

**Blended Worship**  
**March 26, 2017 - 9:00 am**

Prelude: "Were You There" - Spiritual/A.L. Page  
"Fairest Lord Jesus" - arr. Whitworth

Welcome - Peter Semeyn, Lead Pastor

"The Solid Rock"

"In Christ Alone"

Responsive Reading from Ephesians 5

"Friends In Faith"

Greetings

Scripture Reading from I Samuel 16:1-13

Choir Anthem: "Psalm 23"

Prayer - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

"Amazing Grace"

Message: "Why Do I Need New Glasses?" - Gregg DeMey, Dir. of Worship  
John 9:1-41

Prayer of Response

Offertory: "God So Loved the World" - J. Stainer

"Open Our Eyes, Lord" - Cull/Allen

The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

"And Can It Be"

Sending and Blessing

Postlude: "Be Thou My Vision" - arr. Whitworth

Organist - Judy Doot, Pianist - Ticks Groenboom,  
Choir Director - Marve Wolterstorff, Song Leader - Bob Boomsma

**Worship**  
**March 26, 2017 – 10:30 am**

Prelude: "Bound For Glory"

Welcome - Peter Semeyn, Lead Pastor

"God You Reign"

"You're Worthy of My Praise"

Responsive Reading from Ephesians 5

"Great Are You Lord"

Greetings

Scripture Reading from I Samuel 16:1-13

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Prayer - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

Message: "Why Do I Need New Glasses?" - Gregg DeMey, Dir. of Worship  
John 9:1-41

Offertory: "Give Me Your Eyes"  
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"Amazing Grace"

Sending and Blessing

Postlude

Worship Team - Doug Bardolph, Justin Bardolph, Tim Lundeen,  
Nina Schroeder, Dan Vlcek

**THIS WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC**

Why Do I Need Corrected Vision? Our vision is distorted by self-interest and personal desires. Human perspective is vastly limited compared to God's perspective. We make judgments on an entirely different criteria. Jesus opens the eyes of the blind and allows us to begin to see with his eyes. New vision leads us to our live our lives in a completely new direction.

**NEXT WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC**

Why Do I Need a New Life? Complacency and apathy lead to spiritual death for Christ-followers. God is always creating life and bringing something new...On the one hand, this truth saves us! On the other hand, this truth causes us great discomfort. We tend

to resist the Holy Spirit because we do not like to wander into the unknown. A reformed perspective is that we are “reformed and always reforming”. God is always at work. We need new life breathed into our stagnant souls. This worship service will include a Gospel invitation to respond to Jesus’ promise to “Make all things new!” You can read Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Romans 8:6-11 to prepare for this worship service.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our sympathy to *Jim & Pat Snoeyink* and their extended family on the passing of **Jim's brother, Dave**, on March 5.

We extend our sympathy to *Bob & Debbie Boomsma* and their extended family, and to *Jan & John Zielstra and family*, on the passing of Bob and Jan's Aunt, **Henrietta Hovinga** (Aunty Hank), on March 10.

We extend our sympathy to *Larry & Janet Slager, and Mike & Diane Otters*, and their extended family, as they mourn the loss of their granddaughter and niece, **Tara Oskam**, who died on March 11. Tara was a 21-year-old Speech Pathology Major at Calvin College. Contributions to the Tara Oskam Speech Pathology Scholarship Fund can be made by contacting Larry and Janet Slager.

We extend our sympathy to *Laura Owen and her extended family* on the passing of Laura's mother, **Ann Owen**, on March 21.

**Prayer Requests:** Please pray for healing and strength for Lois Arthur, Doris Baur, Henrietta Hall, Maria Ramos, Gloria Van Ryn, and Marilyn Ward.

**Join us in praying for each other.** To send your prayer requests or praises to be included in the email prayer chain, or to receive a daily email of these requests, email [prayer@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:prayer@elmhurstcrc.org) or call the church office at 630-600-5100. **If you would like your prayer request included in the weekly announcements in the worship folder please email Lisa Capozzoli**, Director of Care and Community, [lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We ask you to join us in completing the **online congregational survey**. The survey is designed to gain insight into our congregations’ current thinking as it relates to “living generously” in all areas of our lives. Please allow 10-plus minutes to complete your survey. All responses are confidential and not tracked to individual responders. The survey results will provide a “snapshot” of our current mindset and actions in sharing our time, talent and treasures and together find our collective starting point. One week left! Go online today at [elmhurstcrc.org/survey](http://elmhurstcrc.org/survey). Thank you for your participation.

**Save the date!** Please mark your calendars for Rev's Ministry Celebration, taking place on Tuesday, May 16 at 5:30 pm. More details to come.

**Special Needs Coordinator Part-Time Job Opportunity:** The Special Needs Coordinator will develop and lead the special needs ministry of our church with the goal of inclusion and discipleship. They will work to provide a nurturing and loving environment for children with special needs and their families; a place where the love of Jesus is felt and relationships are built. The coordinator will seek to provide for the health and safety of all children as well as establish the trust of the parents. For more information go to [elmhurstcrc.org](http://elmhurstcrc.org).

**Dirty Jobs:** Have a job you need done around the house? Yard work, painting, cleaning, or that pile of dirt moved from here to over there? Let the youth group do the work for you as you support them by donation as they head to Colorado Challenge this summer for a time of worship, fellowship, and renewal. Sign up at [elmhurstcrc.org/events](http://elmhurstcrc.org/events) or email [studentministries@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:studentministries@elmhurstcrc.org) and get your dirty job done today!

**SpringHill Host Homes:** We have 340 children registered for SpringHill day camp this summer. With this increased number of campers we are receiving 20 more counselors. That means we have 60+ counselors that we need to house for the week of June 12-16. If you are able or interested in hosting a couple of wonderful college age students please contact Kara Hackert ([kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org)). You provide them with breakfast and three dinners. They are at church from 7:45 am-5:15 pm.

We serve them lunch and they go out together as a staff a couple of nights. It is a fun and meaningful way to support this great ministry. Thank you!

**Youth Dinner in support of our students going to Colorado Challenge this summer** will take place on April 5 from 5:30-6:45 pm. No sign-up needed, but be sure to invite all your friends! Our menu will be roasted pig, pulled pork, fresh salad, baked beans, and mac and cheese. We will have gluten free options available and would love to have everyone come out to support our students heading to Colorado this summer!

**Mandatory Parent Meeting for Covenant Education Plan (CEP):** If you are interested in learning more about ECRC's Covenant Education Plan, which supports Christian education, or if you would like to participate in the CEP for 2017-18, please attend one of the mandatory meetings. One parent, but preferably both parents, should attend. Meetings will be held in the Upper Gathering Area immediately after both the first and second services on April 2 & 9, and at 7 pm on April 5. In addition, those who wish to use Cedarstone for income verification can come to the Java Stop from 6 to 7:30 pm on April 12, 19, or 23. If you have any questions please contact Mimi Stanton, Christian Education Committee Chair, at [mimistanton@comcast.net](mailto:mimistanton@comcast.net)

ECRC and guests, as the season changes and you prepare for spring, please consider **donating gently used children's clothes to the Single Mothers Support Group**. We are looking for spring and summer clothes of infants- size 16 teens. Please place the labeled bags according to size by the Living Tree in the lower level of the church. They will be distributed on April 9. Thank you for your generosity!

Attention parents of college students: We will collect donations for the **spring exam boxes** until April 16 and will be packing the boxes on April 19 at 6 pm. Volunteers to help packing would be welcomed. If you didn't sign your child up for a box in the fall, the binder will be available at the information desk for you to do so. Please be sure to include their full mailing address. Questions? Contact Kathy Feringa at 630-728-3368 or [kathy.feringa@alloyacorp.org](mailto:kathy.feringa@alloyacorp.org).

**Journey to the Center of the Church** is a three-week class to help prepare you for membership at Elmhurst CRC. Classes will be held **Tuesday evenings, April 18, April 25, and May 2**, from 6:30-8:30 pm. Anyone interested in knowing more about Christianity, the Reformed Faith, and membership at Elmhurst CRC is invited to attend these classes. Contact the church office to register. Childcare is available for infants to two years old. Please let us know by April 7 if you need childcare.

**Sign up for our 2017 Congregational Directory photography sessions!** We need your help to make our 2017 Congregational Directory complete. We will be providing opportunities for individuals and families to have their photos taken on April 24, 25, 28, May 1, 2, 4, 5, and 30 from 2-9 pm, and on April 29 and May 6 from 10 am-4 pm here at ECRC. Sign up online at [elmhurstcrc.org/events](http://elmhurstcrc.org/events). You will also be able to sign up for your appointment time in person each Sunday between 8:30am and 12 noon from March 12 to April 23. Each family photographed will receive a free 8x10 photo from your session.

Registration for **Little Lambs VBS '17** is nearly full. Join us June 6-8 from 9am-11am to learn about the Ultimate Superhero: Jesus! Potty-trained children ages 3 to those entering Kindergarten welcome. Register online at: [elmhurstcrc.org/events](http://elmhurstcrc.org/events) or find a form at the Information Center. Contact Ashley Slinkman [ashley.slinkman@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:ashley.slinkman@elmhurstcrc.org) if you have any questions.

## SERVE

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**Children's Worship Volunteers Needed:** Would you like to be a part of this fun and meaningful ministry? For the 9 am service we are looking for a once a month small group leader for the 1st/2nd grade group and a once a month small group leader for the

3rd-5th grade group. For the 10:30 am service we are looking for a once a month small group leader for the 2nd/3rd grade boys group, as well as a one-on-one buddy for a preschool student with special needs. Please contact Kara Hackert [kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org) if you are interested. Thank you!

Please help us to create a warm and friendly community here at ECRC by joining the **Hospitality Team!** We are in need of Greeters and Ushers at the 9 am service. Interested in serving? Contact Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care and Community, at [lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org).

## COMMUNITY

Timothy Christian Schools is currently holding its seventh annual **Jog-a-thon fundraiser** to raise support for their families and students. If you have not received a form from a student and you would like to participate, please take one of the blank forms by the information center and return it the Timothy Christian Schools Business Office at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your support of Christian Education and TCS students.

**Timothy Christian Open House** - You are invited to the final open house of the year on April 11 at 7 pm. All families with children entering PreK-12th grade are invited to visit the school, meet the staff, and get your questions answered. Spots are filling up fast! Please contact Dan Quist, Director of Admissions at 630-782-4043 with any questions.

**Roseland Christian Ministries** invites you to join them at their Spring Banquet, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness: 40 Years of God's Faithfulness at Roseland Christian Ministries" on April 20. For more information or to make reservations to attend, please contact Kisha Pleasant at 773-264-5665.

### ELMHURST MINISTRIES FUND FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of 3/12/17)

...in support of the ministries and vision of ECRC

YTD anticipated contributions: \$492,822

YTD actual contributions: \$452,411

Annual 2017 budget: \$3,075,000

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, 3-26-17

9:00 am Blended Worship  
9:00 am Children's Worship  
10:00 am Coffee & Community  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship  
10:30 am Children's Worship  
4:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

### Monday, 3-27-17

### Tuesday, 3-28-17

6:00 am Men's Fraternity  
2:15 pm GriefShare Leaders Mtg.

### Wednesday, 3-29-17

6:00 pm Prayer Time  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm GriefShare Support Group  
7:00 pm Men's Fraternity

### Thursday, 3-30-17

6:00 am Men's Fraternity  
9:00 am Men's Bible Study

### Friday, 3-31-17

### Saturday, 4-01-17

8:30 am Prayer Group

### Sunday, 4-02-17

9:00 am Blended Worship  
9:00 am Children's Worship  
10:00 am Coffee & Community  
10:15 am CEP Meeting  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship  
10:30 am Children's Worship  
11:45 am CEP Meeting  
4:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal  
6:00 pm Maximum Velocity/The Edge  
6:00 pm Small Groups

## **WELCOME**

We're glad you're here.

## **NEW?**

We would love to meet you.

Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering basket.

Join us for coffee in the lobby after the service.

Stop by the Information Center and let us know you're new.

## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

9:00 am Blended Worship Service

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

## **CHILDREN**

Nursery is available for children 0 to 36 months old.

Children's Worship (10:00) meets for children 3 years old through 5th grade in the lower level

## **RESOURCES**

Assisted listening devices are available from an usher or sound booth at the rear of sanctuary

Large print bulletins are available in the Worship Center inside the doors

## **PRAYER PARTNERS**

Prayer partners are available after each service to pray with in the west rear of the Worship Center

## **GROW AND SERVE**

### **ADULT MINISTRIES:**

Find opportunities to grow and serve in

Small Groups , Coffee Break Community Bible Study, Men's Fraternity, MOPS, SHE, Prime Time (55+) and more.

## **STUDENT MINISTRIES**

Grow together, enjoy relationships, be encouraged and empowered with our student ministry programs;

Maximum Velocity (6-8th grade) and The EDGE (9th-12 grade)

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

We love children, and want to help raise up children that love God and serve him.

From Nursery (0-3 years old), Little Lambs (3-6 years old), Pathfinders and Cadets (1st-8th grade boys), to GEMS (1st-8th grade girls), and much more.

More growing and serving opportunities online at [elmhurstcrc.org](http://elmhurstcrc.org)

### **Pastors:**

Rev. Peter Semeyn - Lead Pastor, Dir. of Outreach - 630.600.5029 [peter.semeyn@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:peter.semeyn@elmhurstcrc.org)

Rev. Gregg DeMey - Associate Pastor, Dir. of Worship - 630.600.5030 [gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org)

Complete announcements are at [elmhurstcrc.org/thisweek](http://elmhurstcrc.org/thisweek)