

# FAITH MATTERS



*Sunday, April 11, 2021*

## WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

\*Call to Worship

(Pastor) *God has burst the bonds of sorrow. Life has crushed the most horrible death.*

**(Congregation) Our hearts shall swell with cries of gladness; our silent tongues, rejoice!**

*The daughters of God are lifted up; the sons of God are risen!*

**Our spirits shall dwell in heaven's hope! Our God is always with us!**

*The children of God are Christ's sisters and brothers; you have witnessed the glory of God!*

**God has revealed to us the way, truth, and life!**

\*Greetings

\*Songs: *How Can it Be*

*Great Are You Lord*

\*Invocational Prayer

Scriptures:

***Psalms 133***

***John 20:19-31***

\*Hymn #113: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Holy Baptism: James Pierce Henderson

Response: Hymn #87: *Children of the Heavenly Father* (verse 1)

Sermon: ***Must We See to Believe?***

Musical Meditation

Holy Communion

\*Hymn #264: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (verses 1-3, 5)

Benediction

Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the A/V Booth.

*The Roses on the Communion Table are for Bunny Lancaster in loving memory of her husband, Robert Lancaster, and for Bev Johnston in loving memory of her husband, Robert, & son, Brad.*

## THIS WEEK'S MINISTRIES CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 11

9:00am: Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30am: Adult Discipleship Class

10:30am: Worship Service

11:30am: Pastoral Search Committee Meeting

6:15pm: High School Youth Group

### Tuesday, April 13

3:00pm: GriefShare

6:30pm: Leadership Team Meeting

### Wednesday, April 14

12:00pm: Faith Matters Newsletter Deadline

9:30am: Women's Bible Study Fellowship

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6:30pm: Prayer Meeting

7:00pm: Bible Study

### Thursday, April 15

2:30pm: Middle School Homework Help & YG

### Sunday, April 18

9:00am: Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30am: Adult Discipleship Class

10:30am: Worship Service

6:15pm: High School Youth Group

## CALENDAR NOTES

- **The Pastoral Search Committee** will meet today following the Worship Service. They will be going over resumes that have been received.
- **Middle School Homework Help & YG** have moved to Thursdays, beginning at 2:30pm.
- **The Trailblazers Retreat** at Portage Lake Bible Camp has been cancelled.

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

*The Family & Friends of Lawrence Ernst* (Darryl's dad) who passed away last week.

***Mike & Sheryl Zimmerman***

Endurance during this difficult time of Mike's failing health and strength.

***Gil*** (Kathryn Stansell's son) & ***fiancé, Jennifer***  
Healing from COVID-19.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: THE HEAVEN PROMISE

Heaven isn't the construction of a fairy tale or some mythical narrative. It is very real; it is very good; it is very much the fulfillment of God's promise to you. When we think about heaven, eternity, or the afterlife, we often think different things and have contracting opinions. How can you know for sure what heaven will be like? **On April 7<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00pm**, we will begin a Wednesday evening Bible study based on the book, "*The Heaven Promise*" by author Scot McKnight. If you have ever wondered what heaven will be like, or had questions about heaven, eternity, or the afterlife, you will want to take advantage of this Bible Study. Led by Pastor Erik, the study will run for 6-8 weeks. It is not necessary to purchase the book. Everyone is encouraged to attend! If you have any questions, please [email Pastor Erik](#) or call him: 231.887.4619.

### WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

Joyce Reed will facilitate a Wednesday evening prayer meeting beginning April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, just before the Wednesday evening Bible Study, in the Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to come and pray with us for each other, the church, and the world.

### GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

GriefShare Ministry at FCC began this last Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. A video was viewed titled, "*Is This Normal?*" A lively discussion followed where people could share what they heard and felt as they listened to experts on grief recovery share their insights. Group sharing is always optional. Coming together with others who have experienced loss can be gratifying. The next video session is titled, "*Challenges of Grief*".

We will meet again this Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00pm. Come on and join in, or if you know of someone who is hurting, encourage them to attend. A workbook cost is \$15, connecting with others is free! We are an open group that will meet for the next 13 weeks. Come any time!

GriefShare is throughout the US, Canada, and several countries. Encourage family and friends in different areas to enter their zip code in the searchable database at [GriefShare website](#). If you have any questions about our group, please [email Rita Shipman](#) or call her at 231.510.2219, or you can [email Kate](#) in the office.

### RIGHTNOW MEDIA SPECIAL EVENT

There is a special event on RNM on April 20<sup>th</sup> called "*Radical Faith in the Underground Church*." It is an interview with an unnamed Iranian Pastor and David Platt. Register on RightNow Media's website here.

### LIGHTHOUSE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

After much prayer, the board of Lighthouse Pregnancy Care Center has hired Sherry Curtiss for the position of Client Services Manager and Sue Johnson for the Office Manager. LPCC has recently reopened its doors to folks needing services, seeing them one at a time, masked, and socially distanced. If you or anyone you know is pregnant or has young children and has a need of resources (clothes, baby food, diapers, wipes, equipment), or if they just need someone to talk to, please have them give us a call at 231.398.7984. We'd love to have a phone visit or have them come on in!

### SAFE HARBOR CLEAN-UP DAY

We have everything ready to be packed away, but it needs to be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. If anyone is interested in helping for a couple hours on Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, or the following Saturday, the 24<sup>th</sup>, please let Joyce Reed know. This needs to be done before May so that ECHO His Love can start using the building for Family Life Classes. Joyce: 231.510.5475.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

From Kim Carlson, FCC Treasurer

#### March 2021 Year-to-Date Financial Summary

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Receipts:	\$ 88,309	\$ 87,000	\$ 1,309
Disbursements:	<u>\$ 69,031</u>	<u>\$ 71,729</u>	<u>\$ 2,698</u>
Net:	<u>\$ 19,278</u>	<u>\$ 15,271</u>	<u>\$ 4,007</u>

Memo: General Fund cash = \$ 119,496 [60 day target = \$58,333]

We are off to a solid start in 2021. We are grateful for the gifts that are coming in so faithfully from the people Faith! Please continue to support our church with your giving as you are able while we navigate this global pandemic. And most importantly:

### APRIL SCRIPTURE READERS

04.11: Lillie Schmutzler

04.18: Rachel Nelson

04.25: Emmy Johnson

## SUNDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

We are very excited to once again provide Children's Church during the Sunday worship services and to open up our Nursery! Children 4 years old through fifth graders will be invited to go together to Children's Church. They will be learning from the *"I Will Follow Jesus"* story book and have the chance to do Bible-based activities to help them learn more about Christ and His great love for them! Children will be brought back into the Sanctuary before the worship service concludes. If you would like more information on our FCC Children's Church, please feel free to contact Brooke Lee: 810.813.0766.

For our infants and children to age 4, we will have a staffed nursery available on Sunday mornings beginning Easter Sunday. Sign your child in, and grab a pager from the helpful nursery staff and they will alert you if your child has a need during the morning service. For information on the nursery, or to help volunteer please [email Katie Dye](#) or call the church office: 231.723.7173. More volunteers are needed to help our Sunday services run smoothly and well.

## A MATTER OF SECURITY

Please be mindful that exterior doors must be locked and the security bars in place when no one is in the building. If you are the last one to leave and there is 1 person or less in the offices, please make sure lights are off and doors are locked. Thank you for helping us be good stewards of what our Father has blessed us with!

## FCC'S CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

At FCC, we value our volunteers who work with the children attending our church and we want to make sure all volunteers and children are all protected to the best of our ability. This is why all volunteers working with minor children (0-18 years of age) must complete the FCC Volunteer Application and agree to and pass our background check run by Trusted Employees/MRI Software. [Click here](#) to access our Volunteer Application online. Printed copies are also available in the church office. Send completed forms to Carolyn in the office. If you have not completed our Child Protection background check, or if you are unsure, please [email Carolyn](#) or call the office: 231.723.7173. Thank you for doing your part in our protection policies!

## PROPERTY STEWARDS NEEDED

[Email Barry Peterson](#) or call for more info: 231.723.4370.

## MANISTEE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S "POWER OF HOME" CAMPAIGN

Help Habitat for Humanity raise \$10,000 with the Power of Home! The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us that having a safe, healthy, energy-efficient home is crucial to the ways we and our families live, work, and learn. As the pandemic continues to threaten our most vulnerable populations, Habitat is hard at work ensuring that everyone in our community has a safe and affordable place to live. You can show the power of home and help bring that security and stability to even more people in **Manistee County**. Here's how they will put your donation to work:

**Handicap Accessible Ramps** - Manistee County has a high percentage of an aging population. Handicap accessible ramps allows a person to stay in their own home and easily navigate getting in and out of their home.

**Newly Constructed Home** - Manistee County Habitat for Humanity will construct their 13<sup>th</sup> energy efficient home. An Eligible Hard working Partner Family will contribute 250 Sweat Equity Hours and will have an extremely low mortgage!

Now is the time to come together in Manistee County to find that security of safe, healthy and affordable housing by supporting the Power of Home campaign today. Thanks to a generous matching grant from **Consumers Energy**, your gift to the Power of Home Fund will make your donation go even further by donating an **additional \$1 for every \$2 you donate!** [Click here to donate now and double your impact!](#) TOGETHER, LET'S BRING HOPE HOME!

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