

September 20, 2026

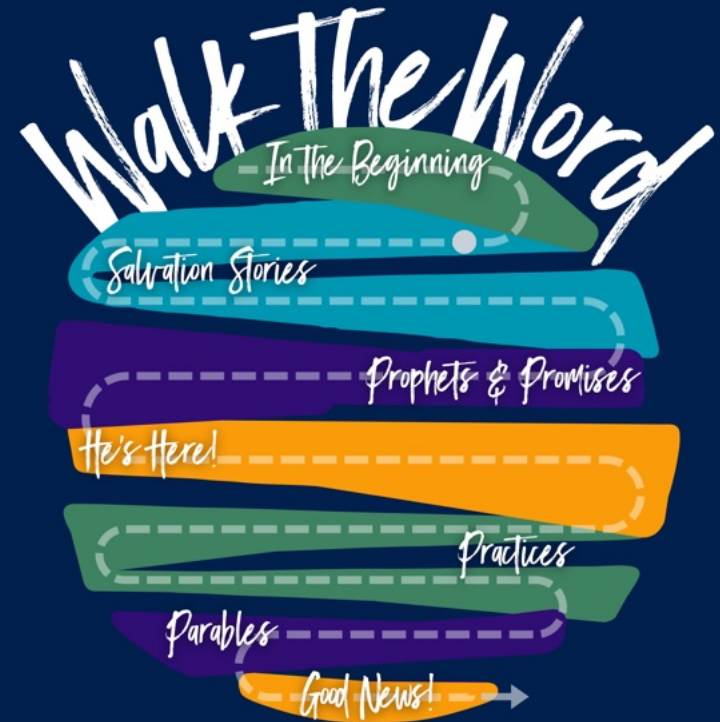


We help people take the
next step to follow Jesus
Christ in worship,
walk, and witness.

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Salvation Stories

I will make you into a great nation. I will
bless you and make you famous, and
you will be a blessing to others.

Genesis 12:2

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: *Honey in the Rock*

GATHERING

Welcome

Psalm 67

You Are Good

Goodness of God

Baptism: Henry Steve Krohne

I Am Not My Own

PreK -4th Kids to Children's Worship

Announcements

LISTENING

Genesis 12:1-9

Prayer

Message: Blessed to Be a Blessing

Pastor Jeff Klein

RESPONDING

Offering

Here I Am

SENDING

The Blessing

Blessing

Music Team: Erin Pacheco, *Leader*,
Tim Lundeen, Billy Heschl, Bobby Markey, Ayden Oquendo,
Rachael Beles, Angela Buikema



In the Beginning — *Salvation Stories*

PROGRAM START DATES

- * PreK - 4th grade Children's Worship - Sep 13
- * Children's Library - Sep 20
- * Jr GEMS & GEMS - Sep 9
- * Pathfinders & Cadets - Sep 16
- * Little Lambs - Sep 16
- * Children's Choir - Sep 23

Registrations are still open, not too late to join in!
Go to elmhurstcrc.org/registrations

Join the CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

Open to 1st up to 8th grade. We sing next Sunday!
Rehearsal Wed, Sep 23, 5:30-6:15PM. Email
kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org to sign up.

PARTNER WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We still have serve openings in a variety of areas.

PARENTING SERIES Wednesdays, October 7-Dec 9,
6:30-7:45pm. More details on the events page.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Today 4:30-6pm - games, snacks, a message,
and hanging out with friends!

Stay on the lookout for info about fall events!

HIGH SCHOOL

Today 6:30-8pm - games, snacks, & a message!

Winter retreat, Jan 22-24. Watch for details.
Registration will open Nov 2.



SUNDAY MORNING RESOURCES

NURSERY for ages 0-2 available

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP for PreK-4th grade.

Kids start in the service and go downstairs at the announcement.

WORSHIP SUPPLY STATIONS

in the lobby & Java Stop. Children's bibles, books, bulletins, coloring sheets, & fidgets.

Headphones & sensory bags: at the Welcome Center.

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation ...,

Use the code to write the words on the blanks.

△ = I	☆ = great	○ = you	□ = name
◡ = peoples	◇ = bless	▽ = curse	⬡ = earth

... and △ will ◇ ○ △
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 be a ◇ ing. △ will ◇
 those who ◇ ○, and whoever
 ◇ ○ will ▽;
 and all ◇ on ⬡ will
 be ◇ ed through ○."



TODAY IN WORSHIP

Welcome! This morning, we are praising God for his goodness and grace to us in Jesus. We get to witness a baptism and hear how God's ancient promises to Abraham still ring true for us – and through us. May you sense God's guidance and blessing today.

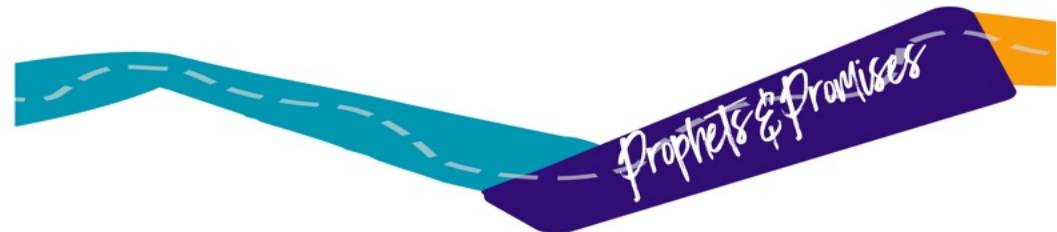
Children's ministry is available today for infants through 4th grade. See the ECRC Kids page for details!

NOTES

*How did God meet you today?
 What do you want to remember?*

CAR QUESTION

Who can you be God's blessing to this week?





With gratitude, we report that we are 83% of the way through the campaign, and we have received 84% of the money pledged!



Elder & Deacon & SLT Nominations

Find qualifications and nomination forms at elmhurstcrc.org/nominations





DAILY DEVOTIONALS VIA TEXT

- Scan QR Code
- Press "send"
- Get devos!



PRAYER LAB

1st Session TODAY!
October 25
November 15



Teaching, training, practice, and conversation all about prayer

MORE WAYS TO CONNECT

COFFEE BREAK BIBLE STUDY

Options are Wed 9-11AM & Thu 9-11AM, for women and Wed evenings for women & men. We will study Exodus, *Learning To Trust God*. Sign up at elmhurstcrc.org/coffeebreak

ALPHA

Oct 8 - Nov 12, 7-8:30PM An, interactive series designed for individuals to explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment. Includes snacks, short talks and discussion groups. Pray for who you can invite to go with you. More info at elmhurstcrc.org/alpha

CHICAGO FIRE GAME

Sat, Oct 10, join ECRC friends at the match. Details and sign up on the events page.

JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sep 27, Oct 4 & 11, 11:15AM-12:45PM Deepen your understanding of our mission and beliefs while connecting with others. RSVP to michelle.dejong@elmhurstcrc.org

TASTE OF ECRC

TODAY, 11:15AM If you are "newer," looking for a church home, interested in membership, or have been around a while but have never met the Pastors or had a tour of the facility, join us immediately following the service. Light brunch will be provided. Kids welcome. In the Java Stop.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Wed, Sep 30. Dinner (baked mostaccioli with and without meat, salad, bread, applesauce, desserts) will be served from 5:30-6:30PM, and then stay for a game or two of Bingo. RSVP by Mon, Sep 28 at noon. All ages welcome!

THRIVE (55+) DINNER WITH FRIENDS

Restaurant style, Sep 24, 6PM. Groups of 7-8 will meet at local mid-priced restaurants.

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

Wed evenings at 7PM. Contact laura.boot@elmhurstcrc.org

CANCER COMPANIONS

Faith, support, and community for the cancer journey. Two ways to get involved:

Prayer Partners: Offer support and encouragement. Orientation meeting Sun, Sep 27, 4 & 7PM

Support Group: Thursdays at 7PM: Oct 1 & 15, Nov 12 & 19, Dec 10 & 17. More info on our events page.

SERVE WEEKEND DATES

Nov 21-22. And in 2027: Mar 6-7, Jun 12-13, Aug 28-29, Nov 13-14. Mark your calendars!

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