

WEEK AT A GLANCE

2-11	Sunday		(Wednesday cont.)
9:00 am	Blended Worship	6:30 pm	Ash Weds Service
9:00 am	Children's Worship	7:00 pm	Coffee Break
10:00 am	Coffee & Community	7:00 pm	Men's Fraternity
10:30 am	Contemp. Worship		
10:30 am	Children's Worship	2-15	Thursday
12:15 pm	SHE	6:00 am	Men's Fraternity
4:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
5:30 pm	Maximum Velocity	9:00 am	Little Lambs
5:45 pm	Small Groups	9:00 am	Coffee Break
7:00 pm	The Edge		
		2-16	Friday
2-12	Monday		
7:00 pm	Elder Meeting	2-17	Saturday
2-13	Tuesday	2-18	Sunday
6:00 am	Men's Fraternity	9:00 am	Blended Worship
9:00 am	Little Lambs	9:00 am	Children's Worship
5:30 pm	Community Supper	9:00 am	Food Pantry Collection
7:00 pm	Missions Team Mtg.		Coffee & Community
		10:00 am	Section 2 Reception
2-14	Wednesday	10:00 am	Contemp. Worship
6:30 am	Ash Weds Service	10:30 am	Children's Worship
8:30 am	Ash Weds Service	10:30 am	Maximum Velocity
9:00 am	Little Lambs	5:30 pm	Small Group
9:00 am	Coffee Break	5:45 pm	The Edge
12:30 pm	Ash Weds Service	7:00 pm	
12:30 pm	Little Lambs		
12:30 pm	Coffee Break		
6:15 pm	GEMS		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 11, 2018

From Dan & Mary Reitsma and family: We wish to thank the congregation for its expressions of love and support to our family following the death of our father, Rev. Carl J. Reitsma.

From Larry & Judy Vietzke and family: Thank you all for the prayers, kind words and support following the death of Larry's mother, Jane Vietzke.

From Jim Brouwer, John & Jan Zeilstra and The Olson Family: We wish to thank the ECRC community for all of their prayers, cards and support after our dear wife, sister, mother and grandmother, Barbara, went to be with her precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Her 5 year struggle is over and she is now resting in the arms of Jesus.

Effective this week the **church office hours** are as follows: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Friday 8:30 am-12:30 pm.

At the annual **Congregational Meeting** on February 6 the Elmhurst Ministries Fund (EMF) 2018 budget was approved, and the following members were elected to three-year terms of office: *Arnie Koldenhoven* (elder), *Bill Kuiper* (elder), *Kyle VanderBrug* (elder), *John Zeilstra* (elder), *Mike de Waal Malefyt* (deacon), *Dave Thomas* (deacon), *Sara van den Berg* (deacon) and *Tom Vogelzang* (deacon). Installation of the new elders and deacons will be Sunday, March 5.

Thank you to the outgoing elders: *Thomas Day, John Selph, Dan Van Drunen, Bob Venhousen*. And to the outgoing deacons: *Eric Anderson, Kathy Jelinek, Rob Orange, Doug Smith*. All Deacons, Elders and SLT members are listed online at elmhurstcrc.org/about.

The next "**Tuesday/NOT Wednesday Community Supper**" will be on **Tuesday, February 13**. The menu will include lasagna, lettuce salad, garlic bread/roll, and chocolate dessert. Please RSVP to dinners@elmhurstcrc.org by noon tomorrow, or sign up in the lobby today.

PrimeTime Game Night returns on **February 22!** This year there will be table games and activities with a twist. Every adult is encouraged to bring a child or grandchild to enjoy an evening of intergenerational fun. Sign up in the lobby or online at elmhurstcrc.org/events.

Ashes ▫ Meditation ▫ Music. You are invited to mark the first day of Lent by attending one of four special 20-minute Ash Wednesday events on **February 14 at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 12:30 pm, or 6:30 pm.** Each mini-service will include music, a time for quiet prayer, and will conclude with the imposition of ashes. The “imposition of ashes” is an ancient Christian tradition in which worshipers are marked on the forehead with ashes in the sign of the cross. This action has multiple layers of meaning: (1) Ashes are a symbol of our repentance, of our desire to turn back to God; (2) Ashes demonstrate our solidarity with Jesus, and with his journey to the cross and through the grave; (3) The sign of the cross in ashes is Christ’s own signature on us that we belong to Him.

Mothers with children of any age will be encouraged as they meet Tim Hageland and Scott Helton on **February 11, 12:15 - 2:30 pm,** at our Single Mothers Support Group. Both of them have been raised by single mothers. Mothers and their children are invited to join us for a luncheon, and child care is provided for infants-age 12. For further information contact jane.loerop@elmhurstcrc.org.

SpringHill Day Camp will take place at Elmhurst CRC June 11-15. Registration opens on February 14 (early bird pricing) for kids who have completed K-5th grade by June 2018. The camper spaces fill up quickly, so put this on your calendar to register on opening day. Invite a friend outside of our church community to join in! Information and registration is online at elmhurstcrc.org/events.

Little Lambs Vacation Bible School registration is opening on February 20! Registration is free, and is limited to the first 100 students (ages 3-not yet in Kindergarten) for the June 5-8 camp.

Do you like to do hair? Our Jr. GEMS girls are looking for volunteers (high school age and older) to do their hair for their Friday night party. We need you Friday, February 23 from 6:15 until 7:15. Please contact Candice Van Hout candice.vanhout@gmail.com.

Christ Church of Oak Brook, in partnership with Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, and The Chapel-Hinsdale, is excited to serve as a host site for the **2018 IF:Gathering Women’s Retreat** on March 2 & 3. The theme of this year’s IF:Gathering is discipleship. For more information and to register, go to www.cc-ob.org/ifgathering.

SHE Movie Night is on Saturday, Feb. 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Come with your blankets and children to watch the movie “God’s Not Dead”. Please use only the front door only. We will meet in the Garden Room. Snacks will be provided. We do not have an infant or toddler nursery. Please RSVP to jane.loerop@elmhurstcrc.org by Feb. 23.

We are participating in the “**Coins for CareNet**” baby bottle campaign for CareNet Pregnancy Services of DuPage as we provide an opportunity for everyone in our congregation to assist CareNet in this simple yet meaningful way! Many have learned of CareNet through this outreach effort, and have referred women in need of help to CareNet as a result. Please feel free to take an empty bottle from the display and return it to the church filled with coins.

COMMUNITY

You and your family are invited to the **Timothy Christian Schools** (188 W. Butterfield Road, Elmhurst) Preschool - 12th grade open house this afternoon. Sign-in will begin at 1:45 pm and a brief presentation will begin at 2pm. All families will get to hear about a few exciting changes and updates, as well as get personal tours of the facility and campus. Please visit www.exploretimothy.com for more information and to RSVP (your application fee will be waived). Event will begin in the lobby of the new middle school.

Roseland Christian Ministries Youth Partnership invites you to a fun filled event to raise funds for youth programs, taking place on March 3 from 3-6 pm at The Chop Shop in Chicago. Refreshments and appetizers will be served. For more info visit <https://roselandyouthpartnership.yapsody.com/>.

Ready, Set, Grow! Celebrate how students are growing at **Chicago West Side Christian School’s Annual Scholarship Benefit** on Thursday, March 8 from 6 – 9. The event will be at the school (1240 S. Pulaski Road in Chicago). Join us for inspiring stories, CWSCS’ outstanding choir, a delicious meal and a tribute to Dave Larsen and the Bright Promise Fund, the recipient of this year’s *Friend of CWSCS Award*. Valet parking available. RSVP at www.cwscs.org or call 773-542-0663.

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This Week @ Elmhurst CRC

Today is "Missions Sunday," during which we focus on the work being done by our dedicated missionaries. Our text for the morning is Acts 1:6-9, and our service follows a structure based on the passage. We'll hear from missionaries serving "Jerusalem," "Judea," "Samaria," and "The Ends of the Earth." That is, missionaries who are faithfully witnessing and serving in our local communities and cities, in different cultures, and in places far away.

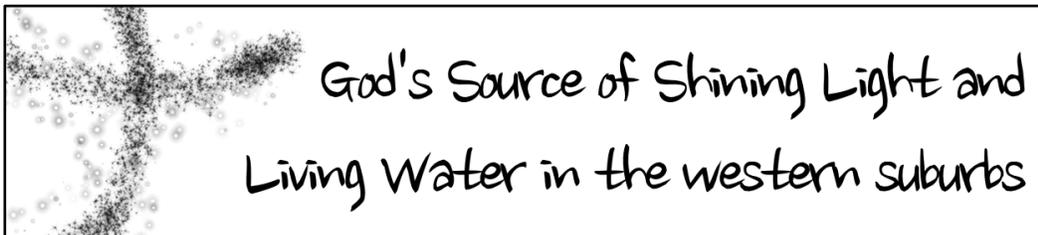
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Next Week @ Elmhurst CRC

Next Sunday marks the first Sunday of Lent. Jesus' path was never an easy one. After being baptized in the Jordan River and receiving divine affirmation of his mission, Jesus is driven into the wilderness and tempted by Satan. What Jesus experienced is also what we experience as we walk in his footsteps. Our path is marked by trial and temptation. However, in the background of our struggles is the voice of God, echoing from the days of the flood, promising devotion over destruction. Our Scripture for the morning will follow the lectionary and include: Genesis 9:18-27, Mark 1:9-15, and 1 Peter 3:18-22.

Complete announcements are available online at elmhurstcrc.org/ThisWeek,
via the weekly ECRC Enews (subscribe online at elmhurstcrc.org/subscribe),
or by scanning the QR Code below.



WELCOME

Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor

GATHERING

*We Will Be Your People
Lord Most High*

Scripture Reading, Acts 1:6-9

“JERUSALEM”

Chris Langkamp, Lampstand Ministries
John Selph, Missions Team

You may take preschoolers through 5th grade to Children’s Worship

We Will Be Your Witnesses

“JUDEA”

John Selph, Youth For Christ
Mike Boot, Missions Team
We Will Be Your Witnesses

“SAMARIA”

Jim McMillen and John Zeilstra, Prison Ministries
We Will Be Your Witnesses

“ENDS OF THE EARTH”

Nurmay Missions Video

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Gabriel’s Oboe

RESPONSE

We Will Be Your Witnesses

BLESSING & SENDING

Worship Team - Doug Bardolph, Ticks Groenboom, Gregg DeMey,
Erin Lanenga, Stefanie Lemkuil, Kyle Olson, Dina Zeilstra
Choir Director - Marve Wolterstorff

**Sunday worship services are streamed live and archived for viewing on the web via LIVESTREAM
(new.livestream.com/ecrc)**

Lord Most High

From the ends of the earth
From the depths of the sea
From the heights of the heavens
Your name be praised
From the hearts of the weak
From the shouts of the strong
From the lips of all people
This song we raise, Lord

Throughout the endless ages
You will be crowned with praises
Lord most high, be magnified
Exalted in every nation
Sovereign of all creation
Lord most high, be magnified

We Will Be Your Witnesses

We will be your witnesses
First here, then beyond
In the farthest of places we go
Our God in all mystery
Who determined all history
Wants his grace, love and mercy to show
In the farthest of places we go

Why do we stand in disbelief
Staring up at the sky
Christ ascended but left us his word
The Holy Ghost has entered us
Its power helps to strengthen us
So our faith is reflected in works
Christ ascended but left us his word

God so loved the earth he sent
His one, only Son
And the Son sends us out in his name
We are struck by the audacity
And filled beyond capacity
With the glory and pow'r to proclaim
And the Son sends us out in his name

First here in Jerusalem
Jesus wept over us
And he entered with palms waving high
Then with bread as body broken
His betrayal was spoken
Washed feet turn away and deny
And he entered with palms waving high

Then Judea, to Pilate's hands
And the crowd, screams his name
And the guilty's allowed to be free
Through the stations, death is imminent
Lovingkindness is evident
As he grants paradise to a thief
And the guilty's allowed to be free

Living water brought to Samaria
Saved as we're sent
Unexpected, the traveler is blessed
In redemption, vocation
Is not bound by location
And your calling will not let us rest
Unexpected, the traveler is blessed