



Communion Sunday April 8, 2018

WE GATHER IN UNITY

*GATHERING SONG *Gather Us In*

*WELCOME & GOD'S GREETING

MINISTRY MOMENT Jackie Timmer

CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONGS OF PRAISE *This Is My Father's World
Blessed Be Your Name*

READING Isaiah 6:1-10 Bob DeBruin

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN Susan Verwys

WE GROW IN GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE *Nearer, Still Nearer*

GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD Benevolence Fund

OFFERTORY *The Cause of Christ*

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WE GROW IN KNOWLEDGE

*SONG OF PREPARATION *Be Thou My Vision*

SCRIPTURE Mark 4:1-20 (pew Bible, page 814)

SERMON **The Parable of the Sower**

PRAYER

*SONG OF RESPONSE *Grace Unmeasured*

WE ARE NURTURED TO EXTEND

THE LOVE FEAST Rev. Calvin Van Reken

COMMUNION SONGS

PASSING OF THE BREAD *Eat This Bread*

PASSING OF THE JUICE Instrumental

RESPONSE & PRAYER

WE GO IN PEACE TO LOVE & SERVE

*GOD'S BLESSING

*CLOSING PRAISE *He Reigns*

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

Welcome to Shawnee Park Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us, and we pray God will bless your time here. If you are a guest, please stop by the Connection Center in the lobby before you leave.

This morning, Seminarian Joel Altena will open God's Word with us as we explore the Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1-20). Next week, we'll see what happens when the religious leaders of the day criticize Jesus and his disciples for not abiding by their created rules (Mark 7:1-23).

CONCERNS & PRAISES

▪ **Homebound Members:**

We continue to pray for Shawnee members who are not able to worship with us, regularly or at all. This week we remember and pray for Pearline Bivins, Robin and Ellinore Jensen, and Jerry and Nancy Holwerda.

Pray for members and friends struggling with various health concerns: Rita Cunningham, Jim De Vries, Lois VanderVlies, Jeff Van Manen, Rich Kuipers, Jerry and Nancy Holwerda.

Please pray for the care givers as they care daily for their loved ones.

▪ **MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH:**

This month, we pray for Larry and Pam Moeser as they work with the Sustainable Development Research Foundation (SDRF) to bring Christ to Thailand. This week, pray for the volunteers who work with the Moesers, coming from all over the world to help with local building projects.

This morning's Worship Ministers:

Guest Preacher Seminarian Joel Altena

Liturgist Josef Disby

Musicians Barb Banaszak, Phil Van Eck, Nate Jen, Matt Kraker, Phil Van Eck, Jeiel Burrell, Jim Nyhoff, Kendra Altena, Joyce Altena

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

▪ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

Tuesday, April 10 at 9:30 AM

Lesson 10 of James, led by Jackie Timmer
Refreshments: Marian De Vries, Diane Spoelhof

Save the Date: Women's Bible Study Spring Salad Luncheon, Tuesday, May 1 at 10:30 AM
Special speaker: Sharon Garlough Brown, an internationally known author of the "Sensible Shoes Series." Books will be available at the luncheon for half price. All women are invited. See flyer at the Connection table for details.

▪ MOBILE FOOD PANTRY:

Food distribution is this coming Saturday, April 14 at 1:00 PM. We seek volunteers of all ages to help with set-up, registration, distribution and take-down. If you would like to assist, plan to be at church at 12:15 PM. Call Bob DeBruin at 989-506-8873 if you have any questions.

▪ ADULT EDUCATION: Town Hall Meeting

Next Sunday, April 15 after the morning service, please join us for another Town Hall meeting presented by the council. The meeting will be held in the Lake Michigan Room, and we will be discussing what the council has been working on over the past few months, a financial update and a congregational update from the elders.

▪ SHAWNEE PARK SENIORS,

please reserve the date of Friday, April 27, for our next senior event. Coffee and pie will be served at church at 6:15 PM and then we will attend the Calvin College Women's Chorus Concert at 8:00 PM in the Calvin College Chapel. Carpooling will be available. Free will offering for the dessert. Sign-up begins next Sunday, April 8.

▪ W.O.W. DINNER:

Our next W.O.W. dinner is Wednesday, April 18 at 5:15 PM.

▪ SOUP SISTERS FOR APRIL:

Marcie DeBlaey, Laura Van Tol

CALENDAR: 2018 APRIL

Sun 8	8:40 AM College & Career Breakfast 9:30 AM Morning Service, Communion Offering: Benevolence Fund Nursery Children's Worship No Sunday School
Mon 8	7:00 PM Outreach Committee
Tues 10	9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 4:30 PM Executive Committee
Wed 11	5:30 PM Worship Planning 6:30 PM Worship Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chorale
Thurs 12	7:00 PM Building & Grounds
Sat 14	9:00 AM Respite Care 1:00 PM Food Truck
Sun 15	8:40 AM College & Career Breakfast 9:30 AM Morning Service Offering: Ministry Fund Nursery Children's Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Adult Education
Tues 17	9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Consistory 7:00 PM Deacons 8:15 PM Council
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