

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 let us know you're new.

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)

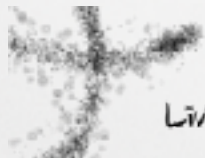
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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
or scan the QR code above with your mobile device.



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September 2, 2018

The Lost Arts



Noticing
Listening
Praying
Welcoming
Asking Questions
Loving

TODAY

In Luke 10: 25-37, Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan to address the question, "Who is my neighbor?" This parable still has the power to stop us in our tracks and take our breath away. For our congregation, it forces us to ask a brutally honest question, Does Elmhurst CRC exist for ourselves or for the sake of our community?

NEXT WEEK

Jesus modeled for us what a life on mission looked like. It involved a posture toward people that included a whimsical holiness, a willingness to be interrupted while he was on his way, and a radically loving approach towards people who had "lost their way." In addition, Jesus seemed genuinely interested in the people he met and engaged them in meaningful conversations about God that kept them coming back for more. When it comes to the Mission of God and the gospel, we need to learn to "walk the way of Jesus."

THE CROSS

The cross is draped in green for the period of the Church Calendar known as Ordinary Time. Traditionally during Ordinary Time, the Church focuses on the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Thus, the green signifies the regeneration, vitality, growth, and hope that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection brings.

Our fall sermon series is inspired by the book, The 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversation, by Mary Schaller and John Crilly, which our staff, elders, deacons, and Senior Leadership Team have been reading.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

Dylan Barr

GATHERING

*Your Grace Is Enough
Holy, Holy, Holy*

READING

This Is My Desire (I Give You My Heart)

GREETINGS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kara Hackert, Children's Ministry Coordinator

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

PRAYER

Caryn Rivadeneira, Acting Director of Care and Worship Planning

There Is Power In The Blood

MESSAGE: Everyone A Missionary

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Jeff Klein, Director of Outreach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

*More Like You
I Will Follow*

BLESSING & SENDING

Worship Team

Doug Bardolph, David Hendricks

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

September 2, 2018

CHURCH FAMILY

We express our sympathy to the families of Ron Tazelaar and Stacy Wiegiers in the passing of their father, Ronald W Tazelaar of Faith CRC. Services were held this past week.

The **Missionary of the Month** of August is Timothy Wiener who just completed his first year of working with Youth With a Mission in Orlando. He recently has been working in the Youth Department and provides biblical teaching to the various youth groups that come for a week of training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a tie-in to this morning's **Children's Message**, this month's Banner magazine has a wonderful article about fostering a servant's heart like Jesus. It is titled *Creating a Space to Serve* and can be found at <https://www.thebanner.org/features/2018/08/creating-space-to-serve> It has some great discussion questions to use at home with your family. (The Banner is the monthly magazine of the Christian Reformed Church).

Small Groups Open House next Sunday, September 9 from 5:30-7pm in the Garden Room. If you are in a small group or a small group leader, come to hear the direction and vision for groups for the year. If you are NOT yet in a small group, this is a great opportunity to explore options available to participate in a small group this fall. Dessert will be served!

The **Single Mothers Support Group (SHE)** is enthusiastically beginning its 9th year of ministry on September 16, at 12:15pm in the Garden Room with a luncheon for single mothers and their children. After the luncheon the children (infants-age 12) will be dismissed, and the mothers will have the opportunity to be pampered at a mini-spa. Invite your friends! For more info contact Jane.Loerop@elmhurstcrc.org.

Spend a night at the movies! On September 8 from 7:00-9:00 pm we are showing *Wonder* on the back patio of church. More info at elmhurstcrc.org/events.

PrimeTime Event Thursday, October 11 at 7pm at ECRC. Phil Andrew returns to discuss how we as a Christian community can helpfully respond

Cadets Boys Club Looking for men to share a hobby with a group of 4th - 8th grade boys. The boys work on merit badges that cover a wide range of skills, such as woodworking, modeling, small engines, etc. Looking for some men passionate about a subject they could present at a meeting. Contact Doug Slinkman, Jr, doug.slinkman@gmail.com

Student Ministries Get involved with Maximum Velocity (MS) or The Edge (HS). Contact andy.pasek@elmhurstcrc.org

The nursery is looking to fill paid positions for Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursday mornings starting in September. Contact michelle.edjong@elmhurstcrc.org

Teens: do you like to babysit? If you are interested in being added to the ECRC Babysitter List, email ashley.slinkman@elmhurstcrc.org with the following information: Name, Birthdate/Grade, Hometown, School, Email Address, Drivers License, Training (CPR, Babysitting Class, etc). This list will be shared upon request to ECRC members.

MINISTRY PROGRAMS FALL 2018 KICK OFF DATES

Sep 5:	Pathfinders Boys Club (1st-3rd grade)
Sep 5:	Cadets Boys Club (4th-8th grade)
Sep 9:	Student Ministries(MS & HS Kick off Events)
Sep 9:	Maximum Velocity (students grades 6-8)
Sep 9:	The EDGE (students grade 9-12)
Sep 9:	Small Group Open House
Sep 11, 12 & 13:	Little Lambs (children ages 3-6)
Sep 12:	GriefShare Support Group
Sep 11, 12 & 13:	Men's Bible Study
Sep 12 & 13:	Coffee Break Community Bible Study
Sep 12:	GEMS Girls Club (1st-8th grade)
Sep 12:	Choir Practice
Sep 16:	Youth Group Big Night of Worship
Sep 16:	SHE - Single Mother Support Group Spa Day
Sep 18:	MOPS – Mothers of Preschoolers
Sept 21 & 22	<i>Show Me How..Going Like Jesus</i> Workshop
Nov 2 & 3	<i>Show Me How..Going Like Jesus</i> Workshop

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

to the violence that has become so commonplace in our communities. All are welcome!

ECRC Student Ministries is hosting **A Big Night of Worship** on September 16 from 7-9pm. Our youth group will be joined by 8 other churches! Rev. Klein will speak and music and worship will be led by the band *The Snuffy Brothers*.

COMMUNITY

Our congregation is invited to the **Western Springs CRC Labor Day Worship Service**. Sunday evening, September 2 at 6 p.m. 5140 Wolf Road, Western Springs. Rev Gerry Erffmeyer, part-time chaplain at Providence Park Place will lead the service.

Fernando Ortega in concert at ECRC! With an opening set by The Broken Halos. Friday, October 12 at 7pm. Get tickets at itickets.com.

LOVE, Inc Car Wash is coming to the ECRC parking lot, Saturday, September 22 from 9 am-2 pm. Donations to support Love, Inc - a partnership of local Christian churches, working together to unify the church around our neighbors in need.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

9-2 9:00 am	Sunday Blended Worship Children's Worship	9-8 8:30 am	Saturday Prayer Time
10:00 am 10:30 am	Coffee & Community Contemp. Worship Children's Worship	9-9 9:00 am	Sunday Blended Worship Children's Worship
9-5 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Wednesday Prayer Time Bible Study	10:00 am 10:30 am	Coffee & Community Contemp. Worship Children's Worship

Elmhurst Ministries Fund Financial Update

...in support of the ministries and vision of ECRC
 YTD anticipated contributions: \$1,892,900
 YTD actual contributions: \$1,636,508
 Annual 2018 budget: \$3,160,800
elmhurstcrc.org



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
 Fall 2018
elmhurstcrc.org/serve

Hospitality Team 9:00 am & 10:30am Greeters, Ushers, Refreshment Setup, Security, Information Center Hosts. Great opportunity for families to serve together. Contact ashley.slinkman@elmhurstcrc.org

Nursery The nursery is looking for volunteers for the 9:00 and 10:30 services. Students who are in 5th grade all the way up to great-grandparents are needed to care for our youngest children. We are also looking for adults to work at the nursery desk during the service, as well as greeters at the beginning and the end of the services. Contact michelle.dejong@elmhurstcrc.org

Children's Worship - PreK/K

9:00 am & 10:30 am Adult classroom teachers, MS/HS classroom helpers, Large Group Leaders. Monthly, twice a month, or one time
 Contact ashley.slinkman@elmhurstcrc.org

Children's Worship - 1st - 5th

9:00 am 1st/2nd grade small group leader, once a month
 10:30 am 3rd grade small group leaders, once a month
 Contact kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org

Children's Worship Buddies

10:30 am Buddies to come alongside children who may have special needs or circumstances. Buddies offer assistance and friendship by participating together in large group activities and small group lessons, this serves the child and the family. Typically once a month. 8th graders and up. Contact laura.horner@elmhurstcrc.org

Little Lambs for Preschoolers

Tues am: 9 Craft and 3 Free Play Assistants: once a month
 Wed am: 1 Creative Learning teacher every week; 3 Music, 4 Craft and 4 Free Play Assistants once a month
 Wed afternoon: 1 Creative Learning teacher alternate weeks; 4 Music, 2 Craft and 7 Free Play Assistants once a month
 Thurs am: 1 Pianist alternate weeks; 9 Craft Assistants once a month
 Contact lynda.clousing@elmhurstcrc.org

GEMS Girls Club

Two 5th grade counselors and Two 6th grade counselors
 Meetings are twice a month, Wednesdays 6:15-7:45 pm
 Contact nanvanhout@yahoo.com