

Women's Bible Study

Fellowship Hall

Coffee & Tea Bar provided

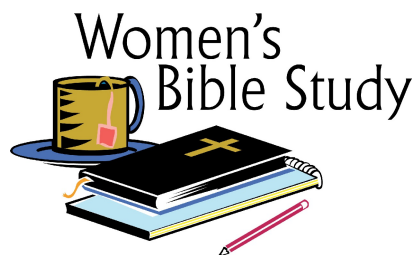
March 24, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Child Care Provided

Invite your neighbors & friends

All are welcome



Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

Pastor Luke Schmalz 920-428-0030

Office Hours - Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Please call the church office to meet with the Pastor

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The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



March 5, 2023

The Order of Worship

*please stand, if you are able

Prelude: Karen Roggatz followed with

“I Need Thee Every Hour” - **Blue Hymnal #638** vs1, 2 - **Choir**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship - Psalm 121

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Pastor: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

All: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** - “Be Still, My Soul” - **Blue Hymnal #712** vs 1

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside
from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves
pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We
have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of
righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy
has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely
repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and
strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting
life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying
heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon
you, and learn from me; and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Response** - “Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

JeLY Bell! All kids are invited to go to the JeLY Room for JeLY Church!
(JeLY- Jesus Loves You!)

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: “*Hard Work Isn’t the Answer*”

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Apostles Creed**

Video - “Jesus is Loving Barabbus”

***Hymn** - “Jesus Paid It All ” - **Blue Hymnal #305** vs. 1,2, 3

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music - “How Beautiful” - **Choir**

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation followed by The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory forever. Amen

***Doxology** (*As the offering is brought forward*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here
below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** - “There is A Redeemer” - **Blue Hymnal #308** vs 1, 2

***Benediction**

Pastor: God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may
we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our
feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak
the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is
Christ within us. In his holy name we pray.

All: Amen

***Pastor:** The Peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**

***Postlude:** Karen Roggatz

Greeting us today: Susan Stewart

Next Sunday: Dick Ramm

Happy Birthday to ~

Peter Lindner, Susan Zeerip (7)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Our shut-ins: JoAnn DeKleva, Yvonne Lee, Siria Pinnick, Marj Salata, Bill & Millie Sherman

Health Concerns:

Kelly Parks - suffered a heart attack & surgery was needed

Barb Veldman - broke leg

Betty Speet - fell and broke wrist

George Purvis - returned to his home at the Trillium

Tim & Karen Roggatz - sudden passing of Tim's sister, Beckie

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, March 5 - Second Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

11:15 a.m. Deacon's Meeting - Library

Monday, March 6 - Church Office Closed

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Board - Library

Tuesday, March 7- Church Office Closed

Wednesday, March 8 - Church Office Closed

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Library

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Thursday, March 9 - Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 10 - Church Office Closed

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop

Saturday, March 11

7:30 a.m. Men's Lenten Breakfast - Church of the Living Christ

Sunday, March 12 - Third Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

Our Church News

Welcome to worship! We are grateful for your presence - whether you are a visitor or a member we are thankful to be worshiping together.

Today's service will be available at our website - www.fremontfcc.org and also on Facebook. And now it is also available in a third location YouTube. Our "channel" can be found at First Congregational Church of Fremont MI. Be sure and check out one of our three locations.

Offering plates are located in the narthex at this time, they will not be passed. An usher will bring your offerings to the Chancel for the Pastor to place on the altar.

World got you down and need a lift? Longing to know what true happiness really is? Come join us for our **Men's Lenten Breakfast** held at Church of the Living Christ (605 Hemlock) on Saturday mornings February 25 - April 8, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. and how to live out these 8 life-altering principles. Discover the joy of living on God's Kingdom path. The theme this year is "The Beatitudes." Suggested donation: \$5.00

Lorene will be out of the office March 6 - 10 and March 13.

Next Sunday - A Lenten Drama Presentation - Fremont Congregational Creative Ministries presents a special Drama for Worship for the Whole Family "Circus Parable" - Based on the Christian Film "Parable" it's the allegorical story of a circus under the rule of an evil puppet master, and "the man who dared to be different," who gave his life to save others!

Requested Announcements

Grieving? We welcome anyone who has lost a loved one to attend a GriefShare Group. GriefShare is a special weekly support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. At GriefShare you'll learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. Meetings begin on Tuesday, March 7 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the First Christian Reformed Church, 721 Hillcrest Drive. Registration online at griefshare.org or 924-2460 is helpful but not required.

Fremont Area Caregiver Support Group - attend in person, by telephone, or Zoom. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association of Michigan. The first Monday of the month at 7- 8:30 p.m. in the Fremont Library Community Room Call Susan 231-267-6119 with questions call 1-800-272-3900 to register. For additional information see flyer on the bulletin board.

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"Circus Parable"



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it's the allegorical story of a circus under the rule of an evil puppet
master,
and "the man who dared to be different," who gave his life to save
others!

"... while we still were sinners, Christ died for us..."

(Romans 5:8)

With a multigenerational cast of children, youth and adults

Sunday, March 12, 10:00am

As a follow up to the Drama presentation on Sunday, March 19 in the evening (TBD) the actual movie "Parable" will be shown with discussion following.
More details to follow.