**Community United Reformed Church**

**April 22, 2018**

**WELCOME TO COMMUNITY!**

We're glad that you're here with us today.  Please join us for a time of fellowship after the service.  If you're new here and have questions, speak with our pastor, one of our greeter volunteers, and/or fill out a visitor's card, located on the Visitors’ Kiosk, to help us get to know you.  May God bless our worship and life together.

*LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE*

*ON THE VISITORS’ KIOSK OR YOU MAY ASK AN USHER*

**TODAY**

 9:30 AM Morning Worship Service

 11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism classes

 2:00 PM Grant Zandstra Memorial Tree Planting\*

 5:00 PM Evening Catechism Service

COMMUNITY GROUPS: If you are part of a community group, there will be a check-in meeting with the Discipleship Team on Sunday, April 22, during the Adult Sunday School hour.  We will be encouraging each other and sharing our experiences, as well as discussing how to add new members and addressing any questions you may have.

GRANT ZANDSTRA MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING: Today is both Earth Day and Grant Zandstra's birthday.  There will be a memorial tree planting ceremony in Grant's honor at 2pm today at the Lake County Korean Veterans Memorial (on US 231 and E 145th Ave. in Crown Point).  The event is open to the public.  Our congregation is invited to attend and encourage Craig, Mari, Connor, and their family as they remember Grant in this special ceremony.

**THIS WEEK**

Wednesday Women’s Evening Bible Study\*

 6:30 PM Pizza

 7:00 PM Lesson 12 & 13

Friday – Saturday Men’s Retreat at Gull Lake, Michigan\*

Saturday 8:00 AM Men’s Forum

**FUTURE EVENTS**

April 20 6:30 PM Psalm 150 Praise Night\*

May 3 7:00 PM National Day of Prayer\*

May 10 Ascension Day Service at Faith URC, Beecher, IL\*

June 21-24 Church Camping Trip\*

*\*See announcements for details*

*\*\*More information coming soon*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: **DEBBIE OOMS**, who is recovering from an infection and going through rehab / **GERT SCHEERINGA,** who is back home after her recent stay in rehab / **BEA SIERSEMA,** who is recovering from her successful surgery / **BARB E. ZANDSTRA (George’s wife),** who is recovering from her broken hip / **LORRAINE (Nikki Payer’s mother)** who has been moved to hospice care.

RESULTS OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The carpet replacement project was overwhelmingly supported by the congregation. The results of the vote were 50 votes supporting the project and 2 votes not supporting it.

ASCENSION DAY: This year, we celebrate our Lord's victorious ascension into heaven on Thursday, May 10.  Our church will be joining other area URCNA churches and the Momence OPC to join in a time of prayer and worship, focused on Jesus' Ascension.  This service will take place at Faith United Reformed Church (130 West Corning Road, Beecher, IL) on May 10, beginning at 7:00pm.  Please join us in this time of worship and fellowship.

THE BARNABAS GROUP is a group of members of our congregation who have indicated a desire to make monthly visits to those in our congregation who are ill or otherwise unable to easily travel to enjoy fellowship with their brothers and sisters in Christ.  The visits are always appreciated and those making the visits report that they are blessed by the visit.  If you would like to join the Barnabas group, please contact John Surowiec and you will be added to the list of those who will be scheduled to make visits.  You can set your own time and circumstances for visiting in conjunction with the brother or sister with whom you will be visiting.  Also, if you would like to receive regular monthly visits from members of the congregation, please contact John to be added to the group of those to be visited.  "*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."* James 1:27

THE CHURCH SECRETARY will be out of the office May 9–25. All information for the bulletins for Sundays, May 13, 20 & 27 will need to be submitted to the church office by 9 am on Monday, May 7. All requests and information for other misc. work, flyers, etc. that need to be distributed on those Sundays should be turned in to the office no later than 9 am on May 1.

The EDUCATION SPRING PROGRAM will be held on Sunday, April 29 before our 5:00 pm service. **The program will begin promptly at 4:30 pm**. Please note the time adjustment and come and hear some of the exciting things that have taken place during the past year. This will include singing from our Sunday School students and participation from our catechism classes also. Parents, please have your children here by 4:30 pm.

MEN’S RETREAT: THERE IS STILL ROOM!  All men are invited to attend the Community Men’s Retreat, April, 27-28, 2018 at Gull Lake, Michigan!. Bill Boekestein, pastor of Immanuel Fellowship Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan will lead us in two sessions of teaching and discussion on the topics of male friendship and hospitality. Cost is $99. Friday evening (Check-in 4pm EST & dinner at 6pm EST) is just a time of supper and fellowship.  Saturday morning we will have the sessions with Rev. Boekestein with more time for hanging out and activities in the afternoon checking out by 4PM EST.  Sign up on the member’s table. Contact Elder Derek Terpstra if you have any questions or need more information.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: This year, the National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 3.  Our church will be joined by other area URCNA churches to join in a time of prayer for the Kingdom and our country, along with our individual needs.  This prayer service will take place at our church on May 3, beginning at 7:00 pm.  Ice cream social to follow.  Please join us in this time of fellowship and prayer.

PSALM 150 PRAISE NIGHT: Next week, April 29, after the evening service, all are welcome to join in a time of fellowship and praise.  We will be sharing a meal and praising God through song.  We will be focusing on hymns celebrating Jesus' victory. If you play an instrument, bring it! Enjoy some pulled pork before singing! Please bring a drink and side dish to share. Meat and desserts will be provided. If you have any questions, please ask Andy Anderson or Derek Terpstra.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Outreach Team is looking for a volunteer (or several) to serve as a representative to Illiana Right to Life and other local pro-life organizations.  We are looking to improve our communication with these important ministries.  If you are interested or have questions, please speak to Terry Krooswyk.

WOMEN’S EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Our next and final meeting is April 25.  We are having pizza at 6:30 and Lesson 12 & 13 at 7 pm.

**URCNA MISSIONS – April 22, 2018**

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| United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries.**REV. TONY PHELPS IS A URCNA CHURCH-PLANTER IN COLORADO SPRINGS, CO.**1. Give thanks for God's generous provision through His churches for Covenant, for recent professions of faith and adult baptisms, and pray for continued growth towards organization.2. Pray for the spiritual growth of newer Christians, Sean and Amanda, and for regular visitors to be brought into membership.3. Pray for our outreach efforts via a church information table outside of a local public library. |

**During the prelude,**

**you can use the following prayers**

**to prepare your heart for worship**

*a prayer of preparation*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  Amen.

*a prayer for the fourth Sunday of Eastertide*

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and to follow where he leads; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.  Amen.

*a prayer for stewardship of creation*

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.  Amen.

*prayers taken from the Book of Common Prayer*

**SERMON NOTES April 22, 2018 Rev. James Oord 9:30 am**

**CAN YOU TRUST GOD IN EGYPT?**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12 (p. 8); 1 Corinthians 10:12-11:1 (p. 957)

Sermon Text: Genesis 12:10-20 (p. 8)

**Introduction: going down**

1. **Abraham in Egypt**
2. **the Church in Egypt**

**Conclusion: can you trust God in Egypt?**

**SERMON NOTES April 22, 2018**

**Rev. James Oord 5:00 pm**

**BELGIC CONFESSION:**

**FAITH WORKING THROUGH LOVE**

Sermon Reading: Galatians 5;1-16 (p. 974)

Sermon Text: Belgic Confession, Article 24 (p. 80)

1. **the Galatian problem**
2. **the human problem**
3. **the Spirit's solution**

**SCHEDULES**

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| **SERVING SUNDAY – APRIL 22, 2018** |
|  | AM | PM |
| COOKIES | Allison VanderWoude, Jana Voskuil & Shirley Weyh |  |
| COFFEE | Nancy & Ian Martin |  |
| GREETERS  | Bill & Alvina DeBoerJordan & Jess Hoekstra | Karen ZandstraSteven & Alison VanderWoude |
|  | FLOATER | Dave Bakker | Ross & Alexis VanDerNoord |
| LIBRARY | Barb & Beth Zandstra | Laurie Mitchell |
| NURSERY | INFANT | Caitlin Terpstra | Raylene Oord |
|  | FLOATER | Jorie Rottier |  |
|  | TODDLER | Laurie & Gabe Rottier | Vicki & Lydia VanderLaan |
| USHERS  | Dan Mitchell, Daniel Timmer & Tim VanderLaan | Bruce Aardsma, Nathan Aardsma, David Jacobs, Jr. & Sam Jacobs |
| WELCOME WAGON | Keith & Sandi Eenigenburg |  |

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| **SERVING SUNDAY – APRIL 29, 2018** |
|  | AM | PM |
| COOKIES | Sue Wiersma, Julia Woolworth, Barb E. Zandstra & Carol Zandstra |  |
| COFFEE | Nancy & Ian Martin |  |
| GREETERS  | Grace TerpstraGerry & Sandi Swets | Bryan & Debra PunterDan & Carol Rottier |
|  | FLOATER | Derek & Jennie Terpstra | Scott & Vikki Ooms |
| LIBRARY | Nancy Martin | Jennie Terpstra |
| NURSERY | INFANT | Julia Woolworth | Heather, Camille & Jack VanLaten |
|  | FLOATER | Ella Woolworth |  |
|  | TODDLER | Jennie, Amos & Luke Terpstra | Alison & Bella VanderWoude |
| USHERS  | Dan Mitchell, Daniel Timmer & Tim VanderLaan | Bruce Aardsma, Nathan Aardsma, David Jacobs, Jr. & Sam Jacobs |
| WELCOME WAGON | Rev. James & Raylene Oord |  |

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| **APRIL 2018 GIVING SCHEDULE** |
|  | **AM** | **PM** |
| 4/01/2018 | Highland Christian School | Rev. Poelman |
| 4/8/2018 | Reformed Faith & Life | Word & Deed |
| 4/15/2018 | Westminster Theological Seminary | El Pacto de Gracia / Rev. Sernas |
| 4/22/2018 | Bethany Christian Services | Biblical Counseling Center |
| 4/29/2018 | Mid America Reformed Seminary | Illiana Christian High School |

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| **CURC GIVING – April 15, 2018** |
| General Fund  | $ 4,430.00  |
| Benevolence Fund | $ 250.00 |
| Ceap Fund | $ 160.00 |
| AM: Westminster Theological Seminary | $ 365.70  |
| PM: El Pacto de Gracia / Rev. Sernas | $ 70.00  |