

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – January 8, 2023**

**Rev. LeRoy Christoffels.... Guest Minister**

*Preparation for Worship: “For the Lord is good and his love endures forever, his faithfulness continues through all generations.”  
Psalm 100:5.*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD**

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 84:1; Revelation 21:2-3

Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn: #181:1-3 “*Exalt the LORD, His Praise Proclaim*”

\*God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting

**WE RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE**

God’s Will for Our Lives

Call to Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:8-12

Hymn of Response: #260:1-3 “*Not What My Hands Have Done*”

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Christian Ed Fund

Offertory

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Hymn of Preparation: #360:1-5 “*Bright and Glorious Is the Sky*”

Prayer of Illumination

God’s Word Read: Psalm 1

God’s Word Proclaimed: “**Two Ways of Walking in 2023**”

Prayer of Application

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\*Hymn of Response: #1:1-5 “*That Man Is Blest*” (Blue Psalter)

\*Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: #358:4,5 “*As with Gladness Men of Old*” (unannounced)

\*Postlude

*Please allow teachers/students to exit first*

\*indicates congregation stand

organist: Lavonne Kats

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:**

**GREETERS TODAY:** Scott & Sara Grevengoed, Deacon Carl Bonestroo

**GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY:** Ed & Noella Haveman, Elder Henry & Cheryl Kats

**NURSERY TODAY:** AM Missy Kats, Cindy LeLoux, Calen Bolkema, Kyrin De Groot, Dason Vant Hul; PM Kyle Pollema Family

**NEXT SUNDAY:** AM Kari Ney, Jaime Oostenink, Emma Kroese, Mya Kleinwolterink, Ashten Winterfeld; PM Brody Pollema

Family

**USHERS FOR JAN.:** Kyle Pollema, Merlyn Kroese, Jay De Wit, Jake Ney

**VALET PARKING FOR JAN.:** Jan. 8: Lynn A., Eric R.; Jan. 15: Dalton W., Mitchell F.

**SECURITY COMMITTEE:** Jan. 8: Jeff Verdoorn; Jan. 15: Zach Mouw; Jan. 22: Ross Te Slaa;

**OFFERINGS:** Today – Envelope receipts are for the church budget or for the cause(s) designated on your envelope. The loose offering is for the Christian Ed Fund; **NEXT SUNDAY:** Talking Bibles

**POWER POINT TODAY:** Tonya

**NEXT SUNDAY:** AM Arlene; PM Jason/Kaden

**SOUND SYSTEM TODAY:** Rick

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Kyle LeLoux

**COFFEE SERVERS TODAY:** Ross & Morgan

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Dave & Betty

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Larry Oolman to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Jim Oostenink to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Seth Oostenink to Lauren & Connie Runia; Brody Pollema to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Doug Pollema to Raul & Adrianna Herrera (Envelopes available on the rack by the mailboxes. E-mail addresses are in the church directory, page 1, under “Missionaries Supported”).

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

**TODAY**

9:30 AM Worship Service  
10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship in the basement  
10:45 AM Sunday School/Catechism Classes  
10:45 AM Adult Sunday School  
10:45 AM Christian Ed Committee (Meet in Pastor’s office)  
5:00 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting  
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service  
7:00 PM Christian Fellowship. Lunch: Arlene Vant Hul

**MONDAY**

6:30 PM Elder’s Meeting  
7:00 PM Deacon’s Meeting  
8:00 PM Council Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 AM Coffee Break at Hope CRC  
6:45 PM Cadets – regular meeting. Do Lesson 33. Hand out derby cars at end of the meeting.  
6:45 PM GEMS meet at Hope CRC for a lesson, craft, and group activity  
7:00 PM Mission Guild. Opening prayer: Linda B.; Closing prayer: Shirley R.  
7:00 PM YPS – meet in the church basement. This will be our Christmas Giving Project. Please bring along a cash donation. Devotions: Ashten & Braden; Lunch: Maeva & Haley

**FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

January 8, 2023

**WELCOME TO FIRST HULL:** We greet you in the name of our Lord. Let us join with the psalmist who prayed: “You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.” (Psalm 16:11). Be assured that God’s love is present here for one and all. A nursery and quiet room are available in the basement. TVs are available so that the service can be viewed. We invite everyone to join us for fellowship & coffee after the morning service in the church basement.

**TO MINIMIZE** the spreading of germs during this cold and flu season, we will cease shaking hands until further notice. Elders and pastor will greet you after the service, but not shake your hand. Greeters will be available prior to the service, but they will not shake your hand.

**WE WELCOME** Rev. Christoffels who will lead our morning worship service and Rev. Harlan De Jong who will lead our evening worship service.

**NEXT SUNDAY** Rev. Tim Ouwinga will lead our worship services.

**UPDATE FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE:** The group is finalizing the church profile and will be posting the final job description for our new pastor soon. Meetings are now every two weeks. Please submit any candidate names and their current location you would recommend to any of the committee members. The committee members are Larry Hoekstra, Kari Ney, Harry Meendering, Christine Kroese, Amy Emerick, Ross Te Slaa, Darla Vant Hul, Emily Stiles, Doug Pollema, and Cory De Wit.

**LADIES/MEN** able to help out at JFA on Tues., Jan. 10, may meet in the upper parking lot at 12:45 to car pool.

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:** Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou new email address **beginning Jan 3** is: [smaletoungou@acsi.org](mailto:smaletoungou@acsi.org).

**NEW ADDRESS:** Larry & Glenda Oolman have moved to Aspen Heights. They are in Room 110.

**CORNERSTONE PRISON CHURCH Faith Fellowship Weekend** begins Friday, Feb. 24, 6:00-7:45p (kick-off worship service). Sat., Feb. 25, and Sunday, Feb. 26, 8:00a-4:00p each day. The theme for the weekend is Perseverance. Scripture text comes from James 1:4. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, Feb. 2. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. If you would like more information or to sign up, contact us at [office@cornerstonepcsd](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd) or call 507-215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

**THE SHARE GROUP** for widows and widowers will meet on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 12:00 NOON at St. Paul Lutheran Church. The menu is hot ham and cheese sandwiches with sides. We will enjoy a sing-a-long for fellowship time. Be sure to bring \$5 to help cover expenses. Call Deanna Tiedeman (439-2229) with questions.

**THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING** totaled \$46,358.31. The top 10 offering amounts were:

Ukraine Family: \$15,353.00	World Renew: \$4,610.00	Building Fund: \$3,716.80
Resonate Global: 3,600.00	Luke Society: 2,500.00	Talking Bibles: 2,425.00
Missions: 1,257.00	Christian Ed.: 1,230.00	Benevolent: 1,150.00
Alpha Center: 1,150.00		

**ADVANCED NOTICE:** Cadet Sunday will be held in First CRC on Jan. 29 at 9:30a. More details will be given as we get closer to that event.

**THANK YOU** for the calls, cards, and prayers after my recent knee replacement surgery. It was greatly appreciated. -Harlyn Bolkema

### **COMMUNITY BULLETIN**

#### **FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:**

- Lois Salazar had scans done on Friday, January 6. If her scans show that they are able to do a biopsy, they can get her into a new trial to eventually get her to remission again. If not, they will use available drugs to treat.
- Orv Vant Hul has had immunotherapy and radiation for a tumor in the vertebrae of his neck. They are hoping to shrink this because it is so close to his spine. He needs a total of 10 treatments. He will have immunotherapy every three weeks. We ask for continued prayers.
- Bob Soodsma is recovering from his recent hip replacement surgery. Pray for healing.
- Gaylene Bouma continues receiving antibiotics and therapy at the Sioux Center Hospital.
- Maddox & Carver Kooima will have an echo and heart check in late January or February. Pray that both Maddox and Carver stay healthy.
- Pray for Russ Vander Schaaf as he continues with cancer treatments. Pray for strength, energy, and healing.
- Rick Van Hill continues with cancer treatment. Pray for minimal side effects and for a better appetite.
- Pray for our shut ins: Aspen Heights: Joyce De Vries, Wilma Grevengood, Theresa De Wit, Lou

Krommendyk, Liz Schmith, Joyce Vande Griend and Goldie Veldman; Sheldon Care Center: Julianne Kats, Belle Draayer; Christian Retirement Home: Johanna Van Surksum; Royale Meadows: Darlene Kroese; Whispering Heights: Pete Soodsma; River View Ridge: Howard & Marilyn Grevengoed; Courage Homes in Sioux City: Ardelle Westra.

### **HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:**

- Rachel Crawford, Carla Hulstein's sister from Des Moines, is home. We rejoice that Rachel has experienced some progress in taking in solid foods. We pray for her, for her husband, her sons, and the rest of her family.
- Jerry Van Roekel continues to recover at home. We praise God for the progress being made in his recovery.
- Pray for Jackie Covey and her family as she continues with chemo.
- Pray for Sheila Olson, Deb and Jerry's niece, as she continues with her treatments for cancer.
- Pray for those who are struggling with an addiction, emotional hurt, depression, and mental illness.
- Pray for our families, our marriages, that God would strengthen them, guide them, and be honored in them.
- Pray for those who cannot join us in worship, that they would be comforted and feel close to the congregation.

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER** at the 1<sup>st</sup> Ref. Church on Wed., Jan. 11, from 5-7p. The meal includes all-you-can-eat-spaghetti and salads. A free-will donation is suggested to support mission projects.

**GUIDING STAR CYCLE SHOW** for girls aged 9-13 is back (Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> & Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> in Sioux Center). This workshop was developed to give young girls the knowledge of what is going on inside their bodies in relation to puberty. Sign up by going to <https://guidingstarproject.com/cycle-show/> and choose Sioux Center as location.

**DORDT UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR** invites you to a concert at 7:30p on Friday, Jan. 13, in the Auditorium. This free concert is part of a spring tour with performances scheduled in IA, MN, and ND. The choir will perform a wide variety of choral music including hymn arrangements, spirituals, classics from the modern choral repertoire as well as past centuries, and several compositions written within the last decade by talented young composers. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

**THE JANUARY SERIES OF CALVIN UNIVERSITY** is coming to Sioux Center! January 9-27, Covenant CRC will broadcast one of the nation's leading lecture and cultural arts series each weekday from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. It is free and open to the public. For a full list of speakers and topics, visit <https://calvin.edu/january-series/>. Contact [covenant@mtcnet.net](mailto:covenant@mtcnet.net) with questions.

**COME SING ON TUESDAYS!** The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus is kicking off a new and exciting season this month and all are welcome to come sing. This season features a special guest conductor and an exciting departure from our normal large-scale works-presenting a series of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs from Handel, Mendelssohn, Schutz, and more. Rehearsals are held Tuesdays 7:30-9:30p in DeWitt Music Hall on Northwestern's campus, beginning **January 10**. Our concert will be Sat., April 29, at Dordt University. Contact Mike Ochsner [mkchsnr@gmail.com](mailto:mkchsnr@gmail.com) with any questions. We look forward to making music with you!

**LOVE & LEARN CLASSES:** If you or someone you know is interested in building financial skills, developing healthier relationships, learning how the church can best serve the community and be good stewards, or is grieving the loss of a loved one, Love INC has opportunities to grow in knowledge in these areas. Love INC is offering 12-week classes every Tuesday night beginning Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>. The classes offered are Faith & Finances, Redemptive Compassion, Boundaries, and Grief Share. For more information or to register for a class, visit the Love INC Sioux County web page or email us at [ministries@loveincsiouxcounty.org](mailto:ministries@loveincsiouxcounty.org) or call us at 712-476-5990.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to Center for Financial Education's 2023 Fundraiser Banquet on Fri., Jan. 27, at Terrace View Event Center! Enjoy a Prime Rib Dinner presented by Lorraine Nieuwsma followed by a delicious dessert auction. Tickets are \$50/person and can be purchased by contacting the CFE office at 722-3527.

**NAMI SUPPORT GROUP** will meet at Central Ref. Church in Sioux Center from 7-9p on Tues., Feb. 7. Speaker: Nathan Huyser: "10 Years with Serious Mental Illness: Stories, Lessons, and Hope."

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** Ireton Christian School's Annual Bluegrass Gospel Concert will be held on Sat., March 11, at the BJ Haan Auditorium in Sioux Center. The two groups performing are The Anderegg Family and The Baker Family. Show times are 2:30p and 7:00p. Tickets are \$15 at the door or can be purchased from the Ireton Christian School. Children ages 15 and under are free.

**LOVE INC SIOUX COUNTY** is seeking a part-time (20 hours) **Call Center Coordinator**. A heart for Christian service is integral to our work. This position requires strong interpersonal skills, discernment, personal boundaries, and attention to detail. Responsibilities include answering phones, coordinating screening of requests, discerning the nature and legitimacy of each need, and connecting people with local churches, volunteers, and resources. Proficient in Microsoft Office. Bilingual people are encouraged to apply. Send resume to: Love INC Sioux County, PO Box 85, Rock Valley, IA 51247. For a complete job description contact Debbie at 476-5990.