

August 20, 2017 - 9:00 am Blended Worship

Prelude

Welcome - Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor

“O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing”

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

Responsive Reading from Psalm 103

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Greetings - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

Prayer

“As the Deer”

Message: “Three-Dimensional Faith” - Dr. Sam Hamstra
Luke 6:12-19

Prayer of Response

Offertory

The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

Blessing & Sending

Postlude

Pianist - Dina Zeilstra, Organist - Ticks Groenboom, Song Leader - Kathy Feringa

August 20, 2017 - 10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Prelude: "He's Always Been Faithful"

Welcome - Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor
"The Stand"

"What a Beautiful Name"

Responsive Reading from Psalm 103

"I Surrender All"

Greetings - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

"Jesus, You're Beautiful"

Prayer

"Every Season"

Message: "Three-Dimensional Faith" - Dr. Sam Hamstra
Luke 6:12-19

Prayer of Response

Announcements

Offertory: "How Deep the Father's Love For Us"
The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

"I Will Follow"

Blessing & Sending

Postlude

Worship Team - Kimmy Vos, Gregg DeMey, Tim Lundeen, Kyle Olson, Cindy Vos

THIS WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

God desires our spiritual lives to be lived in three dimensions: 1) Upward in vibrant connection and reliance on him, 2) Inward in increasing depth of knowledge and maturity, and 3) Outward as we share and serve the grace that we have received. God sees us not as stick figures or cardboard cut outs, but in 3D! Dr. Sam Hamstra will lead us in examining the inward dynamic of faith, based on Luke 6:12-19.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for the ECRC Fest today 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.

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/). 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. 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.

This fall we are dedicating the **first Sunday services of every month as family services**. This is our way of saying intergenerational worship is important. Time for families to worship together is important. Children being a part of the body of Christ is important. There will be no 1st-5th grade children's worship these mornings. Instead the children are asked to stay in the service and be a part of it. We are going to brainstorm ways to get our children involved in what is going on in the worship center. Each service will end with communion as something the kids can participate in or observe. We are really looking forward to finding more ways to help our children know they are an important part of our church family!

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.

With the beauty and simplicity of music, scripture and song, come and experience rest and healing in the **Healing Prayer Service**. You will also have an opportunity to receive individual prayer for physical, relational, emotional, and psychological healing. Please join us in the Garden Room on August 24 and October 26 at 7 pm.

Please pray for the 12 people on the Honduras Work Team who will be in La Entrada, Honduras through August 26 to work at a Youth for Christ camp building missionary housing. Pray for safety and protection. Pray that much will be accomplished.

The **nursery is looking to fill paid positions** for Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday mornings starting in September. Please contact Michelle DeJong for more information. michelle.dejong@elmhurstcrc.org

Our next **ECRC Community Supper** will be held Wednesday Sept. 13, 2016 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Garden Room. Bring you friends and family to enjoy a delicious supper. Menu items to be announced at a later date. Please RSVP at dinners@elmhurstcrc.org .

Save the Date: The Christian Education Committee is hosting a **Celebration of Christian Education event** October 8. More details to follow.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

WE NEED YOU! There are so many opportunities to serve this Fall.
Prayerfully consider being a part of these ministries.

NURSERY: The nursery is looking for volunteers to serve at both the 9 & 10:30 services. From 5th grade all the way up to your golden years, we would love your help! Contact Michelle DeJong at michelle.dejong@elmhurstcrc.org for more information.

LITTLE LAMBS: Little Lambs (preschool ministry) begins in three weeks and we need your help to bring the good news of Jesus' love to the community! We especially need church members to teach the Bible stories to these children. We need seven Bible teachers to come twice monthly. We would love to have more church members walk alongside the many volunteers from the community in the other curriculum areas as well. We need three pianists and four Creative Learning teachers to come twice a month. Prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry. Contact Lynda Clousing at 630-600-5049 or email littlelambs@elmhurstcrc.org for more information. Please pray for this ministry!

GEMS: (for girls 1st-8th grade) needs additional volunteers as: a 2nd grade co-counselor, 2nd grade assistant helper, 3rd grade (2) assistant helpers, 6th grade co-counselor, as well as craft and games helpers throughout the year. Contact Chris Kocol or Nancy Van Hout at gems@elmhurstcrc.org if you are available to serve.

CADETS: (for boys 4th-8th grade) is seeking counselors. If you would like to learn more about this role or volunteer, please Contact Doug Slinkman at cadets@elmhurstcrc.org.

PATHFINDERS: (for boys 1st-3rd grade) is in need of four men to serve as 1st grade co-leader, two 2nd grade co-leaders, and one 3rd grade co-leader. The leadership team provides materials and holds regular leaders meetings to review club nights in advance, making it as easy as possible for you to serve! Contact Leslie Wolterstorff or Jessica Valdez at pathfinders@elmhurstcrc.org for more information or to volunteer.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (Pre/K): There are several opportunities to serve during Pre/K Children's Worship at both services: Classroom Teachers (3 yr olds, 4 yr olds, or 5/6 yr olds), Classroom Helpers, and Large Group Leaders are needed. Serve monthly, every other month, or less. Contact Ashley Slinkman at ashley.slinkman@elmhurstcrc.org to volunteer or learn more.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (1st-5th grade): 1st-5th Children's Worship needs you! (1st Service: 1st/2nd Grade Group and 3rd/5th Grade Group; 2nd Service: 1st Grade Group, 2nd/3rd Grade Boys Group, 4th/5th Grade Group), once a month One-on-One Buddy for a 2nd grade boy, once a month Large Group Worship/Activity Leaders, once a month Large Group Story Teller for 9 am service. Contact Kara Hackert at kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org to serve in any of these roles.

HOSPITALITY: We are in need of Greeters, Ushers, Information Center Hosts, and Refreshment Hosts at both the 9 & 10:30 am services. Interested in serving? Contact Lisa Capozzoli at lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org.

Ministry Programs Fall 2017 Kick Off Dates:

Aug 27: Student Ministries (Middle & High School Kick off Events)

Sep 6: Pathfinders – for boys 1st-3rd grade

Sep 6: Cadets – for boys 4th-8th grade

Sep 9: Men's Breakfast Event

Sep 10: Maximum Velocity - for students grades 6-8 (5:30-7 p.m.)

Sep 10: The Edge - for students grades 9-12 (7-8:30 p.m.- small groups following)

Sep 12, 13 & 14: Little Lambs – for children ages 3-6
Sep 12, 13 & 14: Men's Fraternity - for all all men
Sep 13 & 14: Coffee Break Community Bible Study
Sep 13: GEMS & Junior GEMS – for girls 1st-8th grade
Sep 13: GriefShare - a grief support group
Sep 17: SHE - Single Mother Support Group
Sep 17: Small Groups Bible Studies
Sep 19: MOPS – Mothers of Preschoolers

Register today! More info about these and other impactful programs
is available at elmhurstcrc.org.

COMMUNITY

Save the Date: On August 29 some **ECRC members will be pairing up with Good News Jail & Prison Ministry** to go back to 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. 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.

The Elders of the Christian Reformed Church of Western Springs would like to invite you to their **Annual Shared Labor Day Worship Service** on September 3 at 6 pm. Reverend Gerry Erffmeyer will be leading the service. Refreshments will be served after the service.

On September 3 we will kick off the **Diaper Derby for families served by CareNet Pregnancy Services**. As a church we will be collecting diapers, wipes, and Walmart gift cards. Please bring in supplies by October 1 and leave them in the collection bins near the nursery. Supplies benefit CareNet's baby bank programs, providing material goods, parenting classes, and spiritual support to new parents in need.

Please consider serving at the joy-filled Elim Dutch Fest on Saturday, **September 23**. Volunteers are needed to serve at the coffee and dessert table from 10 am to 4 pm. To volunteer and sign up for a time slot please email Debbie Lanenga at lanengadebbie@gmail.com. They are also looking for small groups who would like to engage in a service project for either a morning or afternoon time slot on that day. This is a wonderful opportunity to bond as a group and do something great for Elim as well. Please contact Renita Van Solkema at renita.vansolkema@gmail.com if you are interested and would like more information. *(A Community Service Team Partner)*

New To You Upscale Resale Store currently has an opening for a part-time manager who is a motivated individual, a self-starter and able to manage the day-to-day activities of the store. If interested, please submit a resume to resumesnewtoyou@gmail.com on or before August 25, 2017.

ELMHURST MINISTRIES FUND FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of 8/013/17)

...in support of the ministries and vision of ECRC
YTD anticipated contributions: \$1,605,000
YTD actual contributions: \$1,590,891
Annual 2017 budget: \$3,075,000

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 8-20-17

9:00 am Blended Worship

Thursday, 8-24-17

7:00 pm Healing Prayer Service

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 Coffee & Community
4:30 pm ECRC Fest

Monday, 8-21-17

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, 8-22-17

Wednesday, 8-23-17

6:00 pm Prayer Time

Friday, 8-25-17

Saturday, 8-26-17

8:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, 8-27-17

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

11:30 am Coffee & Community

5:30 pm Student Ministries Kick Off Party

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

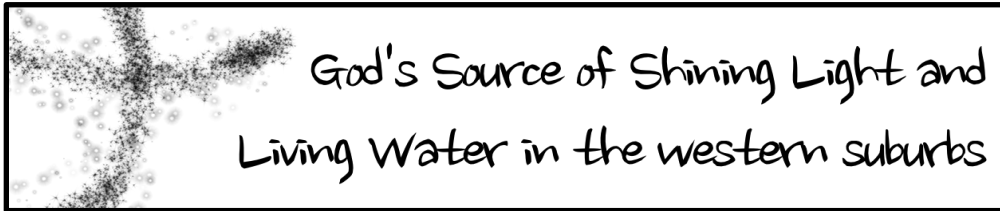
We love children, and want to help raise up children that love God and serve him.

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

Pastors:

Rev. Gregg DeMey - Lead Pastor, Director of Worship - 630.600.5030 gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org



Complete announcements are at elmhurstcrc.org/This Week or scan the QR code above.