

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*

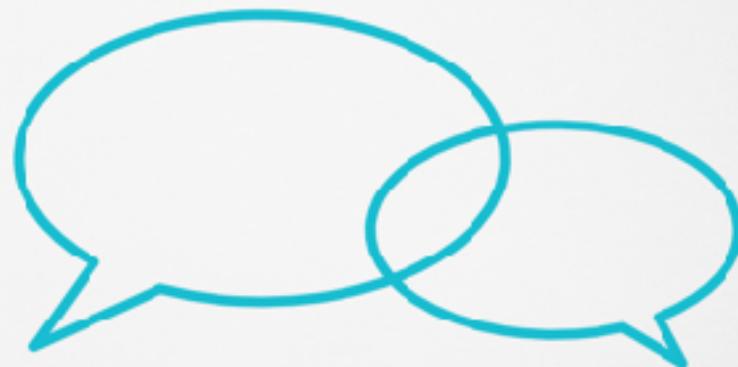
Complete announcements at elmhurstcrc.org/ThisWeek
or scan the QR code above with your mobile device.



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September 9, 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

9:00am

Holy, Holy, Holy

10:30am

Lord Most High

WELCOME

Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor

GATHERING

Lord Our Lord Your Glorious Name

Lord You Were Rich

I Come With Joy

Let It Rise

We Have Come To Worship

READING

Good Good Father

GREETINGS

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

PRAYER

MESSAGE: A Better How

John 4

Jeff Klein, Director of Outreach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Be Thou My Vision

*Lord Help Me Be
Fade With Our Voices*

BLESSING & SENDING

Worship Team

Judy Doot, Jake Groenwold
Rachel Rieger, Robyn Vitson
Marve Wolterstorff, Dina Zeilstra

Doug Bardolph, Bethany DeHaan
Jennifer DeVries, Tim Lundeen
Kyle Olson, Nina Schroeder

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

COMMUNITY

Fernanda Ortega is coming in concert to ECRC! With an opening set by ECRC's *The Broken Halos* on Friday, October 12 at 7 pm. Tickets are available online at itickets.com or from the church office. Price is \$20 for general admission and \$35 for Gold Circle (includes early admission and meet/greet after concert). A limited amount of free/discounted tickets available for outreach opportunities. Contact the church office for details, rachel.klooster@elmhurstcrc.org or 630.600.5100.

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.

Diaper Derby has begun! We are collecting donations of diapers, wipes and gift cards Walmart to support the families served by the Caring Network (formerly CareNet Pregnancy Services of DuPage). Drop your supply donations at the table by the nursery by October 1. Caring Network provides materials goods, parenting classes, and spiritual support to new parents in need.

Men of Spirito! Choir Invites you to an Open Rehearsal on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 7 pm at First United Methodist in Elmhurst. Visit spiritosingers.org/men-of-spirito.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

9-9 9:00 am	Sunday Blended Worship Children's Worship	9-12 7:00 pm	Wednesday Men's Fraternity GriefShare
10:00 am 10:30 am	Coffee & Community Contemp. Worship Children's Worship	7:30 pm	Thursday Coffee Break Little Lambs
9-11 9:00 am	Tuesday Little Lambs	9-13 9:00 am	Men's Fraternity
9-12 9:00 am	Wednesday Coffee Break Little Lambs	9-15 8:30 am	Saturday Prayer Time
12:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:00pm	Little Lambs Prayer Time GEMS Girls Club Coffee Break Choir Practice	9-16 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Sunday Blended Worship Children's Worship Coffee & Community Contemp. Worship Children's Worship

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CHURCH FAMILY

We express our **sympathy to Rob & Sally Petroelje** and family in the passing of Rob's father, Justin Petroelje. Services will be held tomorrow in Holland, MI.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Worship for Preschool - 5th graders: There is an optional singing time for all for the first 15 minutes of the service at both services. Kids can attend children's worship during the whole service, or go downstairs at dismissal.

Small Groups Open House TONIGHT 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!

Coffee Break Community Bible Study Join us this week Wednesday or Thursday for our fall study "Busyness: Finding God in the Whirlwind. Weekly groups for women Wednesdays or Thursdays 9-11 am, or weekly Wednesday evening groups for women or couples from 7-8:30 pm. Free Nursery available for daytime sessions. For more information or to register go to elmhurstcrc.org/coffeebreak.

Interested in membership at ECRC? Want to learn more about the Christian Reformed denomination? Join us at our next New Members Class Thursday evenings, October 4, 11, & 25 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. For more information or to register go to elmhurstcrc.org/events or email ashley.slinkman@elmhurstcrc.org.

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 or leave a message at 847-776-6428. We welcome newcomers as well as experienced handbell players! Rehearsals begin Oct 7.

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 info contact Jane.Loerop@elmhurstcrc.org.

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

The nursery is looking to fill paid positions for Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursday mornings. Interested? Contact michelle.dejong@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 the following info: Name, Birthdate/Grade, Hometown, School, Email Address, Drivers License, Training (CPR, Babysitting Class, etc). This list will be shared upon request to ECRC members.

ECRC Community Supper, September 26, 5:30-6:30pm in the Garden Room. Our menu includes mostaccioli & meatballs, salad, applesauce, bread, dessert! Sign up via email at dinner@elmhurstcrc.org. The cost is your donation.

GriefShare A support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. Weekly sessions include a video and group discussions. We will meet Wednesday evenings September 12 - December 12, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Contact: Caryn Rivadeneira, Director of Care, at 630-600-5025 or email laura.boot@elmhurstcrc.org.

Under the Rainbow: Loving our LGBTQ Covenant Family Members Do you have a loved one who is part of the the LGBTQ community? Would you like to connect with others who are walking this same path? Join us for support groups that will meet in homes. Things shared in the group will remain within the group. For more info contact Caryn, Director of Care, caryn.rivadeneira@elmhurstcrc.org.

MINISTRY PROGRAMS FALL 2018 KICK OFF DATES

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
Sept 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
Oct 7	Handbell Rehearsal
Nov 2 & 3	Show Me How..Going Like Jesus Workshop

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

Elmhurst Ministries Fund Financial Update
...in support of the ministries and vision of ECRC
YTD anticipated contributions: \$1,951,400
YTD actual contributions: \$1,667,927
Annual 2018 budget: \$3,160,800
elmhurstcrc.org



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Fall 2018
elmhurstcrc.org/serve

Hospitality Team 9:00 am & 10:30 am Greeters, Ushers, Refreshment Setup, Security, Information Center Hosts. Great opportunity for families to serve together. Also Wednesday Night Suppers help, 3 times yearly. Contact ashley.slinkman@elmhurstcrc.org.

Nursery 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 1st grade small group leader, 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: 3 Craft and 1 Free Play Assistants: once a month
Wed AM: 1 Music, and 2 Craft Assistants: once a month
Wed AFT: 4 Music and 2 Free Play Assistants: once a month; 1 Creative Learning teacher: alternate weeks beginning in January
Thurs AM: 1 Pianist: alternate weeks; 7 Craft Assistants: once a month
Contact lynda.clousing@elmhurstcrc.org

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

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 men passionate about a subject they could present at a meeting. Contact Doug Slinkman, Jr, at doug.slinkman@gmail.com.



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