

James 1:1-12
Series: Wholehearted
"Faith & Trials"



I. **Message of James: Wholehearted Faith (1:1)**

September 17, 2023

Prelude
Congregational Sharing
*Greeting One Another

Jan Jerabek

II. **Wholehearted Faith & Trials (1:2-12)**

APPROACH TO GOD

*Call to Worship
*Song of Praise
Rejoice
*Prayer of Praise

Psalm 105:1-4

Main Point: Wholehearted faith grows through trials until we receive our eternal reward.

Therefore, we should:

- Rejoice in their Purpose (v. 2-4)

RENEWAL IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Forgiveness
*Song of Assurance
Jesus Paid it All

1 John 1:8-9

- Ask for God's Wisdom (v. 5-8)

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading
Sermon
The Sacrament of Communion

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- Boast in True Wealth (v. 9-12)

RESPONSE TO GOD

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

It Is Well
WCF 14.3

Hymn #321

Jan Jerabek

*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 James 1:2-4] we learn that there is no wholeness without soreness. There is no perfection without and completeness without suffering trials of various kinds...the road to perfection is the path of pain” (David Gibson, Radically Whole, 47).

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

Tuesday – 6:30 Session Meeting

Wednesday – 6:00pm Connect

- 6:30pm Quest

- 6:30pm Prayer Meeting

Thursday – 12:45-2:45pm Women’s Bible Study

1:00pm – Women’s Bible Study

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

October 8th - Deadline for Officer Nomination ballots to be returned

October 21st – Fall Fest

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

Nursery for September 17: Hollie Obbink & Abbie Heinen

Nursery for September 24: Beth Rauwerdink & Lauren Hopeman

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

Greeters September 17 - Narthex: Dolores Waech

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

Greeters September 24 – Narthex: Dane & Emily Van Allen

- **Great Room:** Jim & Wendy Wonser Family

Serving in the Military:

Jackson DeRuyter

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Family Life at Faith

The Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry served 52 families at the September Food Pantry. The next Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, October 12th. **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!

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.

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.

The Deadline for the October newsletter is September 24.

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!

This week Thursday is the start of the Thursday Women’s Bible Study led by Florence Jordan. They will meet at 1:00pm in the church library to study “The Servant King: A Study of the Gospel of Luke”.

If you have a heart for those who are struggling with health issues, those going through difficult times or just need a helping hand, would you consider donating to the Care Connection? Some of the things we do include Prayer Blankets for the ill, gift cards for those in need, baby blankets for new babies in the congregation, bride baskets or couple’s devotionals for those getting married, etc. You can put your donations in an envelope labeled “Care Connection” and put it in the offering bag or you can give it to Wendy in the office. Help us to be able to keep helping others. Thank You!

Family Life at Faith

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!

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 outside Wendy's office no later than 10/8. Continue to pray through this process that the Spirit would direct us in the wisdom of Christ.

The **Kick-Off for the fall 40 Days for Life** campaign will be **Sunday, September 24**, at Lutheran High School's Performing Arts Center. A free movie, *October Baby*, will be shown in collaboration with Lutheran High's Crusaders for Life. Doors will open at 1 p.m. with the movie beginning about 2 p.m. Join us and plan to participate in the peaceful, prayerful vigil to end abortion from September 27-November 5, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. daily. Contact Germaine, 920-918-2310 or Michele 872-233-9305 for details.

Youth News

CORE (Grades 6-12) - **Tonight, September 17th** Core small group Bible studies meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:00PM!**

CONNECT (Grades 6-12) - **Wednesday, September 20th** 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 20th** Quest will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:30-7:30PM.** Registration and games begin at 6:10.



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.