

**VARIOUS INFORMATION . . .**

A Contemporary Service is back here at First Reformed beginning next Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. We look forward to this additional time of worship. If you prefer this type of service, please join us ... and tell your friends.

Thank you to the congregation for your generous giving to students in need at CGBSD. The overwhelming response to help those who are in need will be given to the students this week. This will be at the food pantry time on September 14<sup>th</sup> or at school by school personnel. You have blessed others with your caring and generosity. Please pray we can be a blessing in their lives and minister to them this week.

Nursery volunteers – please check your mailbox. We would like to assemble phone numbers to share with other volunteers.

Do you enjoy your morning coffee Sunday mornings after service? We are always looking for more people willing to serve in this way. If you would be willing to help please sign up at the information counter.

Cents-4-Hits -- Our softball team has completed their year with 350 total hits. If you signed up, pledge statements were placed in your mailbox. This year, all proceeds will go to the Reece's Rainbow Foundation. This organization helps families adopt a child. Please make all checks payable to: First Reformed Church with Cents-4-Hits in the memo line.

MEN, use your God-given singing talent to praise Him and share the story of salvation - while helping the residents of Pine Haven. Join the Pine Haven Men's Chorus. If you are interested contact Bob Caljouw before October 1 at (920-627-6961 or email: rdcaljouw@gmail.com.

If you have an item you would like in the next First's Edition please bring it to the church office by Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

There are lost and found items on the west end of the coat rack. If any of the items are yours, please take them with you. Anything that is not claimed will go with Lloyd to Milwaukee.

Love In The Name of Christ has a position open as a Clearinghouse Coordinator. Please see the bulletin board for details regarding the position. Resumes will be received until September 25, 2017. You will notice there is a large emphasis around Volunteer Management under the Clearinghouse Coordinator role.

Thank you for your past donations of empty ink cartridges, we will however, no longer be collecting them.

Pine Haven is conducting a study to determine future needs of older adults, and you can help. You may receive an afternoon/early evening call from a number with a 920 area code. If you take the call you can tell us what you think. It will only take about 10 min. It is NOT a sales call. Responses are confidential. Thank you for your help!

**UPCOMING EVENTS . . .**

Calling all singers –Time to stop hiding your voice in the shower or your car and bring it out where we can all enjoy your gift. Choir practice begins Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

The Other Way Ministries is celebrating 50 years of ministry on the Westside of Grand Rapids! All are invited to join them at their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Celebration on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00pm at Central Reformed Church, 10 College Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Please RSVP on their website at theotherway.org/50 or by calling 616-454-4011 ext. 5221. Refreshments will follow the service.

Pine Haven Christian Communities' Annual Meeting & Dinner of the Corporation will be held on Monday, September 18th at 6:00pm in our Haven Drive campus community center. For tickets, please contact Karen Perronne at 920-550-5256 or email at kperronne@pinehaven.org.

**YOUTH EVENTS . . .**

Cruisin' & Soul Impact Wednesdays! Dinner at 5:30, hang out at 6:00 and the main show at 6:30. Bring yourself, bring your friends, join as we kick-off a new school year!

MS & HS Sunday School starts today with "On the Road to Emmaus" in the youth room.

Our next 5th Quarter will be on Friday, September 22nd.

J-Teams will resume on Sunday, September 24th.

*See us at: [www.firstreformedcg.com](http://www.firstreformedcg.com)*

**PRAYER & PRAISE**

--Please pray for our students and ministry starting up with a new year.

--Christian sympathy to Roger VanEss in the death of his son Steve who died Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Also, to sister Brenda & Gerald Depies and brother Calvin & Jean VanEss and to their family and friends. A service for Steve is planned here at the church on Friday, September 29.

--Pray for people affected by Hurricane Irma.  
--Remember to pray for the people affected by Hurricane Harvey.

--Remember those of our members who are dealing with continuing health concerns.

-- Pray for our church ministry units – this week focusing on Missions.

--Pray for our missionaries – this week's focus Pastor Simon Muntolol with RCA Missions in Kenya.

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Prayer forwarded to Pastor Chris.  
 I would like a visit by Pastor Chris.

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## A LOOK AT THIS WEEK

### Today, September 10

- 9:00am Morning Worship Service  
\* This is Pastor Chris Schaefer's first Sunday with us as pastor of First Reformed Church. Come welcome Chris & Cheryl over coffee & cake.
- 10:15am Sunday School for all ages. Adult class is a DVD study in the chapel.

### Monday, September 11

- 10:30am Senior Center Meal Site. Program: Pat Haferman. Please call 668-6863 by Thursday for next week's meal reservation.
- 6:00pm Calling all singers. Here's a chance to use your gift of singing. Come join us for choir practice!

### Wednesday, September 13

- 6:45am Men's early morning Bible Study on the Book of Mark.
- 9:00am GO Quilting! Join them anytime up to noon.
- 5:30pm First Family Night begins with a meal (Spaghetti/Meat sauce, group 2), then we break into classes: Cruisin' & Soul Impact, Kiddie Klub & an adult class all here at First. Adventure Island is at Faith church.
- 7:45pm Praise team practice. We ask that everyone involved in the praise team meet with us to discuss how we will continue as a team.

### Thursday, September 14

- 4:30pm Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry is open until 6:30 at Faith Church. A meal will be served for those who attend from 4:00-5:30. Please bring any food donations to Faith Church.

### Sunday, September 17

- 9:00am Morning Worship Service  
11:00am Contemporary Service

## SERMON NOTES



September 10, 2017  
9:00am

Welcome to all who have come to worship with us today!

### The Approach to God

**Prelude:** *Sherry TenPas*

**\*Call to Worship**

**Announcements and Greeting**

**Children's Time**

**\*Praise Songs:** *"Jesus Messiah; We Fall Down"*

**Pastoral Prayer**

### The Word of God

**Scripture:** *Hebrews 1*

**Message:** *"Exalting Jesus"*

**Prayer for Blessing**

### The Response to God

**Offering**

**\*Offertory Hymn:** #45 *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* vs. 1,3,4

**\*Benediction**

**\*Hymn:** #86 *"Jesus, Name Above All Names"*

**\*Postlude**

#### SERVING THIS WEEK

Greeters: Jack & Becky Dulmes family

Nursery: Jason & Jodi Jones

Coffee time: Becky Dulmes

Audio-Video: Jill Scholten-Josh Coley

#### SERVING NEXT WEEK

Jere & Jody Ebbers

Brenda & Kaili Depies;

Dior Van Der Jagt

Kathy Teunissen

Mark O'Connell-Kurt Rubsam

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