

Luke 18:15-17
"Bringing Children to Jesus"



Main Point: In our ministry to children, our purpose and posture must be centered on Christ.

September 25, 2022

I. **We Must Let the Children Come to Jesus (18:15-16)**

Prelude
Congregational Sharing
*Greeting One Another

Jamie Brill

APPROACH TO GOD

*Call to Worship
*Song of Praise
Behold Our God
*Prayer of Praise
*Song of Praise
Oh God of Mercy

Psalm 147:1-10

RENEWAL IN CHRIST

II. **We Must Come to Jesus Like Children (18:16-17)**

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Forgiveness
He Will Hold Me Fast

Romans 7:22-8:1

THE WORD OF GOD

The Sacrament of Baptism
Children's Church
Scripture Reading
Sermon

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RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory Prayer
Song of Response
*Affirmation of Faith
Congregational Prayer
*Benediction
*Doxology
*Postlude

I Need Thee Every Hour
First Catechism #72, 75

Hymn #382

Mary Holle

*Congregation standing if able

FAITH REFORMED

CHURCH

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Our Worship

As we gather to worship this morning through faith in Christ, we are entering into conversation with God as He speaks in His Word and is with us by the Spirit. Our worship service has an intentional movement that focuses on the Gospel:

- We begin with our **APPROACH TO GOD**, hearing a call to worship from His word and then responding to Him with songs and prayers of praise.
- We then have a time of **RENEWAL IN CHRIST** in which we confess our sins and hear His promise of forgiveness in His word and through song.
- Assured of His grace, we then listen to **THE WORD OF GOD** as it is preached from our passage for that day, and we all receive the sacrament of communion monthly as a “visible word” from God.
- After hearing the Word preached, we end our service with our **RESPONSE TO GOD**. We give offerings, affirm our faith, pray for needs in the congregation and world, and hear a blessing from God before singing a final praise to Him.

Through it all, God intends to bless us and change us by His grace so that we would go into the world to live for His glory. So let us come in humble faith, ready to hear and respond to our God and Savior.

Reflections

“The kingdom is both for children and the childlike” (I. Howard Marshall).

“To receive the kingdom of God as a child is to receive it as one who has no credits, no clout, no claims. A little child has absolutely nothing to bring, and whatever a child receives, he or she receives by grace on the basis of sheer neediness rather than by any merit inherent in him- or herself. Little children are paradigmatic disciples, for only empty hands can be filled” (James Edwards).

If you wish to reach Pastor Zach, you may dial the church office or reach him by cell phone at 920-212-5489. His office hours are Tuesday-Friday 9:30-5:30. If you are unable to reach Pastor Zach you may contact the Elder on call. Elder on call for July is **Dave Obbink** (920-207-4042).

Prayer Guide

Praises and Thanksgivings

Jesus Resurrection
Our living hope in Jesus

Petitions

That our state and nation would value life and protect life in the womb
For people to hear the gospel hope
Our daily faith and trust in the gospel
A heart of submission to Christ
Spiritual wisdom and discernment
Commitment to be reading Scripture
Discipline and courage to obey
To be guided by Scripture, not culture
Boldness and grace toward falsehood
Our hearts to be focused on Christ
Courage to stand firm for the gospel
Our ministry in the PCA
Pastor Zach Tarter
Jon Damkot – Youth Director
Disciple making at Faith Reformed
Spiritual revival
People in Ukraine
Our government leaders
Our youth to grow in Christ
Those serving in the military
The unity of Cedar Grove churches
Those with addictions/in jail or prison
Bible study at KMCI
Our persecuted brothers & sisters

Health

Wayne Navis – Ongoing issues with his back
Kathy Bruggink – diagnosed with congestive heart failure and has ongoing tests
Gail Meerdink – finished radiation treatments and is waiting for results in the next few weeks.
Norman DeRuyter - being treated for an infection in his blood stream
Craig Droppers – recovery from a farming accident
Ruth Ann Wieberdink – struggling with ongoing back pain

Shut-ins

Delores Droppers

Mission & Outreach

Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry
Witness of Christ’s love to local families
For our unchurched neighbors

Schedule

TODAY

Worship Service – 9:00am

Sunday School – 10:30-11:15am

Core Groups – 6:00-7:00pm

Monday: 6:30pm – Praise Band Practice

Tuesday: 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study

8-9:30pm – Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday: 6:00pm – Connect at EPC

6:30pm – Adventure Island

6:30pm – Prayer Meeting

Thursday: 6-7:00am – Men’s Bible Study

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

October 9: Deadline for Officer Nomination ballots to be returned

Communion

October 15: Fall Fest

Ushers for September: Craig Droppers, Wayne Bloemers, Bruce Lukens

Ushers for October: Justin Obbink, Dale Mentink, Jim Wonsler

Nursery for September 25: Kris Sass & Jamison Velzke

Nursery for October 2: Kelly Dirkse & Grace Meinnert

Refreshments for September: Care Group #4 (Bonnie & Margie)

Refreshments for October: Care Group #6 (Linda & Shelli)

Serving in the Military:

PFC Jaedyn Kettenhoven

(Serving in Wiesbaden, Germany)

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Family Life at Faith

Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry update – We served **35 families** at the food pantry in September. Our next Food Pantry will be Thursday, October 13th. There is a barrel outside Faith Reformed by the west doors for donations. **We are completely out of Cereal, Soup, Pasta, and Mac & Cheese.** (Please check the expiration dates on the items you donate). If you could help us serve one month – please contact Faith Reformed Church (920-668-6725). Thank you!

Love Inc. –In September we are collecting— new standard-size bath towels and hook and loop Velcro. For questions on your donations, please contact your Love, Inc Representative, Mike Heinen (920-912-1256). Thank you.

Ladies of Faith will meet Tues Oct. 4 at 1:30pm. The Bible Study lesson will be led by Carol DeRuyter. Hostesses are Carol DeRuyter and Delores Bruggink. You can pick up a copy of the Secretary and Treasurer reports in the information center. If you have not picked up your new study book you can do so any time. They are in the office. Put your money in the envelope and cross off your name. Books are \$7.20.

Bethel OPC in Oostburg is thrilled to host the 3rd annual Bosgraf Lecture series on Missions and Discipleship this coming November 12-13, 2022. Our featured speaker this year is Dr. Brian Fikkert who serves a Professor of Economics and Community Development and the Founder and President of the Chalmers Center for Economic Development at Covenant College. There are seminars on November 12 from 8am-Noon and one at 6pm. There is no cost for any of these events, but we do ask that your register via the Eventbrite links provided below so we can plan for space and food for all attending.

Nov 12 AM—<https://Dependence2Dignity.eventbrite.com>

Nov 12 PM— <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/when-helping-hurts-tickets-404914027757>

Once again, the Care Connection is asking for volunteers to communicate with cards or words of encouragement to Kelly Wieberdink. Kelly is the daughter of Shirley Wieberdink and is living in a group home in Madison. A bi-monthly schedule is in the information center. Let’s continue to make her feel that she is being thought of and prayed for even though she is separated from family and people she is familiar with. Thank you!

Family Life at Faith

Please see your mailbox for an envelope with information on officer nominations. You will find a letter from the session, along with information on the office of elder and deacon, and a list of men open to nomination. In addition, there is a ballot for every member in your home. Nominations should be submitted in the box in the narthex no later than 10/9. Continue to pray through this process that the Spirit would direct us in the wisdom of Christ.

Words cannot express how humble I feel after all the love and care shown to me since my learning of cancer. Thank you all and God Bless you. Like Ron Sanford always said, "God is good all the time".

Love, Gail Meerdink

Faith Family Newsletter - Information for the October newsletter is due **TODAY!**

Mark your calendar: Fall Fest will be Saturday, Oct. 15. Hayrides and games will start at 4:30pm. There will be an Italian Menu at 5:30pm with an auction to follow at 7:00pm. You may start bringing auction items for viewing the weekend of October 8th. Funds from the Fall Festival will go toward new concrete by the north entrance. Please sign-up on sheet in the information center and come enjoy all the fun.

Anchor of Hope Health Center cordially invites you to join them for their annual fundraising gala on October 13 at The Village at 170. This event is free to the public. For more information contact the Center at 902-452-4673.

The 2022 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign begins this Wednesday, September 28, and goes through November 6. No abortions are being done in Wisconsin since the Supreme Court decision in June, but abortions continue to be sold in Wisconsin and women are referred to neighboring states where it remains legal. The value of an innocent unborn baby is not determined by what state the mother lives in, nor by the circumstances of the baby's conception. All are made in God's image and likeness. Abortion is an act of violence against the most innocent and vulnerable. Sign up for vigil hours to pray and change hearts and minds. www.40daysforlife.com/sheboygan Join us for our Kick-Off Rally Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus hall.

Special Birthdays in September - Please send cards of Birthday blessings to the following Faith members:

Marge Dirkse will be 88 on September 26th

Youth News

CORE (Grades 6-12) - ***Tonight, September 25th*** Core small group Bible studies meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:00PM!**

CONNECT (Grades 6-12) - **Wednesday, September 28th** students are invited to Connect with each other and God at **EPC** from **6:00-7:30PM!** Worship begins at 6:20.

Adventure Island (Grades 5K-5) - **Wednesday, September 28th** Adventure Island will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:30-7:30**. Registration and games begin at 6:10.

See You at the Pole - National "See You at the Pole" day is this **Wednesday, September 28th**. Cedar Grove Belgium students are invited to meet at the high school flagpole at **7:10AM** this Wednesday for a time of prayer. (Juice and donut holes will be provided.)

Prayer Boards - Jon is updating the prayer boards in his office. If you have updated pictures of your children in grades 6-12 (or post high), please leave them in Jon's mailbox by the end of September.

The September Adventure Island memory verse is: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5

Resident Manager Position Open: Our Home Christian Ministries is hiring a full-time, live-in resident manager to provide care for two adult men with disabilities. Benefits include salary, living accommodations (three-bedroom apartment), utilities, and internet. Job description includes resident cares, cooking, cleaning, leadership, medication administration, etc. Training provided. We are looking for someone with strengths in communication, compassion, leadership, paperwork, organization, and teamwork. Unique opportunity for doing ministerial work at home. Please contact Kristin with questions or to apply: 920.564.6933 or office@ourhomeccm.com

Pine Haven Women's Auxiliary will hold its fall meeting for all delegates on Monday, October 3rd at 6:30pm at the First Reformed church in Sheboygan Falls. Please also note that the Pine Haven stores are accepting donations of homemade crafts for sale in their stores.

During the Sunday School time in the nursery, women are encouraged to come meet with moms of young and old as we discuss motherhood and all that it entails from biblical principles.