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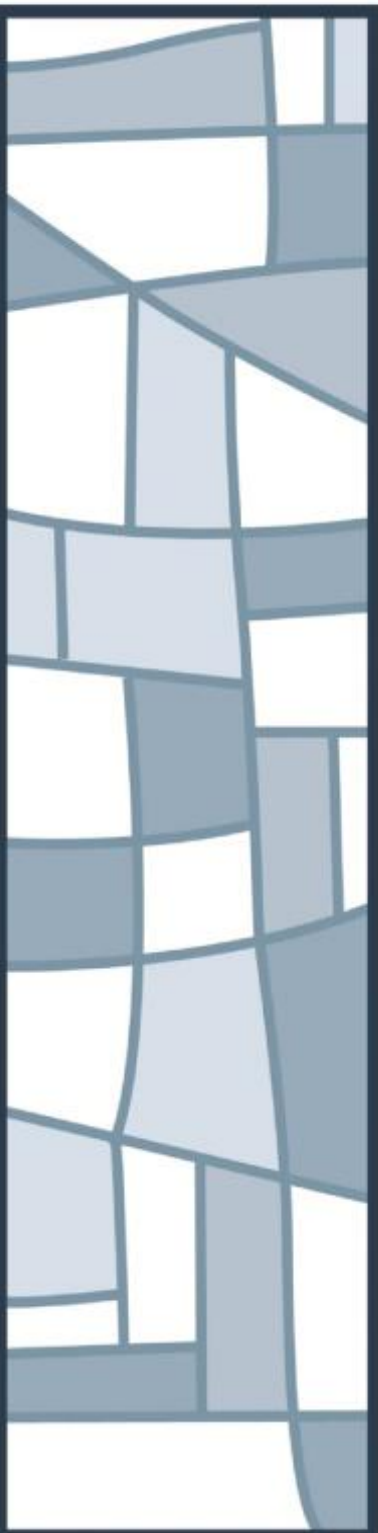
CHURCH

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

"Lord I Need You"

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

#256:1,2,4 (LH)

God's Grace Claims Us

Congregational Prayer

Children's Blessing & Dismissal

"The Church's One Foundation"

#689:1,2,5 (WC)

Offering: Bethshan

God's Word Speaks to Us

Prayer

John 17:1-26

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"United in Christ"

Prayer

God's Grace Renews Us

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

#472:1,3 (WC)

Celebration of Communion

Ladies' Chorus

Offering: Benevolence Fund

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

#2:1-3 (WC)

God's Blessing Equips Us

Benediction

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

#2:4 (WC)

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Matthew Lanser, George Tan

Praise Team:

Maddie Boonstra, Donna Erdman, Dan Roelofs, Jan Slinkman

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

Welcome & God's Greeting

"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"

#378:1,3,4 (PH)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 80

Prayer

Offering: Rev. Jon Hoekema

John 15:1-8

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Branches

Prayer

Blessing

"Be Thou My Vision"

#532 (WC)

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders & Sermon:

Matthew Lanser

Accompaniment:

Chris Tang

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

This Week at Faith

Sunday Morning: We'll conclude our morning, "United with Christ," by reading John 17:1-26 again, and we'll celebrate the Lord's Supper. 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 pick up the "United with Christ" series for a few evenings, beginning tonight with John 15.

Next week, we'll celebrate one of our two annual Mission Emphasis Sundays. We'll read Luke 15:1-10 in the morning, and have another guest pastor in the evening.

Upcoming Worship

Mar. 16 AM:	Joe Huizinga	Mar. 16 PM:	Jonathan Serrano
Mar. 23 AM:	Matthew Lanser	Mar. 23 PM:	Matthew Lanser
Mar. 30 AM:	Matthew Lanser	Mar. 30 PM:	Matthew Lanser

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
Mar. 16	Roseland Christian Ministries	Love, Inc.
Mar. 23	Lampstand Ministries	Zuni CRC
Mar. 30	Rehoboth	Chicago Christian Counseling Center

Prayer Requests

Need prayer? If you have prayer needs, please contact your district elder or one of the pastors. Send prayer requests at any time to prayer@faithelmhurst.org.

Announcements

Seniors' Bible Study: We'll meet this Tuesday, March 11, and keep our regularly scheduled next meeting on Tuesday, March 18, and we'll add an additional meeting on Tuesday, April 1 all at 1:00PM.

Game Night is this Thursday, March 17, at 6:30PM at the Apple Lane house.

Creative Connections will be making framed glass pressed flower arrangements on **Thursday, March 13**. The cost is \$10 to cover supplies. Please sign up by today at the registration counter or by texting "Creative Connections - [your name]" to the office at 330-223-5216.

Mission Emphasis 2025 is next Sunday, March 16! We welcome Roseland and Joe Huizinga in the morning and Jonathan Serrano in the evening. There is a potluck luncheon to welcome and fellowship with Roseland following the morning service at 11:00 AM. If you plan to attend the potluck luncheon, sign up at the registration counter so we can make any food arrangements needed. If you are able to bring food (optional, all are welcome to attend with or without bringing food) please select the appropriate option on the sign up form.

Get ready for a **fiesta of flavor** and a night of fun! Join us on **Tuesday, March 18** for the **Youth Taco Dinner Fundraiser**, supporting their **summer service trip!** Bring your family, friends, and taco-loving neighbors for a delicious **Taco Tuesday** packed with all your favorite fixings. Come hungry, leave happy, and help make a difference—one taco at a time! 🌮✨ **Save the date, spread the word, and let's taco 'bout supporting a great Youth Group!**

The Youth Taco Dinner Fundraiser is on **Tuesday, March 18** to benefit their service trip this summer. If you wish to **donate supplies**, there will be a sign-up in person after church in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter Day Choir: We're looking for men and women who would like to sing in a choir during Easter morning services. Practices will be March 30, April 6, and April 13. Please **sign up at the registration counter** by Wednesday, March 26, so appropriate music for the size of the choir can be selected.

Save the date! Aligning with our mission of Expanding God's Kingdom, we are organizing a group to serve at **My Brother's Kitchen** in Lawndale on April 12. We are looking for 10 volunteers to serve as well as donations for food. Signup sheets will be out at the Registration Counter. More details to come as we get closer to the date.

College Students and Parents if you or your student would like to send or receive a college care package please email name and address information to office@faithelmhurst.org by March 30.

College Care Packages: Donations are being collected for our Spring Care Package mailing. We've added new items to the list to switch it up for our college students. Check it out and sign up to donate at the registration counter. Please drop off any donations in the box between the West Doors before March 30. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Laura Miller at lauramiller289@comcast.net.

Partners Worldwide Ministry Update - Ray and Susan Middel recently traveled to Sri Lanka and India as part of a Partners Worldwide ministry trip. It was an impactful trip in many different ways, especially involving our ministry work in the slums of Kolkata. As these are closed countries, we were not able to share any pictures and stories on social media. Join us after the morning service at 10:45 am in rooms 1-3 on the north side of the building.

Ebenezer is hosting a **Spring Clean-up Day** on Saturday, March 29 from 9 am to 12 noon. There are several small projects like painting, sorting, light repairs and moving items. **Can you help?** All gifts and talents are wanted and needed! Please contact Sandy Turnbull at 630-476-0786 or Ebenezer's church custodian, Evelyn Rosa, at 708-488-6230 with questions. There will be a lunch provided at noon, so please stay for food and fellowship!

Exploring Faith: If you're newer to Faith, want to learn more, or are considering membership here, you're encouraged to attend our "Exploring Faith" time on Saturday, March 22 from 9:00AM-12:30PM. We'll have three sessions—what it means to be Christian, what's distinctive about being Reformed, and how to connect at Faith Church. We'll have time for conversation, discussion, and Q&A. We'll also serve snacks, and wrap up with lunch together. Contact Pastor Matthew if you're interested or have questions.

Pray on Wednesday: This ministry year, we'll have a prayer time on most Wednesdays at 1:00PM. You're welcome to come regularly, occasionally, or even just once. We'll pray for personal needs, for our church, and for the world, with some different focus points each week. Dirk Glaubke, Dirk Rauglas, and Pastor Matthew will be taking turns leading these prayer times; contact any of them with questions.

Community Announcements

Caring Network is now hiring registered nurses and sonographers to work in our new women's clinics in Cook County. We are opening clinics in the Austin, Little Village and Rogers Park neighborhoods this Spring and in Calumet Heights and Chicago Lawn this summer. There are multiple job openings. Visit caringnetwork.bamboohr/careers/ If you desire to use your talents to support inner city missions that pays with full benefits. For more information on Caring Network visit caringnetwork.com

Bethshan Association in Palos Heights is hoping to fill a few job openings including Qualified Intellectual Disability Professionals to provide case management services for participants, part-time Training Coordinator, and a Food Supervisor/Cook. If any of these sound interesting to you, apply at bethshan.org/employment/application/ or email laura@bethshan.org.

Barnabas Foundation is hiring for a Charitable Gift Administrator to support the mission of Barnabas Foundation through the administration of security gifts. To learn more, view the full job description, or apply visit barnabasfoundation.org/careers.

Let Self-Help Jobs Program help you to get over the anxiety of not understanding how to job search in the present marketplace. We offer current job search coaching and document writing free due to the generous support of several churches. Email selfhelpjobs@sbcglobal.net or call 708-633-6580.

New Leaf Resources is pleased to announce we've added therapists and now have immediate openings at all of our locations (Lansing, Crown Point, and Wheatfield). Call for an appointment at (708) 895-7310. We are also accepting referrals from fellow counseling organizations, churches, schools, and medical offices. If you'd like to request New Leaf materials to give out at your organization, contact us at info@newleafresources.org.

Youth Announcements

Sunday School & Faith Foundations meet today. 1st – 5th 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.

GEMS meets this Wednesday, March 12, at **7:00-8:30 PM**. We will meet at the Timothy elementary school gym for a night of fun with Lombard CRC GEMS. Email gems@faithelmhurst.org with any questions.

Jr. Cadets (1st – 3rd Grade Boys) meets this Tuesday, March 18, at 6:30 PM. Questions? Email cadets@faithelmhurst.org.

Cadets (4th – 8th Grade Boys) meets this Wednesday, March 19, at 7:00 PM. Email cadets@faithelmhurst.org with questions.

The Forge meets next on Sunday, March 16, at 6:00 PM. Can't wait to see you then! If you have any questions, email theforge@faithelmhurst.org.

The Gathering meets tonight at 6:00 PM! If you have any questions, email thegathering@faithelmhurst.org.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2025! Save the date and spread the word! VBS is June 23-27, 2025 from 9:00-11:30 AM for age 3 years through grade 5.

Serving Faith Church

Audio Visual: Liam Tazelaar, Matt Huizinga, Dirk Glaubke

Next Week: Logan Van Proyen, Chuck Slinkman, Ethan Lindemulder

PM Audio Visual: Don Miller

Next Week: Marv Tazelaar

Security Host: David Egan

Next Week: Jon Huizinga

March Greeters: Bern Slinkman, Dirk Rauglas, Mike Oldenburger

April Greeters: Don Miller, Jim Engel, John Tazelaar

Refreshments: Jay and Melanie Lumkes

Next Week: Dave and Mary Baas

Children's Church: Mindy Slinkman, Melissa Biesboer, Lauren Miller

Next Week: Scott Piersma, Erik Van Kampen, Grace Tobin

Nursery: Bonnie Van Proyen, Emily Hoving, Maggie Oldenburger

Next Week: Laura Van Kampen, Kelly Rauwerda, Avery Rauwerda
Katherine Van Kampen

Sunday School: Kathy Miedema, Chelsea Van Dyk, Bethany Voss,
Julie Speelman, Heidi Folkerts, Rachel de Nazarie

Next Week: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Week at Faith

Sunday, March 9

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
Decorating Team Meeting | 10:45 AM | Room 7
Partners Worldwide Presentation | 10:45 AM | Room 1-3
Scripture Reflections | 10:45 AM | Room 4/5
HS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Church House
MS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Room 3
Sunday School Singing | 10:45 AM | Sanctuary
Sunday School (1st-5th Grade) | 11:00 AM | South Hall
Profession of Faith Classes | 2:30 PM | Library
Evening Service | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary
The Gathering | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 10

Executive Meeting | 6:30 PM | Library
Council Meeting | 7:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
Elder's Meeting | 7:30 PM | Library
Deacon's Meeting | 7:30 PM | Room 4/5

Tuesday, March 11

Seniors' Bible Study | 1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
Gathering Hangout | 3:00 PM | Church House
Discipleship Meeting | 7:00 PM | Library
Music Committee Meeting | 7:00 PM | Room 4/5

Wednesday, March 12

BSF Class Day | 9:00 AM | Whole Church
Wednesday Prayer Time | 1:00 PM | Library
Gathering Hangout | 3:00 PM | Church House
GEMS Meeting | 7:00 PM | Timothy Elementary Gym

Thursday, March 13

Mom2Mom | 9:00 AM | Fellowship Hall
Senior Men's Coffee Fellowship | 9:30 AM | Choir Room
Game Night | 6:30 PM | Apple Lane
Creative Connections | 7:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 14

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

Saturday, March 15

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

Next Week at Faith

Sunday, March 16

Roseland CRC Visit

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

Missions Potluck | 11:00 AM | Fellowship Hall

Evening Service | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary

The Forge | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Council Notes

The primary focus of the Council during the fall season has been on expanding Gods Kingdom and working through the Grace and Truth Course.

The following actions have been taken during the previous two Council meetings.

- The Council approved Pastor Matthew's request to participate in this year's youth mission trip to Colorado.
- The Council approved elimination of Sunday Evening Janitorial coverage at the request of the Custodial Staff. Necessary janitorial duties will be covered by the assigned Soundboard Council Member.
- The Council approved housing distributions for both Pastor Lanser and Pastor Armstrong.
- The Council approved a list of potential nominees for Deacons.
- The Council approved a list of potential nominees for Elders.
- The Council approved creation of an ad hoc team to evaluate, plan, and present a proposal for improvements to the sound booth and sound system.
- The Council approved retiring the Re4m Team and offered their sincere thanks for all they have accomplished.
- The Council approved Pastor Matthew's requests for study leave during the 2025-2026 ministry year.



Faith Focus on Ministries – Expanding God’s Kingdom From Steve David, elder and lead of Expanding God’s Kingdom Team

Faith has added another “E” to its mission statement: “Expanding God’s Kingdom.” It has a wonderful ring to it, doesn’t it? But what does it mean for our members?

First, it’s about outreach. This new “E” is building from what was the Evangelism Team. I know a lot of us are scared by the evangelizing (I know that I am), but if we switch our mindset a little bit we all can do it every day.

Second, it’s about service. Faith does a great job at coming together and helping out missionaries and organizations around the world: All God’s Children; our Faith Promises missionaries; Helping Hearts, Helping Hands; Tapestries of Life; World Relief (dinner making). We also serve with lots of organizations around Chicagoland: Ebenezer, Grace in Garfield (Pastor Mo’s church), Jubilee, New to You, Lampstand (My Brother’s Kitchen), Roseland. One of our goals is to try and solidify those relationships. We’d like to visit them more and have deeper connections than just seeing each other once a year.

Finally, it’s about a heart and mind shift. This means looking at our own lives and knowing that God has us right where we need to be for a reason. We’re in our jobs, positions, neighborhoods, schools as part of God’s plan. These are our mission field to spread the gospel and work for God’s kingdom. That is how you can expand God’s Kingdom: by expanding the Churches borders to your everyday lives. Invite a neighbor family over for dinner, or even bring them a meal. Show Christ’s love to all around us. See where God can take us.

Expanding God’s Kingdom: It’s a big task. We can’t do it on our own, but we aren’t doing it on our own. We believe that, in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, we really can be part of expanding God’s Kingdom.



Faith Focus on Ministries Expanding God's Kingdom

Here are the ways we're focused on missions and Expanding God's Kingdom over the next couple weeks here at Faith!

This Sunday Ray and Susan Middel are giving an update and presentation on their trip to Sri Lanka and India with Partners Worldwide. It was an impactful trip, especially in the Slums of Kolkata. Join them as they share their experiences and this special ministry at 10:45 AM in Rooms 1-3.

Next Sunday, March 16, is mission emphasis and we are joined by Roseland CRC in the morning. We'll hear a message from Roseland CRC pastor, Joe Huizinga, and have a time of fellowship with them at a potluck luncheon. There is a sign up for attendance and food for the potluck; but please come even if you can't bring something! In the evening, we will hear from Jonathan Serrano from Ebenezer.

Sermon Notes:



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