

Prayers that Change the World: Corporate Prayer  
Acts 4:23-31



**Main point:** Although the church faces opposition and conflict, God changes us and the world when we pray together.

1. The Response of Corporate Prayer (4:23-24a)

2. The Nature of Corporate Prayer (4:24b-30)

3. The Result of Corporate Prayer (4:31)

August 20, 2023

Prelude  
Congregational Sharing  
\*Greeting One Another

Grace Konzak

**APPROACH TO GOD**

From Psalm 67:1-5  
\*Call to Worship  
\*Song of Praise  
*Rejoice*  
\*Prayer of Praise  
\*Song of Praise  
*O Praise the Name*

**RENEWAL IN CHRIST**

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Forgiveness  
\*Song of Assurance  
*In Christ Alone*

Micah 7:18-19

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Children's Message  
(Children's Church)  
Scripture Reading  
Sermon

Acts 4:23-31

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**RESPONSE TO GOD**

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

*O Breath of Life*

The First Catechism #116-117

Hymn #88

Mary Holle

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\*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

“In response to the prayers of his people, God sends laborers into his harvest field (Lk 10:2), extinguishes Satan’s flaming darts (Eph. 6:16-20), revives saints (2 Chron. 7:13-14), saves sinners (2 Chron. 7:13-14; James 5:14-15), and pours just judgment on the earth (Rev. 8:3, 5)...praying together for the advance of Christ’s kingdom should be a priority for our church life” (Megan Hill, *A Place to Belong*, 123).

“Lord, bend the church and save the people” (Motto of Welsh revivals in 1900).

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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 August is Rob Danforth (920-467-1446)

# 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  
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  
Courage to stand firm for the gospel  
Our ministry in the PCA  
Pastor Zach Tarter  
Jon Damkot – Youth Director  
BJ Hilbelink – Pastoral Assistant  
Disciple making at Faith Reformed  
Spiritual revival  
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  
Our persecuted brothers & sisters

### **Health**

Sam Rauwerdink – is at home and being monitored. He has another appt. on Aug. 24.  
Gail Meerdink – all spots in remission except one. She will have maintenance done on that one every 3 weeks for 3 months  
Wayne Navis - is home and continues to get therapy  
Ruth Ann Wieberdink – still having back pain but doing a little better.  
Donna Caljouw –continuing with treatments every 3 weeks along with oral medication for her kidney cancer.  
Don Schreurs – cancer has returned, pray for healing, peace, and comfort

### **Shut-ins**

Neil Bruggink  
Delores Droppers  
Herb Dirkse – Cedar Grove Gardens, Building 2 – room 10

### **Mission & Outreach**

Spain World Team – Kelsy & Joseu Corpas  
For our unchurched neighbors

## Schedule

### TODAY

Worship Service – 9:00am  
6:00PM – HS Kick-off Cookout

Monday – 6:00pm Men’s softball in Belgium

Tuesday – 6:30pm Deacon Meeting  
- 6:30-9:00pm MS Kick-off Bonfire

Wednesday – 7:30pm Elder Meeting

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

September 6<sup>th</sup> – Start of Quest and Connect

September 10<sup>th</sup> – Promotion Sunday

September 14<sup>TH</sup> – Food Pantry

October 21<sup>st</sup> – Fall Fest

**Ushers for August:** Jim Obbink, Al Holle, Nate Wieberdink

**Nursery for August 20:** Alison Zimmermann & Anna Jerabek

**Nursery for August 27:** Janice Hesselink & Nolan Meinen

**Refreshments for August:** Care Group #3 (Mary & Linda)

**Greeters August 20**     - **Narthex:** Bob & Kelly Dirkse  
                                  - **Great Room:** Ryan & Melissa Ten Pas

**Greeters August 27**     - **Narthex:** Zach & Emily Tarter Family  
                                  - **Great Room:** Brent & Corrina Torrenga

### **Serving in the Military:**

Jackson DeRuyter  
721 New Mexico Ave.  
PO Box 1338  
Holloman AFB, NM 88330

## Family Life at Faith

**The Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry served 53 families** at the August Food Pantry. The next Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. **Right now, we are still low on\_CEREAL, PASTA, and PASTA SAUCE.** Please check the expiration dates on your donations! If you could help us serve one month – please contact Faith Reformed Church (920-668-6725). Thank you for your generosity!

**Faith Reformed Church will be supplying a meal once a month for the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter.** We are responsible for the last Wednesday of each month. We need to provide enough food for 35 people. The meal will include Tater-tot Casserole, applesauce, dinner rolls and cookies. There is a sign-up sheet in the information center. Please prayerfully think about how you can help out with this mission. If you have any questions you can talk to Wendy Wonser.

**Love Inc. –In August we are collecting–** new standard size bath towels and hook & loop Velcro. For questions on your donations, please contact your Love, Inc Representative, Jodi Danforth (920-254-1385). Thank you.

**School Supply Collection** - Once again, we will be collecting *school supplies* for students in need. They are always in need of pencils, markers, notebooks, scissors, glue, glue sticks, and crayons. You can place items in the yellow cardboard school buses in the great room.

**Sign-up after church TODAY** in the Great Room to help purchase back-to-school clothing for a local student in need.” Also- we are collecting gently used Rocket gear as well. Thanks!

**All information** for the September Newsletter is due Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**If you have not done so already, please see your mailbox for the letter concerning officer nominations.** For male professing members age 21 and over, this is the time to consider whether you are willing to serve as an elder or deacon if nominated. **If you desire to remove your name from the nomination list, please communicate so in writing to pastor Zach or an elder by September 10<sup>th</sup>.**

## Family Life at Faith

**Men's Softball** - The guys were rained out last week, so the double-elimination playoffs continue with a game in Belgium at 6:00 PM on Monday against Portview. The entire playoff bracket can be found on [odbcport.org/softball](http://odbcport.org/softball).

**Special Birthdays in August:** Wayne Bloemers will be 85 on August 21

Delores Droppers will be 87 on August 25

**QUEST:** Starting September 6, all K5-5<sup>th</sup> grade students are warmly welcome to participate in our Wednesday night ministry that bears the new name "Quest"!

- **Why:** Our aim at Quest is for children to discover the foundational truths of the Bible in a grace-filled community so that they will become passionate followers of Jesus Christ
- **Who:** All students entering 5K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- **What:** Although the format of Quest will be very similar to that of Adventure Island, the content will change over to the First Catechism, which summarizes the core truths of Scripture in kid-friendly language. Children will learn these truths through large-group Bible lessons, songs, and small-group activities
- **When:** Wednesday evenings from September 6, 2023 – April 24, 2024. Large group lasts from 6:30-7:00, while small groups run from 7:00-7:30. Students can arrive as early as 6:10 for check-in and play time in the Great Room/basement (or south lawn when the weather is nice)
- **Where:** Large/small groups will be held in the Faith Reformed Church basement

**\*Informational Parents' Meeting:** Parents are encouraged to attend an informational meeting to learn more about the new curriculum, receive resources for continuing the learning experience at home, and ask any questions they might have. Meetings will be held **Sunday, Aug. 27 at 10:30 am** in the Sanctuary and **Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 pm** in the Great Room while students are having their first Quest lesson. Note: parents only need to attend one meeting as their content will be identical.

**Save the date** – Fall Fest will be Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

## Youth News

**HS Kick-Off - Tonight, August 20th**, students entering grades 9-12 will gather for the first time before the school year starts! We'll meet at TeStroote's (N960 Sauk Trail Rd, CG) for dinner at **6:00PM**. Come hungry; we'll have plenty to eat and plenty to do!

**MS Kick-Off** - On **Tuesday, August 22nd** from **6:30-9:00PM**, incoming 6th-8th graders are invited to Tarter's (217 S 4th St) for a bonfire, backyard games, snacks and fellowship as we kick off the new year together!

**\*\*CANCELLED\*\* Young Adult Summer Bible Study** - Due to most participants leaving for college, the young adult Bible study will not meet this Sunday. We look forward to starting things up again next Summer!

**Volunteer Help** - We're looking for volunteers to help with our children's & youth ministries for the school year! We have a handful of spots available for 3-year-olds up through 8th grade. If you have interest, please text Jon at 920-447-2335 and we can discuss which opportunity would be a good fit for you!

**Missionary Biographies Due August 27th** - Students grades K-8 have one more week to fill out and turn in a summary sheet to win up to 3 prizes on promotion Sunday! If you have checked out a biography, please remember to turn it in by next Sunday.

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**Thank you** for the generous gift of the Baby Grand Piano. Your contribution strengthens Pine Haven as we continue to deliver loving, compassionate care in a Christ-centered environment. Together, we strive to help the elderly of our community feel the comforting presence of God, experiencing peace of mind.

Hundreds of seniors living at Pine Haven are blessed by the personal, hands-on-care and pleasant living environment your generous gift supports.

On behalf of all who live and serve at Pine Haven, THANK YOU. You are an encouragement to us, and we appreciate you as a mission partner.

Thanks so much for this wonderful gift. Music is such a blessing to our residents.

*Ronald Walvoort*  
Chief Executive Officer