
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2, 2011

WORSHIP TODAY

This Morning This morning we will celebrate the Lord's Supper with a heightened awareness of our connection to the global body of Christ. Please prepare your hearts in order to come to the table in a spirit of joy and forgiveness. The offerings are for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund and the Benevolent Fund.

Rev. Peter Semeyn kicks off a new series on the Sermon on the Mount called "Upside Down Thinking." His first sermon as Lead Pastor of our congregation will be on Jesus' words to his followers that they are to be identified as "salt" and "light." This identity that we receive from Jesus pushes us to understand our God-given influence and to use it appropriately.

This Afternoon Journey to the Center of the Church holds its second session today and concludes October 16. Join us if you're familiar with the Christian faith, but not sure what "Reformed" means. Attending the classes does not obligate you to become a member, so feel free to attend even if you're simply curious. We meet upstairs in the gathering area from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. If you require use of the nursery, please call Carol at 630-323-2398 to register.

This Evening Small groups meet this evening at 6:00 p.m. If you were unable to attend the Open House but would like to be part of a small group please email marcia.huizinga@elmhurstcrc.org. Group Leaders: If your group needs childcare, please contact kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org or call (630) 889-1182. (This Sunday, Ann DeGroot's group is in charge of childcare.)

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday Morning Rev. Semeyn will lead us in Part 2 of our series on the Sermon on the Mount called "Upside Down Thinking." In Matthew 5:17-20, Jesus demands that his followers strictly follow the law... but isn't Jesus all about grace?! Rev. will explore this tension and help clarify God's ultimate desire for us. You are encouraged to read and consider this text in advance: ¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your

righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Next Sunday Evening We are invited to an old fashioned "hymnsing" at 6:00 p.m. **at Faith CRC**, 1070 S. Prospect, Elmhurst to sing many of our "old favorite" hymns and hear special numbers, accompanied by *Donna Erdman* and *Jan Slinkman*.

ELMHURST MINISTRIES FUND RECEIPTS

EMF Receipts on 9-25-11

Projected	\$ 60,000
Actual	\$ 49,584

EMF Year-to-Date Receipts thru 9-25-11

Budgeted	\$ 1,885,000
Actual	\$ 1,793,176
Deficit	\$ (91,824)

Something to Celebrate! Our church collected \$11,615 for the Christian Reformed World Relief (CRWRC) effort to those affected by the famine in Africa. The total contributions that CRWRC has received for this relief effort is over 3 ½ million dollars. Praise God for generous givers and for organizations that we can trust to distribute the gifts.

ADULT EDUCATION SCHEDULE

This Morning Unheard Christians (Upstairs Gathering Area); Heaven & Hell (Room 204); Beginnings: A Fresh Look at Genesis (Room 207).

October 9: The Gathering (The Garden Room) **Everybody Belongs, Everybody Serves** – hear the stories of unrelenting love, courage, struggle, and faith from parents in our congregation who have children with special needs. Learn how our church family can take small steps towards making a reality of the CRC's commitment to Everybody Belongs, Everybody Serves.

October 16: No Classes: Teachers Convention

October 23 & 30: The Forum

Unheard Christians (Upstairs Gathering Area) this class is for everyone -- According to US Census data, approximately 100 million single adults (including never married, divorced and widowed) now live in the United States, representing 45% of all US households. How

can the Church nurture the Biblical concept of family while recognizing that single adults fill a larger portion of the pews? This class will look at how this gifted and untapped segment of our Christian family can be better understood and incorporated within our community. *Jennifer De Vries* and *Kathy Davila* will lead this discussion using materials from *Single Creek: Christian Singles in the Real World*.

Beginnings: A fresh Look at Genesis (Room 207) *Marve Wolterstorff* will continue to help us discover what God intended and what He set forth for how we should live, work and play

Do Denominations Matter? (Room 204) This class will discuss the critical role played by church denominations and the pressures they face.

October 23: *Ben Ribbens* will lead us in a discussion of why it matters that we are part of a denomination. What does it mean to be part of a denomination? What does it matter? How is it different from being an independent non-denominational church?

October 30: *Kathy Smith*, Associate Director, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, and Director of Continuing Education, Calvin Theological Seminary will help us understand current trends and issues confronting denominations world-wide.

November 6: *Joel Boot*, Acting Executive Director of the Christian Reformed Church will discuss how the CRC, our denomination, is addressing these pressures and laying a plan for the future.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Confidential Prayer Chain: To send requests or to be added to the prayer chain, e-mail prayer@elmhurstcrc.org or call *Dianne Zunkel* at 630-530-7822.

We extend our sympathy to *Steve and Susan Page* in the death of Susan's mother, *Marianne Bell*, on September 29. Their address is 545 N. Wolf Road, Northlake, IL 60164.

Effective October 8, *Anne Ven Housen's* address is c/o Saratoga Grove, 3460 Saratoga Ave. #152, Downers Grove, IL 60515, 630-207-7487.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For some time there has been conversation about someone to assist with the congregational care needs of our church. Those conversations have resulted in *Pastor Bert DeJong* agreeing to return to our staff in a very limited role that fits his passions and interests. Beginning October 3, Pastor Bert will be working approximately 10 hours a week as a Congregational Care Assistant. His role will encompass three aspects of ministry. He will act as our first responder for those who are hospitalized. He will meet with and minister to those who are near death and to the families of those who have died. He will research and develop a ministry for those 65 and older in our community. Bert's ministry will fall under the Director of Congregational Care, *Beth Rinsema*. We are excited about this newest development in our ministry and look forward to Pastor Bert working in a new capacity.

TODAY, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., come to our Java Stop Coffee Shop to celebrate the release of *Caryn Dahlstrand Rivadeneira's* new book, "Grumble Hallelujah: Learning to Love Your Life Even When It Lets You Down." Enjoy specialty coffee drinks and treats, fun (or grumbly) conversations, some music and a reading from "Grumble Hallelujah." Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase. Hope to see you there!

Attention All Moms! Join us **this Tuesday** at 9:00 a.m. in the Garden Room to hear *Dr. Robert Currie* share with us "What Your Preschooler Desperately Wants to Tell You." Enjoy a morning with other moms, have coffee and relax all while gaining terrific insight about your little ones!

Brass Group meets this Wednesday at 8:15 in the Garden Room. If you are an experienced adult musician and would like to join this group that plays at the 8:55

service, please email or call Judy Doot at 630-600-5025 for more information.

Single Mother's Support Group Every single mother will want to attend our next support meeting on Sunday, **October 9**, 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the Garden Room. Our guest speaker is *Mary Bulthuis* who traveled the road of divorce and raised four children. She was a former member of ECRC and will motivate everyone to walk the journey of prayer and faith. She has authored the book "Hope Revealed." Enjoy pizza and a Greek salad. Invite your friends. Children are welcome and childcare is provided. For further information call *Jane Loerop* at 630-832-4942 or e-mail janeloe@aol.com.

Single Mothers expressed a need for clothing for their children for this autumn and winter. If you are cleaning your closets and getting ready for a new season, would you please save the following sizes: girl sizes 2, 3T, 4T, 4; boy sizes, 9, 8, 6, boy tops-M-L and pant size 10? Please place these clothing items by the Living Tree in the lower level of the church. Thank you!

Restorative Service – Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm in the Garden Room. Join us for a time of worship that transforms lament to praise, repentance to thanksgiving and worry to hope, using song, scripture, prayer, communion, and anointing with oil.

"3rd Wednesday Night" Supper, October 19 – a Harvest Party How will you decorate your pumpkin?! (Think Happy Harvest Time – not Halloween). More details to follow. Added attraction – *Marcy Tameling's* autumn floral creations will be on sale in the foyer with all proceeds going to ECRC ministries!

Time to start thinking about Christmas! If you would be interested in planning and being in charge of a church Christmas program (just kids, or kids and adults - it would be up to you!) please contact *Kara Hackert* at kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org. Merry Christmas!

Have you given us the address of your college students? We would like to remember them with an exam "goodie box" twice during the school year. To send these boxes, we need your student's name and mailing address. Even if nothing has changed since last year, we still need this information. Please fill out the form in the binder at the Information Center or email *Bev Visser* at bjvisser@comcast.net. We need this information for all college students, whether they go away to college or attend a local college. Thank you!

Wednesday Evening Nursery If you need nursery for Wednesday evening activities, please contact *Carol Evenhouse* at carol.evenhouse@elmhurstcrc.org or 630-323-2398 by Tuesday **each** week to sign up. If you don't sign up, we may not have anyone available to take care of your children! Wednesday evening **nursery hours are 6:15 to 8:00 p.m.** Thank you.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Sunday Morning Live meets today. Middle school AND high school students meet in the **Youth Room** and will discuss "Living on Purpose: Growing in Your Faith." Both groups meet from 10:05am-10:55am. Don't forget...food is provided!

High School (9th-12th)

Nine:Twenty-Three meets Wednesday, **October 5**, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the **Java Stop**.

The Edge meets TONIGHT in the Youth Room, 6pm-8:15pm. We will begin our series called "**Collide**." Ask anyone who's ever run into a sliding glass door that was closed, or went for the same baseball as a teammate, or experienced a fender bender at a stoplight—a collision changes things. Whether it's a bump on the head or a cracked bumper, something is not the same as it was before. The same thing happens when we collide with God or His truth or even other people. We're changed. But unless we put ourselves in a position to *collide*, everything will stay the same. So are you ready to change...are you ready to *collide*?

Feed My Starving Children Event...registration is available on the student ministries website AND on The Edge group page. The time we have reserved is 2pm-4pm. Please sign up by TODAY!

Middle School (6th-8th)

Maximum Velocity meets NEXT Sunday in the Youth Room, 6pm-8:15pm.

Feed My Starving Children Event...registration is available on the student ministries website AND on the Maximum Velocity group page. The time we have reserved is 11:30am-1:30pm. Please sign up by TODAY!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Elmhurst Feed My Starving Children Event that is being held at our church is coming up next weekend. All of the packing positions have been filled with over 600 volunteers!!! However, there is still opportunity to volunteer for this event. Specifically, we are looking for assistance in the setup (Friday 3:30 to 5:30) and cleanup (Saturday 3:30 to 5:30) to

help make this a success. If you would like to volunteer and be part of this exciting event please contact *Kevin Kiefer* at KieferFamily@juno.com.

The deaconesses are looking for volunteers to help with funeral lunches. If you would like to help, please contact *Nancy Oldenburger* at (630) 530-1292 or *Judy Vietzke* at (630) 833-9337. Thank you!

Church School A couple of parents asked about the possibility of Pre-School Church School (between the services). We would love to offer it, but we need teachers! If you would be willing to teach a group of 4 and 5 year olds from 10:30 - 10:55 every other week, please contact *Kara Hackert* at kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org. Thank you!

Can you spare just a few hours a month to share the Good News with children? Little Lambs is underway, but we still need a Bible teacher on alternate weeks either Tuesday or Thursday mornings, song leader on Wednesday mornings, or pianist on Thursday mornings. With most of the 280 children registered from the community, we still need help from our church family for these key positions! Please call *Lynda Clousing* at 630-600-5049.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Brandon Heath with Britt Nicole will be in concert here at Elmhurst Church this Thursday, **October 6, 7:00 p.m.** A limited supply of general admission tickets are available in the church office for \$17; and a limited supply of \$27 gold circle tickets are also available that include early entry (5:00), partial viewing of the sound check, Q&A session, and a commemorative poster. On the night of the event, tickets will be available at the door (\$20 for general admission; \$30 for gold circle).

Saratoga Grove/Providence Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center is hosting a Fun Fall Supper at Faith CRC (1070 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst) on Friday, **October 21** at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are needed. Please call *Ellen Cook* at (630) 279-5771 by October 10. A free-will offering will be taken. (Please make checks payable to Providence Life Services.)

Love Christian Clearinghouse Fundraising Event Come see the play "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" by Steve Martin being held at The Theatre of Western Springs on Friday, **October 21**, 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30. To order call 630-512-8673 or contact director@love-cc.org for information.

Providence Life Services' Annual Torchlight Dinner is Friday, **November 4** and is being held at the Shedd Aquarium (new venue). The reception is at 7:00 p.m., and dinner at 8:00 p.m. You'll have an elegant, sit-down meal and enjoy after-hours access to the galleries and other exhibits. For reservations call 708-342-8108. \$100 per person; \$800 per table of 8.

West Suburban Volunteers for Bible League International is hosting "Sweets and Treats" on **Nov. 8** at 1:30 p.m. at Faith CRC in Elmhurst. Their guest will be *Patricia Lind*, biblical storyteller. She will present "Peter Stories." Dynamic Peter, a fisherman caught by Jesus, is a key and engaging character in the stories found in the gospels and the book of Acts. Donations for the work of the Bible League in India will be accepted. Coffee and sweets *and treats* will follow the presentation.

TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Apple Peelers needed! Timothy's **Apple Pie Day** is a "sweet" annual fund-raiser. Dutch Apple Pie Day is a two-day event on Monday and Tuesday, **October 3 & 4**, requiring the help of about 100 people. Workers are needed Monday night from 6-9 p.m. to do setup and prepare the topping. Assembly begins Tuesday at 8 a.m. and continues until 6 p.m. We welcome workers for half day or full day (schedules are flexible). To volunteer, please contact *Dianne* at 630-629-1952 or iwemafam@att.net.

Interested in purchasing a pie? The pies are **\$10.00 each** and can be frozen or baked immediately. They are perfect to have in your freezer for company or the holidays. We are only making 900 pies this year so place your order early and avoid disappointment. **Pies can be picked up on Tuesday, October 4 in the High School Cafeteria from 10:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.** To order, contact *Dianne* at 630-629-1952 or iwemafam@att.net and give your name, phone number and pie order. Pre-order your pies in September as they sell out every year.

Timothy Christian High School is looking for qualified Christian coaches for the following positions for the 2011-12 school year: Freshman boys basketball coach; Varsity softball coach; JV softball coach. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact TCHS athletic director *Jim Woudstra* @ 630-782-4027 or woudstra@timothychristian.com.

Timothy Christian Schools is hiring a high school principal and is accepting applications through December 31. For more detailed information, please contact *Matt Davidson*, Superintendent, at 630-833-4616, ext. 103, or davidson@timothychristian.com.

**If you need to cancel a meeting,
please call Jack Lanenga at 630-600-5072.**

Sunday, 10/02/11

8:55 am Worship Service (Blended)
9:15 am Children's Worship (3 yrs-1st grade)
10:05 am Church School (K-5); Sunday Morning Live (6th-12th)
10:05 am Adult Education
11:05 am Worship Service (Contemporary)
11:25 am Children's Worship (3 yrs-1st grade)
3:00 pm Journey Membership Class (Upper Gathering)
4:00 pm Book Release "Grumble Hallelujah" (Java Stop)
4:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:00 pm Small Groups
6:00 pm The Edge (9th-12th) (Youth Room)
6:00 pm Sr. High Girls Small Group

Monday, 10/03/11

12:00 pm AA (207)

Tuesday, 10/04/11

8:30 am Classical Conversations (Lower Level West)
8:30 am Classical Conversations-Challenge (Upper)
9:00 am Little Lambs (Lower Level East)
9:00 am MOPS (Garden Room) (All Moms Welcome!)
9:30 am Bereavement & Hannah's Heart
12:30 pm Coffee Break Leaders (204)

Wednesday, 10/05/11

9:00 & 12:30 Little Lambs (Lower Level East)
9:00 & 12:30 Coffee Break Bible Study
9:00 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)
6:15 pm Little Lambs (Lower Level East)
6:15 pm Pathfinders (boys 1st-3rd) & Cadets (boys 4th-8th)
7:00 pm Coffee Break Bible Study
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study (204)
7:00 pm Nine:Twenty-Three (9th-12th) (Java Stop)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Garden Room)
7:30 pm ESO Rehearsal (Worship Center)
8:15 pm Brass Group Rehearsal

Thursday, 10/06/11

9:00 am Little Lambs (Lower Level East)
9:00 am Coffee Break Bible Study
12:00 pm Ministry Leadership Team (204)
4:30 pm CYT (Lower Level West)

Brandon Heath Concert

Friday, 10/07/11 *The church office is closed on Fridays*

Saturday, 10/08/11

7:30 am Prayer Group (Conference Room)
8:00 am Organist Rehearsal (Worship Center)
Feed My Starving Children Event

Sunday, 10/09/11

8:55 am Worship Service (Blended)
9:15 am Children's Worship (3 yrs-1st grade)

10:05 am Church School (K-5); Sunday Morning Live (6th-12th)

10:05 am Adult Education

11:05 am Worship Service (Contemporary)

11:25 am Children's Worship (3 yrs-1st grade)

12:30 pm Single Mother's Support Group (Garden Room)

1:00 pm Chorale-Aires (Worship Center/Youth Room)

4:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

6:00 pm Maximum Velocity (6th-8th) (Youth Room)

6:00 pm Hymnsing (at Faith CRC, Elmhurst)

We invite our guests to take a moment to complete this form. Please tear it off and drop it in the offering basket or leave it at the Information Center desk in the lobby.

Today's Date: _____

Please circle: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

E-mail address: _____

Please circle the service you attended:

8:55 a.m. 11:05 a.m.

Add me to the weekly email newsletter list.

I have recently moved to the area

I would like to receive information about:

Membership at Elmhurst Church

Children's Ministries

Little Lambs (3 yrs. thru 6 yrs.)

Boys' & girls' ministries (3 yrs. thru 5th grade)

Student Ministries

Maximum Velocity - (6th-8th grade)

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- The Edge - (9th-12th grade)
 - Adult Ministries
 - Coffee Break Bible Study
 - Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)
 - Bible Study & Small Groups
 - All other adult opportunities
 - Healing Ministries
 - Mid-Week Connection
 - I would like to talk to a pastor

Comments/Prayer Requests: _____

Please stop by the Information Center to meet the pastors and pick up a "welcome packet" as our gift to you for worshipping with us today.

More details are available at elmhurstcrc.org

Welcome to Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church.
We're glad you could join us!

Our worship services are

at 8:55 a.m. (blended) and 11:05 a.m.

Assisted listening devices are available for use.

You can pick one up at the sound booth located at the rear of the sanctuary or ask an usher.

Large print bulletins are available at the Information Center.

Nursery is available for children who have not yet reached their third birthday.

Coffee is served in the main lobby after the morning service. Please stay and get acquainted.

The Information Center is open after worship to answer your questions about our church and ministries.

Sermons are available on our website at <http://www.elmhurstcrc.org/resources/media/>. You can download or listen to the audio and also watch a video of the messages, as well as get a copy of the weekly bulletin.

Please note that the church office is closed on Fridays.