



# Baldwin Christian Reformed Church

“Everybody Belongs, Everybody Serves”

Lord’s Day 18 – Sunday, May 1, 2016

**Welcome** to all who are gathered in worship today!

You are invited to **join us** for coffee, snacks and fellowship following the service.

There are **worship bags** for your preschool children to enjoy, found next to the elevator in the back of the sanctuary. Please return them to the hooks after the service.

A **nursery** is provided for your smaller children during the worship service.

Please ask the usher or greeters if you have any questions.

## God Calls Us Together and We Come...

Opening Song: *One Truth*

Call to Worship

Song of Praise: *Sing, Sing, Sing*

Opening Prayer

Greetings

## God Invites Us to Confess Our Sins and He Renews Us...

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

GEMS Theme Introduction

GEMS Theme Song: *Thy Word*

GEMS Year Overview

GEMS Litany

Our Morning Prayers

Our Tithes and Offerings for *the Gems*

Offertory Song: *Trust in the Lord*

## We Listen to God’s Word...

Children’s Message

Scripture: *Psalms 119:105-112 (page 962)*

Message: *A Light on My Path*

Prayer of Application

## God Strengthens Us to Serve...

\* Benediction

\* Song of Closing: *We are the Kingdom*

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Welcome!** This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24) As you gather, listen carefully because God has something that He wants to communicate with each person who is gathered for worship. You do not want to miss what He trying to communicate to you! Prepare your ears to hear the message, your minds to understand and your heart to receive the “good news”!

**Today in worship:** Today we welcome the girls from GEM’s ministry as they lead us in worship, and celebrate what God has done throughout this year. This morning we will take time out from our series, *The Story*, to focus on the GEMS theme for this year based on Psalm 119:105 – *Love Truth*. We will be challenged to love the Word of God, which lights the path and is the path through the darkness of our times.

OFFERINGS TODAY: *GEMS Girls Ministry*

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY: *General Fund of Baldwin CRC*

**11:00 a.m. – Discipleship Training (Sunday School) for all ages.**

**4:00 p.m. –** We will resume the VanderLaan series, *With All Your Heart*. This evening we will focus on the events where Moses Struck the Rock. We will ponder the importance and power of God’s Word.

### Coming Up in May:

8 – Final Sunday for the Story and for Sunday School

15 – Potluck Sunday – Honoring our Graduates.

15 – Services at Baldwin Care Center and Parkview Home.

<u>SERVING OTHERS:</u>	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
Greeters	GEMS	Dave & Linda
Nursery Attendants	Diane & Brittney	Lois & Aubrey
Ushers	Joe & Robin	Marius & Raquel
Praise Team	Praise Band	Pastor, Marius, Linda, Libby
Sound Tech	Greg & Dave	Jim P. & J.C.
Accompanist	Rachel	Rachel
Serving	GEMS	Carol & Rich

Pastoral Care: If you have an emergency need for pastoral care, please call Pastor Anson at the church office (684-2928) or at his home (684-2195), or one of the elders: Dave Ashton (796-5773), Randy Lokker (684-5760), Duane Van Someren (684-4609), or Greg Wevers (684-3893) or Church Secretary Bonnie Van Someren (684-2491).

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday 7:00 p.m. – Friendship Spring Outing – Meet at A & W  
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. – First Tuesday Crafts  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – Youth group meets  
Thursday 7:00 p.m. – Fitness & Fun

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER BOARD

- Pray for **Joann Doornink** as she continues to wrestle with an undiagnosed condition that leaves her very weak, Also Pray for **John and Wilma Stadt** as they are mostly confined to home and experiencing a lot of pain. Pray for wisdom, strength and healing for all who are homebound.
- Happy Birthday** wishes this week go to Lyn Larson, and Ron Siegersma. Ron will be 84 on Friday, May 6. Congratulations! As you celebrate another year of God’s faithfulness, may your love for Jesus grow and your witness be infectious to all you encounter on the way.
- Remember those who wrestle with the challenges of pain and suffering in their lives. For some it is physical pain. For others it is emotional scars and loss. For still others it is a spiritual battle against Satan’s fiery darts. Pray that all may feel the healing presence of Jesus in this valley of suffering.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Vans Needed for SERVE!!!** Do you have or know of anyone who has a vehicle that we could borrow for a week this summer to transport students to and from the SERVE trip? We are in need of several mini vans or 12 passenger vans for our Holland, Mich. Project – June 25–July 2, and Gallatin, Montana, July 16–23. As a ministry we are grateful for your partnership. Your support is valued as together, we seek to glorify God in our service. Prayerfully consider these needs and please contact Pastor Anson, Brad Wevers, or Jodi Trunkel if you have any leads.

**Graduation Sunday!** – Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us for a very special potluck on **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. As part of our festivities we will honor our graduates who have reached this important milestone in their lives. If you know of anyone who is graduating from college, high school, eighth grade or kindergarten, let Pastor Anson know and we will be sure to add them to our list of honorees.

**Last chance for a table.** If you would like one of the tables that are being discarded, please sign the sheet in the fellowship hall TODAY, or talk to Tom Langer. The tables will be taken care of this week.

**THANK YOU!** The Dorcas women want to thank everyone who helped us raise money for the children in Haiti with our Meatball Supper. Thanks to the women who brought bars, the Youth Group, for their amazing job waiting on the guests, those who helped with clean-up, and to everyone who came and supported this effort. We raised \$2100 for Mission E4’s child sponsorship program.

**“Thank you so much for your prayers for healing, your visits, and all the food that has been brought to our home. You are truly amazing! May God continue to bless you as you serve Him.”**

**John and Wilma Stadt**

**Fund-Raiser – Celebrating Baldwin Christian School's 100th Year!** Friday, May 6, 2016 at The Orchard, 571 Hwy 63, Baldwin. Social Hour: 5–6pm; Dinner Buffet: 6pm; Music Begins: 7:30p featuring: Tim Patrick & His Blue Eyes Band. This event is formal/semi-formal attire. Tickets:50/per person. Silent Auction also to be held. To donate silent auction items or order your tickets/RSVP, please contact Dana Swanson at 715.556.7432 or [danaeswanson@gmail.com](mailto:danaeswanson@gmail.com). All proceeds from the evening will benefit Baldwin Christian School for facility upgrades. Thank you for your continued support of Christian education. Even if you cannot attend our event, we would appreciate your prayers for a successful fund-raiser!

*Our former pastor, **Rev. Bryce Mensink**, retired from full-time ministry in 2012. Since that time he has continued to serve the Palos Heights CRC in a part-time capacity as Pastor of Congregational Care. Effective May 22, 2016, he will fully retire from serving the Palos Heights CRC and relocate to Byron Center, Michigan. If anyone would like to send Bryce and Jan a card, their address is: 7050 W. Edgewood Drive, Palos Heights, IL, 60463*

### **SERVING OTHERS:**

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Nursery Attend.</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
May 8	Dave & Linda	Lois & Aubrey	Carol & Rich	Marius & Raquel
May 15	Lloyd & Joann	Kelly P. & Kenzie	Linda & Dave	Jim & Kelly
May 22	Mark & Lyn	Julie & Owen	Pauline & Ron	Tom & Murray
May 29	Murray & Rosie	Bobbi Jo & Ari	Julie & Jim	Lloyd & Joann
June 5	Jim & Julie	Nicole & Edith	Robin & Joe	Mark & J.C.
June 12	Randy & Jenifer	Sylvia & Caleb	Rosie & Murray	Eric & Kelly

### **May Birthdays:**

5. **Lyn Larson**
6. **Ron Siegersma 1932**
14. **Sue Hanson**
16. **Stacia Berg**
22. **Dave Larson**
24. **Lloyd Doornink**  
**Amy Clendenen**
27. **Brittney Gullixson**
29. **Caleb Lokker**

***Prayers for the Church World Wide***

- ☐ **GEMS Girls' Clubs: GEMS Sunday** – Churches across North America are celebrating GEMS Sunday. Pray that congregations will be blessed by seeing what girls have been learning throughout the season. Please also pray for continued growth for regional volunteers from the United States and Canada who recently participated in a leadership training event in Grand Rapids.
- ☐ **Back to God Ministries International: Yemen** – "All I see around me is suffering, destruction, and death– all in the name of Allah. I no longer believe in this terrible Allah. Thank you for showing me a different way," shares a person following our Arabic ministry. Pray for people who are daring to step away from an empty faith. Pray for their strength and perseverance.
- ☐ **Christian Reformed World Missions: West Africa-** A young Christian in West Africa has been facing persecution since moving to a new region. Pray that he will find the support he needs from fellow Christians in this area.
- ☐ **World Renew: Haiti** – The Dominican Republic government is increasing its deportation of Haitian immigrants, some of whom have lived in the Dominican Republic their entire lives. Please pray for wisdom as World Renew's International Disaster Response supports a new phase of training and agricultural support for Haitian returnees.
- ☐ **Back to God Ministries International: North America** – Pray for Christian parents and their children who have strayed from the Lord. A mom wrote after reading a Family Fire article, "Our oldest daughter has strayed from the Christian faith we raised her in. It is the most painful thing I've ever experienced. This article gave me renewed hope and a determination to persevere in praying for her and her repentance and return."
- ☐ **Christian Reformed Home Missions: Restarts** – Pray for churches and classes that are considering a restart to a church or are walking alongside churches considering that option. Pray for God's discernment and peace for leaders as they work together.
- ☐ **Challenge to Pray for Countries around the World:** This week, let us pray for the countries *of Germany, Ghana, Gibraltar, Greece, Greenland, Grenada, and Guadeloupe*. Pray for the leaders and churches, that the light of their witness would shine brightly. Pray that workers may come to the harvest field (Luke 10:2)

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Bulletin announcements due Thursday 3:30

Baldwin cable Channel 16 - Tuesday 10:30 a.m.; Friday 7:00 p.m.