

**August 13, 2017 - 10:00 am Worship**

"Like A Child"

Welcome - Kara Hackert, Children's Ministries Coordinator

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart**

**I want to see you, I want to see you**

**(2X)**

**To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory**

**Pour out your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy**

**Holy, holy, holy (3X)**

**I want to see you**

"We Have Come To Worship"

**We have come to worship, we have come to praise**

**We have come to give glory to your name**

**We have come to bow down, we have come to seek your face**

**We have come to exalt your holy name**

**The name of Jesus; Name above all names**

**The name of Jesus; The name by which we're saved**

**Holy is your name**

Responsive Reading from Romans 12:1-2

Leader: I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God

All: **Yes! This is our true act of worship**

Leader: Do not conform to the pattern of this world

All: **We want to be transformed by the renewing of our minds**

Leader: Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is

All: **His will is good, pleasing and perfect. It is what we need to know**

"This We Know"

**You are who you say you are**

**You'll do what you say you'll do**

**You'll be who you've always been to us, Jesus**

**Our hope is in you alone  
Our strength in your mighty name  
Our peace in the darkest day remains, Jesus**

**This we know, we will see the enemy run  
This we know, we will see the victory come  
We hold on to every promise you ever made  
Jesus you are unfailing**

**Our guide through the wilderness  
Our joy in the heaviness  
Our way when it seems there is no way, Jesus**

**We trust you, we trust you  
Your ways are higher than our own**

Greetings

Back to School Prayer

**"You Are My Strength"  
You are my strength, strength like no other  
Strength like no other, reaches to me**

**You are my hope, hope like no other  
Hope like no other, reaches to me**

**In the fullness of your grace, in the power of your Name  
You lift me up, you lift me up**

**Unfailing love stronger than mountains  
Deeper than oceans, reaches to me**

Message: "Ask Away" - Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor  
Luke 11:1-13

Offertory: "Let Us Pray"  
The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

**"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"  
Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in his wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory and grace**

Announcements

Blessing & Sending  
Postlude

## THIS WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

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## NEXT WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**We extend our sympathy to Kara & Kevin Hackert and family** as they mourn the loss of **Kara's grandmother, Irene Blystra**, on August 4, and **Kevin's aunt, Phyllis Cottington**, on August 2.

**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

Mark your calendars - it's back! Our **two-service worship season** begins next Sunday, August 20 when we return to services at 9 and 10:30 am.

**Search Committee Update:** Since Pastor Gregg's promotion to Lead Pastor in June, the Search Committee has turned its attention to filling our open Associate Pastor position. The Search Committee is pleased to announce that over the summer we engaged Sam Hamstra of Chapter-Next to act as our search consultant, added Pastor DeMey to our committee, finalized the job description for our open Associate Pastor position, and put together an informational packet about ECRC (view at [elmhurstcrc.org/resources/publications/](http://elmhurstcrc.org/resources/publications/)). Sam will now publicize this Associate Pastor opening and over the coming weeks/months we will be receiving applications, screening candidates, and conducting interviews. If, after reading the position description, you have a candidate you think we should consider, please provide Sam Hamstra with their name at [shamstra@chapter-next.com](mailto:shamstra@chapter-next.com). We ask you to continue to be in prayer for this process and that we will be able to discern God's choice to help lead our Church.

**Join us for the ECRC Fest on August 20** from 4:30-7:30 pm. It's a church-wide end of summer celebration as we return to our two-worship Sunday rhythm, connect with those we've missed over the summer, and invite others to experience church community here. There will be **music, food, games, bags tournaments, bounce houses, and more...**there is something for all ages. **We will be providing the grilled meats and the fixings, and invite you to bring a side dish or dessert to share.** Let us know what you're bringing by signing up at [elmhurstcrc.org/events](http://elmhurstcrc.org/events).

Parents, **have you registered your children for Little Lambs yet?** Little Lambs offers children ages 3 to 6 (and potty trained) a one-day-a-week, biblically-based preschool experience. Half-day kindergartners are welcome! We are eager to welcome the students back for another exciting year. It is easier for us to honor friend requests if you sign up soon. Group assignments will be mailed out shortly. You may pick up a registration form at the information desk or register at [elmhurstcrc.org/littlelambs](http://elmhurstcrc.org/littlelambs).

**Join us for GEMS (1st-8th grade girls)!** We are going to have a great year as we explore this year's theme: In His Steps. GEMS meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:15-7:45 pm. The counselor training meeting is September 10, and opening night with all of the girls is September 13. Register online at [elmhurstcrc.org/gems](http://elmhurstcrc.org/gems). If you are interested in becoming a parent helper in the classroom, at special events, a craft helper, or are interested in being a counselor, GEMS would love to have you! For questions or to volunteer contact Chris Kocol at [gems@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:gems@elmhurstcrc.org).

Please join us for our **New Member Class, Journey to the Center of Church**, on October 10, 17, and 24 from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Upper Level Gathering Room. Anyone interested in knowing more about Christianity, the Reformed Faith, and membership at ECRC is invited to attend these classes. Childcare is provided for children under 3 years old. Please let us know if you need childcare by September 26. For more information contact Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care and Community, at [lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org).

### SERVE

You are invited to **serve at My Brother's Kitchen** on December 16 from 9 am to 1 pm (carpooling from church at 8 am). Please sign up by emailing Lisa Capozzoli at [lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org).

We are looking for volunteers to **join our Community Service Team (CST)**, a team of people committed to showing the love of Christ to our neighbors both locally and globally through acts of service. If you are interested in joining the CST or have questions please contact Lisa Capozzoli at [lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org).

### COMMUNITY

Save the Date: On August 29 some members of **Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church will be pairing up with Good News Jail & Prison Ministry** at the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center for their Adopt-a-Pod program. We will meet at ECRC at 3 pm and carpool to the Center. We'll have dinner with the kids is at 4:30 pm and we will return to Elmhurst by 7:30 pm. If interested, please contact Jim McMillen at 630-520-8668.

### ELMHURST MINISTRIES FUND FINANCIAL UPDATE

(as of 8/06/17)

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

YTD anticipated contributions: \$1,545,000

YTD actual contributions: \$1,546,883

Annual 2017 budget: \$3,075,000

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### Sunday, 8-13-17

9:00 am Honduras Pre-Trip Mtg.

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Children's Worship

11:30 am Coffee & Community

#### Monday, 8-14-17

7:00 pm Elder Meeting

#### Tuesday, 8-15-17

#### Wednesday, 8-16-17

6:00 pm Monthly SLT Meeting

6:00 pm Prayer Time

#### Thursday, 8-17-17

7:00 pm Ten Talents Team Meeting

#### Friday, 8-18-17

\*\*\*church office closed\*\*\*

#### Saturday, 8-19-17

8:30 am Prayer Group

#### Sunday, 8-20-17

9:00 am Blended Worship

9:00 am Children's Worship

9:00 am Food Pantry Collection

10:00 am Coffee & Community

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

10:30 am Children's Worship

11:30 am am Coffee & Community

## **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**

10:00 am Worship Service (May 28-August 13)

## **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. Gregg DeMey - Lead Pastor, Director of Worship - 630.600.5030 [gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org)

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