

**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

**Judges 15** Samson's Story: The Really Strong Live Lives of Thankfulness. No doubt Samson is strong physically. He shows it by delivering himself, by doing whatever he wants regardless of what God wills or what God gives. Samson shows no gratitude for God, so even Samson's strength is limited. In the end, he needs God to deliver him. If someone as strong as Samson is limited, what about us? Our strength, in the end, must be the unending mercy of God, who still responds to the ingrate, Samson. The good news is that if God will deliver Samson, Christ is strong enough to deliver us. In that deliverance, we can act stronger than Samson by living thankful lives. That's real strength.

## Next Sunday

**Real Strength** for Holy and Healthy Relationships. By the time we get to Judges 16 and the story of Samson and Delilah we know that Samson does not act in a godly or holy way when it comes to women, sexuality and healthy relationships. His faith does not master his desires, his desires master him. In Judges 16 we find him with a prostitute. And then we meet Delilah. Again, their relationship is marked by conflict: She deceives him. He tricks her. We can't read Samson's story without dealing with the God-given gifts of love and sex, and how we have by and large misused, dishonored, devalued and broken these gifts. We have not progressed beyond the horrible perversion of sexuality in Samson's story. We'll try to recapture today the great grace of the gospel calling us to love and beloved as Christ so loved us and gave himself up for us.

# LIFE AT LOMBARD

## Something to Take Note of

**Join us in Adult Ed** this week as the elders present the updated Facility Plan for our church. Next week, Robin Rylarsdaam will lead us in a 2-week series examining an online Banner article that looks at Augustine's interpretation of Original Sin in light of what we know of human evolution.

**Elder Notes**-There will be a congregational meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to affirm new office bearers and approve the 2011/2012 budget. We would like to challenge all our ministry volunteers specifically those who serve us on Sundays, to serve at alternate services, creating opportunities for those who usually serve at that service to attend worship.

**Pastor John** and an elder will be attending the Classis meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Fulton CRC.

## Fellowship and Outreach

**The Men of A-Chord** will be presenting a full concert of sacred music at Lombard CRC at 3:00 PM on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

**The Women's Book Club** will meet on Wed., March 9th. We will discuss Half-Broke Horses by Jeannette Walls. The book is a memoir about the author's grandmother who was a mustang breaker, schoolteacher, ranch wife, poker player, racehorse rider and bush pilot. The meeting will be from 7:30-9:00 PM. We welcome new members! Please contact Jan Diepstra with any questions.

**Please save** the dates of July 12-15 for Sports Camp at Lombard CRC. This event is held in the evening each night from 6pm – 8pm. More information will follow soon but please think about how you can volunteer to help.

**ROCK Dinner Auction** You don't want to miss out on the amazing evening planned for this Saturday, March 5 at 6:00 PM. A tasty dinner will be provided by the Men's Fishing Club. Come browse and bid on a number of silent auction items such as restaurant certificates, babysitting, electronics and much more!! Then, sit back with dessert and enjoy the live auction as we auction off vacation packages, specialty dinners, sports stuff, etc.... Monies raised will go towards the high school spring break serve trip to Slidell, LA to help Katrina victims. Sign up today!!

# THIS WEEK

# SERMON NOTES

## Today – 2/27/11

- 9:00 AM **Worship Service**
- 10:15 AM **Intercessory Prayer**
- 10:15 AM **Education Classes**
- 11:15 AM **Worship Service**
- 4:00 PM **Profession of Faith Class**

## Monday

- 9:30 AM **Coffee Break**  
**Leader's Meeting**

## Tuesday

- 7:30 AM **Men's Bible Study**
- 7:30 PM **Elder Meeting**

## Wednesday

- 9:00 AM **Coffee Break**
- 7:00 PM **Agape Café**
- 7:00 PM **Cadets**
- 7:00 PM **Caring & Fellowship**
- 7:30 PM **Men's Life Bible Study**

## Thursday

- 9:30 AM **Roseland Sandwiches**
- 7:00 PM **Women's Bible Study**
- 7:30 PM **Choir Practice**

## Saturday

- 6:00 PM **Rock Auction & Dinner**

## Offering

- Today **Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund**
- Next Week **Mission Fund**

**"Samson's Story – The Really Strong Live Lives of Thankfulness" Judges 15**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our church will be serving at PADS tonight and tomorrow morning. Debbie Jensen will be organizing the food and we have a small group volunteering to set up pads and serve dinner. We still have a need to fill the overnight shifts. Please contact Steve Kennedy if you are able to help.

The **Agape Cafe** is a place for young adults to gather in the fellowship with others. There are business cards promoting Agape Cafe which you can find at the Welcome Center. Please feel free to take some and pass them out to those you feel may be interested.

## Missions News

**New Hope Vietnamese Church**-please pray for the church as one of their leading elders, Dinh Nguyen, has been diagnosed with cancer. Pray especially for his family during this difficult time.



## 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.

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