

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. –September 3, 2023**

**Rev. Calvin Hoogendoorn...Guest Minister**

*Preparation for worship: Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.” Ps. 91:1-2*

**WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

Prelude  
Call to Worship  
\*Opening Hymn: #483:1-4 “How Great Thou Art”  
\*Opening Prayer  
\*God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting

**WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE**

Preparatory for the Lord’s Supper (PH pg. 976)  
Hymn of Response: #557:1-4 “My Jesus, I Love Thee”  
Congregational Prayer  
Offering: Building Fund  
Offertory

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

\*Hymn of Preparation: 282:1-4 “Break Now the Bread of Life”  
Prayer for Illumination  
God’s Word Read: Psalm 121  
God’s Word Proclaimed: “**Pilgrim Assurance**”  
Prayer of Application

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\*Hymn of Response: #469:1-4 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”  
\*Parting Blessing  
\*Doxology: #638 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
\*Postlude

\*indicates congregation stand

organist: Peg Visser

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:**

**GREETERS TODAY:** Dave & Carol Rozeboom, Deacon Kyle & Cindy LeLoux  
**GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY:** Elder Rod & Connie Te Krony, Elder Darren & Darla Vant Hul

**NURSERY TODAY:** AM Lynette Feenstra, Teresa Fedders, Annie Leusink, Alex Bruxvoort, Emily Fedders; PM Brett Van Middendorp Family  
**NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:** AM Jana Rens, Bobbie Kroese, Calen Bolkema, Logan Fedders, Haley Wielenga; PM Zach Vant Hul Family

**USHERS FOR SEPT:** Brody Pollema, Darren Bonestroo, Zach Vant Hul, Randy Winterfeld

**VALET PARKING FOR SEPT:** **Sept. 3:** Lane Driesen, Dalton Westra; **Sept. 10:** Ashten Winterfeld, Ryan Bolkema; **Sept. 17:** Dan Bonestroo, Mitchell Fedders; **Sept. 24:** Lynn Anderson, Chandler Pollema

**SECURITY COMMITTEE:** **Sept. 3:** Dan Poppema; **Sept. 10:** John Emerick; **Sept. 17:** Kyle LeLoux; **Sept. 24:** Dan Bonestroo

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

**COFFEE SERVERS TODAY:** Dan & Dana                      **NEXT SUNDAY:** Mark & Teresa

**POWER POINT TODAY:** Tonya                                      **NEXT SUNDAY:** AM Arlene; PM Kaden

**SOUND SYSTEM TODAY:** Ben                                      **NEXT SUNDAY:** Rick

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Kyle Te Slaa to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Ross Te Slaa to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Dave Vande Griend to Lauren & Connie Runia; Dennis Vande Griend to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Aletha Vande Griend to Sos & Kara Maletoungou (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  
6:00 PM    Evening Worship Service

**Sunday morning, September 3, 2023**

**Text: Psalm 121**

**Message: Pilgrim Assurance**

**Sermon notes:**

## FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

September 3, 2023

**WELCOME TO FIRST HULL:** As we transition from summer to fall, God leads us, steady in love and care, even as our seasons change. Let us worship! 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. Calvin Hoogendoorn as he leads our morning worship service and Rev. Steve Boersma as he leads our evening service. Next Sunday, Rev. Tim Ouwinga will lead our worship services.

**NEXT SUNDAY** we will partake of the Lord's Supper. Let us use this week to reflect on the Lord's great love for us and pray that this may bring us to respond in joy and obedience. Anyone who is home bound and would like to partake of communion should contact Doug Pollema (439-1429) or Eric Rens (441-3154).

**PASTOR AARON'S SCHEDULE:** In an effort to communicate with the congregation, the following is Pastor's schedule for Sept./Oct.: Sept. 10 preaching in Raymond; Sept. 17: his farewell in Raymond; Sept. 25, 26, 27 he will be attending the Gospel Coalition Conference; Oct. 1 Pastor will preach in the AM and his installation service will be at 3:00p; Oct. 15: he will begin preaching full time. He will be in his office various times in September and plans to begin visiting members of the congregation with Pastor Ouwinga.

**CHOIR** is gearing up to start in September and we want YOU to join us. Please consider sharing your talents with us and the congregation. Talk to Shondra if you have any questions.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Nelvina Kroese moved on Friday, Sept. 1, to Aspen Heights. She is in Room 102.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS** are needed, especially for the younger grades. Contact Galen Kroese (470-2632) if you are willing to help. Classes will start on September 17. The offering will be for Hull Kids' Club.

**PICTURE DIRECTORY:** It is time to update our directory! If you have a new picture you would like to submit, please put it in my church mailbox or email it to me ([hullcrc@mtcnet.net](mailto:hullcrc@mtcnet.net)). Thank you! -Karen

**CHURCH PICNIC** is set for Wed., Sept. 6, at Westside Park at 6:00p. The meal will be potluck with *meat, buns, drink, and paper products provided*. Bring one hot or cold item to share. There will be Bouncy Houses for the kids. ***We need 3 men at 4:00p to help put up the Bouncy Houses. Sign up on the sheet if you can help with this.***

**KIDS' CLUB** is still looking for volunteers. This is an after-school program that provides a safe, faith-based environment for kids in grades K-3 at no charge. We welcome high school students through adults, and we will work with your schedule. A volunteer orientation/appreciation is scheduled for **Thursday, Sept. 7 at 4:30 at American Reformed Church**. Questions, contact Sylvia Eekhoff (540-7734) or Elaine Boogard (348-4181).

**THE "SHARE" GROUP** for widows and widowers will meet on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 6:00p at St. Paul Lutheran Church. The menu will be tacos hard/soft with chips, salsa, and cheese. Dessert will be a surprise. The program will be Aiko Kamies on the dulcimer. Be sure to bring \$5 to help cover expenses. Call Deanna Tiedeman (439-2229) with any questions.

**THANK YOU** to our Heavenly Father for His continued grace and presence during Sharon's third battle with a blood staph infection and Bob's knee replacement. Also, thank you to Pastor Ouwinga and Elder De Wit and our care group and church family for all your words of encouragement, cards, and visits during these last few weeks. All of these were very much appreciated. Praise be to God. – Sharon & Bob Soodsma

### **COMMUNITY BULLETIN**

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

- Kip Leusink is home and adjusting well to his type 1 diabetes diagnosis and receiving his insulin shots. Continued prayers and words of encouragement are appreciated for the whole family to adjust to this new way of life.
- Eleanor Feenstra spent a few days in the Sioux Center Hospital for afib heart rhythms and some related issues. She was able to return home on Wednesday with a change of medication. Pray for God's healing mercies.
- Give thanks Rick Kiers was able to return home. Pray for strength and full restoration.
- Gary Horstman fell and injured his lower back. Pray for relief of pain.
- Continue to remember LuAnn De Wild, Levi Thorson and Bob Soodsma as they recover from surgery.
- Pray for our shut ins: Aspen Heights: Joyce De Vries, Wilma Grevengoed, Nelvina Kroese, Liz Schmith, Joyce Vande Griend, and Goldie Veldman; Sheldon Care Center: Julianne Kats, Belle Draayer; Christian Retirement Home: Johanna Van Surksun;

Crown Pointe Estates: Theresa De Wit, Darlene Kroese, Lou Krommendyk, Larry & Glenda Oolman, Gary Horstman, John Scholten; Whispering Heights: Pete Soodsma; Courage Homes in Sioux City: Ardelle Westra.

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

- Jackie Covey has a pet scan planned for Thursday. We pray for good results and her continued care.
- The doctors continue to evaluate Mike Visser, Mandy Hoekstra's father, and his most recent test results. Pray for a clear plan and path for his care moving forward.
- Diana Dykstra was transferred to Pleasant Acres Care Center in Hull this week to continue her rehabilitation. We pray for God to continue to strengthen her and heal her.
- Howard Krikke, Denise Keizer's father, is in hospice. We pray for him and for his family in this time of fellowship and care. We pray for his wife, Alvina, as she cares for Howard in their home.
- We pray for those whose prayer concerns are theirs privately; for those who struggle with ongoing health concerns.
- 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**

**HCS Society Meeting** will be held on Sept. 13 at 7:00p in the Music Room. The agenda and budget will be in church mailboxes soon.

**Save the date:** Rally Day Sale is Sat. Sept. 16. Pre-sale for meat and bake sale is 2-4p. Supper is from 5-6:30p and the sale begins at 6:30p. If you have any items you would like to donate, please drop them off in the school office at your convenience.

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE "NAMI" SUPPORT GROUP** will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7-9p on Tuesday, Sept. 5. Video: The Stigmatization of Schizophrenia. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis at 722-4462.

**COFFEE BREAK:** Plans are to meet on Wed., Sept. 13, at 10:00 at Hope CRC for our kick-off. Come and meet with ladies of our community and find out what Coffee Break is all about.

This is not only for ladies! We have a wonderful Story Time for kids 3-6 years old and wonderful caring gals in the nursery for infants-2 years. Contact Bev Altena (439-2464) or just come on over on Sept. 13 and find out what Coffee Break is all about. All women are invited!

**WE ARE HIRING at Bargain Alley!** If you are interested in being part of a great team who is passionate about 2nd hand retail, please apply to become part of our growing business. We're eager to hear from you! To apply, please contact store manager, Kari Hoekstra at [bargainalleyhull@gmail.com](mailto:bargainalleyhull@gmail.com) or stop by the store to pick up an application.

**MOPS** is inviting all moms with young children (expecting to kindergarten) to join us for an information/registration night on Sept. 6 from 7-8:30p at the Lunch House! We meet bi-monthly on Wednesday evenings at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley and nursery is available if needed.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERS,** Promise CHC, and the four hospitals in Sioux County are partnering to offer an 8-session weight loss and diabetes prevention program, "Choose Health NW Iowa," with the goal of preventing diabetes in NW Iowa and promoting healthy and informed lifestyle choices. Classes will be on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30p at Community Health Partners in Orange City beginning Sept. 14. Cost is \$60. You can register online at [www.preventdiabetesnwiowa.org](http://www.preventdiabetesnwiowa.org) or call Community Health Partners at 712-737-2971.

**DORDT UNIVERSITY:** You are invited to join the Music Department on Friday, Sept. 15, at 7:00p in the Auditorium as we kick off the fall semester of concert offerings with the annual Instrumental Pops Concert. The Dordt Mass Band and Chamber Orchestra will delight you. Live streamed at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

**HOPE HAVEN TALSMA ATV & HORSE RIDE BENEFIT:** Ready for an adventure? Bring your ATV's, side by sides, dirt bikes, or horses and join Hope Haven for their Talsma Benefit Ride at Talsma's Trail Park on Sat., Sept.16. Talsma's Trail Park is an ATV park located along the Missouri River in Southeast South Dakota. Trails range from easy to extreme and include creek crossings, scenic river bluffs, open prairies, river bottom terrain, and more. Don't miss this fun opportunity to support Hope Haven International Ministries! Sign up today by visiting, [hopehaven.org/events](http://hopehaven.org/events).

**TRI-STATE BIBLE CONFERENCE** featuring Dr. Derek Thomas will be held at 7:00p on Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 25 & 26, at Bethel CRC in Sioux Center. He will speak on "Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit." Monday topics are "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit" and "Experiencing the Holy Spirit." Tuesday evening Dr. Thomas will address "The Holy Spirit and our Holiness" and then answer your questions. The conference includes hymn singing, book tables, refreshments, fellowship, and networking with other believers. Registration is

appreciated ([www.tristatebibleconference.com](http://www.tristatebibleconference.com)) but no required. A freewill offering will be received.

**TOMBSTONE TOUR OF FAMILY STORIES – HOPE CEMETERY** will be September 30. Hull citizens will recount the lives of their ancestors, John Kiers, Dora Vander Schaaf, Teunis Brunsting, Henry Huibregtse, Minnie De Groot, and Andrew Caswell. Come relive history with us. You may walk the tour, but reservations are necessary to ride the trailer. Call 439-6993 or [historicalsocietyhull@gmail.com](mailto:historicalsocietyhull@gmail.com) for reservations. Your \$12 donation will be used to support museum expenses. A \$25 donation includes a 1-year membership to the Hull Historical Society.

**JUSTICE FOR ALL** is very excited to announce dates for the upcoming 2024 Service and Learning Trips! The sites/dates are Harvest Ministries, Jackson, MS: Jan. 20-26; JVN Perkins Foundation, Jackson, MS: Feb. 3-9; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS: Feb. 10-16; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY: March 2-8; Grace Reigns, Hildale, UT: March 16-22. If you would like to sign up or want more information on any of these opportunities, please contact Nick LeLoux at JFA (412-476-2804, [nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org).) Or you may join us on October 23 at 1335 Valley Drive, Rock Valley for an information meeting at 6:30p (refreshments will be provided).