A Meeting with God and His People To Celebrate and Worship our Lord and King April 6, 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, we will see how Jesus is a compassionate Priest for us—especially in his suffering—and how that radically changes the way we relate to him and others. Pray for God's Word and Spirit to change us today—for his glory!

PRELUDE

Worship Team

Shine, Jesus, Shine

WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP

Majestic Bless The Lord I Know Whom I Have Believed

PRAYER

Hold My Heart Kristi Selle

ASSURANCE

Welcoming New Members Into our Church Family Taylor Tosh and Gideon Eising

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Worthy Is the Lamb

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

"Compassionate Priest"

Hebrews 4:14-16 (p. 1163)

Freely, Freely

BENEDICTION

This Week at Fourth...

Today, April 6

- Nursery Workers: Becky Gebhart and Dawn Faasse. Next week: Katie Faasse and Becky Berrevoets.
- Greeters: Norm & Gina Schalk. Next week: Ed & Noreen Reitsma.
- Children's Worship Leaders: Becky Berrevoets, Avery Gleason and Kara Berrevoets. Next week: Jennifer Wammack and Sam Tubergen.
- Coffee will be served by Gary & Mary Proos and Fran & Marge Bolthuis. Next week: Kurt & Dawn Faasse and Micah & Erin Meendering.
- 11:00 AM Kids Praise Team.
- 11:15 AM Christian Education.
- 5:00 PM Lifeline Small Groups.

Monday, April 7

• 6:30 PM - **GEMS**.

Tuesday, April 8

- 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study.
- 6:45 PM Prayer Gathering in Room 1.

Thursday, April 10

• 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Praise & Prayer Concerns

- Remember Tim Brinks as he recovers from his surgery to remove a section of his femur. He must heal for another 4 weeks before beginning therapy. Pray for pain control and encouragement for the lengthy recovery process. Also, pray for Mike & especially Nancy as they care for him.
- Pray for the Wetzels and Common Ground Church as they seek God's will for their congregation in the midst of overwhelming heating system repair expenses.
- Remember to join us for prayer on Tuesday evenings at 6:45.
- Pray for healing and encouragement for Nancy Springfield as she fell while out for a walk this week and suffered a fracture in her hip.
- Continue to pray for **Diane Bingham**, retired Kent Hills teacher, as she battles cancer. She also has pneumonia and three different infections. She was able to return home from the hospital on Wednesday and is receiving nursing care at home. Give praise for her faith, and continue to pray for healing, encouragement and strength as she fights this battle. She greatly appreciates our prayer support and the many beautiful cards she has received.

Announcements

Elder Update – We give thanks for the opportunity to hear about the faith journeys this morning of Taylor Tosh and Gideon Eising as they requested membership with our church family. Taylor joins us by reaffirmation of her faith and Gideon's membership will be transferred from Fellowship CRC in Big Rapids. The elders have also granted the request of Wendy Wetzel to transfer her membership to Common Ground. Aaron's membership, as a pastor, is held with the classis.

Missionaries of the Month for April are Gary & Rachel de Leon with Advancing the Ministries of the Gospel (AMG) in Guatemala. It's a great privilege to have the opportunity to support missionaries we personally know and were a part of their faith journey. We came to know Gary as he moved here from Guatemala to attend Compass College and later Kuyper College. Rachel came from Brazil to attend Kuyper College and later to receive her Masters in Social Work from GVSU. Please read the letter in your mail slots that the mission committee received to get a better understanding of how God is using their great passion for ministry in Guatemala City. Our mission offering will be April 27.

Women's Ministry - 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.

Invite a Friend for Tenebrae and Easter - On Good Friday, we will host a dinner (6:00 PM) and Tenebrae service (7:30 PM) in conjunction with our friends at New City Church and Creston CRC. We will also serve an Easter morning breakfast (8:30-9:45 AM) prior to our worship service (10:00 AM). Late this week, hundreds of postcards will be distributed to our surrounding area as an invitation to our Easter worship and to make neighbors aware of our presence in the community. Please pray for God to work in the hearts of many to respond and hear the good news of Easter morning. As well, pray for and invite at least one other person to join you for the breakfast and worship. Finally, help us with the planning for food on both Friday and Easter by signing up on the sheets in the narthex!

Kids Hope USA Mentors - Students are on Spring Break this week. We will resume our mentoring schedule on Monday, April 14.

New City Neighbors

- TRIP Our credit so far this year is \$710. The TRIP office is closed this week. Ordering will resume next Sunday, April 13.
- High School & 180 No meetings this week!
- Run NCN Run We are officially kicking off our fourth annual run. If you would like to run with us, and help us raise money for our ministries, please talk to Eric Schalk. More information can be found in your mailbox this morning.

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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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Sermon Notes:		