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**A Meeting with God and His People  
To Celebrate and Worship our Lord and King  
February 9, 2014**

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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.

On our journey of following and becoming like Jesus, we will often limp along—blinded, crippled and discouraged by sin and its curse. Our story this morning will demonstrate God's provision for us and help us, in the midst of the mess, to find life, healing and our song. Pray for God to work powerfully through his Word and Spirit to meet us where we are and bring healing and encouragement for the journey.

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PRELUDE Worship Team

*Our God*

WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP

*I Am  
Crown Him With Many Crowns*

PRAYER

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*Jesus Take All of Me*

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

***"Finding Your Song" – Follow Me #6***  
John 9 (p.1038)

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Blessings

*Bring the Rain*

BENEDICTION

The pastor and elders are available following the service to pray with you or answer your questions about the Christian faith.

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***This Week at Fourth...***

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**Today, February 9**

- **Nursery Workers:** Ruth Meendering and Lynn Simone. Next week: Nancy Brinks and Tiffany Gonzales.
- **Greeters:** Greg & Leslie Hawkins. Next week: Bob & Connie Scherpenisse.
- **Children's Worship Leaders:** Beka McDowell and Tim Brinks. Next week: Grace Wammack and Sydney Hawkins.
- **Coffee** will be served by Sandy Gleason, Phyllis Berrevoets, Sue Berrios and Dennis Jingles. Next week: Ron & Marcia Schuur and Ed & Noreen Reitsma.
- 2:00 PM - **Eric Schalk's Ordination Service.**
- 5:00 PM - **Lifeline Groups.**

**Monday, February 10**

- 7:00 PM - **Women's Study at the O'Brocks.**

**Tuesday, February 11**

- 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.**

**Wednesday, February 12**

- 11:00 AM - **Kids Hope Luncheon at Kent Hills.**

**Thursday, February 13**

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

**Sunday, February 16**

- 4:30 PM – **J Walkers leave church for tubing at Pando.**

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***Praise & Prayer Concerns***

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- Pray for the preparations and couples who will be participating in the **Fourth Marriage Retreat** in March. Pray for health, love, healing and joy for our marriages and families.
- We give thanks for **guests who are joining us to learn about and grow in their faith and knowledge of Jesus.** Pray for and invite friends and neighbors to join us for the joy and peace we have through the gospel.
- Our friend, **John Haney** (711 Curtis NE, 49505), celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 21. Pray for him as he struggles under the chains of alcoholism and works toward health.
- **Pray for prayer** and join us for our weekly prayer gathering on Tuesdays at 6:45 PM.
- Pray for God's intervening grace and healing for the **Woods family** as their marriage and family struggle through intensely difficult times.

## Announcements

**Mission of the Month** - Mission India is thankful and thrilled to share how God has opened doors of faith in India last year. Many lost in darkness have come into the light of Jesus. Those wandering and hopeless have been gathered into worshipping groups of believers. Those who heard the Good News are being transformed. And those disciples make more disciples who plant new churches. In 2013 there were 1,020,256 new disciples and 7,975 new worshipping groups planted. Pray the seeds that were planted are long-lasting and far-reaching. Our offering for this ministry will be February 23.

**Elder Update** – The elders delighted in granting the request of Bob and Janine Zomermaand to become members by letter of transfer from InSpirit Church in Byron Center. Bob and Janine discovered Fourth and the community garden about three years after they moved into our neighborhood about six years ago. Relationships were initiated as they took up a plot in the garden and now, over the last several months, they have enjoyed worship and fellowship with us in various ways. Pastor Tim grew up and got into trouble with Janine's little brothers in Sheldon, Iowa. Bob is a "retired" CRC pastor who continues to serve in various ways—including development work for the Christian Leaders Institute—in their goal of delivering free ministry training throughout the world.

**Deacon Update** – We give praise to God as we have received 98% of budgeted income so far this year. We are grateful for your faithfulness in giving as the natural gas bill arrives in the mail and the building repair list is long.

**Membership Class** – Pastor Tim will be hosting a membership class on the evenings of March 9 and 16 (7-9 PM). This class prepares new or soon-to-be new members for faithfully taking up their position in our church family. But it is also a great way for you to learn some essentials of the faith, explore what it means to profess your faith and become a member of Fourth. If this would serve you at this time, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

**Fourth Marriage Retreat – March 29 at Fourth** – We will meet at 1 through 9 PM at Fourth and enjoy times of learning from Scripture and each other through discussions, teaching and a panel of couples. If you are married—whether it has been for six months or sixty years—we want you to join us. Please pray for the preparations and great participation for this important event for our church family. **Sign up to indicate your plans to participate.**

**Ordination** - Join us this afternoon at 2:00 as we celebrate the ordination of Eric Schalk as a Specialized Minister in the RCA. Thank you to those who provided desserts for the fellowship time following the service.

# Fourth Reformed

A Community Redeemed  
to Redeem Our Community



Seeking to be a joyful, welcoming community that is transformed by the gospel, nurtured in God's Word, and led by His Spirit to redeem the city and beyond.

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**Women's Ministry** - Connie Larson would love to teach women to help carry on the prayer shawl ministry. If you are interested, there will be a gathering Monday, February 24, at Rest Haven from 6:30 - 8 PM. Rest Haven is just a couple blocks north of Fourth on Union. Her room is #212. Come and leave when you must.

**Kids Hope USA Pizza Luncheon** will be held on Wednesday, February 12 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM (1st grade 11 - noon; 2nd & 3rd grade 11:20 - noon & 4th & 5th grade 11:40 - 12:20) in Room 152 at Kent Hills School. Mentors, Prayer Partners and Substitutes, if you are able to attend, please sign up TODAY.

**New City Neighbors**

- **TRIP** - Our credit so far this year is \$224. Orders placed today can be picked up after 10:30 AM on Tuesday.
- **High School** - This coming week we're back to meeting on Tuesday. This week you will want to dress warm and be prepared to be outside for a while.
- **180** - Please continue to pray for this ministry as we have a large number of kids attending. Pray that God would use our volunteers to help these children grow in their faith.

**Live Worship Concert** - We are invited as our friends at New City Church host a free concert with music provided by the New City Worship team along with some special guests. This is a worship event that will include hymns and contemporary music and will also serve to raise funds for a new soundboard. February 21, 7-8:30 PM, Berean Baptist Church.

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As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. "Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?"

"It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work. But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world."

Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. He told him, "Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "sent"). So the man went and washed and came back seeing!

John 9:1-7 NLT

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**Sermon Notes:**

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