

**September 3, 2017 - 9:00 am & 10:30 am Worship**

Prelude: "This Little Light of Mine"

Welcome - Bradley & Laura Groenewold (9:00), Jennifer & Charlotte Stolzenbach (10:30)

"Come Thou Fount"

**Come thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise his name I'm fixed upon it  
Name of God's redeeming love**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by thy help I've come  
And I hope by thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Bought me with his precious blood**

**O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it  
Seal it for thy courts above**

"This Is My Father's World"

**This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings  
And round me rings the music of the spheres  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees  
Of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought**

**This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise**

**The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise  
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere**

**This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget  
That though the wrong seems off so strong, God is the Ruler yet  
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad  
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad**

Responsive Reading

LW: This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God.

**All: We are God's handiwork**

LW: Created in Christ Jesus to do good works

**All: Which God prepared in advance for us to do**

LW: This is what the Lord asks of us:

**All: To love him with all our heart**

LW: With all our soul

**All: With all our mind**

LW: With our strength

**All: And to love our neighbor as we love ourselves**

LW: To do justice and to love mercy

**All: And to walk humbly with our God**

"Love the Lord"

**Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul  
With all your mind, and with all your strength  
(2X)**

**With all your heart, with all your soul  
With all your mind, with all your strength  
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul  
With all your mind, and with all your strength**

**I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul  
With all my mind, and with all my strength  
(2)**

**With all my heart, with all my soul  
With all my mind, with all my strength  
I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul  
With all my mind, and with all my strength**

**I will love you, I will praise you, I will serve you, I will trust you**

**With all my heart, with all my soul  
With all my mind, with all my strength  
With all my heart, with all my soul**

**With all my mind, with all my strength  
I will love you Lord with all my heart, with all my soul  
With all my mind, and with all my strength**

Kids' Message - Kara Hackert, Children's Ministries Coordinator

Prayer

Offertory: "How Great Thou Art"

The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

**Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee  
How great thou art! How great thou art  
(2X)**

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"**

Message: "Child Labor" - Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor  
Luke 2:41-52, Hebrews 12:1b-3

Prayer of Response

The Lord's Supper

"Once Again"

**Jesus Christ, I look upon your sacrifice  
You became nothing, poured out to death  
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life  
And I'm in that place once again, I'm in the place once again**

**And once again I look upon the cross where you died  
I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken inside  
Once again I thank you, once again I pour out of my heart**

**Now you are exalted to the highest place  
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow  
But for now, I marvel at your saving grace  
And I'm full of praise once again, I'm full of praise once again**

**Thank you for the cross, thank you for the cross  
Thank you for the cross, my friend**

“Consecrated”

**Consecrated for you, Lord, sacred and secure  
Set apart for you, our God, following your Word  
Let your living water flow, let your light shine through  
For tomorrow we shall see amazing things you do**

**Holy God, our Father, let your kingdom come  
Here on earth as in heaven, let your will be done  
Give to us our daily bread and forgive our sins  
Yours the kingdom, power, glory, evermore Amen (2X)**

**Take the noisy lives we make, quiet them to hear  
Whispers of your loving voice telling us you're near  
Still the busy lives we fill that we may know you  
For tomorrow we shall see amazing things you do**

**Set apart the paths we take, lead them where they should  
Set apart the things we hold, loose them for your good  
Set apart the words we say, let them point to you  
For tomorrow we shall see amazing things you do**

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him, all creatures here below  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen**

Blessing & Sending

Worship Team - Doug Bardolph, Justin Bardolph, Ashton Byrum,  
Gina Byrum, Gregg DeMey, Kyle Olson

Actors - Paul Daly, Kevin Hackert, Ryan Horner,  
Jack McNamara, Ashley Slinkman, Grady Wick

### **THIS WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC**

As adults, we tend to have clear lines differentiating our work from our play. Children, however, have an incredible ability to turn household tasks into a game—or even a song. A creative kid can find a way to play at pretty much anything! Jesus himself, as a young boy, exhibited a precocious and playful spirit while doing some very grownup theological work at the temple. You can read Luke 2:41-52 and Hebrews 12:1-3 to prepare for this Labor Day weekend worship experience in which God will remind us to act like a kid.

### **NEXT WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC**

Sam Hamstra will lead us lead deeper into an understanding of the 3D life of faith that Jesus himself lived and modeled. The 3D-life has profound implications not only for us as individual disciples of Jesus Christ, but for social lives and commitments together as the Church. You can read Luke 6:12-19 to prepare for this worship service.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Congratulations to Meredith & Leland Toering**, who welcomed a daughter, **Layla Ann**, on June 1.

**Congratulations to Chris & Laura Horner**, who welcomed home their son, **Samuel Christopher Bishoftu Horner**, adopted in Ethiopia on July 4.

**Congratulations to Christina & Grant Winger**, who welcomed a son, **Jackson Theodore**, on July 24.

**Congratulations to Trisha & Henry Iwema**, who welcomed a daughter, **Mia Kathyrn**, on August 18.

**We extend our sympathy to Rachel & Joel Frens and family** as they mourn the loss of Joel's mother, Margery Frens, who passed away on August 23.

**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

**Special Offerings** will be taken during Elmhurst CRC's worship services throughout the next month in order to assist with **relief work in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey**. The Deacons have approved directing our financial support toward the work of World Renew, an organization born from within the Christian Reformed Church, which specializes in disaster relief and community development work. You are encouraged to use the envelopes provided inside the worship folder to appropriately direct your special gifts and offerings.

The **church office will be closed** on Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day.

**Handbell Choir is open to new members!** If you would like to be part of a group that enjoys making music and serving in worship, please email Mary Reitsma at [dmajreitsma@att.net](mailto:dmajreitsma@att.net) or leave a message at 847-776-6428. We welcome newcomers as well as experienced handbell players. Rehearsals begin in early October!

Have you wanted to **help with our Little Lambs program but can't be available on a regular basis**? We have a need for people to help watch children on September 7 from 8:45 -11:15 am while the moms are being trained as Little Lambs teachers and helpers. It is a one-time only commitment. All of the toys and activities are provided and the supervisors are in place. We just need people to play with the kids. If you are interested, please contact Beth Bardolph at [beth.bardolph@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:beth.bardolph@elmhurstcrc.org).

**PrimeTime has several openings for the Cubs game outing** on Friday, Sept. 8. Bus leaves ECRC at 10:30, returns by 5:30 (approx.) \$79 fee includes luxury coach ride to Wrigley Field, Cubs ticket, and bus driver tip. Interested? Contact [dejong66@comcast.net](mailto:dejong66@comcast.net) or call Bert or Celia DeJong at (630)530-2924.

We'll be hosting a **Men's Breakfast** on September 9 at 7 am in the Garden Room, with Dr. Kirk Baker as the speaker. Dr. Baker has been a professor at Moody Bible Institute for 18 years in the Applied Theology and Church Ministry department, and is the program head of Pastoral Studies. RSVP to Paul Daly at [paul.daly@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:paul.daly@elmhurstcrc.org).

Please join us for Pasta Night! Our next **ECRC Community Supper** will be held on **September 13** from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the Garden Room. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a delicious supper of mostaccioli, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, and dessert! The cost is your donation. Please RSVP at [dinners@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:dinners@elmhurstcrc.org).

**Single Mothers Support Group (SHE)** has its kick off event on **September 17** from 12:15-2:30 pm in the Garden Room. Mothers and their children are invited to a luncheon, and at 1:00 pm the children will be dismissed to age-appropriate activities. Mothers will enjoy a mini spa, and will be able to choose from among the following: shoulder massage, pedicure, manicure, hair

stylist, and eye and lip gloss. Come and bring your friends! No registration required. For more info contact Jane Loerop at [jane.loerop@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:jane.loerop@elmhurstcrc.org).

Save the Date: The Christian Education Committee is hosting a **Celebration of Christian Education** event on **October 8** at 4 pm in Timothy Christian's new middle school building. Come see the new building and learn more about the value of Christian education. More information 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](mailto:lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org).

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](mailto:michelle.dejong@elmhurstcrc.org).

### **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**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](mailto:michelle.dejong@elmhurstcrc.org) for more information.

**LITTLE LAMBS:** Little Lambs (Preschool/K ministry) begins the week of September 12, 13, 14 and we need your help to bring the good news of Jesus' love to the community! We would love if church members would fill the call for our need of TWO Bible teachers to come twice monthly. However, we would also appreciate if more church members walk alongside the many volunteers from the community in the other curriculum areas as well. We still need volunteers to come twice a month in the following positions: two Music assistants, one Creative Learning teacher, 14 craft helpers and 8 free play helpers! Prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry. Contact Lynda Clousing at 630-600-5049 or email [littlelambs@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:littlelambs@elmhurstcrc.org) for more information. Please pray for this ministry!

**GEMS:** (for girls 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) needs additional volunteers as: a 2nd grade co-counselor, 2nd grade assistant helper, 6th grade co-counselor, 7th/8th grade counselor, as well as craft and games helpers throughout the year. Contact Chris Kocol or Nancy Van Hout at [gems@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:gems@elmhurstcrc.org) if you are available to serve.

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

**PATHFINDERS:** (for boys 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) is in need of four men to serve as 1<sup>st</sup> grade co-leader, two 2<sup>nd</sup> grade co-leaders, and one 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org) to serve in any of these roles.

**TRANSPORTATION TEAM:** We are in need of volunteers to provide transportation periodically to some of our elderly congregants to some of their doctor appointments. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care and Community, at [lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org).

**SERVANTS ON STANDBY:** We are in need of men and women who can volunteer their expertise with small home repairs, driving large vehicles, and/or helping people move from one home to another. If you are interested, subscribe online to our "as needed" email requests at [elmhurstcrc.org/subscribe](http://elmhurstcrc.org/subscribe).

**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](mailto:lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org).

**SHE (SINGLE MOMS MINISTRY):** The SHE ministry needs fun-loving mature male high school students to help supervise the activities of boys ages 7-12 in the youth room once a month from 1-2:30 pm. We also need women to help with food that is brought in, and to assist with clean up once a month. Contact Jane Loerop at [jane.loerop@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:jane.loerop@elmhurstcrc.org).

## COMMUNITY

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

Today 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.

Everyone is cordially invited to the **Grand Opening** of the new 16 MM state-of-the-art middle school and field house at **Timothy Christian Schools**. The project is fully funded and under budget. The Grand Opening for Project IMPACT will take place on September 14 at 6 pm with tours happening until 8 pm. There are so many rich stories that have come out of the building of this project, from raising the money, to the impact it will have on the students, to how the facility will serve the community at large.

Don't miss this year's **Elim Dutch Festival!** With free admission, free parking, and fun activities for all ages, this year's Dutch Festival is sure to become an annual highlight for your family! The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Elim Dutch Festival is taking place on September 23, from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. Held on the grounds of Elim Christian Services (13020 S. Central Avenue, Palos Heights), the event features great food, shopping, entertainment, and a farmer's market. All proceeds directly impact the children and adults of Elim. Mark your calendar now!

Please also consider serving at the joy-filled **Elim Dutch Fest** on September 23. Volunteers are needed to serve at the coffee and dessert table from 10am to 4pm. Contact Debbie Lanenga at [lanengadebbie@gmail.com](mailto:lanengadebbie@gmail.com) to sign up. Volunteers are also needed to serve in 3- hour time slots between 8am and 4pm in the Food Court Booth, Face Painting, Train ride helpers, Children's Game area, Kitchen Help - Afternoon Clean-up, and Take Down (4-6 pm). Contact Renita Van Solkema at [renita.vansolkema@gmail.com](mailto:renita.vansolkema@gmail.com) if you are interested and would like more information. (*A Community Service Team Partner*)

## ELMHURST MINISTRIES FUND FINANCIAL UPDATE

(as of 8/27/17)

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

YTD anticipated contributions: \$1,725,000

YTD actual contributions: \$1,715,357

Annual 2017 budget: \$3,075,000

**Ministry Programs Fall 2017 Kick Off Dates:**

**Sep 6: Pathfinders – for boys 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade**

**Sep 6: Cadets – for boys 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 men

Sep 13 & 14: Coffee Break Community Bible Study

Sep 13: GEMS & Junior GEMS – for girls 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://elmhurstcrc.org).

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, 9-03-17**

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

### **Monday, 9-04-17**

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

### **Tuesday, 9-05-17**

### **Wednesday, 9-06-17**

6:00 pm Prayer Time

6:15 pm Cadets

6:15 pm Pathfinders

7:30 pm Christian Education Committee

### **Thursday, 9-07-17**

9:00 am Little Lambs Orientation Mtg.

9:00 am Men's Bible Study Group

### **Friday, 9-08-17**

### **Saturday, 9-09-17**

8:30 am Prayer Group

### **Sunday, 9-10-17**

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

11:45 am GEMS Counselor Meeting

5:30 pm Maximum Velocity

## SUNDAY SERVICES

9 & 10: 30 am Worship Services

## 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

## PRAYER PARTNERS

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

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)