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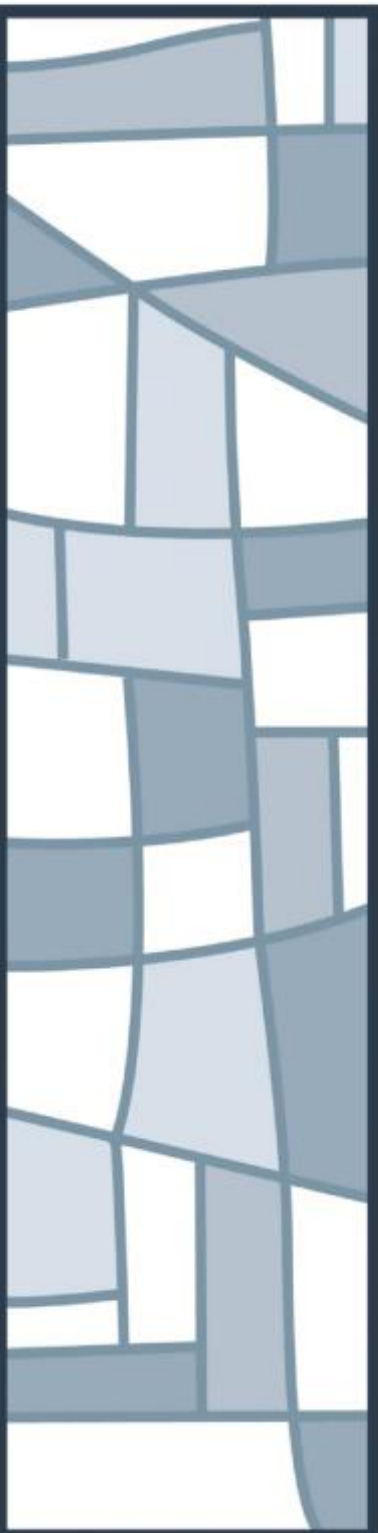
CHURCH

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

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

#262:1 (WC)

"We Come, O Christ, To You"

#86:1,3,4 (WC)

God's Grace Claims Us

God's Will for Our Lives

"Let All Things Now Living"

#53 (WC)

Congregational Prayer

Children's Blessing & Dismissal

"He Knows My Name"

"I Am Not My Own"

Offering: Caring Network

Kevin Applegate

God's Word Speaks to Us

Prayer

Matthew 9:1-13

pp. 963

"All Kinds of New Life"

Prayer

God's Blessing Equips Us

"Rejoice The Lord is King"

#262:2,3 (WC)

Benediction

"Rejoice The Lord is King"

#262:4 (WC)

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Matthew Lanser

Praise Team:

Izzy David, Dave DeNazarie, Chris Tang,
Clement Tang, Jan Slinkman, Kristen Voss

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

Welcome & God's Greeting

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"
#623 (WC)

Responsive Reading
Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

Sharing of Petitions and Praises

Prayer

Offering: Luke Society

Matthew 9:14-26
pp. 963

Something New

Q & A

Prayer

Blessing

"It Is Well with My Soul"
#519:1,2,4 (WC)

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders & Sermon:

Matthew Lanser

Accompaniment:

Donna Erdman

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

This Week at Faith

Sunday Morning: We'll focus on God's gift of life on this Sanctity of Life Sunday. Following an unexpected delay last week, we're beginning a three-sermon series on Matthew 9. We'll reflect on this chapter with the theme of "Harassed and Helpless." We're in a time that abounds in alienation and isolation, and this series will help us see how Jesus addresses the brokenness in ourselves and communities. This morning we'll read Matthew 9:1-13.

Sunday Evening: We'll read Matthew 9:14-26 as part of our "Harassed and Helpless" series, and we'll also spend some extra time in prayer.

Next Week: We'll read Matthew 9:27-38 in the morning, and the evening we'll begin a Hebrews series with Dr. Ben Ribbens.

Upcoming Worship

Jan. 26 AM: Matthew Lanser

Feb. 2 AM: Mo Pacheco

Feb. 9 AM: Matthew Lanser

Jan. 26 PM: Ben Ribbens

Feb. 2 PM: Ben Ribbens

Feb. 9 PM: Ben Ribbens

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

Jan. 26

Feb. 2

Feb. 9

Morning

Cadets International

Faith Promise Missions

Christian Education Fund

Evening

ReFrame Ministries

Resonate Global Mission

Providence Life Services

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.

Harry Boerman spent some time in the hospital again last week.

Scott Gehrke recently suffered a ruptured appendix. Please pray for healing for Scott as he looks forward to several weeks of antibiotics followed by surgery.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Our **Missions Team** here at Faith are very thankful for the faithful giving to missions from our congregation! Your generous gifts make it easy for the mission team to bless our supported missionaries and so many others.

Crossroads Prison Ministries sent a personal letter of thanks to our congregation for their recent support and giving. With your generosity they were able to fully sponsor 8 student's bible study and mentorship for the year as well as send 8 bibles to students without their own.

Announcements

The **Right to Life Committee**, in recognizing January 19th as **Sanctity of Life Sunday**, wants to remind you of special events arranged to remember God's precious gift of life. Kevin Applegate from Caring Network will speak during the offering for Caring Network, caricatures of new lives born in Faith Church in 2024 displayed (thanks, Jim!), as well as inserts from CRC Thrive found in your mailboxes. Please celebrate that we were all created in God's image and had worth to Him before birth.

Donuts & Dominoes: Seniors, save the date for our next Our Place Event. The Forge & Gathering Youth Groups will be hosting Donuts & Dominoes on Saturday, January 25, 8:30-10AM. Sign up in the narthex so we can get you plenty of donuts! Please feel free to come even if you don't sign up.

Council Nominations: Council will be meeting on Monday, January 20, to begin the elder-deacon nomination process for the term starting in June 2025. The process starts with the Council selecting nominees for each office and culminates with elections at the annual Congregational Meeting in May. The congregation will vote from among the nominees with the final selection being made by lot. In preparation, the Council asks the congregation to suggest names for each office. We value your thoughtful and prayerful consideration for those who would qualify as elders and deacons. We are guided in this process by the insight provided in God's Word regarding the qualifications for each office found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9 (elders) and 1 Timothy 3:8-13 (deacons). To make a recommendation, please fill out and sign the Nomination Form and place it in the box located at the Registration Counter or visit faithelmhurst.org/nominate. You may also speak with a current deacon or elder.

Hebrews in the Evening: From January 26 - February 23, Dr. Ben Ribbens will be leading our evening services. He'll continue with his specialty, the New Testament book of Hebrews. Part two in the Book of Hebrews focuses on Christ as High Priest. Our services will be similar to those in the fall. We'll meet in the fellowship hall, have some time for discussion and Q&A, and share a light dinner after the service. Nursery will be provided for these services. Even if Sunday evening services aren't part of your usual routine, you're invited to come for these few weeks for this special series. Please register at faithelmhurst.org/resources so we can make preparations.

Volunteer to Help with Hebrews in the Evening: For this round of dinners in the evening, we are offering opportunities to the congregation to sign up to help. If you are able to help in the nursery or kitchen, or able to bring food, please sign up at the Registration Counter. We ask that you sign up no later than one full week before each event so the Discipleship team can make preparations for the remainder of the food needed. Thank you for your support!

Parents of children 18 and under, we are starting a book club reading the book, 'When Children Feel Pain' by Rachel Rabkin Peachman and Anna C. Wilson. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, January 23. Talk to Laura Lanser, text your name(s) and 'book club' to 330-223-5216, or email office@faithelmhurst.org if you plan to attend or have any questions.

Sermon Illustrations II Are you an artist, graphic designer, calligrapher, or just someone who thinks visually? Beginning on Feb 9, during our next couple of morning sermon series, we're looking for people to visually reflect on the sermon and then share their work with our church family. This will mean producing a drawing or other artwork that reflects the teaching of a morning sermon, and then we'll share that work with the congregation the week following the sermon. Drop off your artwork or email a photo to the office by the Thursday morning after each sermon. Work from artists of all ages is accepted. Contact the office with any questions.

Sermon Reflections: Beginning on Sunday, February 2, a group will meet after the service, at 10:45 AM, to read the sermon text again and reflect together on the Scripture and sermon. This is a great opportunity to dig deeper into the Bible and to work together on applying the message to our lives. Contact Pastor Matthew or Brad Miedema with questions.

Sermon Preparations: Starting next month, Pastor Matthew will be leading a short-term small group to study and reflect on the Scripture texts for upcoming sermons. We'll spend most of our time in a COMMA study of the texts—looking at Context, Observation, Meaning, Messiah, and Application—and then we'll talk briefly about ideas for the sermon on those texts. Meetings will be at 7:00PM on the third Tuesday evening of the month— February 18, March 18, and April 15. Contact Pastor Matthew if you're interested or have questions.

Learn to play with Ray and Jay is an opportunity to meet up and play **pickleball** with Ray Middel and/or Jay Lumkes. We have 2 courts reserved at The Piklr in Villa Park (260 W. North Ave.) on Thursday, **February 13, from 7:00-9:00 PM**. We are hoping to organize a group every few months. We welcome both men and women but are limited to 9 people at a time with a cost of \$20/person. If interested in playing reach out to Dirk Glaubke or sign up at the registration counter.

Over the next few months we are organizing small groups of 10-15 people interested in attending a service together at **Mo Pachecho's church, Grace in Garfield CRC**. Services are on Saturdays from 5:00 - 6:30 PM and are located at 3454 West Lake St., Chicago, IL. Dirk Glaubke is putting together a group to attend on February 8. Please talk to Dirk Glaubke or text your name(s) and 'Grace in Garfield' to 330-223-5216 if interested in going.

Community Announcements

Join us for the **2025 January Series of Calvin University!** This award-winning simulcast series offers free, thought-provoking lectures, covering topics like history, courage, global politics, and personal growth. Highlights include discussions on Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy, the importance of learning to disagree, and the power of philanthropy. Sessions run weekdays, **January 20-31, from 11:30 am-12:30 pm** in the Garden Room at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church (149 W. Brush Hill Rd, Elmhurst). Lunch will be served on Wed, Jan 22 and Thu, Jan 30 for a \$5 donation. More details at calvin.edu/january-series.

Camp Calvin 2025 is fast approaching! The **Counselor Application** window is February 1-15. Those prayerfully considering serving camp as counselors or staff should plan to apply and submit two recommendations during the application window. Applicants can expect to hear back March 1. Applications and recommendations can be submitted online at www.campcalvin.com.

Now Hiring: Executive Director for our Park Place of Elmhurst. Our mission is to enhance the lives of those we serve in the name of Jesus Christ. The Executive Director is responsible to plan, organize, develop, and direct the overall operations of the community in accordance with current federal, state and local standards, guidelines and regulations. To learn more and apply, visit <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/2864117>. They are also hiring the same position at Park Place of St John, IN.

Bible League International (BLI) serves the under resourced Church with Bibles and training to transform lives worldwide through God's Word! We have a variety of job openings i.e. VP of Integrated Marketing and we invite you to apply! For more information about Bible League International, visit bibleleague.org/careers/. Also take a moment and view our careers video on our website to learn more about our culture through our staff at Bible League.

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 1. HS Faith Foundations will meet next door in the church house. Classes begin at 10:45 AM.

Faith CRC's Pinewood Derby is next Wednesday, January 29! GEMS, Jr. Cadets, and Cadets are encouraged to enter! If you and your family would like to participate, please register for dinner through this link: <https://forms.gle/rUXQhfKmhy2Gwb6e7>.

GEMS meets this Wednesday, January 22, at 6:30. Email gems@faithelmhurst.org with any questions.

Jr. Cadets (1st – 3rd Grade Boys) meets next on Tuesday, February 4, at 6:30 PM. Questions? Email cadets@faithelmhurst.org.

Cadets (4th – 8th Grade Boys) Cadet Sunday is next week, January 26! The next meeting is on Wednesday, February 5, at 7:00 PM. Email cadets@faithelmhurst.org with questions.

The Forge meets tonight at 6:00pm! If you have questions email theforge@faithelmhurst.org.

The Gathering meets next week, January 26! If you have any questions, email thegathering@faithelmhurst.org.

Donuts & Dominoes: Middle & High school students are invited to attend this intergenerational morning of games, treats, and fun! January 25, 8:30-10AM.

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 ages 3 years through grade 5.

This Week at Faith

Sunday, January 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
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
Evening Service | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary
The Gathering Worship Planning | 6:00 PM | Library
The Forge | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 20

Council Meeting | 7:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 21

Gathering Hangout | 3:00 PM | Church House

Wednesday, January 22

BSF Class Day | 9:00 AM | Church
Gathering Hangout | 3:00 PM | Church House
GEMS Meeting | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 23

Mom 2 Mom | 9:00 AM | Fellowship Hall
Senior Men's Coffee Fellowship | 9:30 AM | Choir Room

Saturday, January 25

Men's Morning Prayer Group | 7:00 AM | Library
Our Place Donuts and Dominoes | 8:30 – 10:00 AM | Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 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
Mission Team Meeting | 10:45 AM | Room 4/5
HS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Church House
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Sunday School Singing | 10:45 AM | Sanctuary
Sunday School (1st-5th Grade) | 11:00 AM | South Hall
Evening Service | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary
The Gathering | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Serving Faith Church

Audio Visual: Brett Harbaugh, Chuck Slinkman, Jon Veurink

Next Week: Chris Slinkman, Michael Speelman, Dirk Glaubke

PM Sound: Jon Veurink

Next Week: Len Turnbull

Security Host: Bill Ridder

Next Week: John Tazelaar

January Greeters: Jim Engel, John Tazelaar, Len Turnbull

February Greeters: Al Miedema, Steve David, Bill Hoving

Refreshments: Dave and Mary Baas

Next Week: Logan and Bonnie Van Proyen

Children's Church: Laura Lanser, Joy Koopmans, Andrew Slinkman

Next Week: Melissa Biesboer, Whitney Ribbens, Will Hoving

Nursery: Melissa Biesboer, Chelsea Van Dyk, Maggie Huizinga

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

Sunday School: Kathy Miedema, Julie Speelman, Bethany Voss,

Katie Oldenburger, Heidi Folkerts, Rachel de Nazarie

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Julie Speelman, Heidi Folkerts, Rachel de Nazarie



**Faith Focus' Ministry of the week:
The Forge**

The Forge is our middle school youth group. We meet one Sunday evening a month to enjoy fellowship and learn through God's word. The middle school students and leaders start their time with dinner provided by a parent. We then play some games and work through a lesson together to learn more about God's word and his work in our lives. These Sunday nights are a special time for the middle schoolers to connect with each other and enjoy fellowship here at church.

Sermon Notes:



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