



“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

WINTER/SPRING 2023
MINISTRIES OF
FIFTH CHURCH

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 ever 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 January 8! 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 the sanctuary 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 meet 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 invited 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 Winter/Spring 2023. 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 WINTER/SPRING 2023

LARGE GROUP GATHERINGS 6-8 PM

01.08: Large Group	03.12: Kids Food Basket
01.15: Large Group	03.19: Large group
01.22: Winter Camp**	03.26: Dinner Host Night
01.29: Large Group	04.02: Off - Spring Break**
02.05: Cannonsburg Tubing**	04.09: Off - Easter**
02.12: Large Group	04.16: Large Group
02.19: Large Group	04.23: Large Group
02.26: Large group	04.30: End of Year Bash
03.05: Small Group Night**	

OTHER EVENTS

Profession of Faith Class: 9:00 - 9:45 AM
February 19, 26, March 5, 12

Summer Mission Trip
Valladolid, Mexico June 17-24, 2023

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



ALEX
MILLER

IF: TABLE GATHERINGS

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH 6:30 - 8:00 PM

You are not alone in feeling alone. Let's find your people. On the first Monday of every month continuing in January, 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 of all ages are welcome! The group meets 6:30-8:00 PM in Community Rooms 2 & 3.

To learn more about IF: Tables check out ifgathering.com/iftable

Questions? Contact

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January 2: Accountability

February 6: Shared Purpose

March 3-4: IF Gathering

April 10: Consistency



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WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING GATHERING

Women's Tuesday Morning Gathering will reconvene Tuesday, January 10, 9:30-11:00 for a 10 week study of the Book Habakkuk. If interested, please contact Karen Harshman (616-940-2777).

ELIZABETH / RUTH CIRCLE

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, Jan-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.

LENTEN WORSHIP EVENT

Saturday, March 18th, 9:30 AM. A time for women to gather for worship & fellowship as they prepare their hearts for Christ's death and resurrection.

MOMS TIME OUT

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY JAN. 10 – MAY 23 | 9:15 AM - 11:15 PM

We are a place for women. A place to engage, breathe deep, show the real you—a place to connect and belong. Together we listen to each other's stories, journey through life, laugh genuinely, and love fiercely. We encourage one another, share our hearts, study God's Word, and learn from the wisdom of mentors. We are moms, wives, sisters, and friends, and you are welcome here. Meet in room 103.

MEN'S MINISTRY

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 with questions.

MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

Come to Anna's House at 2409 E. Beltline Thursday's at 6:30 AM. No preparation is needed. Contact Pastor Brian at 616-340-0162 if you have questions.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Once a month Paul Kortenhoven, our Senior Adult Ministries Coordinator brings a speaker in on a Tuesday afternoon. Visitation and home communion are priorities for our Senior Adult Ministry. Call Paul at 616-481-5167, even if you just want to chat.



PAUL
KORTENHOVEN

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER TEAM

The 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.

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

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

Team leaders:

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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:

JAN. 8 - FEB. 5 | 11:20 AM - 12:05 PM

Grace // Truth 2.0: 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.

FEB. 19 & 26 | 11:20 AM - 12:05 PM

APEST - Two weeks on Eph. 4:11 Spiritual Gifts: Part 2

The Month of March we will focus on Advocacy and Race Relations.

WEDNESDAY ADULT 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 a family.

ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNESDAYS of the month, Dr. Brian Telzerow 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.

COLOSSIAN WAY CLASS

WEDNESDAY JAN. 18, FEB. 1, 15 & MAR. 1 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Political discipleship training for those who want to go deeper. Jan Fields and Will Miller leading in room 206.