

# THIRD CHURCH NEWS

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CONNECTING AND INFORMING THE THIRD CHURCH COMMUNITY

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## “What’s Really There”

Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes  
Sunday, February 11  
10:00 AM

## Scripture

Mark 9:2-9 and  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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## LIFT Next Week

Dinner is at 5:30, and Feb. 14 it will be tostadas (vegetarian, and gluten-free options will be available). Following dinner we have Middle School Youth Group, activities for children 4 - 5th grade, groups for adults, and an intergenerational book club focusing on the classics. We hope to see you there!



*What does the Cross reveal to us about who God is? How can we know him more intimately through contemplating Christ's crucifixion and resurrection? This 12-day plan invites you to prepare your heart for Easter as you journey toward the Cross, reflect on the events of Holy Week, and celebrate the Resurrection.*

Sessions are available on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 after LIFT dinner (in person), and Sunday evenings at 6:30 (one group in person, the other via Zoom).

## Lenten Bible Study

As we did last year, we plan on having several small-group studies for Lent. This year's study is "Journey to the Cross: A 12-Day Reading Plan" and it includes contributions by Dr. Wesley Hill and Dr. Ruth Padilla DeBorst. The synopsis reads:

Contact the church office to sign up for this study.

# 2024 Consistory Nominations

You will receive an email today with our consistory nomination letter and a link to the online nomination form. Those who do not have email will receive the letter and nomination form via standard mail. If you would prefer a hard copy of the nomination form, you may pick one up from the church office.

**Nominations are due no later than Sunday, February 25.**



## Cultivating a Culture of Lavish Hospitality: The 2024 All Church Retreat

***Designed for all ages: Presenters from the RCA; Women's Coffee Hour; Youth AfterParty, & more!***

Join us March 8 - 10, 2024, as we work on cultivating a culture of lavish hospitality the third way, practicing wholehearted hospitality or *hospitalidad de todo corazón* in Spanish. Held at the church building, this will be a weekend full of food, fun, and fellowship!

This year's retreat will feature keynote presentations by the team from the RCA's Office of Diversity and Belonging. The following speakers will be presenting and facilitating over the weekend, as well as participating in leading worship, leading a Women's Ministry coffee time, and participating in youth and student activities.



Liz Testa  
Director of Women's  
Transformation and  
Leadership



Annalise Radcliffe  
Director of Future  
Church Innovation



Ruth Langkamp  
Coordinator for Next  
Generation Engagement



Jeremy Simpson  
Director of Diversity  
and Belonging

Our weekend will also include great music led by a combined worship team, a Youth AfterParty, Coffee Time for TRC Women's Ministry, break-out activity options for different age groups throughout the weekend, including children's time with Reghan during keynotes, as well as a fun swimming outing to our local pool, and wonderful mealtimes and fellowship.

On Sunday evening at 6:00 PM, TRC will host a region-wide RCA worship service celebrating 50 years of Women's Ordination in the Reformed Church. This is a worship service for men and women, giving thanks and praising God together! For further information, contact Pastor Janelle or Pastor Ryan. Registration begins Tuesday, February 6. Look for our email with a link to the form!

## Announcements

### Planned Power Outage by BPW Tomorrow Affects TRC

There is a planned power outage tomorrow morning that will affect the church building. Therefore the building will be closed in the morning, and as per usual the office is closed to the public in the afternoons. If you need to reach someone and can wait to call until the afternoon, staff will be onsite to help you then. If it is an emergency you can still call the church number and you will be put in touch with the appropriate persons.

## Mosaic Class

February 11

### A PLACE TO CALL HOME: A MISSIONARY KID'S TALE

George C. Kraft II, Hope College (Retired)

George C. Kraft II was born in Chengdu, China to missionary parents serving with the China Inland Mission. He traces their lives and his own, having to leave them at age six to be schooled in China and seeing them only periodically throughout his childhood and adolescence. He then describes his path from Wheaton College to finding a home at Hope College.

## New Key System Installed: Your Key Will No Longer Work on Exterior Doors

We recently made a major upgrade in security and accessibility by installing an RFID lock to our main parking lot doors. These doors will now unlock with card access, which we can customize to days, times, and hours for special events or access needs, and also allows us to set open and close hours automatically. As a part of this process, we have rekeyed the rest of our exterior doors for full security. If you currently have a key to the church, please turn it in to the office. If you have a need for church access outside of the regular office or Sunday hours, please contact the office and we can help you.

## Permanent Office Hours Change

Our office will be closed to the public on Friday afternoons going forward. The church is still available for use, and meetings can still be scheduled for that time frame; however, the office will not be open for regular business.

## No Camp Scholarships for 2024

We will not be offering camp scholarships in 2024 as we are looking at ways to best steward our budget and resources.

## Prayer Requests

### Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Jacqueline Chavarria who received her asylum papers last week.

### Pray for the following:

- David Krieger in Holland Hospital
- Gayle and Paula Wilson
- Nathan Klay waiting for test results
- Bob Kuiper is at Resthaven Rehab.
- Marcia Callicoa health issues
- Recuperating from surgery: Dean Miedema and Dan Bolt

- Jonathan McMullen for healing.
- Kathleen, daughter of Charles Hunt dealing with advanced cancer.
- Steve and Laurie Orlow's son, Jeremy, dealing with cancer.
- For all migrants and refugees throughout the world. Pray for the new families that have arrived in Holland this past week.
- Pray for Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates who assist with legal issues for immigrants.
  - For confirmands and their mentors as they go through the profession of faith process:
- Anna Stewart - Kay Stewart
- Lucy Green - Chris Walvoord
- Faith Millen - Anna Beird
- Kimia McMullen - Susan Boes
- Rilla Carpenter - Madison Pierce
- Lucy Carpenter - Laura Baer
- Jana Honeycutt - Jane Dalman
- Remi VanFarowe - Megan Boes
- Miriam Lopez-Koolhaas - Kathy Schoon-Tanis
- Lorena Lopez-Koolhaas - Bethany Bulthuis
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- For peace and justice in Gaza and all countries dealing with war. For all children who are in war areas, children who are feeling dangerous places and are displaced from their homes.
- For the people of Pakistan, the election outcomes, safety, and comfort in the loss of lives due to election violence.
- Hospice Care: Margaret Doorenbos, Mary Heideman

### Prayer Spotlight

Home: Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert. Out of Town: Lucille Schroeder, Ellen Rieck, LaVerne Lievense. Quincy Place: Elle Kuiper.

### Remember in Our Prayers

Joanne Kuiper, Larry Loss, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Mary and Harry Boersen, Elle Kuiper, Barb and Gordon Mummert, Tom Norman, Linda Parchert, Steve Van Grouw and all others who find themselves in difficult and lonely situations, and those who grieve the loss of loved ones.

### Missionaries

Linn G. (Asia), Lubna Y. (Asia).