

# THIRD CHURCH NEWS

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## Beginnings

A Genesis Series | Fall 2023

*“How Far the Fall and How Deep the Hurt”*

Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes on

Genesis 4

Sunday, October 8 at 10 AM

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# LIFT Next Wednesday!

Join us for tostadas at 5:30, and then the following activities:

- 6:15 PM
  - » Activities for Kids 4 - 5th Grade
  - » Middle School Youth Group
- 6:30 PM - Classes for Adults
  - » CETI Class: CETI is an acronym in Spanish—Comunidad de Estudios Teológicos Interdisciplinarios. This curriculum was created in Argentina and speaks to these very real questions about what it means to gather together with a perspective that's new and fresh for us as we continue to grow together as a community that is represented by more than one culture.
  - » Art Activities: Open Art Studio for High Schoolers & Adults.
  - » Tech Team Meeting: If you've been interested in what the Tech Team does during our Sunday worship services, or if you'd like to learn all about cameras, switching, and sound boards - please feel free to join us at 6:30 in the Tech Booth in the sanctuary.



## World Communion Sunday Special Offering Results

This past Sunday, which was World Communion Sunday, we took a special offering for Frontera de Gracia in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. Thanks be to God, we are happy to tell you this special offering totaled \$6,420!

## Fall Classes and Events Catalog

Physical copies of our fall classes and events catalog are available at church, but are limited in an effort to be environmentally and fiscally responsible. If you're in need of one but there are none on the welcome table, just call the office to request one.



## Join Us for Apple Picking at Overheiser Orchards

It's apple season! Join us on Sunday, October 8, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for Family Apple picking at Overheiser Orchard, 6405 109th Ave, South Haven. This event will cost \$3 per person to enter the orchard, children under 5 and seniors over 65 are free. This afternoon will be tons of fun that you won't want to miss. From wagon rides to apple picking to a barn full of animals, you are bound to have a blast! Transportation will be provided by the church bus (meet in church parking lot at 1:30) or you can meet us there. Please contact Reghan Harms with any questions about orchard prices or transportation. We hope you can make it!

# Special Adult Education Hour on October 15

We are delighted to welcome members of the Mosaic and Corinthian Correspondence Class to experience worship in Spanish in El Encuentro on October 15! You may be wondering what that will entail, and we want to share a few things you can expect and look forward to.

1. The Spanish service runs from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Please enjoy an extra moment with coffee and friends after the first service, and make your way to El Encuentro a few minutes before 11:30. In this service, you'll notice it is very common and comfortable for anyone to arrive, or leave, as they need to. Please feel free to do the same as needed.
2. We will pause for a greeting time (passing of the peace) after the sermon, around 12:15 pm, also for the return of children from their classes. If you must exit, this time may help. We do hope you'll stay, however. What will remain of the service is a very meaningful weekly sharing of prayer requests, testimonies, and praises, the congregational prayers, offering and a closing song. We are arranging a second run of the church bus (or a van) at 12:45pm for all who stay to enjoy the entire service and greet new friends afterwards.
3. Each week at El Encuentro, we have audio sets with earbuds for all who wish to hear an English translation of the sermon. For October 15, we will expand the translation of the spoken parts of the service and the sermon. A brief printed outline of the service in English will also be provided. The songs will be in Spanish, but you'll recognize some of them!
4. The service will be streamed via Zoom; please note that the service is in Spanish, we expect to orient the Zoom audience to the English interpreter's microphone, so that you will primarily hear the translation (or explanation). A recording of the service will not be posted on the church website.

Finally, we want to say how much we value this shared experience together as a congregation! We are praying that Third will find much in which to rejoice as we worship with brothers and sisters from many other places, and in a different language. And we trust that any unease from newness will help us all to grow our instincts in hospitality for guests and new members. Your presence, your prayers, your open hearts, and your posture of sharing life together in Christ will be a great gift, even where words or language run short. To God be the glory! ¡A Dios la gloria!

—Pastor Janelle for El Encuentro

## Announcements

### No More Pew Cards...

You most likely have noticed we no longer have sign-in cards in the pews. This week you'll see we have a QR code in our bulletin for guests to follow (and directions for those who don't use QR codes). Additionally, we will have sign-in books available in the back. We'd love for you to sign in when you come to let us know you were here. Thanks!

### Corinthian Correspondence, Part Deux

This class takes place in room 22 on the lower level (up by the Centennial Room). All are welcome; prior attendance is not required.

### Church Office Hours

Just a reminder that the church office will close at noon on Fridays for the rest of the calendar year.

# Announcements, cont.

## Mosaic Class

October 8: Grace And Social Ethics

Dr. Angela Carpenter, Department of Religion, Chair of Reformed Theology, Hope College

Dr. Carpenter's research interests include moral formation, theology and the human sciences, and grace and ethics. Her current project is a book on grace and social ethics and she will present material from that project. At Hope Dr. Carpenter teaches Faith Seeking Understanding, Food and Faith, and Becoming Good.

## Prayer Requests

### Pray for the following:

- Janelle Sievert who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Jonathan McMullen who will be going to Mayo Clinic for testing of his kidneys.
- For all the young school children. Especially pray for those who are attending school in a new country, new school, and new language.
- For all who teach classes and groups in the church. For the children who attend Children and worship.
- For the people in New York City and surrounding areas who were devastated with floods. Pray for the country and people of Libya after the devastating flood. Pray for the many who have lost family members. Pray for the country and people of Morocco after the earthquake.
- For the church universal, where people are free to gather and for those who live in places where they must meet in secret and fear.
- For migrants, refugees and asylum seekers who must make difficult adjustments. For all migrants and refugees throughout the

# Third Church Family News

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world. Pray for the new families that have arrived in Holland. Pray for housing for all migrants and refugees.

- For Frontera de Gracia, Pastor Samuel Lopez, his family and the congregation. For all who live there as they wait to cross the border.
- Hospice Care: Margaret Doorenbos

## Prayer Spotlight

Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert. Out of Town: Lucille Schroeder, LaVerne Lievens, Ellen Rieck; Royal Park Atrium: Phyllis Brown

## Remember in Our Prayers

Reno Laman, Joanne and Jack Kuiper, Larry Loss, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Mary and Harry Boersen, Bob and Elle Kuiper, Barb and Gordon Mummert, Tom Norman, Linda Parchert, and all others who find themselves in difficult and lonely situations.

## Missionaries

Wayne and Miho Jansen (Japan), Rowland Jr. and Jane Van Es (Kenya), Victor Kanyi (Kenya).