

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

**Rev. Tim Ouwinga.... Minister**

*Preparation for worship: We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, “I know him”, but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.*

**WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn: #8:1,4,5 “LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name”

\*God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting

**WE OUR RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE**

Responsive Reading of the Law (PH pg. 1015)

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Response: #495:1-4 “I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace”

Congregational Prayer

Offering: 1. GEMS; 2. The Banquet

Offertory

**GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD**

Children’s Message by Pastor Tim: “*What Makes You Scared?*”

\*Hymn of Preparation: SW#25 “Great and Mighty” (sing twice)

Prayer for Illumination

God’s Word Read: Isaiah 41:8-10; I Corinthians 16:21

God’s Word Proclaimed: “**Called to Be Saints: Have Courage**”

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Response: #500:1-5 “How Firm a Foundation”

**WE GO OUT TO WALK WITH GOD**

\*Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: SW#19:1-4 “We Will Glorify” (unannounced)

\*Postlude

**(please allow teachers/students to exit first)**

\*indicates congregation stand

pianist...Peg Visser

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:**

**GREETERS TODAY:** Ryan & Christine Kroese, Elder Henry & Cheryl Kats

**GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY:** Don & Mary Krommendyk, Deacon Rick & Tonya De Groot

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

**NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:** AM Kate Bonestroo, Lindsey Pfingsten, Ava Ney, Keagen Winterfed, Ashley Fedders; PM Dan Fedders Family

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

**USHERS FOR MAY:** Tyler Bonestroo, Mike Grevengoed, Scott Kroese, Harlan Mouw

**VALET PARKING FOR APRIL/MAY:** April 30: Dan Bonestroo, John Emerick; May 7: Ryan Bolkema, Dalton Westra; May 14: Lane Driesen, Dason Vant Hul

**SECURITY COMMITTEE:** Apr. 30: Kyle LeLux; May 7: Dan Bonestroo; May 14: Jeff Verdoorn; May 21: Zach Mouw; May 28: 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 1. GEMS; 2. Banquet

**NEXT SUNDAY:** AM 1. Building Fund; 2. Center for Financial Ed. PM Western Music Dept.

**COFFEE SERVERS TODAY:** Evan & Shondra

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Eric & Michelle

**POWER POINT TODAY:** AM Arlene; PM Kaden

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Kirk

**SOUND SYSTEM TODAY:** Rick

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Ben

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Dan De Wit to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Jay De Wit to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Ken Draayer to Lauren & Connie Runia; Kevin Driesen 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

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

**MONDAY**

7:00 PM Search Committee

# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

April 30, 2023

**WELCOME TO FIRST HULL:** With the psalmist we proclaim, “You prepare a table before me...my cup overflows” (Psalm 23:5 NRSV). Welcome to worship as we praise and thank the Lord our Shephrd. 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** Pastor Tim Ouwinga as he leads our morning worship service and Pastor Barry Miedema as he leads the evening worship service.

**NEXT SUNDAY** Rev. Zuidema will lead our morning worship service and Pastor Hoekstra will bring the message in the evening. The Chamber Singers, under the direction of Mrs. Lindsey Ver Meer, will be participating in the service.

**VBS is in need of crew leaders and volunteers!** VBS runs from June 5-June 8. Please sign up on the sheet on the narthex table if you can help out. Questions, contact Rachel Bolkema, Ashley Hulstein, or Jessica Pollema.

**STUDENTS:** Please fill out the Graduate questionnaire that was in your mailbox and get it to me as soon as possible. (If you lost your sheet, I will get you another one.) You can put it in my church mailbox (Karen Bruxvoort) or email your answers to me at [hull1crc@mtcnet.net](mailto:hull1crc@mtcnet.net). If you are unable to be there on Sunday morning, May 21, please let me know. Call the office at 439-1626 or email me. Thank you! -Karen

**THE BANQUET:** Our church is responsible for serving the evening meal at the Banquet on Tuesday, June 6. Please see the note in your church mailbox. A sign-up sheet is on the narthex table.

**THANK YOU** to Care Group #8 for the bouquets of flowers I received following the death of both Marilyn and then Howard. It was appreciated! -Wilma Grevengoed

## **COMMUNITY BULLETIN**

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

- LuAnn De Wild is recovering well at home. She has now started physical therapy. Pray for continued healing.
- We extend our Christian sympathy to Scott & Sara Grevengoed and family, Darlene Kroese, Wilma Grevengoed and all other loved ones in the passing of Howard on April 21<sup>st</sup>. May God comfort them in their sorrow.
- Jim Oostenink continues receiving treatments for cancer. Pray that the treatments are effective.
- Troy Bruxvoort had his procedure on Wednesday and was happy to hear that his wound is healed enough (approximately 60%) to schedule his final surgery on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Lois Salazar has an infusion scheduled for Wednesday. This begins the last round of her chemo to be completed May 10. Pray bloodwork improves and she is able to complete this.
- Russ Vander Schaaf was able to return home on Tuesday. He is doing well. He has appointments scheduled next week in Sioux Falls & Rock Valley. Pray for ongoing progress for him and continued healing for Bonnie.
- Praise the Lord for a huge answer to prayer. Maddox did not need an intervention on his pulmonary vein. Everything with his heart looks great!
- Continue to keep Val Van Schepen in your prayers. She was hospitalized with pneumonia last week. She continues to show improvement and hopes to return home this weekend.
- Rick Van Hill continues with his cancer treatments. Pray for relief from the nausea he is experiencing.
- Pray for Roger Vis in his struggle with Parkinson's.
- Keep Pete Soodsma in your prayers in his struggle with depression and Parkinson's.
- 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; 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.
- Matt Roetman met with doctors this week. We pray for Matt & Briana and the doctors and for the care that Matt needs as they deal with the cancer that they discovered in his colon.
- Mary Lund had hip replacement surgery on Monday. She is now home and we pray for her healing and recovery.
- Tony Boesch, Wes and Diana Dykstra's son-in-law, was admitted this week to the VA in Sioux Falls. He has been diagnosed with viral encephalitis. We praise God that his condition is improving. We continue to pray for Tony as he recovers and for Jenn as well.
- We pray for those whose prayer concerns are theirs privately; for those things that are a struggle and a challenge.

- 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](http://www.westernchristianhs.com). If you have any questions, please contact Brad Vis at 605-359-5704 or [brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com](mailto: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. Drop off pots between now and May 10 so we can pot them for you! Pots will be ready to pick up by May 10!

**Board Nominations for Western Christian:** At the end of this school year, Don De Boer, Doug De Boer, and Gary De Jager will be completing their terms on Western Christian's School Board. We thank them for their service! The board is now seeking 4 nominees to replace them. We are looking for one Hull resident, one Sioux Center resident and two at-large members coming from any region. Here are the specific areas of expertise we are seeking at this time: Finance, Policy, Reformed Doctrine & Theology, Legal, Public Relations/Communication, Advancement//Fundraising. If you know candidates who are especially gifted in one or more of these areas, please consider nominating them. All members of Western's society are invited to submit names for potential nominees for the board. Please submit nominations to board president, Mr. John Vander Haag: [john.vanderhaag@westernchristianhs.com](mailto:john.vanderhaag@westernchristianhs.com). You are encouraged to submit nominations by Friday, June 2. All newly elected trustees shall be approved by the society at the succeeding meeting in August.

**HCS Chapel Program: Fruit of the Spirit:** On May 9 the Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students of HCS will be having their chapel theme program at the **Western Event Center at 7:00p**. This program is a cumulation of the songs learned throughout the school year that centered around this year's chapel theme Fruit of the Spirit.

### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**DORDT UNIVERSITY:** 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>.

**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.

**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](mailto:kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org).

**PRAY FOR SYNOD 2023:** Join believers across the denomination for 40 days of prayer in preparation for Synod 2023. Beginning on April 30 and concluding on June 8, each day readers will receive a Bible text, a prayer, and some suggested questions for reflection or conversation. All of the prayers are intended to reflect the theme of Synod 2023: Longing to be Like Christ, which is based on Philippians 2:1-11, summarized by verse 5: "In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus." Learn more and sign up at [www.crcna.org/longing-to-be-like-christ](http://www.crcna.org/longing-to-be-like-christ).

**VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLIMITED** Annual Run, Walk & Roll will be held on Saturday, June 3, at 9:00a. To register online go to: [www.villagenorthwest.org](http://www.villagenorthwest.org).