

LOMBARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED
CHURCH

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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 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.

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. Today we remember the annual denominational day of prayer for a blessing on our work and service in the Kingdom of God.

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

Next Sunday

The Cross and The Kingdom - NT Wright observes that today many disciples of Jesus unwittingly assume either a cross without a kingdom, or a kingdom without a cross. For some, the only things that matter are that Jesus was born incarnate in human flesh and died on the cross for our sins.

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The rest of the story – the teachings and healings – is all just introductory to the main thing, Good Friday. They believe in a cross without a kingdom. There are others who rightly note that Jesus' message was 'The Kingdom of God is here.' But they forget that the means to the coming of the Kingdom was a King crucified. How does this revelation re-define our faith and the discipline of our living?

Something to Take Note of

Join us in Adult Ed as we continue the discussion of human evolution and original sin by moving from the science to the theology. What does our church's theology say about original sin? What is controversial about the recent papers written by Calvin theologians? How can we as a church/denomination discuss these difficult ideas in a spirit of mutual love and respect? And do these topics have any relevance to us personally?

Next Sun., March 20 in Adult Ed, we will continue our discussion of the proposed Facilities Plan. If you missed the presentation 2 weeks ago or have new questions about the plan, you'll want to attend this presentation.

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.

Thank you!! We are overflowing with gratitude at the generosity and support that came from the congregation on Saturday night at the ROCK Dinner/Auction! Our goal was far exceeded as just over \$14,000 was raised! It's exciting to see God's hand in this ministry, and what can and will be accomplished for His kingdom through our youth this year and beyond.

The season of Lent has begun. During this season, we focus on the cross of Christ Jesus. We will focus on prayer in our worship, taking time to pray together before our Lord and Savior. On April 10, we will have opportunity for prayers of healing and mercy.

Fellowship and Outreach

Game On! Caring and Fellowship is hosting a Gym and Game Night on Saturday, April 9 at the Timothy grade school gym from 7:00-10:00 PM. Choose between volleyball for those who are more athletic, or board games for those more laid back. Tell your friends and sign-up. No cost involved, just bring a snack or drink to share. Bottled water will be provided.

