

All In- Esther
Esther 4:1-14



Two Names, Two Words

Allusive Echo – the Prophet Joel

DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on February 6:

Received for General Ministries: \$5,364.30
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00
Received for Christian Education: \$1,100.00
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

Community Offering:

Rehoboth Chr. School/Ippels \$160.51

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: ACCESS of West Michigan

The mission of Access is to connect the faith-based community to issues of justice and stewardship within their benevolence outreach by providing casework services at no cost. The shared goal is that a relationship can be built between congregations and their neighbors.

February 20: Family Network of Wyoming

February 27: Harbor House

March 6: Desert Streams Ministries (Lonts)

THIS WEEK

Monday, Feb 14

Tuesday, Feb 15

9:15am Tuesday Morning Small Group
6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Feb 16

Thursday, Feb 17

6:30am Men’s Bible Study (Red Geranium)

Friday, Feb 18

5pm Youth Group-Winter Jam

Saturday, Feb 19

Sunday, Feb 20

9:30am Worship
10:30am Church School
11am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

COUNCIL MEETING, Feb 22

ELDERS, Feb 22

DEACONS, Feb 22

YOUTH GROUP, Feb 27

STAFF

Tom Vanderploeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

TODAY: Sometimes faith requires careful discernment. Esther’s faith was challenged with some tough choices; how was she able to discern the right actions to take?

NEXT WEEK: Jonah’s faith needed some realignment in order to follow God’s heart; how does God align our faith today?

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Welcome!
We are glad you are here!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in our service

Also available during worship

- Nursery for infants & toddlers
- “Busy Bags” with kid’s bulletin & activities
- Puzzle & sermon notes written by Pastor Tom for students Grades 3 & up (found by weekly bulletins)

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS
are available at the sound booth

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Holy Holy Holy
Great is Thy Faithfulness
Have Thine Own Way*

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Esther 4:1-14*

Mordecai Persuades Esther to Help

4 When Mordecai learned of all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the city, wailing loudly and bitterly. **2** But he went only as far as the king's gate, because no one clothed in sackcloth was allowed to enter it. **3** In every province to which the edict and order of the king came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping and wailing. Many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

4 When Esther's eunuchs and female attendants came and told her about Mordecai, she was in great distress. She sent clothes for him to put on instead of his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. **5** Then Esther summoned Hathak, one of the king's eunuchs assigned to attend her, and ordered him to find out what was troubling Mordecai and why.

6 So Hathak went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate. **7** Mordecai told him everything that had happened to him, including the exact amount of money Haman had promised to pay into the royal treasury for the destruction of the Jews. **8** He also gave him a copy of the text of the edict for their annihilation, which had been published in Susa, to show to Esther and explain it to her, and he told him to instruct her to go into the king's presence to beg for mercy and plead with him for her people.

9 Hathak went back and reported to Esther what Mordecai had said. **10** Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai, **11** "All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king."

12 When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, **13** he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. **14** For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

Message "Esther"

Speak O Lord

God's Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to join - Sundays at 11am in room 10. Questions? Contact **Mike Philo** (lphil@comcast.net) or **Dave Cook** (dcook@calvin.edu).

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

During the season of Lent, the Tuesday morning group plans to view a Ray Vander Laan dvd study, The Path to the Cross. Plans are to begin this study on March 1. Those able to attend on Tuesday morning, 9:15- 10:45, are welcome to participate in the study for the weeks one is able to attend; one session or every session. Questions? Contact **Pastor Barb**.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will meet this Thursday, February 17, from 6:30-7:30am at Red Geranium Café. This week we are looking at chapters 11 & 12 in *Letters to a Young Calvinist*.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To **Lois Koetje** who will be celebrating her birthday February 22. Cards can be sent to: 4128 Singel, Grandville, MI 49418

Dear Fellowship Family,

Thank you for your prayers, many cards, and other expressions of care with the loss of Bill. We so appreciate these expressions of Christ's love and care shown to us.

*In His love, **Alvina Huyser** and family*

TODAY:

9:30am Worship

10:30am Church School

11am Adult Bible Study

PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for **Steve and Linda Westra** who are working with a 20 member DRS (Disaster Response Services) team in Orange, Texas, February 1-28. They are part of the supervisor team, which is a new position for them. Pray for safety for team members and that they will stay healthy. Pray also for the people they work with in Texas. Pray that the clients will experience Christ's compassion and care through the presence and work of this team.
- For **ACCESS of West Michigan** as they connect our faith community to issues of social justice and stewardship. Pray for their work as they invest in long-term solutions to the needs they see in our community.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.
- Remember in prayer those who are not able to worship with us on Sundays: **Gloria DeWitte, Lois Oom, and Rachel Tjoelker**.
- Remember in your prayers those who have ongoing health needs and concerns: **Rick Carter, Valerie Fleming, Len Koetje, Bob Agents and Mary Wood-Agents**.

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

FOOD PANTRY

A huge THANK YOU from the Food Pantry staff for helping us reach our goal of \$150,000 in Family Fare receipts. We have received a check for \$1,000 as a reward to use for our grocery outreach ministries. We will continue to collect receipts toward our next goal. Thanks again!!

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Our needs for the coming weeks include:

*fruit cups, canned pasta (i.e. Chef Boyardee type meals),
canned soup, tuna helper, granola bars or other snack items
(without peanuts please), and plastic grocery bags.*

Cash donations or gift cards to Meijer, Aldi & Costco can be given through the deacons. Please place items in the wooden box in the lobby.

Thank you for showing Christ's love to our neighbors through your support of this ministry ~ **Sandy Campo** 616-889-3134.