

WEEK AT A GLANCE February 12-18

SUNDAY

9:30 am—Worship Service with Dave Veldhorst
11:10-noon—Promiseland/Adult & Student Classes

MONDAY

9-10 am—Fitness Class

TUESDAY

9:30 am—Ladies' Bible Study
6:30 pm—Circuit Class

WEDNESDAY

9-10 am—Fitness Class
7-8 pm—Prayer Team Meeting

THURSDAY

9:30-11 am—Coffee Break

FRIDAY

9-10 am—Fitness Class
6:30-9 pm—Cadet Pinewood Derby Car Race

SATURDAY

LEADERSHIP TEAM

PASTORAL STAFF

Randy Bergsma (Lead Pastor)
Kelli Hofstra (Director of Student Ministries)

ELDERS

Hank Balkema, Rick Brouwer, Keith Bruxvoort, Dale Eriks, Tim Huizenga, Tom Knapper, Gerald Leep, Tim Scheeringa, Tom Schoon, Pat Vassar

DEACONS

Dan Eriks, Dave Eriks, Jim Haan, Matt Hiskes, John Horvat, Ed Leep,
John Vander Pol, Joe Scheeringa, Mike Van Rosendale

FIRST CHURCH



Worship Service February 12, 2012

*Come Now Is the Time to Worship
Come Thou Fount Come Thou King
Because He Lives*

Prayer
Offering & Announcements

Message:

*"Sanctified to Get Out of the Camp"
Hebrews 11: 23-28, 13: 1-16
--Dave Veldhorst*

*Tell the World
We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

WHO we are

First Church is a ministry of the Christian Reformed Church. Our church is not a building, but people committed to one another, united in the belief that God has given us a new life and a new future through our shared relationship with Jesus Christ.

WHAT we believe

First Church believes that the decisions we make in life must be governed by our faith and our understanding of God's Word. Our desire is to teach the Bible in such a way that all will understand its relevance to our everyday life.

WHY we exist

First Church has one primary purpose: to help people put Christ first in their life. Our desire is to help equip you and your family to exercise your faith as you face the challenges of daily living.



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WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

CONNECTION CARD—If you are a first-time guest at First Church, fill out a *Connection Card* (located in the benches) and drop it off at the Welcome Center in the foyer to receive a free gift.

AVAILABLE TO YOUR FAMILY—In addition to our worship services, First Church offers many opportunities to grow in relationship with God and others through a number of ministries, classes, and events. Please read the bulletin to find out what is available to you and your family this week.

ABOUT THE OFFERING—An offering is collected during each of our worship services to support the ministries of First Church. As our guest, you are not expected to participate in the offering.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE—Dave Veldhorst, our missionary to Thailand, will be our guest pastor. He will bring a message from Hebrews 11 and 13 entitled, "Sanctified to Get Out of the Camp." We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper during our worship service.

OFFERINGS—The offering will be received for Illiana Christian High School.

COFFEE TALK—Coffee is available in the Social Hall and at the Welcome Center immediately after the service. Everyone is welcome to grab a cup of coffee and a snack and to make some new friends.

NURSERY—Childcare for infants and toddlers (up to age 3) is available. Nurseries are located down the hall on the east end of the foyer. Contact: Larissa Vander Pol or Lisa Blocker .

CHILDREN'S CHURCH—Children's Church will not meet this morning.

PROMISELAND—All children age 4 through 6th grade are welcome to attend Promiseland after our morning worship service. Children age 4 through 1st grade meet in the Children's Worship Room (west end of foyer) and children grades 2-6 meet in the Social Hall. Promiseland runs from 11:10 to noon.

STUDENT CLASSES—The following classes will meet this morning from 11:10 am—noon.

- *Questions Worth Asking*—(grades 7-8) meets in Kelli's basement; teacher—Don Zuidema
- *HC and Me*—(grades 9-10) meets in the Sun Room; teacher—Tim Huizenga
- *Faith Lessons from the Holy Land*— (Adult Classes: Senior High & Older)* meets in the Loft; teacher—Pastor Randy

*Please join the **Adult Class** in the Loft this morning where Dave Veldhorst will be sharing a power point presentation about his missionary work in Thailand.



Encounter (youth group for students in 9th-12th grade) is meeting next Sunday, February 19th at Kelli's from 6-8 pm. All High School students are welcome to join us.

High School Coffee House is back and will be the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 7:30-9 pm. We will be meeting at Panera in Schererville. Come February 14th and enjoy a free beverage of your choice with Kelli.

High School Ski Trip we will be leaving Friday, February 17th at 2 pm from First Church and will be back Sunday at 1:30 pm. Check email about details for the weekend and what to bring.

Vida's next meeting is TONIGHT at New Life CRC from 6-8pm. All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are invited to join us for a night of food, Bible study, and games. We will be talking about who defines you.



UnderGrounds COFFEEHOUSE*

(in the basement of Kelli's house—southwest corner of First Church's parking lot)

Tuesday, February 21st
7:00—9:00 pm

Come for a night to play some games and hang out with friends. Details about our Winter Fun coffeehouse yet to come.

***Junior High Coffee House**—All students must have a permission form/medical release filled out along with a signed copy of the Code of Conduct to come to Coffeehouse. Email: hofstra.kl@gmail.com or check out the website: vidaencounter.wordpress.com/vida to get a copy.

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS [cont'd]

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING AT HCS—Highland Christian School's Kindergarten Screening for the 2012/2013 school year is scheduled for Thursday, March 1. If you have a child who will be five years old by Sept. 1 and are considering sending him/her to Highland Christian, please contact the school at (219) 838-0356 to register for the screening.

GETTING INVOLVED

FREEDOM BOUND JAIL MINISTRY—Volunteers are needed each week to write notes of encouragement, hope, and love to the following inmates: Dion Veal WA and Cheryl Wilson YB at 2293 N. Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307.

BLOOD DRIVE—If you give—others will live. First Church is hosting a blood drive on Sunday, February 26, from 10 am—2 pm in Heartland's Mobile Coach in First Church's parking lot. Please call or email the church office to make an appointment. Photo ID is required. A free T-Shirt will be your gift.

RECYCLE TODAY—Please recycle your used *Today* books by placing them in Steve Mills' church mailbox. They will be donated to area rest homes to plant God's seed. If you have questions, contact Steve at 924-5515.

TERRACYCLE—Would you like to help clean up our environment and help Highland Christian School? Then go GREEN. Bring your empty chip bags, candy wrappers, and snack wrappers to the bin outside the office door. Each wrapper is worth money for HCS when they turn them into Terracycle, a company that recycles waste.

FIRST FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please keep Connie Eriks in your prayers as he continues to recover from recent health issues. Currently he is at Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation Center, 2300 Great Lakes Drive, Dyer, IN 46311

**Please keep the information above with you to show loving support of those listed by prayer, a visit, or contacting them.*

NEED PRAYER?—Please place your prayer requests and praises in the box at the Welcome Center in the foyer. Prayer cards are located in the pews by the song books or at the Welcome Center.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

FITNESS CLASSES—Everyone is invited to low-impact Fitness Classes in the Social Hall every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning from 9-10. Instructor: Karen Pobereyko . Cost: \$3 per one-hour session.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY—Ladies who are interested in going deeper with God are invited to attend the Ladies' Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in the Sun Room. The next meeting will be February 14. Contact: Betty Stammis .

CIRCUIT CLASS—A co-ed Circuit Class will meet Tuesday, February 14, at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. This class incorporates multiple types of physical training. You move at your own pace. Instructor: Lisa Blocker .

PRAYER TEAM—The First Church Prayer Team meets every Wednesday evening at 7 pm in the Prayer Room (west end of foyer). Anyone who would like to join the team for prayer is welcome to attend. Please contact Marian Huizenga .

COFFEE BREAK—Coffee Break will meet on February 16, from 9:30-11 am in the Social Hall for their Service Day Project. Ladies of all ages are invited to participate! Childcare is provided for children from birth to kindergarten. Contact: Amy Bobb .

CADETS— Come join the Cadets on Friday, February 17, for the Pinewood Derby Car Race at New Life Christian Reformed Church. Registration begins at 6:30. The race begins at 7 pm. Contact: Mark Hoeksema .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING—Pastor Randy will continue the Genesis series with a message entitled, "Father, Daughter, Sex and You Family" based on Genesis 34.

NEXT SUNDAY'S OFFERING—The offering will be received for Highland Christian School.

CLASS DAY—The next Class Day is Sunday, February 26, from 1-5 pm. Anyone interested in making public profession of faith or in becoming a member of First Church, please sign up at the Welcome Center for Class 101 taught by Pastor Randy. Those who wish to take their spiritual life to the next level should sign up for Class 201, The Discovering Spiritual Maturity Class, taught by Tim Huizenga. Class 201 is where you will learn what God has to say about how to read the Bible, how to pray, why we should give, and the benefits of involvement in small groups. Class 301, taught by Kelli Hofstra, is available for those who have completed 101 and 201 and wish to discover their spiritual gifts and how to use them in ministering to others. Please email or call the church office with questions or to sign up.

SECOND SUNDAY—At its recent retreat, council reviewed the past year of our second services and decided to more intentionally focus energy on ministry that reaches more people. To that end council has decided not to continue the Second Sunday Second Service. Watch for a full update on various Council decisions and goals coming soon.

GEMS—The GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) for girls in 4th-8th grades will meet Wednesday, February 22, at 7 pm in the Social Hall. Contact: Sherri Horvat .

JR. GEMS—Jr. GEMS (girls in grades 2-3) will meet on Thursday, February 23, from 3:30-5 pm in the Social Hall. Contact: Vicki Huizenga .

CONNECT—Connect is a ministry for young adults (singles and couples, college age-young adults) to meet together to socialize, study God's word and serve others in the community. Connect will meet February 19 at 6 pm in the Social Hall. Contact: Larissa Vander Pol .

FRIENDSHIP—Friendship, a ministry for adults and teens from our church and community who are developmentally disabled, will meet on Tuesday, February 21, at 7 pm. Contact: Amy Boshears dajbos@sbcglobal.net or Bridget DeYoung bridgetdeyoung@esph.com .

PRAYER SHAWL—The Prayer Shawl ministry will meet Thursday, March 8, from 1-3 pm in the Prayer Room. Anyone who enjoys knitting is welcome to join us. If you have a family member or friend whom you feel would be blessed by one of our prayer shawls, please contact Gail Voskuil or Marry Homans .

COMEDIAN JEFF ALLEN—Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 17 when First Church welcomes the amazing and hilarious Jeff Allen. Jeff is an inspirational and entertaining comedian for all ages! Doors will open at 6:15 pm. Ticket prices are \$10 adult and \$5 for child 18 and under. *TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW THRU THE CHURCH OFFICE or at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings!* All proceeds go to benefit First Church's charities. Follow the link on our web site to learn more about Jeff Allen's minstry.

ANTIQUA ROAD SHOW—The early morning ladies Bible study group is hosting an Antiqua Road Show on Wednesday evening, March 21, in our Social Hall. An experienced antique specialist will be available to appraise your possible antiques. This event has no cover charge but you are limited to one item for appraisal per person. Please remember to bring a friend! More details coming soon.

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP—Due to lack of participation, the mission trip to Honduras is being postponed to a later date, most likely some time in early 2013. In the mean time, the E-Team is searching for alternatives to replace this trip. Once a venue has been selected, more information such as location, dates, and scope of work will be passed along to you. Thanks to everyone willing to serve.

BIBLE LEAGUE LUNCHEON—Tickets are on sale for the Bible League Women's Luncheon at Teibel's Restaurant on Thursday, March 15, at 11:30 am. Tickets are \$16 (chicken) and \$20 (perch). Our featured speaker is Marilyn Laszlo, former missionary to Papua New Guinea and employee of Wycliffe Bible Translators. An offering will be taken to raise funds for Bibles for India. Contact your key lady today: Irene Leep .

LOVE INC SEMINAR—Love, INC is offering a seminar, entitled The Defining Difference, to help equip churches when working with individuals needing help who come to their door or attend their church. The training includes teaching components with break-out sessions at the end of each one. By the end of the seminar, church leaders will have identified several important tools that will help them address needs situations. Topics are: understanding poverty and people in need, creating church policies to address needs, networking with Love INC churches to meet needs. The presenter will be Anne Bawinkel, Executive Director. There will be a brief meal of sandwiches and beverages. Munster Church is hosting the seminar on February 21st (Tuesday) from 6-9 pm on the corner of Ridge Rd. and Hohman Ave. in Munster. Reservation can be made by calling Love INC at (219)923-2775. You may leave a voicemail message if the phones are busy. There is no fee. Reservation deadline is February 16th.

COMFORT WITHIN—Comfort Within will be meeting February 17 at 7 pm in the Pentwater Barn in Crown Point. Join us as we welcome Family and Marriage Counselor, Jean Trammel, MS, LMFT from New Leaf Resources to discuss keeping marriages strong during infertility. If you are interested in joining us in a private, confidential environment to discuss struggles with infertility or for more information, contact Tracy Bultema 219-313-5533.

PREVIEW ILLIANA—Discover what Illiana Christian High School has to offer at our *Preview* on Tuesday, February 28 beginning at 7 pm. Parents and students interested in meeting Illiana's faculty, taking a tour of the facility, and being able to ask questions about Illiana, are welcome and encouraged to attend our *Preview*. No preregistration is necessary. For more information, call 708-474-0515 or visit www.illianachristian.org.

KIDS CORNER—*Love Who?*—Liz's pastor has a challenge: Go out and love an enemy. Can Liz and his friends really love someone like the Good Samaritan did? Find out on this week's Kids Corner. Check out www.kidscorner.net for devotions, puzzles and more of Liz's adventures.

GROUNDWORK—*How to read the Bible with the Church*—There is an ancient way of reading and meditating upon the Bible that just might revolutionize the way you approach scripture in your own devotional life. Join the Feb. 19 Groundwork conversation on Psalm 119 and find out more about it. Find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

CROSSROAD CONNECTION—*Planting Seeds at Any Age*—A ninety-two-year-old woman reached out to a man in prison and planted a seed of God's Word that has blossomed. Go to www.cbi.fm to listen to *Crossroad Connection*.