

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

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 be loved as Christ so loved us and gave himself up for us.

Next Sunday

We end Samson's story with a surprise. Our story finishes and we feel Samson has failed. Samson was called to deliver Israel from the Philistines. We are surprised at the grand failure of Samson, and we are more surprised that he is remembered as a hero of faith in Hebrews. We face the day fearing that if Samson's strength couldn't deliver him, then what hope do we have in our own strength? Yet we rejoice in the day the Lord has made because if Samson in his weakness could be counted among the heroes of faith, what great hope we have in the assuring and transforming power of Jesus.

LIFE AT LOMBARD

We celebrate the Lord's Supper, if you are shut in and would like to receive communion, please let Pastor John or an elder know. We will also take time to share in prayer for our Christian Reformed Churches recognizing the denominational day of prayer.

The Gems will be participating in the 9:00 AM service.

Something to Take Note of

Join us in Adult Ed as we begin a two week mini-series led by Robin Rylarsdaam. Our discussion will center on Calvin theology professors examining Augustine's interpretation of Original Sin in light of what we know of human evolution. We will take a look at where the biology and anthropology is at, what the theology professors actually wrote and how the controversy has been handled by Calvin and the CRC.

The Financial Focus for January 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.

Fellowship and Outreach

The Men of A-Chord will be presenting a full concert of sacred music at Lombard CRC at 3:00 PM today. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

Lombard CRC Sportsmen's Club will meet on Tues., March. 8th. The meeting will start with dinner at 6:00 PM followed by the speaker at 7:00 PM. Our speaker will be Max Galvan. Max is an avid Bass Fisherman with extensive knowledge of the waters in Cook & DuPage counties.

Please save the dates of July 12-15 for Sports Camp at Lombard CRC. This event is held each night from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. More information will follow soon. Please think about how you can volunteer to help.

THIS WEEK

SERMON NOTES

Today – 3/6/11

- 9:00 AM **Worship Service**
- 10:15 AM **Intercessory Prayer**
- 10:15 AM **Education Classes**
- 11:15 AM **Worship Service**
- 3:00 PM **Men of A-Chord Concert**
- 4:00 PM **Profession of Faith Class**
- 6:00 PM **ROCK**

Monday

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

Tuesday

- 6:00 PM **Sportsmen's Club**
- 7:00 PM **Outreach Meeting**

Wednesday

- 9:00 AM **Coffee Break**
- 5:00 PM **GEMS**
- 7:00 PM **Agape Café**
- 7:30 PM **Men's Life Bible Study**
- 7:00 PM **Women's Book Club**

Thursday

- 7:00 PM **Women's Bible Study**
- 7:30 PM **Choir Practice**
- 7:30 PM **Men's Cooking**

Offering

- Today **Mission Fund**
- Next Week **GEMS**

"Samson's Story – Real Strength for Holy & Health Relationships"
Judges 16:1-21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

ROCK tonight at 6:00 PM. Topic: Why Do Bad Things Happen?

Agape Café is an opportunity for young adults to get together and socialize, play games, enjoy complimentary beverages and build friendships and community. It takes place at the house on the corner of the church property at 22nd St. and Meyers Road. Agape Cafe takes place every Wednesday night from 7:00-10:00 PM and every other Friday night beginning at 7:00 PM. There are business cards promoting Agape Cafe which you can find at the Welcome Center. Please feel free to take some cards and pass them out to those you feel may be interested.

Missions News

Humboldt Christian School - pray that more students will enroll at the school as enrollment has dwindled considerably due to gentrification and higher costs forcing people to move further away. Thankfully, the staff and teachers are committed to the school and plan on returning in the fall.

Rob and Betty Wood – are transferring from Ecuador (CRWRC) to the Dominican Republic (World Missions), please pray for Rob and Betty that they may find the change encouraging as they work with the missions team already in place in the Dominican Republic.



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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