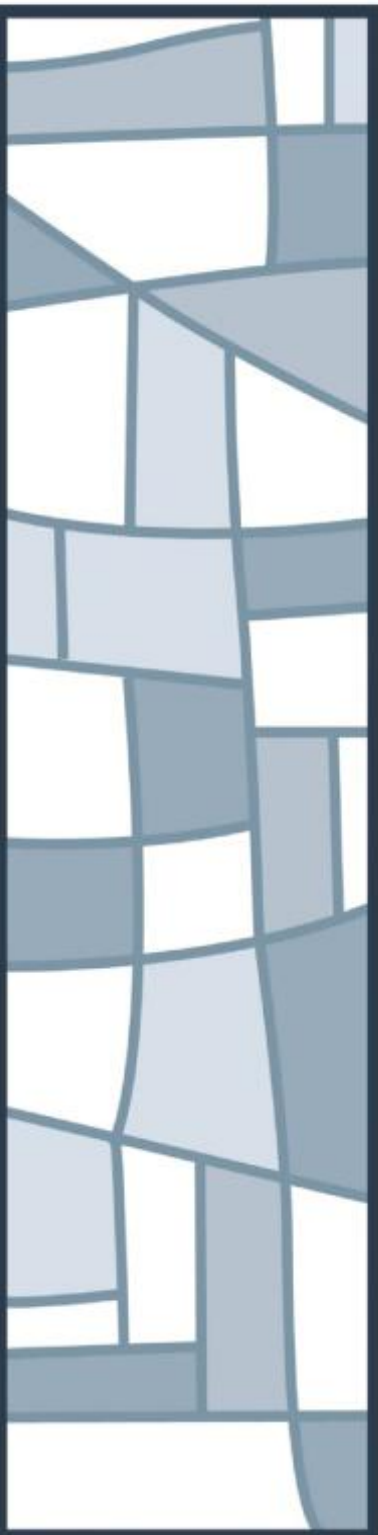




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EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD  
EXPRESS GOD'S LOVE  
EQUIP GOD'S PEOPLE  
EXPAND GOD'S KINGDOM



## God's Invitation Gathers Us

Prelude | Lucy Hoogstra, Will Hoving, Jacob Tazelaar

Welcome | Andrew Lumkes, Logan Van Proyen

God's Greeting | Matthew Lanser

*"Speak, O Lord"* | The Gathering Praise Team

## God's Grace Claims Us

Profession of Faith | Colin Ferguson, Will Hoving, Zach Miedema

*Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1,29,31,33,34*

*"I Am Not My Own"* | The Gathering Praise Team

Congregational Prayer | Caleb Lindemulder

Children's Blessing & Dismissal | Katie Langkamp

*"Living Waters"* | The Gathering Praise Team

*"Reckless Love"* | The Gathering Praise Team

Offering: Benevolence Fund | "Be Thou My Vision"

Maggie Oldenburger, Bonnie Van Proyen

## God's Word Speaks to Us

Prayer | Izzy David

John 17:6-16 | Colin Ferguson

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*"Named in Christ"* | Matthew Lanser

Prayer | Matthew Lanser

## God's Blessing Equips Us

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* | The Gathering Praise Team

Benediction | Matthew Lanser

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* | The Gathering Praise Team

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders & Sermon:

The Gathering, Matthew Lanser

The Gathering Praise Team:

Izzy David, Virginia Miedema, Maggie Oldenburger,

Nate Schuurmann, Jacob Tazelaar, Bonnie Van Proyen, Logan Van Proyen

The Gathering Offering Team:

Izzy David, Lucy Hoogstra, Will Hoving,

Caleb Lindemulder, Andrew Lumkes, Zach Miedema, Jon Veurink

The Gathering A/V Team:

David Lanser, Ethan Lindemulder, Liam Tazelaar

# The Gathering Prayers, Support, and Thanks

This service was planned and run by The Gathering, our high school youth group, and its leaders with guidance from Pastor Matthew Lanser.

The Gathering students and leaders are grateful for Faith's continuous support and ask for continued prayers for them as leaders and students and in their upcoming events and trips.

## Leaders:

Dirk Glaubke, Brett Harbaugh,  
Logan and Bonnie Van Proyen, Jon and Meghan Veurink.

## Students:

Donna Canelos, Izzy David, Colin Ferguson, Lainey Folkerts,  
Lucy Hoogstra, Violet Hoffer, Will Hoving, Jack Kakabeeke,  
Jonathan Kelsey, Joshua Kooy, Katie Langkamp, David Lanser,  
Caleb Lindemulder, Ethan Lindemulder, Virginia Miedema,  
Zach Miedema, Lauren Miller, Mya Obee, Maggie Oldenburger,  
Vivian Schumacher, Nate Schuurmann, Jacob Tazelaar,  
Liam Tazelaar, Hudson Tseng, Avalene VanderPlas

## The Gathering summer trip to Long Scraggy Ranch happening July 6-12.

We will be staying at this retreat ranch that is supported by local CRC churches in the Denver, CO area. We will spend our time there renovating some of the cabins, cleaning up the property, and enjoying the mountains of Colorado.

## Save the date! Our Annual Taco Dinner fundraiser is Tuesday, March 18.

Enjoy a taco dinner, fellowship, and a piñata for the kids at this annual fundraiser. All funds donated will go toward our summer trip to Long Scraggy Ranch in Colorado.

**Thank you for your generous support!** We had our annual sub sale this past November and thanks to your generosity and support we sold 830 subs and raised over \$2,000!

**Please pray over us as we study and grow.** We are working through "For the Life of the World: Letters to the Exiles." This series explores the deeper meaning of Salvation and how God's purpose is woven into every aspect of our lives.

# This Week at Faith

**Sunday Morning:** Along with our youth planning and leading most of the service, Pastor Matthew will continue our “United with Christ” series with John 17:6-16.

**Sunday Evening:** We’ll wrap up our “Participating in God’s Speech” Hebrews series with Dr. Ben Ribbens. Ben will teach us about the book of Hebrews (with a special focus on Jesus as our high priest), followed by some discussion time. After the service, we’ll share dinner.

**Next week,** we’ll read John 17:17-19 in the morning and in the evening, we’ll read Colossians 3:22-4:1.

## Upcoming Worship

Mar. 2 AM:	Matthew Lanser	Mar. 2 PM:	Roy Tinklenberg
Mar. 9 AM:	Matthew Lanser	Mar. 9 PM:	Matthew Lanser
Mar. 16 AM:	Joe Huizinga	Mar. 16 PM:	Mo Pacheco

## Offering Schedule

**Need support?** If you are experiencing financial hardship, please reach out to your district deacon (the office can get you connected). They are eager to do what they can.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
Mar. 2	Faith Promise Missions	Crossroads Prison Ministries
Mar. 9	Bethshan	Rev. Jon Hoekema
Mar. 16	Roseland Christian Ministries	Love, Inc.

# Prayer Requests

**Need prayer?** If you have prayer needs, please contact your district elder or one of the pastors. Send prayer requests at any time to [prayer@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:prayer@faithelmhurst.org).

**Harry Boerman** moved to assisted living in Michigan this last week.

**Jim Van Kampen** continues to have significant health struggles. Please keep him and Marge in prayer.

Please pray for **Linda Decker, Cindy Klaassens, and Ken Rusthoven** following recent health difficulties.

**Classis Northern Illinois** (our regional group of CRC churches) will be meeting this Wednesday, February 26 at Elmhurst CRC. Faith's delegates will be Pastor Matthew, elder Len Turnbull, and deacon Marv Tazelaar.

## Praise and Thanksgiving

**Happy March Birthday** to Julie Huibregtse (Mar. 6), Ronald Wieringa (Mar. 9), Edward Biesboer (Mar. 10), Marilyn Smith (Mar. 12), Margaret Stears (Mar. 14), Jim Boven (Mar. 15), Kathryn Greenfield (Mar. 21), Charlene Langeland (Mar. 22), James Van Kampen (Mar. 23).

Thank you to **The Gathering** students and their leaders for all their efforts in planning, leading, and participating in the service this morning.

# Announcements

**Mission Emphasis 2025** is on Sunday March 16. We welcome Roseland and Joe Huizinga in the morning and Mo Pacheco in the evening. There is a potluck luncheon to welcome and fellowship with Roseland following the morning service at 11:00 AM. If you plan to attend the potluck luncheon sign up at the registration counter so we can make any food arrangements needed. If you are able to bring food (optional, all are welcome to attend with or without bringing food) please select the appropriate option on the sign up form.

**Profession of Faith Class:** High school students who are interested in taking this next step in their faith journey are invited to contact Pastor Matthew to sign up for this year's profession of faith classes. The class is currently scheduled to meet on Sundays, March 2 and 9, from 2:30 - 4:00PM, but may shift to accommodate interested students' schedules.

**Partners Worldwide Ministry Update** - Ray and Susan Middel recently traveled to Sri Lanka and India as part of a Partners Worldwide ministry trip. It was an impactful trip in many different ways, especially involving our ministry work in the slums of Kolkata. As these are closed countries, we were not able to share any pictures and stories on social media. Join us on Sunday March 9, at 10:45 am after the morning service.

**College Care Packages:** Donations are being collected for our Spring Care Package mailing. We've added new items to the list to switch it up for our college students. Check it out and sign up to donate at the registration counter. Please drop off any donations in the box between the West Doors before March 30. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Laura Miller at [lauramiller289@comcast.net](mailto:lauramiller289@comcast.net).

**College Students and Parents** if you or your student would like to send or receive a college care package please email name and address information to [office@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:office@faithelmhurst.org) by March 30.

**A Ladies Chorus** will be singing during the morning service on Sunday, March 9. Practices will be in the choir room after church on February 23 and March 2. Contact Jan Slinkman with questions.

**Save the date!** Aligning with our mission of Expanding God's Kingdom, we are organizing a group to serve at **My Brother's Kitchen** in Lawndale on April 12. We are looking for 10 volunteers to serve as well as donations for food. Signup sheets will be out at the Registration Counter. More details to come as we get closer to the date.

**Pray on Wednesday:** This ministry year, we'll have a prayer time on most Wednesdays at 1:00PM. You're welcome to come regularly, occasionally, or even just once. We'll pray for personal needs, for our church, and for the world, with some different focus points each week. Dirk Glaubke, Dirk Rauglas, and Pastor Matthew will be taking turns leading these prayer times; contact any of them with questions.

**Hebrews in the Evening:** tonight we wrap up Hebrews part two series. Dr. Ben Ribbens will be leading our evening service. He has continued with his specialty, the New Testament book of Hebrews. Part two in the Book of Hebrews focuses on Christ as High Priest. We'll meet in the fellowship hall, have some time for discussion and Q&A, and share a light dinner after the service. Nursery will be provided for these services. Please register at [faithelmhurst.org/resources](http://faithelmhurst.org/resources) so we can make preparations.

**Volunteer to Help with Hebrews in the Evening:** For this round of dinners in the evening, we are offering opportunities to the congregation to sign up to help. If you are able to help in the kitchen or able to bring food, please sign up at the Registration Counter. Thank you for your support!

## Community Announcements

**Grace in Garfield Park Tour:** Church planter Mo Pacheco is leading a tour of the East Garfield Park neighborhood on **Saturday, March 1**. The tour will begin at 1:00 PM. We'll visit and hear about several development sites around Garfield Park, and how Christians might be able to influence the changing neighborhood. The group will also pray briefly over each site. The tour will conclude with an early dinner around 4:00PM, and an opportunity to worship with the Grace in Garfield church plant at 5:00PM. Contact Mo Pacheco ([moises.pacheco13@gmail.com](mailto:moises.pacheco13@gmail.com)) or sign up at the registration counter if you would like to go.

**Roseland Christian Ministries** would love for you to join us for our **“Rise Up Roseland”** silent auction fundraiser on **Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 3pm-6pm** at Harborside International Golf Center in Chicago. Hear how you can partner with us as we meet the needs of the Roseland community. For more information, please call 773.264.5665. To Purchase tickets visit <https://roselandchristianministries.yapsody.com/>.

**Elim Eagles’ Wings 5K:** Sign up to join us for our annual Elim Eagles’ Wings Run, Walk, and Roll 5K on Saturday May 3, 2025. Use code EARLYBIRD15 to register for \$15. Offer valid until February 28. Tell your family and friends to sign up for this great event. All proceeds will go towards necessary items needed at Elim Christian Services Schools and Adult Services. Visit [elimcs.org/5k](http://elimcs.org/5k) to register, donate, sponsor, or volunteer!

**Bethshan Association** in Palos Heights is hoping to fill a few job openings including Qualified Intellectual Disability Professionals to provide case management services for participants, part-time Training Coordinator, and a Food Supervisor/Cook. If any of these sound interesting to you, apply at [bethshan.org/employment/application/](http://bethshan.org/employment/application/) or email [laura@bethshan.org](mailto:laura@bethshan.org).

**Barnabas Foundation** is hiring for a Charitable Gift Administrator to support the mission of Barnabas Foundation through the administration of security gifts. To learn more, view the full job description, or apply visit [barnabasfoundation.org/careers](http://barnabasfoundation.org/careers).

**New Leaf Resources** is pleased to announce we’ve added therapists and now have immediate openings at all of our locations (Lansing, Crown Point, and Wheatfield). Call for an appointment at (708) 895-7310. We are also accepting referrals from fellow counseling organizations, churches, schools, and medical offices. If you’d like to request New Leaf materials to give out at your organization, contact us at [info@newleafresources.org](mailto:info@newleafresources.org).

**Let Self-Help Jobs Program** help you to get over the anxiety of not understanding how to job search in the present marketplace. We offer current job search coaching and document writing free due to the generous support of several churches. Email [selfhelpjobs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:selfhelpjobs@sbcglobal.net) or call 708-633-6580.



**Caring Network** is now hiring registered nurses and sonographers to work in our new women's clinics in Cook County. We are opening clinics in the Austin, Little Village and Rogers Park neighborhoods this Spring and in Calumet Heights and Chicago Lawn this summer. There are multiple job openings. Visit [caringnetwork.bamboohr.com/careers/](https://caringnetwork.bamboohr.com/careers/) If you desire to use your talents to support inner city missions that pays with full benefits. For more information on Caring Network visit [caringnetwork.com](https://caringnetwork.com)

## Youth Announcements

**Sunday School & Faith Foundations** meet today. 1st – 5th Graders meet in the South hallway after singing. MS Faith Foundations will meet in room 3. HS Faith Foundations will meet next door in the church house. Classes begin at 10:45 AM.

There will be **No Sunday School** on Sunday, March 16, we hope you and your family can attend the potluck luncheon with Roseland at 11:00 AM.

**GEMS** meets this Wednesday, February 26, at 6:30! Email [gems@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:gems@faithelmhurst.org) with any questions.

**Jr. Cadets (1st – 3rd Grade Boys)** meets next on Tuesday, March 4, at 6:30 PM. Questions? Email [cadets@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:cadets@faithelmhurst.org).

**Cadets (4th – 8th Grade Boys)** meets next on Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00 PM. Email [cadets@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:cadets@faithelmhurst.org) with questions.

**The Forge** meets next on Sunday, March 16, at 6:00 PM. If you have questions email [theforge@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:theforge@faithelmhurst.org).

**The Gathering** meets tonight at 6:00 PM! If you have any questions, email [thegathering@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:thegathering@faithelmhurst.org).

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2025!** Save the date and spread the word! VBS is June 23-27, 2025 from 9:00-11:30 AM for ages 3 years through grade 5.

# This Week at Faith

## **Sunday, February 23**

Men's Bible Reading Fellowship | 8:30 AM | Room 4/5  
Pre-Worship Prayer Time | 9:10 AM | Room 1  
Morning Worship | 9:30 AM | Sanctuary  
Mission Team Meeting | 10:45 AM | Room 1  
Scripture Reflections | 10:45 AM | Room 4/5  
Ladies Chorus Practice | 10:45 AM | Choir Room  
HS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Church House  
MS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Room 3  
Sunday School Singing | 10:45 AM | Sanctuary  
Sunday School (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) | 11:00 AM | South Hall  
Evening Service | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary  
The Gathering | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

## **Tuesday, February 25**

Gathering Hangout | 3:00 PM | Church House

## **Wednesday, February 26**

BSF Class Day | 9:00 AM | Whole Church  
Wednesday Prayer Time | 1:00 PM | Library  
Gathering Hangout | 3:00 PM | Church House  
GEMS Meeting | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

## **Thursday, February 27**

Mom2Mom | 9:00 AM | Library  
Senior Men's Coffee Fellowship | 9:30 AM | Choir Room  
When Children Feel Pain Book Club | 7:00 PM | Library

## **Friday, February 28**

Men's Bible Study | 6:30 AM | Library

## **Saturday, March 1**

Men's Morning Prayer Group | 7:00 AM | Library

# Next Sunday at Faith

## Sunday, March 2

Men's Bible Reading Fellowship | 8:30 AM | Room 4/5

Pre-Worship Prayer Time | 9:10 AM | Room 1

Morning Worship | 9:30 AM | Sanctuary

District 8 Get-Together | 10:45 AM | Room 3

Scripture Reflections | 10:45 AM | Room 4/5

HS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Church House

MS Faith Foundations | 10:45 AM | Room 3

Sunday School Singing | 10:45 AM | Sanctuary

Sunday School (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) | 11:00 AM | South Hall

Profession of Faith Classes | 3:00 PM | Library

Evening Service | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary

## Serving Faith Church

**Audio Visual:** David Lanser, Liam Tazelaar, Ethan Lindemulder

**Next Week:** Brett Harbaugh, Sue Slinkman, Jon Veurink

**Security Host:** Al Miedema

**Next Week:** Chris Slinkman

**February Greeters:** Al Miedema, Steve David, Bill Hoving

**March Greeters:** Bern Slinkman, Dirk Rauglas, Mike Oldenburger

**Refreshments:** Mike and Katie Oldenburger

**Next Week:** Brad and Kathy Miedema

**Children's Church:** Laura Lanser, Ivy Tang

**Next Week:** Whitney Ribbens, Chelsea Van Dyk, Maggie Oldenburger

**Nursery:** Janna Piersma, Laura Van Kampen, Sam Piersma

**Next Week:** Cathy Plate, Mindy Slinkman, Andrew & Elaina Slinkman

**Sunday School:** Mindy Slinkman, Joy Koopmans, Rebecca Anderson,  
Julie Speelman, Chelsea Van Dyk, Bethany Voss

**Next Week:** Kathy Miedema, Laura Lanser, Bethany Voss,  
Rachel Kinnas, Heidi Folkerts, Rachel de Nazarie

**Hebrews Nursery:** Linda Van Dyk, Joy Koopmans

**Hebrews Kitchen:** 2 Volunteers Needed



**Faith Focus' Ministry of the week:  
The Gathering – High School Youth Group**

The high school youth group, The Gathering, meets primarily every other Sunday evening after the evening service at 6:00 PM. Usually, our youth group meets up in the church fellowship hall and we enjoy a meal provided by the Parents of the students who attend. Afterwards, we have fun playing games, studying God's Word and meeting in small groups. The small groups allow for more bonding and praying for specific needs and concerns of the small group members. We also have after school get-togethers for the students on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the 1080 Prospect house. Additionally, The Gathering has an annual service project and does conduct a couple of fundraisers over the year.

**Sermon Notes:**

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**Sunday worship times:  
9:30 AM & 5:00 PM**