

The Best Investment You'll Ever Make

Psalms 127-128

Main Point: *It is wiser to fully invest in your children than to over-invest in your work.*

1. The Folly of Over-Investing in Your Work (Psalm 127:1-2)

2. The Wisdom of Fully Investing in Your Children (Psalms 127:3-128:6)

Children provide...

A. Reward (Ps. 127:3)

B. Fruitfulness (Ps. 127:3; 128:3, 6)

B. Security (Ps. 127:4-5)

D. Blessing (Ps. 127:5; Ps. 128)

3. The Wise Investment of Family Worship (Psalms 127, 128 [superscriptions])

A. Corporate Worship in God's House

B. Private Worship in Your Own House



Faith Reformed

BOLDLY LIVING GOD'S WORD

September 10, 2023

Prelude
Congregational Sharing
*Greeting One Another

Jamison Velzke

APPROACH TO GOD

*Call to Worship From Psalm 149
*Song of Praise
Praise to the Lord the Almighty
*Prayer of Praise
*Song of Praise
I Will Wait for You

RENEWAL IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Forgiveness Galatians 4:4-7
*Song of Assurance
It Was Finished Upon that Cross

THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message
Scripture Reading Psalm 127-128 Page 613
Sermon "The Best Investment You'll Ever Make"

RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory Prayer
Song of Response Psalm 127 (Trinity Psalter)
*Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Q. 1
Promotion Sunday
Congregational Prayer
*Benediction
*Doxology
*Postlude

Mary Holle

*Congregation standing if able

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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 two parts of Psalm 127 are so well marked that some have thought them to be separate poems. But both parts proclaim that only what is from God is truly strong” (Derek Kidner, *Psalms 73-150*).

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 September is Jeff Risseuw (920-980-6252)

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 – pray for wisdom as they make plans for future procedures
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 - continue to pray for healing, peace, and comfort as he deals with cancer

Shut-ins

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

Mission & Outreach

Cedar Grove Food Pantry
For our unchurched neighbors

Schedule

TODAY

Worship Service – 9:00am

Core – 6:00pm

Monday – 6:30pm Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday – 1:00pm Care Connection Meeting

- 7:00pm Worship Meeting

- 8:15-9:45pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday – 6:00pm Connect

- 6:30pm Quest

- 6:30pm Prayer Meeting

Thursday – 6-7:00am Men's Bible Study

12:45-2:45pm Women's Bible Study

4:30-6:00pm Food Pantry

Friday – 5th Quarter

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

October 21st – Fall Fest

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

Nursery for September 10: Kelly Dirkse & Braelyn Meinen

Nursery for September 17: Hollie Obbink & Abbie Heinen

Refreshments for September: Care Group #1 (Carol & Barb)

Greeters September 10 – Narthex: Carl & Nicole Velzke Family

- **Great Room:** Brett & Eliana Voskuil Family

Greeters September 17 - Narthex: Dolores Waech

- **Great Room:** Rob & Jane Voskuil

Serving in the Military:

Jackson DeRuyter

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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 14th. **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. **For September we are still in need of 1 more casseroles.** Please prayerfully think about how you can help out with this mission. If you have any questions you can talk to Wendy Wonsler.

In September we are collecting Bedding & Linens: blankets, bedding for all bed sizes, pillowcases (gently used items are accepted). For questions on your donations, please contact your Love, Inc Representative, Jodi Danforth (920-254-1385). Thank you.

Small Groups this Fall: The purpose of our small groups is to grow together in Christ through the Bible, prayer, and relationships. While there are many ways this can happen, small groups help to foster our spiritual growth not only as individuals but together. If you are not in a small group, we encourage you to prayerfully consider joining one this fall. As many groups are just starting up, this is a great time to get started. So, grab a small group booklet, pray, and then jump in!

Care Connection will meet on Tuesday, September 12th at 1:00pm.

It is our pleasure to invite you to the Pine Haven Annual Meeting of the Corporation on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Our meeting will be held in the Community Center at Pine Haven Christian Home, 220 Haven Drive, Sheboygan Falls. We look forward to seeing you on September 18th.

Thank you so much for all the cards, calls and best wishes for our anniversary.

Neil & Carolyn Bruggink

The Deadline for the October newsletter is September 24.

Family Life at Faith

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 TODAY.**

Thank you so much for thinking of me on my birthday. I greatly appreciated all the cards and birthday wishes.
Delores Droppers

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHURCH SOFTBALL - All men AND women are invited to play in a mini inter-village softball tournament this Saturday, September 16th. **We need two teams of at least 10 guys and 10 girls**, 8th grade and older, to take on teams from Calvary and First Reformed. Games will begin at 3PM and will take place at the new sports complex on the west side of town. Please sign up on the sheet by the mailboxes or text Carl Velzke at 920-917-0902 to play.

Family Worship Gathering: Are you eager to raise your children or grandchildren in the Christian faith but aren't sure how to do it? Are you actively discipling the next generation but want to learn more? Either way, you are warmly invited to take part in the Family Worship Gathering!

- **What:** A series of six "lunch & learn" events where you will enjoy a potluck lunch with other families and learn practical ways of instilling faith in your children/grandchildren through Scripture, prayer, and song
- **When:** 11:30-12:45(ish) on Sunday Mornings – Oct. 8, Dec. 10, Jan. 7, Feb. 25, April 7, May 5
- **Where:** Faith Reformed Church Great Room
- **Who:** This group is for those who are willing to **commit** to being part of a learning community and are able to attend **most** of the lunch & learn events. Any and all families are invited. Single people, newlyweds, and grandparents will also benefit from the teaching and are welcome to join! Childcare will be provided for small children
- **Why:** Because passing on the Christian faith to future generations is one of the greatest investments you'll ever make (Psalms 127-128)!
- **How:** Sign up on the sheet on the back table by Sun., Oct. 1. If you have any questions, please contact B.J. Hilbelink at 920-946-9780 or bhilbelink@gmail.com!

Youth News

Promotion Sunday - Today, September 10th Sunday school begins for all ages! For kids ages 3 through 8th grade, parents are invited to escort their children to their rooms after the service and meet with the class for the first 5-10 minutes to learn what's in store for the year.

CORE (Grades 6-12) - **Tonight, September 10th** Core small group Bible studies meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:00PM!**

CONNECT (Grades 6-12) - **Wednesday, September 13th** students are invited to Connect with each other and God at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:30PM!** Worship begins at 6:20.

QUEST (Grades 5K-5) - **Wednesday, September 13th** Quest will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:30-7:30PM**. Registration and games begin at 6:10.

5th Quarter - This **Friday, September 15th**, students grades 9-12 are invited to **Faith Reformed Church** after the game until 11:30 for pizza, games, movies and more! If you'd like to sign up to help in the kitchen or to donate a pan of bars, you can find a link to a sign-up genius here: <https://www.faithreformedchurch.org/events/youth/>.



The **Faith Fall Festival** will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21. We will have a meal of pulled pork, sloppy joes, pork & beans, potato salad, coleslaw, apple sauce, chips & ice cream with all the toppings for dessert. Hayrides and games will start at 4:00pm. Eating will be from 5:00-6:00pm and the auction will start at 7:00pm. Start thinking about auction items you can bring as individuals or groups. If you need a gift certificate to fill out for something you would like to donate, you can also pick that up in the information center. Money raised will go toward updating the security system in church. Sign up on the sheet at the Information Center if you plan to attend and how many.