

**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

**This month** marks my 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a minister of the Word and sacraments in the Christian Reformed Church. I have preached over 2,500 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. 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 and 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.

## Next Sunday

**Easter Sunday** is the day of resurrection. The Easter story is a story of power; Roman might and Jewish law killed Jesus. Our Savior shouldered the curse of sin for us. Jesus goes to the cross as the powerless one: arrested, silent before his accusers, deserted.

# LIFE AT LOMBARD

But the weakest One defeated death and became Lord of all living. Is power an idol for us? Do we yearn to exercise control in our relationships? How do we act when we don't get our way? On this day of resurrection we find the grace to entrust ourselves to our risen Lord, and our weakness is turned to strength.

**Good Friday** – 'How does the power of the cross work?' someone on the worship team asked last week, referring to a song we were singing. But it's a good question of faith. Just how does the fact that Jesus sacrificed his life on a cross take away my sin and give me new life with God? We're talking about atonement. At our Good Friday service we will celebrate the richness of atonement that Jesus secured for those who believe in him. Through song and scripture we will praise the Lord and honor the Savior.

## Something to Take Note of

**Today in Adult Ed** 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 tonight at 6:00 PM. There will be a soup supper before the meeting which starts at 5:00 PM. At this meeting, we will be voting on the proposals to sell the Blue House and the facility enhancements.

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

**Notes from the Elders** – The elders had a brief report from the Classis meeting. We give thanks that our church family was able to provide 100% of our church's denominational ministry shares for the past year. The Discovery Weekend for new office bearers was held, allowing those considering serving in these important service/leadership roles the opportunity to learn about the offices of elder and deacon. Lastly, the Elders spent some time preparing to discuss the next year's ministry plans and coordinating budget needs.

**October 2012** marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our church. Do you have any old memorabilia about the church that you would be willing to loan the team that is putting this all together? Do you have an interest in helping out with this event? If so, contact Al Diepstra.

**Offering for today** will be for the Benevolence Fund. Next Week's offering will be for Home Missions.

# THIS WEEK

# SERMON NOTES

“More True than We Know”  
Mark 15:33-39

## Today – 4/17/11

- 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
- 5:00 PM Soup Supper
- 6:00 PM Congregational Meeting

## Monday

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

## Tuesday

- 7:30 AM Men’s Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Communication/Arts
- 7:30 PM Elder’s Meeting

## Wednesday

- 9:00 AM Coffee Break
- 7:00 PM Cadets
- 7:00 PM Agape Café
- 7:30 PM Men’s Life Bible Study

## Thursday

- 7:30 PM Choir Practice

## Friday

- 7:00 PM Good Friday Service

## Saturday

- 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Fellowship and Outreach

Lombard CRC will be hosting PADS on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have a small group set to serve the dinner and prepare lunches. Please consider helping out on the overnight or breakfast shift as we can always use the extra help. Please contact Steve Kennedy or Debbie Jensen for more information.

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.

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.

The Women’s Book Club will meet on Wed., May 11th. We will discuss the book Left to Tell by Immaculee Ilibagiza. Immaculee tells the miraculous story of how she and seven other women survived during the Rwandan genocide in 1994. 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 6:00 – 8:00 PM. More info will follow soon. 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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