### LOMBARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH Seeking God. Serving Together.

# WELCOME To Lombard CRC

We're glad you're here! No matter where you've been or where you're coming from, we're thankful you have chosen to worship with us today. Our hope is that you feel welcomed through your experience this morning.

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we would love to get to know you better. Welcome cards are available in the pew. Please take the time to fill one out and place it in the offering plate or leave it at the Welcome Center on your way out. Be sure to stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex to learn more about us and how you can get connected.

Join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall for a time of refreshments.

A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in the southeast wing.

A Cry Room for parents with infants is at the right rear of the sanctuary.

**Children's Church** for children 3 - 6 years old meets part way through the morning service in the southeast wing of the building.

#### Today

We begin a 3-part series on Worship. "What's Worship All About? Valuing Public Worship Again." In our first lesson, we remind one another that worship is a verb. It is something we do for God's glory. We don't attend worship like we're going to the theatre or watching TV. We don't gather expecting to "get something out of worship," we come to give ourselves to God. Worship is what we put into it. We live in a day and time when worship isn't valued as highly as it should be. When we're out of town on a Sunday do we seek out a place to worship? Some churches make it a point to say they give up a Sunday worship to serve the community instead, as if that's a "more relevant" act of faith. But when Israel was faced with the battles of the Lord, the king sent out the worshipers first. And God answered with his power that fought for the people. We'll read that story from 2 Chronicles 20 and ask the Spirit to show us the value of gathering to worship again.

#### **Next Sunday**

Part 2 of our look at worship, we will go on a step-by-step tour of our worship service asking and answering why we do what we do in worship. We'll learn the four-fold pattern of worship as given us in Scripture. And we'll understand how this pattern aids us in giving glory to God. We'll come away with the blessing that we were made to worship God alone with our whole being.

### LIFE AT LOMBARD

#### Something to Take Note of

**Profession of Faith Class** is scheduled to begin on Sunday, February 6. Interested participants should find an adult mentor who will meet with and attend the class with you. If you'd like more information, please talk to Arnie Stolte or Pastor John. Please contact Laura Kooima if you plan on attending the class at 630-492-3080 ext. 11 or Ikooima@lombardcrc.org.

Join us in Adult Ed this week as we begin the Vander Laan Video Series "Prophets and Kings". We will view and discuss the video segment: Innocent Blood Part 1. Also, a summary of the scripture supporting each segment in the series will be provided this week. Next week, we will continue the series with Innocent Blood Part 2.

**The Financial Focus** for November has been emailed to everyone signed-up for the electronic copy. Paper copies of the Financial Focus are available on the table next to the mailboxes.

**The green cloth** on the cross signifies that we are now in the season of epiphany. Epiphany means to show or to display. It is the season when we celebrate the life, person and work of Jesus. The green reminds us of the new life he brings which sinners long for from God.

#### **Fellowship and Outreach**

**There is a** new Small group starting that will be studying prayer and praying together. It will meet for the month of January. If you are interested or have questions, call Mike or Doris Connolly.

**Pancakes!** Why don't you let the GEMS cook you a delicious breakfast on Saturday, January 22nd, 8:30-10:30 AM. It's time for our annual Pancake Breakfast! We hope you will join us. It sure beats your usual bowl of cereal!

# THIS WEEK

#### Today - 1/9/11

9:00 AMWorship Service10:15 AMIntercessory Prayer10:15 AMEducation Classes11:15 AMWorship Service6:00 PMPath

#### Monday

9:30 AM Coffee Break Leader's Meeting

#### **Tuesday**

6:30 PM Sportsmen's Club 7:00 PM Outreach Meeting

#### Wednesday

9:00 AMCoffee Break7:00 PMAgape Café7:00 PMGEMS7:30 PMMen's Life Bible Study7:30 PMWomen's Book Club

#### Thursday

7:30 PMMen's Cooking7:30 PMChoir Practice

#### Offering

Today General Fund Next Week Benevolence Fund "Worship is A Verb" 2 Chron. 20:1-30

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Women's Book Club** will meet on Wed., Jan. 12th. We will discuss <u>The</u> <u>Worst Hard Time</u> by Timothy Egan. The book traces the horrific consequences of poor farming practices in the Central Plains States during the drought of the 1930's and the people who persisted against all odds. The meeting will be from 7:30-9:00 PM. We welcome new members! Please contact Jan Diepstra.

**Lombard CRC Sportmen's Club** will meet on Tues., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will start with dinner at 6:00 PM followed by the speaker at 7:15 PM. Our speaker will be Mel Christensen. Mel will be speaking on "How to Use Your New (or old) Depth Finder/GPS".

**ROCK** - Our next event will be the lock-in on Jan. 14-15, 8:00 PM – 8:00 AM. Wear comfy clothes and even bring a pillow if you like. \$10 covers food and all the evening activities.

**"Esther" by Beth Moore**, will be the study coming up for Women's bible study. We will meet Thursday nights beginning Jan. 27 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. The cost of the book is \$15. Please sign-up by January 16. The sign-up sheet is located on the table by the mailboxes. Call or e-mail Jean Hopp with any questions.



#### **Our Vision for Ministry**

Together we seek to know, love, and worship God with all our hearts and to impact the surrounding community with acts of service.

#### **Contact Us**

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