



“We loved you  
so much, we were  
delighted to share with  
you not only the gospel  
of God but our lives as  
well because you have  
become so dear to us.”

I Thessalonians 2:8

**FALL 2022**  
**MINISTRIES OF**  
**FIFTH CHURCH**

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**Growing Disciples Who Make Disciples**



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## The Claim

The life and work of Fifth Reformed Church is centered on this essential claim:

**We live in a world where a resurrection has happened.**

## Our Response

In response to this life-altering declaration, we want to be people who:

### BELIEVE

Believing is an active, ongoing process to every more fully “know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him” (Phil.3:10).

As a Reformed Church in America (RCA) congregation, our learning is undergirded by the authority of the Bible, along with the testimony of the historic creeds (Apostles, Nicene, Athanasian) and “standards of unity” (the Heidelberg Confession, the Belgic Confession, the Canons of Dordt, and the Belhar Confession).

### GROW

Our faith asks us to become more and more like Jesus. Ephesians 5:1-2 urges us to “be imitators of God...and live in love, as Christ loved us.” We pursue this work together as a church community where we can nurture and encourage each other’s journey of discipleship.

### FLOURISH

Seek God to bless the world. Fifth Reformed Church works to share all the gifts with which God has entrusted us, personally and corporately, to enact God’s love to our neighbors, our city, and our world.

### IN PRACTICE

Our response to a resurrection-changed world is to prioritize these commitments:

1. Worship God
2. Make Disciples
3. Build Community
4. Plant churches
5. Steward and Serve with Our Resources

**We are guided by this overarching goal:**

**Growing disciples who make disciples of Jesus Christ.**



PASTOR JON  
SHERRILL



PASTOR  
BRIAN  
TELZEROW

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



LINDSEY  
LUGO

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

**FIFTH KIDS** partners with parents to help kids establish a strong spiritual foundation. Using "The Gospel Project" curriculum, kids walk through the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation while learning scripture and how to put the Word of God into action at home and school.

**NURSERY** is available for children 0-3 years old during worship and meets in Room 101. **Pre-K** class is offered for children 3-5 years old, during worship. Meets in Room 102.

**FIFTH KIDS WORSHIP** is offered on Sunday mornings during the school year. FKW kicks off on Sept. 18! Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade begin in worship with their families and are invited to age-appropriate worship midway through adult worship. Children K-3rd grade meet in Room 201 and 4th and 5th graders meet in Room 103.

**On the 1st Sunday of the month children K-5th grade will remain in worship to celebrate Communion with their families.**



JANNA  
LANGE

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

**KING'S KIDS** is our Children's Choir that meets Wednesdays from 5:15-6 PM. Contact Janna Lange, our Worship Arts Director, with any questions. For 1st-6th graders.

**GEMS** (Girls Everywhere Meeting their Savior) is for girls in 1st-6th grade. Each week girls meet to sing, dance, and enjoy activities with a short lesson. Girls learn that they are LOVED by Jesus, and develop deeper relationships with peers and women dedicated to mentoring them through everyday challenges.

**KAIROS QUEST** is our weekly gathering of boys 1st-6th grade who are excited to learn, grow and be challenged. It's an opportunity for boys to explore more about who God is and how they might be a part of his grand adventure. They will develop deeper friendships with peers as they dig into God's word and engage in STEM challenges.

GEMS & K-Quest meets from 6:20-7:45 PM.

# STUDENT MINISTRY

Sam is the student ministries pastor and his role is to help Fifth Church's middle school and high school students build a relationship with the Lord and to teach them how they can follow Christ on their own. He works to create an atmosphere in student ministries where Christ is present in the teaching, in the relationships with mentors, in service to the community, and in the introduction to the broader church. He organizes experiences like retreats and mission trips to get students to think about what it looks like to serve the Lord. Intergenerational relationships are vital for a young person's relationship with Jesus, so students are consistently connected with the broader church. Adults outside of student ministries are able to mentor students, share their faith journeys at large group gatherings, and host small groups of students for dinner in their homes. Below is the schedule of events for Fall 2022. Middle and high school students meet every Sunday night from 6-8 PM during the school year and there are a few outside events each semester.



PASTOR SAM  
ELDERSVELD

## STUDENT MINISTRIES FALL 2022

### LARGE GROUP GATHERINGS 6-8 PM

9.18: Kick off, Fall Olympics	11.6: Large group
9.25: Large Group	11.13: Small Group Night
10.2: Large Group	11.20: Friendsgiving
10.9: Large Group	11.27: Thanksgiving Break
10.6: Small Group Night	12.4: Large Group
10.23: Large Group	12.11: Christmas Party
10.30: Large Group	

### OUTSIDE EVENTS

- 9.30 - 10.1: Fall Retreat @ Camp Geneva
- 10.29: Deep Roots Corn Maze
- Date TBD: Neighborhood Fall Clean Up
- 12.3: Movie and Board Game Night

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY



ALEX  
MILLER



KERRI  
CLAUSEN

The vision for woman's ministry at Fifth is to help women grow in becoming more of a disciple in order to make other disciples.

**NEW!**

**“IF TABLE” GATHERINGS: OCT 3RD 6:30-8 PM**  
You are not alone in feeling alone. Let's find your people. On the first Monday of every month starting in October, small groups of women will gather around tables to discuss 4 questions over 90 minutes. The goal is to push past small talk and the awkward in order to find authentic people who want to grow in Christ and develop deeper relationships with one another.

## WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING GATHERING

Begins Tuesday, September 13 | 9:30-11:00 AM | Please join women of all ages for a six-week verse by verse study of Colossians and Philemon. 'Jesus is the only way' can be an unpopular stand for Christians to take in our contemporary culture. Pat Ykema and Karen Harshman are leading.

## ELIZABETH / RUTH CIRCLE

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, Sept-June at 9:30 AM in Community room 3. Studying the book of Romans this year, "Becoming New in Christ." Lois Loetz is the circle leader.

## ADVENT WORSHIP EVENTS

Saturday, December 3 – Women's advent event

## MOM'S TIME OUT IS BACK!!!!

We are excited to invite Moms of ALL ages to a "Check It Out Brunch" on Tuesday, September 13 at 9:15 AM at church. Childcare will be provided. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Lindsey Lugo. MTO meets every Tuesday from 9:15-11:15 AM.

## MEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Men are meeting every Wednesday morning from 9:00-10:00 AM to study the Gospel of Luke. Tom Griggs is the current leader and organizer and welcomes anyone who would like to participate. The group meets in the back of the sanctuary.

Email Tom at [spearl21@yahoo.com](mailto:spearl21@yahoo.com) with questions.

## MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST GROUP

Looking to grab a bite to eat first thing in the morning with a group of guys who want to encourage one another until Christ returns?

Come to Anna's House at 2409 E. Beltline Thursday's at 6:30 AM. We have a room set aside this fall so come when you can. No preparation is needed. Contact Pastor Brian if you have questions.

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

### PRAYER TEAM

Our Team is committed to intercessory prayer. We consider it a privilege to lift requests to God for our Fifth body and others. Prayer requests are confidential to the Prayer Team and pastors. Requests can also be shared with the congregation, when indicated.

**3RD WEDNESDAY (except Dec.):** You are invited to a prayer gathering following the Mid-week Meals. Prayers will have monthly themes and any requests are welcome.

**2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS:** Join in for missionary prayer and other needs, as well, after the service. Meet in the front of the sanctuary.

**NEW THIS FALL:** In the Information Corridor is a Prayer Focus bulletin board to post public praises, petitions, and updates on past requests. Confidential and public requests can still be sent to [prayer@fifthrc.org](mailto:prayer@fifthrc.org).

Consider joining this Team of behind the scenes servants praying for you.

Team leaders:

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Deb Cox, 616-443-1848, [debfish33@hotmail.com](mailto:debfish33@hotmail.com).

# OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

## SUNDAY SEMINARS

Frequently on Sunday mornings after worship, we will have opportunities to learn and grow as disciples to love and serve the Lord. Check out the following:

### SEPT. 18-OCT. 23 | 11:20 AM - 12:05 PM

*Grace // Truth 1.0: Five Conversations Every Thoughtful Christian Should Have About Faith, Sexuality, and Gender.* Pastor Jon Sherrill will lead us through these sessions presented by Dr. Preston Sprinkle.

Grace // Truth 2.0 coming in January.

### OCT. 30 & NOV. 6 | 11:20 AM - 12:05 PM

*Political Discipleship*

In the highly charged election cycle we need places to have civil conversations about issues and ideas we may differ on. Jan Field and Will Miller will lead us through this content as a follow-up to a class this past winter.

Future Sundays will focus on Spiritual Gifts. Do you know what spiritual gift you have been given? How do you find out what your gift is? How do you find places to use your gift to faithfully serve the Lord?

## WEDNESDAY DISCIPLESHIP GATHERINGS

### 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

We are excited to offer a four-week rotation each month to help us grow in our discipleship so that we might make disciples as the great commission commands us.

On the first Wednesday of each month, Pastor Sam Eldersveld will lead on the topic, "Family on Mission." This night is geared to help parents walk with each other to unify around discipling their kids and sharing the mission to be Christ's ambassadors as individual families.

On the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, Dr. Brian Tetzlow will be teaching on the impact of relational ministry and how one can learn to put into practice the principles wherever God leads. Many of the examples and much of the content will come from the Gospel of Mark.

The third Wednesday of the month will be our Prayer Gathering. We want to be a praying church. To be so, we need to do so. Please come and pray together from 6:30 to 7:45 PM every third Wednesday.