
**A Meeting with God and His People
To Celebrate and Worship our Lord and King
March 30, 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.

Today's focus on the suffering of Christ during this season of Lent leads us into the isolation, rejection and loneliness that Jesus suffered for us. We will see how Jesus' loneliness addresses the deep loneliness that we all experience and works to equip and empower us for our mission to the lonely.

PRELUDE Worship Team

Shout to the North

WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rise Up O Church of God
Never Gonna Stop
How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

PRAYER

Give Us Clean Hands

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Abide With Me

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

"Lonely for the Lonely"
Isaiah 53:3 (p. 716)

They Will Know We Are Christians

BENEDICTION

This Week at Fourth...

Today, March 30

- **Nursery Workers:** Laura O'Brock and Marcia Schuur. Next week: Becky Gebhart and Dawn Faasse.
- **Greeters:** Nancy and Steve Springfield. Next week: Norm & Gina Schalk.
- **Children's Worship Leaders:** Amy Baragar and Caleb Coeling. Next week: Becky Berrevoets, Avery Gleason and Kara Berrevoets.
- **Coffee** will be served by Sandy Moll, Dianne Waterloo and Beth Rossiter. Next week: Gary & Mary Proos and Fran & Marge Bolthuis.
- 11:00 AM - **Kids Praise Team.**
- 11:15 AM - **Christian Education.**
- 5:00 PM - **J Walkers.**
- 5:00 PM - **Boehm's Lifeline Group.**

Tuesday, April 1

- 10:00 AM - **Women's Bible Study.**
- 3:30 PM - **180 Homework Help.**
- 6:45 PM - **Prayer Gathering in Room 1.**
- 6:45 PM - **Deacons and Elders** meet. Those who feel led by the Holy Spirit to confess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior and those desiring baptism or transfer are encouraged to contact Pastor Tim before Tuesday.
- 7:00 PM - **High School.**

Wednesday, April 2

- 6:00 PM - **Kids Hope Easter Celebration.**

Thursday, April 3

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

Saturday, April 5

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

Praise & Prayer Concerns

- We praise God for a successful surgery and an encouraging first few days of recovery for **Tim Brinks** as he underwent surgery to remove 3 cm from his right femur on Tuesday. He was expected to be discharged on Friday. Pray for patience, healing, pain control and encouragement for the lengthy recovery process.
- Pray for our **elders and deacons** as they meet on Tuesday evening.
- Remember to join us for **prayer on Tuesday evenings at 6:45.**

Praise & Prayer Continued.....

- We give thanks as **Jerry Wierenga** has recovered well from an earlier basil cell surgery and pray for him as he undergoes another minor procedure on Thursday.
- Continue to pray for **Diane Bingham**, retired Kent Hills teacher, as her fight with cancer has deepened. She was hospitalized on Monday evening and diagnosed with pneumonia and they found another tumor. Please pray for faith and encouragement as she travels this difficult road. Diane has greatly appreciated our prayer support, prayer shawl and cards. She has experienced joy among the trials knowing that her Heavenly Father cares for her and through your love and encouragement.

Announcements

Mission of the Month for March is **Joel & Marilyn Van Dyke** in Guatemala City. The most powerful way to redeem a high-risk urban community is to train, sustain, and mentor the leaders within that community. That is the great challenge of their ministry and they do it strategically through a five-fold process: **Mapping the hurt, hope and heart of the city**, **Networking** with churches, agencies, organizations and government, **Training** through internships and teaching, **Sustaining** through materials and various methods of encouragement, and **Modeling** by vision trips, partnerships and demonstration projects. Thanks for your financial gifts this month and continue to pray for the Van Dykes as they work to celebrate the Good News in hard places.

Kids Hope USA Easter Celebration will be held on April 2 from 6 - 8 PM. We will begin with a ham dinner followed by the telling of the Easter story. Kids Hope volunteers, please make your reservation by TODAY.

Women's Ministry

- Join us this Saturday at 9:00 for **breakfast at Russ'** on Plainfield. Look forward to good food and great fellowship! Sign up today!
- A **Baby Shower** is being planned for the precious child of Micah & Erin Meendering!! They are registered at Babies R US. Sign up and help celebrate at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 15.
- **Prayer Shawl Update** - Last week there were 10 knitters for prayer shawls at Rest Haven. So far, 30 prayer shawls have found homes. (Jan Abbott sends her heart-felt thanks for hers!) It is a wonderful time to knit and fellowship together each week. First time knitters are also enjoying it. Thank you to all who have joined in. God is using this in an overwhelming way. Join us Thursdays from 10:00 - Noon!

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to Redeem Our Community



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We Could Still Use More Help for Easter Weekend - On Good Friday, we will host a dinner and Tenebrae service in conjunction with our friends at New City Church and Creston CRC. We need a few people to participate with a team that will organize the food and clean-up relating to the meal. Please sign up to assist with this great event. We are also again planning to serve an Easter morning breakfast prior to our worship service. And so again, we need a few people who will assist with set-up (on Saturday) and clean-up. Please sign up to assist us in this important hospitality event AND, **every one of us is tasked with praying for and inviting at least one guest for our Easter celebration. And finally, please sign up for the Easter breakfast so that we know how much food to plan for!**

A Men's Softball Team is being formed to play on Tuesday evenings. If you would like to play, and didn't sign up, please see Micah Meendering today. Players need to be members of the Christian Reformed Rec Center. For the Early Bird Special membership fee of \$20 you need to mail your form in today—or else it goes up to \$30. Extra forms can be found on the sign up table. If you have a ball shirt and aren't playing this year, please return it to the office. Thank you!

New City Neighbors

- **TRIP** - Our credit so far this year is \$634. Plan ahead with your TRIP order! The TRIP office will be closed the week of April 6 for spring break, so this will be your last order for two weeks. Orders placed today can be picked up after 10:30 AM on Tuesday.
- **High School** - We meet this Tuesday at 7:00 PM to continue our series on Lent. Snacks will be provided. We will NOT meet on Tuesday, April 8.
- **180** - This week we are excited to have Kuyper College social work students lead our evening. They are providing the meal, teaching students about healthy eating habits, and leading the kids in a game of Iron Chef.
- **Community Garden** - If you currently have a garden plot, please talk to Eric Schalk to let him know if you are interested in having one again this year.
- **New City Urban Farm** - The farm continues to offer farm shares for 2014. We have full, half and quarter shares available. Pick up a farm brochure in the back, visit our website www.newcityneighbors.org/farm, or email Lance Kraai at lancek@newcityneighbors.org if you would like to receive more information.

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Sermon Notes:
