

THIRD CHURCH NEWS

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CONNECTING AND INFORMING THE THIRD CHURCH COMMUNITY

“Images of Love: Suffering”

Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes
Sunday, February 25
10:00 AM

Scripture

Mark 8:31-38

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2024 Consistory Nominations Due by Sunday

Two weeks ago you received an email with our consistory nomination letter and a link to the online nomination form. Those who do not have email received the letter and nomination form via standard mail. If you prefer a hard copy of the nomination form, or no longer have the email, you may pick one up from the church office.

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

Financial News: Let's Sing the Doxology Together!

—Dave Vanderwel, Church Financial Office

The Doxology begins with the phrase “Praise God from whom all blessings flow...” and that’s the

theme of this financial update.

This week we’ve received two significant grants of \$50,000 each intended to support the church’s ministry program in important ways: one is designated to build up the El Encuentro worship service and the community that gathers each Sunday at 11:30am; and the second to provide resources for our tech team as it supports our various ministry programs.

The El Encuentro grant will provide resources that can enhance the Sunday worship experiences (e.g., worship leadership, music, translation support, etc.) and other needs as determined by representatives of that segment of our church community.

The technology fund will be administered by the existing tech team and will provide resources for upgrading existing equipment, purchasing new

equipment needed for our various program and worship spaces, and supporting our online worship and streaming capabilities.

We're deeply grateful for these gifts and the support they will provide to strengthen the ministry of Third Reformed Church. Let's all praise God for these unanticipated blessings!

LIFT Next Week

Dinner is at 5:30. Following dinner we have Middle School Youth Group, activities for children 4 - 5th grade, and groups for adults. This week's meal is breakfast for dinner, and we will have vegetarian, and gluten-free options. We hope to see you there!



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

Schedule of Events found at the end of the newsletter. If you'd like to sign up please contact the church office.

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:

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).

Contact the church office to sign up for this study.

Third Church Family News

Sympathy

- To the family of Kathy Nienhuis, who passed away February 20.
- To the family of Steve Van Grouw, who passed away February 20.

Announcements

Mosaic Class

February 25

MOVIES THAT COMPLEMENT NOVELS

Third Church members Dr. Deb Van Duinen, Arnold and Esther Sonneveldt Professor of Education at Hope College, and Mark Hiskes, English Teacher at Holland Christian High School (Retired)

In this class we will look at several famous novels and the movies that have complemented them in enriching ways.

Office Reception Hours

Monday - Thursday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Fri-

days 8:00 AM to Noon. Phones are answered

Monday to Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM,
and Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Prayer Requests

Condolences:

- To Peg Van Grouw and family on the death of Steve February 20.
- To Dennis Nienhuis and family on the death of Kathy on February 20.

Pray for the following:

- Dennis Gebben is going home today.
- David Krieger recuperating at home after hospitalization.
- Bea Rozeboom recovering from a recent hospitalization.
- Marcia Calliccoat in Royal Park for rehab.
- Gayle (at American House) and Paula Wilson
- Nathan Klay waiting for test results.
- Bob Kuiper has returned to Quincy Place.
- All those who are at various stages of diagnosis and tests.
- 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.
 - 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
- For the Church retreat March 8-10
- For peace and justice in Gaza and all countries dealing with war. For all children who are in war areas, children who are fleeing dangerous places and are displaced from their homes.
- Hospice Care: Margaret Doorenbos, Mary Heideman, Tom Norman, and Dennis Gebben.

Prayer Spotlight

The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village: Esther DePree, Charlotte Garlough, Shirley Hoksbergen, A.E. Lacy, Linda Parchert.

Remember in Our Prayers

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

Missionaries

Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Angel Lopez (Mexico).