
**A Meeting with God and His People
To Celebrate and Worship our Lord and King
January 12, 2014**

Welcome to our guests! Thank you for joining us. If you are new to our church family, please fill out a "Visitor Card" found in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate later in the service. Following the service, please join us in the fellowship hall for coffee, cookies and fellowship.

Throughout his three-year earthly ministry, through his life and teaching, Jesus was constantly working to expand and correct a narrow and perverted understanding of what it meant to follow him. Today, our "Follow Me" sermon series will help us to understand some of the cost and nature of following Jesus.

Please pray for God to abundantly bless us with his Spirit working through our worship and Word preached this morning.

PRELUDE Worship Team
Days of Elijah

WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP

*God of Wonders
In Christ Alone
Majestic*

PRAYER

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Above All

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AGES 3 - 5.5 ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP AT THIS TIME IN ROOM 3.

THE GOSPEL PREACHED Pastor Tim Meendering

"Alone in the Wind for God" – Follow Me #2
Luke 14:25-35 (p. 1012)

Take My Life and Let It Be

BENEDICTION

This Week at Fourth...

Today, January 12

- **Nursery Workers:** Beth Rossiter and Sue Hawkins. Next week: Leah Walton and Beka McDowell.
- **Greeters:** Branson & Sarah Parler. Next week: Jeff & Erin Broene.
- **Children's Worship Leaders:** Branson Parler, Erin Berrevoets and Ellie McDowell. Next week: Becky Berrevoets, Caleb Coeling and Kara Berrevoets.
- **Coffee** will be served by Ken & Amy Coeling and Greg & Leslie Hawkins. Next week: Brian & Becky Tubergen and Steve & Jennifer Wammack.
- 11:00 AM - **Kids Praise.**
- 11:15 AM - **Christian Education.**
- 5:00 PM - **Lifeline Groups.**

Monday, January 13

- 7:00 PM – **Women's Study at Libby Sandvig's.**

Tuesday, January 14

- 10:00 AM - **Women's Bible Study.**
- 3:30 PM - **180 Homework Help.**
- 6:45 PM - **Prayer Gathering in Room 1.**
- 7:00 PM - **High School.**
- 7:30 PM - **Elders Meet.**

Thursday, January 16

- 5:00 PM - **180.**

Saturday, January 18

- 9:00 AM - **Women's Breakfast at Russ'.**

Praise & Prayer Concerns

- **Bob Scherpenisse's brother, Don,** continues to receive care/therapy at Blodgett after a fall and closed head injury.
- **Pray for the family and friends of Nancy Brailey,** who, after significant struggles with her health in recent years, passed away on Sunday. Nancy was a friend of our church family, in part, through her participation in a small group for some years.
- Pray for our **elders** as they meet on Tuesday to carry out their work of caring for our church family.
- We give thanks for progress and continue to pray for **Norma Boehm** as she recovers from knee replacement surgery.
- Pray for the **family of Bob Vanderson,** who passed away on Friday. Bob was Dave & Richanda Bolt's brother-in-law.

Announcements

Women's Ministry

- It's never too cold to have **breakfast at Russ' Restaurant** on Plainfield with warm-hearted friends! Save this Saturday, January 18, at 9:00 for a great breakfast and conversation. Sign up this morning!
- Next Sunday, after worship, let's meet in Room 1 to discuss what women's ministry will look like this year. Be thinking of ideas and praying where you can serve in 2014.

Mission of the Month - For more than 60 years **Words of HOPE** has pursued a single, well-defined mission: To proclaim Jesus Christ through broadcasting in the languages of the world's peoples, seeking with our partners in ministry to build the church by winning the uncommitted to faith in Christ and by encouraging Christians in the life of discipleship. This is done in 'hard places' like Niger, Sudan, Iran, Albania, West Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East to name a few. This morning we have an opportunity to view a video to help us understand the work of Words of HOPE. Our offering for this ministry will be taken next week.

Appreciation - Mary Proos appreciates the prayers for her sister, Ruth. She is home and slowly improving from her mini strokes.

Kids Hope USA - Please pray that Parental Consent will be received this week for the two new students who have been referred to our Kids Hope program.

New City Neighbors

- **TRIP** - January begins a new year in TRIP. Our credit this first week is \$47. Orders placed today can be picked up after 10:30 AM on Tuesday.
- **High School** - We meet this Tuesday and we'll be starting a new series on what it means to be a Christ centered leader. Snacks will be provided!
- **180** - There are many empty dessert spots for 2014. If you can help us out with some cookies or other goodies, please sign up today!

Certain it is that the reason there is so much shallow living - much talk but little obedience - is that so few are prepared to be, like the pine on the hilltop, alone in the wind for God.

- Amy Carmichael, Irish missionary to India (1867-1951)

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