

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 & Community after the service. Stop by the Information Center and meet us.

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 am - Blended Worship
10:30 am - Contemporary Worship

CHILDREN

Nursery is available for children 0 to 36 months old.
Children's Worship is available for 3 years old through 5th grade.

RESOURCES

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

PRAYER

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

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)

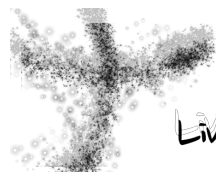
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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.

PASTOR

Rev. Gregg DeMey - Lead Pastor, Director of Worship
(630) 600-5030 - gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org

Large print Order of Worship available from an usher



God's Source of Shining Light and
Living Water in the western suburbs

Complete announcements at elmhurstcrc.org/ThisWeek
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TODAY

We begin our Explore God sermon series with this question: Does life have a purpose? On most days, ordinary humans don't spend a lot of time thinking about life on a cosmic scale. However, we all have seasons in which our minds and hearts are drawn to the big picture. We have "eternity set in our hearts." Even for people of faith who believe they have found the Point and the Purpose, finding answers to life's simple, everyday questions can be complicated.

NEXT WEEK

We continue Explore God with the question: Is there a God? Statistics show that 85% of people believe in God. A full 100% of us think about God from time to time, whether we believe in him or not! When Paul arrives in Athens, he finds this to be true when he stumbles on an altar "To An Unknown God." This leads us to believe that the real questions are actually: When you seek him, how will you find him or how will he reveal himself to you? Does God really speak? If God shows up in and around your life, how will you know? Has God placed signs that point to who he is (like beauty, order, morality, and love) in our midst? Can mere humans really understand God?

WHAT IS GOD'S WORD FOR YOU TODAY?

ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:00am

O Worship The King

10:30am

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

WELCOME

Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor

GATHERING

O Worship The King
O Sing To The Lord

Forever
You Alone

SCRIPTURE READING FROM PSALM 96

Sing To The Lord, Sing His Praise

At Your Name
Hosanna

GREETINGS

Preschoolers through 5th graders may go to Children's Worship

Come Christians Join To Sing

Take My Life

PRAYER

Caryn Rivadeneira, Acting Director of Care and Worship Planning

Speak O Lord

MESSAGE: Does Life Have A Purpose?

Isaiah 43:6-7, Psalm 96:7-9, Ecclesiastes 1&2
Jeff Klein, Director of Outreach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

To God Be The Glory
All Are Welcome

I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For

BLESSING & SENDING

Worship Team

Kathy Feringa, Ticks Groenboom
Mary Reitsma

Doug Bardolph, Justin Bardolph
Bethany DeHaan, Lori Helmus
Billy Heschl, Erin Lanenga, Tim Lundeen

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

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CHURCH FAMILY

Donna Shearier would like to thank the many people who sent cards and words after the death of her mother. The cards were uplifting and encouraging in their time of grief.

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER: To share your prayer requests or praises with those on the email list, or to be added to the email distribution list, email prayer@elmhurstcrc.org or call the church office at 630.600.5100.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Explore God: Today we begin seven weeks of exploring the BIG questions. Keep inviting your friends and neighbors to church and our groups. The invite card is a handy way to invite people.

1st-5th Grade Children's Worship Parents, as part of our Explore God children's curriculum we are learning about God's purpose for us. When you pick up your children today feel free to take a picture of them in front of the Ephesians 2:10 wall. There will be a gold frame to use as a prop with the caption "I am God's Masterpiece." If your children do not go to Children's Worship you are still welcome to come down and take their picture.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) resumes this Tuesday, January 15 at 9 am. Amy Rienow will be speaking on The Battle for Our Kids' Heart. All moms are welcome! Nursery available for 0-36 months.

Single Mothers Support Group (SHE) begins its new year TODAY with the topic, "Creating Community in SHE." We will be challenged and inspired by Rev. Jeff Klein. Come with your children at 12:15 pm for lunch. Questions? Contact jane.loerop@elmhurstcrc.org.

Save the date: The next **Community Supper** is coming up on Wednesday, February 13. Join others from the church family for a time of food and socializing.

The 2019 January Series from Calvin College: Simulcast here at ECRC daily at 11:30 am in the Garden Room! Join us this week for Nicholas Krisof (NYTIMES columnist), the astronaut Leland Melvin, and speakers on sustainability, disabilities in the church, and more. Full schedule online at elmhurstcrc.org/events.

SpringHill Day Camp 2019 registration for summer 2019 will open February 14. SpringHill Camp provides a fun and faith experience for current Kindergarteners thru 5th grade. Dates for onsite SpringHill Day Camp are June 3-7 and June 10-14 (two weeks this year!) Please just register for one week to allow for all to participate. Save the date and start summer planning today. More info at elmhurstcrc.org/events.

Profession of Faith Information Meeting will be on Sunday, January 27, at 10:05am in the Youth Room in the basement. Student Ministries Coordinator, Andy Pasek will provide a brief overview of what Profession of Faith is, the process at ECRC, as well as answer your questions. For more info about PoF head over to elmhurstcrc.org/students/about.

SERVE

My Brother's Kitchen Friends and Family Event. We are still looking for a couple more people to serve lunch to the homeless at My Brother's Kitchen in Lawndale. We will be serving on January 19 from 9:00-1:00 pm. Email kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org to sign up.

The ECRC Prison Ministry will be presenting the Jazz Gospel Messiah, simulcast in prisons across Illinois and Angola (LA) January 20 thru March 7. We are looking for several more people to go to the local prisons to watch with people there and engage them in conversation after the viewing. Sign up soon and get more details by emailing jeff.klein@elmhurstcrc.org (a small clearance check is done 10 days before the visit).

WEEK AT A GLANCE

1-13 9:00 am	Sunday Blended Worship Children's Worship Men's Fraternity	1-17 9:00 am	Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study Little Lambs Men's Group
10:00 am 10:30 am	Coffee & Community Contemporary Worship Children's Worship	11:30 am	January Series Simulcast
12:15 pm	SHE	1-18 11:30 am	Friday January Series Simulcast
1-14 11:30 am 7:00 pm	Monday January Series Simulcast Deacon Meeting Elder Meeting	1-19 8:30 am	Saturday Prayer Time
1-15 9:00 am	Tuesday Little Lambs MOPS	1-20 9:00 am	Sunday Food Pantry Collection Blended Worship Children's Worship Men's Fraternity
11:30 am	January Series Simulcast	10:00 am 10:30 am	Coffee & Community Contemporary Worship Children's Worship
1-16 9:00 am	Wednesday Coffee Break Bible Study Little Lambs	11:30 am 5:30 pm	Coffee & Community Maximum Velocity (MS) Small Groups
11:30 am 12:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:15 pm	January Series Simulcast Little Lambs Prayer Time Cadets Pathfinders	7:00 pm	The Edge
6:30 pm 7:00 pm	SLT Meeting Coffee Break Bible Study Men's Fraternity		

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WELCOME

Beginning today, we'll be exploring tough questions about God, the Bible, suffering, and related topics through a series of sermons and discussion groups. The series is called Explore God.

We all wonder, and we all have questions about God. Explore God is a Chicagoland-wide (you've seen the billboards?) opportunity to explore these big questions in an open and authentic way.

THE 7 BIG QUESTIONS

We'll look at the questions about God, faith, suffering, and our life purpose in these Sunday messages at 9 & 10:30 am.

- 1. DOES LIFE HAVE A PURPOSE?** January 13
- 2. IS THERE A GOD?** January 20
- 3. WHY DOES GOD ALLOW PAIN AND SUFFERING?** January 27
- 4. IS CHRISTIANITY TOO NARROW?** February 3
- 5. IS JESUS REALLY GOD?** February 10
- 6. IS THE BIBLE RELIABLE?** February 17
- 7. CAN I KNOW GOD PERSONALLY?** February 24

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Consider an Explore God Discussion Group. It's a safe place where you can seek credible answers to challenging spiritual questions. We'll explore questions like, does life have a purpose, is there a God, and why does God allow pain and suffering?

Find these groups here (and pop-in any date - we'll be there!)

SUNDAYS | 9, 10:30 & 11:45 AM (January 13-February 24)

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church

SUNDAYS | 7 PM (January 13- February 24)

Elmhurst Brewing Company

WEDNESDAYS | 6 AM (January 16-February 27)

Panera, Route 83 & 16th Street, Oak Brook

Wondering more?

Text EG to 331.901.0424 or email Jeff Klein at eg@elmhurstcrc.org.