

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. –April 23, 2023

Rev. Steve Boersma....Guest Minister

Preparation for worship: “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful. I know that full well.”

Psalm 139:14

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Prelude

Responsive Call to Worship: (Psalm 95:1-7)

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

ALL: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hands are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Pastor: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

ALL: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: SW#8:1-3 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting (Revelation 1:4-5)

WE CONSECRATE OURSELVES TO GOD

God’s Will for Our Lives

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

Father in heaven, we confess that we are not worthy to climb the mountain of the Lord or stand in his holy place. Our hands and hearts are not pure, we worship false gods, we are deceitful. Forgive us so that we may receive the Lord’s blessing and have a right relationship with God our Savior. Help us seek you and worship in your presence.

Words of Assurance: (Psalm 103:8-12, 17-18)

Hymn of Response: #171:1-3 “It is Good to Sing Thy Praises”

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Christian Ed Fund

Offertory

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation: #239:1-3 “Amid the Thronging Worshipers”

Prayer for Illumination

God’s Word Read: Psalm 122

God’s Word Proclaimed: “**I Was Glad**”

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response: #510:1-3 “I Love Your Church, O Lord”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing: (Numbers 6:24-26)

*Doxology: #320:2 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” (unannounced)

*Postlude

(please allow teachers/students to exit first)

*indicates congregation stand – organist: Lavonne Kats

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

GREETERS TODAY: Merlyn & Linda Kroese, Deacon Devin & Kate Bonestroo

GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY: Ryan & Christine Kroese, Elder Henry & Cheryl Kats

NURSERY TODAY: AM Jana Rens, Bobbie Kroese, Benjamin Kats, Abby Fedders, Maeva Haveman; PM Matt Bosma Family

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY: AM Sandy Westra, Michelle Zomermaand, Sophia Kroese, Abigail Kats, Dason Vant Hul; PM Cory De Wit Family

USHERS FOR APR.: Kevin Driesen, Cory De Wit, Jon Van Berkum, Terry Jansma

VALET PARKING FOR APRIL: April 23: Zach Vant Hul; Randy Winterfeld; April 30: Dan Bonestroo, John Emerick

SECURITY COMMITTEE: Apr. 23: John Emerick; Apr. 30: Kyle LeLoux

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: 1. GEMS; 2. The Banquet

COFFEE SERVERS TODAY: Evan & Shondra

NEXT SUNDAY: Randy & Mindy

POWER POINT TODAY: Tonya

NEXT SUNDAY: AM Arlene; PM Kaden

SOUND SYSTEM TODAY: Kyle Te Slaa

NEXT SUNDAY: Rick

CORRESPONDENCE: Brent De Jager to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Roger De Kruyf to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Walt den Hoed to Lauren & Connie Runia; Cory De Wit to Gary & Ellie Sikma; (For those wishing to send an email, addresses are in the directory, first page, under “Missionaries Supported”. Envelopes are in the rack by the mailboxes.)

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 Ladies Bible Study (nursery)
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

9:50 AM Coffee Break at Hope CRC. Lesson 12. Salad Luncheon.
6:45 PM GEMS will have their last meeting. Moms, grandmas or aunts are invited to join the girls. We will meet at the westside park by the pool Girls will be making a craft, playing games and enjoying a snack.

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

April 23, 2023

WELCOME TO FIRST HULL: Welcome to worship, Christian education, and fellowship. May God bless and strengthen you here today. 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.

WE WELCOME Rev. Steve Boersma as he leads our morning service and Pastor Barry Miedema who will lead the evening service. Next Sunday Pastor Ouwinga will lead the morning service and Pastor Barry Miedema will lead the evening service.

TODAY is GEMS Sunday. They are meeting at Hope CRC this morning. We give thanks for the GEMS ministry of our church and Hope CRC and give thanks for all the girls who participated in GEMS this year.

UPDATE FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE: The committee has been visiting with many candidates. We hope to begin conducting interviews in May. Please continue praying for our church and for our next pastor during this process.

GEMS will have their last meeting this Wed., April 26. Moms, grandmas, or aunts are invited to join the girls. We will meet at Westside Park by the pool. Girls will be making a craft, playing games and enjoying a snack.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Larry Oolman has moved to Crown Point Estates, Room 1114.

YPS DINER will be held this Wednesday from 5-7p. Come out and enjoy tasty hamburgers, brats and hotdogs along with chips and milkshakes. Drive thru to-go boxes will be available at the lower-level parking lot. We will be adding a delivery option for the supper if anyone is interested. Please reach out to one of the leaders if you're interested so that we can determine what you would like, when you would like it delivered and where to deliver it to. Freewill donations will be accepted. Come out to support our young people!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for VBS which runs from June 5-June 8. There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex table if you can help out as a crew leader. Check the bulletin board for their "Wall of Needs". Items can be placed in the basket at the back of church. Questions, contact Rachel Bolkema, Ashley Hulstein, or Jessica Pollema.

PARENTS: If you have a son/daughter who will be graduating this year from College, Vocational School, or Trade school, please let me know so that I can get a questionnaire in their mailbox. You may call (439-1626) or email me at hull1crc@mtcnet.net or leave a note in my mailbox. We will be recognizing our graduates on May 21 during the morning service. -Karen

LADIES/MEN who are able to help at JFA on Tuesday, April 25, may meet in the upper parking lot at church at 12:45p to car pool.

THANK YOU to everyone who brought food, worked, donated toward the auction, and to all those who attended! It was a fun night of good food, fellowship and lots of lively bidding! -The Christian Ed Committee

THANK YOU to our Heavenly Father for His continued grace and presence during Sharon's battle with a blood staph infection. Also, thank you to Pastor Ouwinga, Elder Te Krony, our care group and church family for all your prayers, visits, food, flowers, cards, and rides to Sioux Center for 6 week of infusions. All of these were very much appreciated. We are never too old to learn to be dependent on others when we are truly in need. Praise be to God! -Sharon & Bob Soodsma

THANK YOU: You are making a difference! On behalf of the ministries of the CRC in North America, thank you for your gifts to ministry shares. Your support enables congregations to do so much more to further God's Kingdom than any one church could do alone. Our denomination could not impact the world through missions, media, and church development without incredible and faithful support.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- LuAnn De Wild is recovering well at home following her surgery. Pray for continued healing.
- Please pray for Howard Grevengoed as his health is declining. Also pray for his family as this is a difficult time for them.
- Jim Oostenink is receiving treatments for cancer. Pray that the treatments are effective.
- Please pray for Troy Bruxvoort as he will have a procedure on Wednesday to see if the area where the mass (and subsequent infection) was removed has healed. A good report would lead to a final surgery in May and hopefully complete healing.

- Russ Vander Schaaf transferred from the Veterans Hospital in Sioux Falls to Rock Valley on Wednesday for up to 20 days of therapy. Pray for ongoing progress for him and continued healing for Bonnie.
- Sharon Soodsma was very happy that her doctor okayed her starting on a pill instead of the infusions. Praise God for answered prayers! Pray that this treatment is effective for her.
- Maddox Kooima is scheduled for a heart procedure on his pulmonary vein on April 26. He will need to stay overnight. Praise the Lord for a good eye appointment for both boys.
- Pray for our shut ins: Aspen Heights: Joyce De Vries, Wilma Grevengoed, 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 Surksun; Crown Point Estates: Darlene Kroese, Larry & Glenda Oolman, Gary & Florence Horstman; Whispering Heights: Pete Soodsma; River View Ridge: Howard Grevengoed; Courage Homes in Sioux City: Ardelle Westra.

HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- We continue to pray for Jackie Covey for her strength and continued care and treatment for cancer.
- Mary Lund is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on Monday, April 24th. We pray that it is successful and for her recovery.
- Marion Van Soelen was notified by the surgeon that the lab tests of the removed tumor showed no cancer.
- We pray for those families and mothers who are expecting children that you will continue to watch over and care for them and for lives of those children in the womb.
- Pray for those who continue to recover at home.
- Pray for those who have upcoming surgery. Prayers for them, the doctors, nurses, and procedures.
- Pray for those who mourn, who have lost those whom they love and miss.
- Pray for all 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.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Have you contributed to the **Western Christian Spring Drive**? We ask that you prayerfully consider this cause. We are seeking to refurbish the south exterior of Western. Information can be found in the Spring Western Witness, the Western Weekly Memo, and our school website www.westernchristianhs.com. If you have any questions, please contact Brad Vis at 605-359-5704 or brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com.

Western Christian FFA Chapter is selling hanging baskets again this spring! Sales will begin on May 4 with baskets costing \$30/basket. May 4&10 from 9-6p. Please bring your pots to have us plant. Drop off any size pots between now and May 10 so we can pot them for you.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

DORDT UNIVERSITY: On Friday, April 28, the 4th Avenue Singers will present a concert in conjunction with the 4th Avenue Band and Jazz Combo in the Auditorium. On May 5 at 7:30p the Dordt Music Dept. will present the Spring Choral Ensembles Concert. As part of the concert, we will be honoring MaryLou Wielenga for her 45 years of faithful service to Dordt University through music. Everyone is invited to a reception honoring her retirement following the choral concert in the lobby. On Sat. May 6, the Dordt Instrumental Ensembles will give their final concert of the semester. The concert will feature the Campus-Community Band, the Chamber Orchestra and the Wind Symphony. All the concerts will be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

HULL HISTORICAL SOCIETY Decades of Dress will be held Wed. at 7:00p in the Boyden-Hull Auditorium.

THE ANNUAL GENESIS HOUSE BENEFIT BRUNCH is scheduled for April 29th at 9:00a at Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City. The event will include a speaker, live and silent auction, food and more! Tickets can be purchased at their store: Restored 5:17, at 104 Central NW Ave. in Orange City.

YOU ARE INVITED to the *Bible League Ambassadors Salad Luncheon* on May 1 at First Reformed Church in Rock Rapids. Please bring one salad for every two people. The luncheon will begin at 11:30a. The speaker will be Marie Hofmeyer, owner of Holland House and Jade & Co. in Orange City. She has a degree in Interior Design from the University of Northern Iowa. She will give a demonstration on creating home decorations from objects found in Legacy Thrift (formerly Bibles for Missions) stores in Orange City and Worthington. Come and enjoy great food and be inspired to redecorate your home.

THE "NAMI" SUPPORT GROUP will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center on Tuesday, May 2, from 7-9p. Speaker Kathy De Jong: **Living with Schizoaffective Disorder**. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. Call Shirley Matheis 722-4462 for more information.

HABITAT SPONSOR A STUD! Gather your friends, family, church group or business to sponsor one or more 2x4 studs for \$100 each to help build the Martinez family's Habitat home! We will deliver the stud to you to decorate with Bible verses, encouraging words, prayers, pictures, etc. The studs will be framed into the house, and everyone will be invited to a Stud Finder Event later on to see the studs and pray for the home and family. Get more details and **sign up by May 1** by contacting Kurt Franje: 641-780-9054 or kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org.