esther".

The Faith Book Club will be reading *"The River We Remember"* by William Kent Krueger. Pick up a copy of this powerful historical fiction and mystery novel that offers an unflinching look at the wounds left by the wars we fight—both abroad and at home—and the moving exploration of healing and a testament to the enduring power of the stories we tell about the places we call home. Join us on **Thursday, November 13 at 7 PM** in the Library to share and discuss this remarkable book. Also, please bring a book you'd like everyone to consider for our next selection—this is your book club, and together we'll vote on what to read next!

Save the date! Helping Hands, Helping Hearts' next **Serve Project** is scheduled for February 7-14, 2026. We'll be "teaching" English through Bible stories, supervising the building of a swing set with money collected by our Faith VBS children, visiting the market to buy household goods for several of the HHHH families and our usual food bag delivery. Check your passports and talk or email Tim or Nan Loerop if interested (nloerop@yahoo.com).

The **Diaper Derby ends in one week from today** so please purchase and place all your baby diaper/wipes donations in the west entry of church and any gift cards in Tim/Nan Loerop's mailbox. This friendly church competition is in the straightaway and finishes supporting women who have chosen life. **Be a part of the life race!**

The congregation approved Mo Pacheco's pastoral residency at the congregational meeting on September 28. Mo and his wife of 14 years, Erin Pacheco, are parents to five children — Gloria (12), Moises (10), Joanna (7), and twins Mateo and Tomas (3 months). Mo began his role here as a pastoral resident on October 1 and will serve with us through summer 2027. You may contact Pastor Mo at mpacheco@faithelmhurst.org or by calling **773-485-1315**. Mo will serve 12 hours a week here at Faith, participating in a variety of pastoral responsibilities including preaching, teaching, pastoral care, worship, and staff meetings. He will also contribute to outreach and regional networking, and we hope to draw on his musical gifts and passions as well. In addition to his time at Faith, Mo will spend about 4 hours each week on Classis work, which includes preaching and presenting on missions and church planting, networking with denominational leaders and organizations, exploring church plant opportunities, and continuing his ministry at Grace in Garfield. **Welcome Pastor Mo!**

We have upgraded the main west entrance to a **keyless entry system**. This change is being made due to the outdated security of our current keys, the growing number of lost or unreturned keys, and the high cost of replacing keys. The new access system will provide increased security, accountability with using the building, and more convenient access for those who need it. **In the coming weeks**, after the system is running at the west doors, all the exterior doors will be rekeyed. If you experience any issues accessing the church during this time, please text church at 330-223-5216 or email Mindy Slinkman at mslinkman@faithelmhurst.org. Thank you for your understanding as we make this important update to protect our church.



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

Community Announcements

Timothy Christian High School is currently seeking qualified applicants for a Part-Time Spanish Teacher for the remainder of the 2025–26 school year. The position includes teaching two afternoon classes during the first semester and three afternoon classes during the second semester. The start date is immediate. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. You can find links and additional information at faithelmhurst.org/community.

LOVE Inc. is having their annual **Trivia Night fundraiser** on Thursday, October 23, from 5:30-9:30PM. Come to The Community House (415 W. 8th St., Hinsdale) and use team brainpower to fight homelessness. The night will include dinner, prizes, raffle, and optional costume contest.

The **Northwest Indiana Chapter of American Guild of Organists** with Westminster Presbyterian Church invite you to **The Phantom of the Organ** on October 24, 2025, at 7:13 PM. The church is located at 8955 Columbia Avenue, Munster, IN 46321. Multiple Organists will be participating from the community including Benjamin Amenta, George Karst, Eugene Mudra, Justin Rich, Mark Sudeith, and others, with the singing of Pumpkin Carols, and a number of religious and classical selections on organ and piano.

Save The Date, Ladies! Get Cozy, Get Laughing! Join LCRC's Thirty-One Women's Ministry for "**Flannel, Faith and Really Funny**". This will be a night of laughs with good friends (invite friends that are long time Christians, new Christians & even the friends you want to introduce to faith). Joining us will be stand-up Christian comedian, Tracey DeGraff. Get ready to put on your favorite flannel, bring one to donate to PADS, and don't forget to bring your friends. We would love to pack the house!!! December 9th - 7pm @ Lombard CRC. Tickets will go on sale soon!

Moody Bible Institute has multiple job openings in Education, Operations, and Media for both full and part time employment. For a complete list of job openings and details about the jobs visit moodybible.org/careers.



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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. **There will be no Sunday School next week.**

Faith Foundations begins at 10:45am. MS will meet in rooms 4/5, and HS will meet next door in the church house. **There will be no Faith Foundations next week.**

The Forge meets tonight at 6:00 PM in rooms 1-3. Email theforge@faithelmhurst.com with any questions.

The Gathering meets next Sunday, October 26, at 6:00 PM. Email thegathering@faithelmhurst.org with any questions.

Be ready! The **annual Sub Sale** is scheduled for November 8 from 8AM to 2PM. We need all hands at the ready for putting together hundreds of sub sandwiches to raise funds for our summer mission trip. Lunch will be provided and parents are welcome to help as well. Remember to reach out to family, friends, and church members to get orders in. The student with the most orders wins a prize!



← Students: Scan here and let us know you are planning to participate.



← Place orders here.

GEMS (1st-8th grade girls) will meet next on **Wednesday, October 29**, at 6:30 PM. Questions? Email gems@faithelmhurst.org.

Cadets (4th-8th grade boys) have their next meeting on Wednesday, November 5, at 7:00 PM. Email cadets@faithelmhurst.org with any questions.

Jr. Cadets (1st-3rd grade boys) will meet next on Tuesday, November 4, at 6:30 PM. Email cadets@faithelmhurst.org with any questions.

Serving Faith Church

Audio Visual: Niki Tazelaar, Michael Speelman, Jon Veurink

Next Week: Logan Van Proyen, Matt Huizinga, Ethan Lindemulder

PM Sound: Bill Hoving

Next Week: Cal Hoving

Security Host: Al Miedema

Next Week: Corey Van Dyk

October Greeters: Ray Middel, Len Turnbull, Al Miedema

November Greeters: Steve David, Bill Hoving, Bern Slinkman

Refreshments: Hank and Becky Vander Naald

Next Week: Mike and Katie Oldenburger

Children's Church: Melissa Biesboer, Nicole Huizinga, Lainey Folkerts

Next Week: Whitney Ribbens, Rachel Kinnas, Olivia Kinnas

Nursery: Mindy Slinkman, Laura Van Kampen, Elaina Slinkman

Next Week: Linda Van Dyk, Chelsea Van Dyk, Maggie Oldenburger

Sunday School: Julie Speelman, Joy Koopmans, Bethany Voss,
Laura Lanser

Next Week: No Sunday School

This Week at Faith

Sunday, October 19

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

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts Presentation | 10:45 AM | Rooms 2/3

Missions Team Meeting | 10:45 AM | Room 1

MS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Room 4/5

HS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Church House

Sunday School Singing (1st-5th grade) | 10:45 AM | Sanctuary

Sunday School (1st-3rd grade) | 11:00 AM | Room 13/14

Sunday School (4th-5th grade) | 11:00 AM | Room 10

Evening Service | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary

The Forge | 6:00 PM | Rooms 1-3

Wednesday, October 22

BSF Class Day | 9:00 AM | Church

Thursday, October 23

Senior Men's Coffee Fellowship | 9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 25

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

Next Sunday at Faith

Sunday, October 26

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 Service | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary

The Gathering | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

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Worship Leader: Kristen Voss



Faith Focus of the Week:
"Common Rule: Habits of Purpose for an Age of Distraction" by Justin Earley

Draw Near: Over the course of this year, we'll be offering a number of opportunities to practice spiritual disciplines—practices designed to help us draw near to Jesus—and in this space we'll have some book recommendations. This week's recommendation is Justin Earley's "The Common Rule: Habits of Purpose for an Age of Distraction." Early presents four daily and four weekly habits to cultivate less frantic and more purposeful spiritual lives. His recommendations incorporate ways to engage better with the Bible, prayer and Sabbath, as well as habits to be less driven by technology and more connected to people. The Common Rule is available to check out from the Welcome Center.

Sermon Notes:



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Sunday worship times:
9:30 AM & 5:00 PM