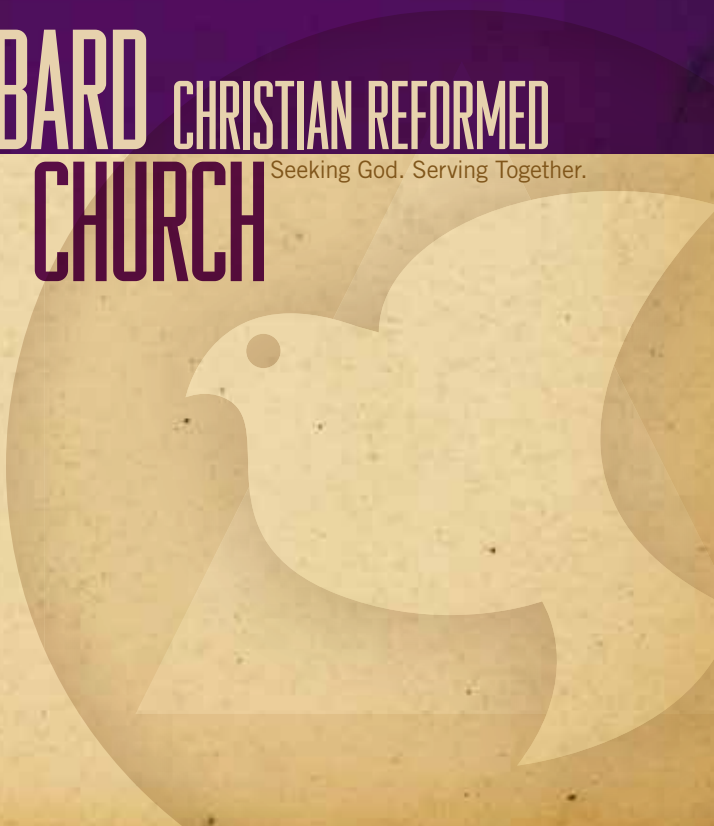


LOMBARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED
CHURCH

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 do not find a verse in the Bible that says Jesus laughed, though he must have laughed often. We do have verses that say Jesus cried. One of these is in John 11. Jesus has come because his friend has died. On the way to the grave, all the issues of suffering and faith come to bear, and with his friends standing near, the Bible says 'Jesus wept.' It's one of the shortest verses in the Bible. Many of us have learned this verse 'by heart' to get off easy when we've had a Bible memory assignment in church or Sunday School. But let us think for a while about what it means that Jesus cried, for us and with us. What do we learn about who we are in relationship to God and what life is for when our Savior cries over our mortality, but then opens the tomb and calls the dead to life?

We will have opportunity for prayers of healing and mercy during the services.

Next Sunday

This month marks my 25th anniversary as a minister of the Word and sacraments in the Christian Reformed Church. I have preached over 2500 times. I have been with people at their best and at their worst. I have declared the name of Jesus and his Lordship in prison cells, in hospital ICUs, at gravesides, in tears and with great laughter, too. I have made mistakes, but sometimes I have gotten it right.

LIFE AT LOMBARD

Most times my confession of our Savior is heartfelt and true. At other times, it is spoken with my own questions and doubts in the background. I have come to understand that all of the time, when we exercise faith in the Lord Jesus, we are saying more of grace and truth than we know. This is what the centurion does as he speaks from in front of the cross, 'Surely this man was the Son of God.' We'll study this verse from Mark 15 comparing it to other confessions about Jesus in the mysterious, tragic and awesome week of his crucifixion.

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.

Something to Take Note of

Today in Adult Ed as Dave Vander Meulen will lead us in a look at pathways to become a pastor in the CRC. Next week we will return to our discussion, led by Robin Rylaarsdam, about the controversy surrounding the Calvin professors and their discussion surrounding Human Evolution and its effect on how we look at theology and the church.

There will be no education classes on April 24th, Easter Sunday.

We will be having a Congregational meeting next Sunday, April 17th at 6:00 PM. There will be a soup supper at 5:00 PM before the meeting (sign-up today). At this meeting, we will be voting on the proposals to sell the Blue House and the facility enhancements. The agenda along with the presentation that was shown during Adult Ed was emailed last week. If you would like a paper copy or you did not receive the email, please contact the church office.

We will have a Good Friday service on April 22nd at 7:00 PM. The offering will be for the CRWRC-Japan Relief Fund.

The Outreach Ministry will be passing out "Finding God" Bibles after both services today for those who would like them. If you would like to find out more information about what the Outreach ministry is all about talk to a member or pick up a copy of the Focus if you did not receive one via email this past week.

Fellowship and Outreach

Men's Life-On Wed., April 6th we started a short 5-week study of the book of Colossians. This Bible study is open to men of any age, knowledge level or background. We meet here at the church on Wed. nights at 7:30 PM. Contact Chuck Schipma or Gary Swierenga or just join us on Wed.

THIS WEEK

SERMON NOTES

Today – 4/10/11

“Come and See”
John 11:1-44

- 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**
- 6:00 PM **Path**

Monday

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

Tuesday

- 6:00 PM **Sportsmen’s Club**

Wednesday

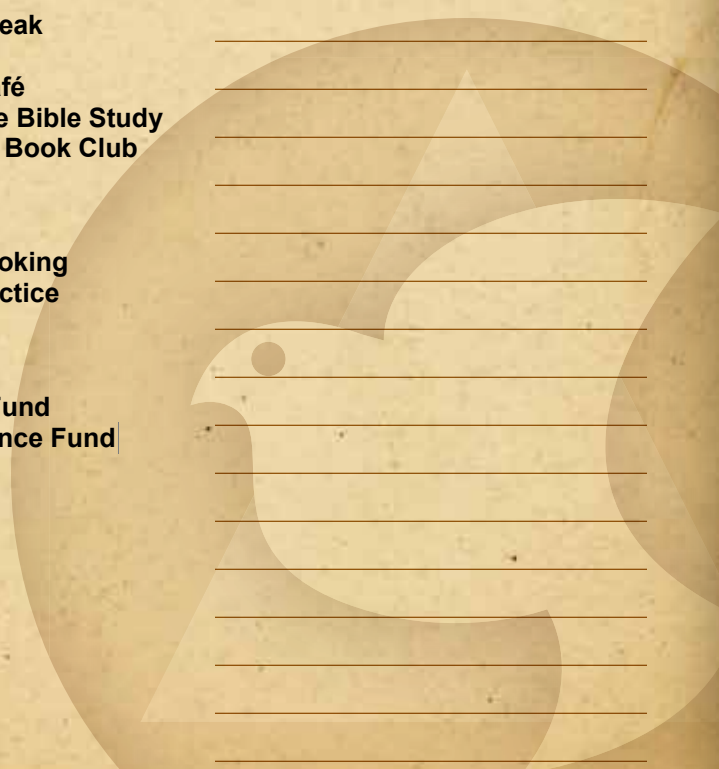
- 9:00 AM **Coffee Break**
- 7:00 PM **GEMS**
- 7:00 PM **Agape Café**
- 7:30 PM **Men’s Life Bible Study**
- 7:30 PM **Women’s Book Club**

Thursday

- 7:30 PM **Men’s Cooking**
- 7:30 PM **Choir Practice**

Offering

- Today **General Fund**
- Next Week **Benevolence Fund**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lombard CRC Sportsmen’s Club will meet on Tues., April 13th. The meeting will start with dinner at 6:00 PM followed by the speaker at 7:00 PM. Our speaker will be Bob Jenkins of Challenger Fishing Carters. Bob will be talking about the Lake Michigan fishing experience.

There is a new small group starting that will be studying prayer and praying together for 1 month. If you are interested or have questions, contact Mike or Doris Connolly or Gail Schuster.

Soup Supper, April 17th at 5:00 PM – Do you have a favorite soup recipe? We are looking for large crock pots of homemade soup along with breads, cookies or bars. Chicken noodle soup and PB & J will be provided for the kids. The supper sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the library, please sign up today. The congregational meeting will begin at 6:00 PM. There will be a nursery for infants and toddlers. A short movie will be shown for the older kids.

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on Saturday, April 23 at 11:00 AM. Please prayerfully consider how you could help with this important outreach to our community. Sign-up sheets for volunteers and donations will be available by the mailboxes. Please contact Brandy Noteboom or Kris Haartman for more information.

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



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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