

1 Samuel 14  
“Tragedy in Triumph”

**Main Point:** Because nothing can hinder the LORD from saving His people, we should live in the triumph of faith rather than the tragedy of unbelief.

I. **The Triumph of Faith (14:1-23)**

II. **The Tragedy of Unbelief (14:24-46)**

III. **The Tale of History (14:47-52)**



**March 24, 2024**

Nicole Velzke

Prelude  
Children with Palms *All Glory, Laud, & Honor*  
Congregational Sharing  
\*Greeting One Another

**APPROACH TO GOD**

\*Call to Worship From Psalm 92 & 95  
\*Song of Praise  
*Nothing But the Blood*  
\*Prayer of Praise  
\*Song of Praise  
*O Praise the Name*

**RENEWAL IN CHRIST**

Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Forgiveness 1 John 1:8-9  
\*Song of Assurance  
*Jerusalem*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture Reading	1 Samuel 14:1-23	Page 278
Children's Message		
Children's Church (3-5-year-olds)		
Scripture Reading	1 Samuel 14:24-52	Page 279
Sermon	"Tragedy in Triumph"	

**RESPONSE TO GOD**

Offertory Prayer		
Song of Response	<i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i>	Hymn #333
*Affirmation of Faith	WSC #1	
Congregational Prayer		
*Benediction		
*Doxology		
*Postlude		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

“The kingdom was not Saul’s or Jonathan’s; it was Yahweh’s kingdom. For Jonathan, then, the kingdom was not his to seize, not his to rule, but his to serve...Maybe a tragic life isn’t tragic if it’s lived in fidelity to what Christ asks of us in the circumstances, he gives us” (Dale Ralph Davis, 1 Samuel, 148).

“We have then these two estimates of Saul, the historical and the covenantal. Both are true. Saul was, looking at the whole picture, a courageous and militarily successful king...Two assessments: both true. But only one matters. One can be a historical success and a covenant failure” (Dale Ralph Davis, 1 Samuel, 149-150).

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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. The Elder on call for March is Jim Meinen (920-889-3223).

## 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  
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**

Ward Meinen-prayers for healing as he recovers from ankle surgery  
Shirley Wieberdink – is home after a hip replacement, prayers for continued healing.  
Norm DeRuyter – praise that the toe is healing well and prayers that his broken arm would heal well.  
Donna Caljouw – is still very tired, but was put back on a small dosage of her oral medication for her cancer  
Edie Beernink – had a pacemaker put in– prayers that this would be the answer to her health problems.  
Don Schreurs – is at Pine Haven Oostburg Campus, prayers as he has decided to discontinue treatment for his cancer

### **Shut-ins**

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

### **Mission & Outreach**

Cat Lake Ministry – Matt & Ashley Klockenga and Ron & Jen Keres  
For our unchurched neighbors

## Schedule

### TODAY

Worship Service – 9:00am

Tuesday – 6:30pm Women's Bible Study  
-8:15pm Men's Bible Study

Thursday – 6:00am Men's Bible Study  
-9:30am Women's Bible Study  
-7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

April 7 Lunch & Learn

April 7 Congregational Meeting

April 9 Blood Bank

April 11 Food Pantry

April 19 Secret Church

**Ushers for March:** Ben Droppers, Dane Van Allen, Tyler Wonser

**Nursery for March 24:** Darcie Beernink & Lauren Hopeman

**Nursery for March 31:** Kim Rauwerdink & Rebecca Tarter

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

**Greeters March 24** - **Narthex:** Levi DuMez & Ashlyn Kolste

- **Great Room:** Muriel Meinen

**Greeters March 31** – **Narthex:** Dale & Jane Mentink

- **Great Room:** Brett & Brittany Mullikin

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

Jackson DeRuyter

\*Pray for all our troops serving around the world

## Family Life at Faith

**The Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry served 33 families** at the March Food Pantry. The next Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, April 11th. **Right now, we are low on cereal, Kleenex, paper towels, pasta sauce, pasta noodles, & peanut butter.** 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!

**For Love INC in March,** we will be collecting **Starter Kitchen Kits:** Pots, Pans, Cookie Sheets, Bakeware, Silverware, Cups, Mugs, Mixing bowls & Cooking Utensils. Gently used items accepted. For questions on your donations, please contact your Love, Inc Representative, Jodi Danforth (920-254-1385). Thank you.

**Seniors** - The Care Connection will be hosting a Senior Luncheon here at Faith Church on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at noon. We will start serving punch at 11:30am. The guest speaker will be Hubert Nett and he will be talking about the children's books that he has written. There is a sign-up sheet in the information center. Please feel free to bring a guest. The deadline for signing up is April 21st. If you are house bound and would like a meal delivered to you, we will gladly do that, after the presentation that afternoon. Just let Wendy know in the office.

**We are in need of one more tater-tot-casserole** for the Salvation Army meal on April 24<sup>th</sup>. If you would be willing to make one, please sign up on the sheet in the information center and pick up a pan and recipe from Wendy in the office.

**All information for the April Newsletter is due TODAY.**

**Ladies of Faith** will meet Tuesday April 2 at 1:30pm. We will do Bible Study lesson #3 led by Carolyn Bruggink. Hostesses are Carolyn Bruggink and Shirley Hoitink. You can pick up a copy of the secretary and treasurer reports in the information center.

**Thanks Faith Family** for all the prayers, cards, food, and calls following my surgery. A special thanks to Carol DeRuyter for being my true care giver. I am improving each day, so thanks again. *Shirly Wieberdink*

## Family Life at Faith

**Mark your calendar!** **Secret Church 2024** is going to be hosted at Faith Reformed Church again! Mark your calendars for Friday, April 19 from 6 pm-midnight (or come/go as needed). More details to follow or check out the sign up by the mailboxes. **What is Secret Church?** It's a unique event that is streamed online to over 50,000 participants around the world! Encouraged by our persecuted brothers and sisters' example, we meet for over 6 hours for intense study of God's Word and passionate prayer for the persecuted church and for God's purposes among all the nations. This year is a verse-by-verse study of "Ruth" led by Pastor David Platt. Ruth has all the elements of a love story. Tragedy. Loss. Despair. Hope. Triumph. Loyalty. Romance. But it's more than just a love story. It's an epic story within a story. It's a story not just about Ruth, but about all of us and a world that's in need of redemption.

**Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 7th at 4:00pm in the Church Sanctuary.** Over the past several months, the Lord has opened some doors about ways we can invest in future ministry in our church and beyond. As the Elders and Deacons have been planning and praying, we want to inform the whole congregation about what the Lord may be doing and invite everyone to pray with us.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**Prayer & Fasting   Constant Vigil   Community Outreach**

Join us for the **Closing Rally of the Lent 40 Days for Life** campaign to be held at the vigil site (sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood) on Palm Sunday, March 24, from 2-3 p.m. Meet with the leaders and other pro-lifers to pray and share your stories.

Because Planned Parenthood aborts innocent lives year-round, we will continue to pray for the unborn **on the days Planned Parenthood is open** after the Lent campaign ends and until the fall 40-day campaign begins. You can sign up for vigil hours on the "365" calendar at [www.40daysforlife.com/sheboygan](http://www.40daysforlife.com/sheboygan). Contact: Germaine 920-918-2310 or Michele 872-233-9305



## Youth News

### Have a Blessed Holy Week!

**CONNECT** returns Wednesday, April 3rd.

**QUEST** returns Wednesday, April 3rd.

**Sunday School** returns Sunday, April 7th.

**CORE** returns Sunday, April 7th.

**Camp Calvin** - Youth currently in grades 3-8 are invited to Camp Calvin from **June 16-21!** Registration is open at [www.campcalvin.com](http://www.campcalvin.com). Faith Reformed is offering half-off to children of members/adherents; to take advantage of the discount, select the "half payment" option when you register, and text Jon and let him know that you're signed up!

### Memory Work Recitation Schedule:

**3&4 Year Olds** - John 3:16 (**April 7**)

**5K** - Galatians 5:22-23 (**April 7**)

**1st Grade** - Lord's Prayer (**April 7**)

**2nd Grade** - Books of the NT (April 21)

**3rd Grade** - Books of the OT (April 21)

**4th Grade** - Apostle's Creed (April 21)

**5th Grade** - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (April 28)

**6th Grade** - Psalm 23 (April 28)

**7th Grade** - Colossians 3:1-4 (May 5)

**8th Grade** - Colossians 3:12-17 (May 5)

**9th/10th Grade** - Heidelberg Q&A #1 (May 19)

**11th/12th Grade** - Ephesians 2:1-10 (May 19)

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**VOLUNTEERS** are needed for Camp Calvin. We are searching for volunteers to work alongside us, who love Jesus and share our passion and joy for serving our campers. Anyone interested in serving at Camp Calvin can complete an online [Volunteer Application](#).