

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. –September 24, 2023

Rev. David Smit...Guest Minister

Preparation for worship: “I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.” Jeremiah 24:7

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: #237:1-3 “*We Praise You, O God*”

*Opening Prayer

*God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

God’s Will for Our Lives

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Response: #259:1-3 “*Out of Need and Out of Custom*”

Congregational Prayer

Offering: 1. Christian Ed Fund; 2. Talking Bibles

Offertory

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation: #291:1,2,4,5 “*May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*”

Prayer for Illumination

God’s Word Read: Hebrews 12:1-3

God’s Word Proclaimed: “The Reality Check”

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Application: #505:1,4,5,7 “*For All the Saints*”

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: #630:1,2 “*Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God*”

*Postlude

Please allow teachers/students to exit first

*indicates congregation stand

pianist: Evan Schroeder

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

GREETERS TODAY: Glen & Tami Scholten, Elder Dave & Kay Kroese

GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY: Evan & Rachel Schroeder, Deacon Rick & Tonya De Groot

NURSERY TODAY: AM Becca Te Slaa, Morgan Te Slaa, Dylan Bonestroo, Sophia Kroese, Braden Baccam; PM Evan Wielenga Family

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY: AM Mindy Winterfeld, Shondra Wielenga, Brynlee LeLoux, Charlie Oostenink, Brooklyn Poppema; PM Brody Pollema Family

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

USHERS FOR OCT.: Lee Rozeboom, Ted Salazar, Brent De Jager, Justin Pollema

VALET PARKING FOR SEPT: Sept. 24: Lynn Anderson, Chandler Pollema; Oct. 1: Blaike Bonestroo, Zach Mouw; Oct. 8: Ethan Ney, Riley Grevengoed

SECURITY COMMITTEE: Sept. 24: Dan Bonestroo; Oct. 1: Jeff Verdoorn

OFFERINGS: Today – Envelope receipts are for the church budget or for the cause(s) designated on your envelope. The loose offering is for the 1. Christian Ed Fund; 2. Talking Bibles

NEXT SUNDAY: 1. Mission Fund; 2. Village Northwest

COFFEE SERVERS TODAY: Scott & Sara

NEXT SUNDAY: Ed & Noella

POWER POINT TODAY: Kirk/Emericks

NEXT SUNDAY: Kirk

SOUND SYSTEM TODAY: Kyle Te Slaa

NEXT SUNDAY: Ben

CORRESPONDENCE: Arlene Van Schepen to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Lonny Van Schepen to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Ben Vant Hul to Lauren & Connie Runia; Darren Vant Hul to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Dave Vant Hul 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

10:45 AM Sunday School/Catechism Classes

10:45 AM Adult Sunday School

10:45 AM Choir Rehearsal

4:00 PM Orchestra Rehearsal

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM Coffee Break at Hope CRC – All ladies invited!

6:45 PM Cadets meet at Youth Building for Kick-Off (see announcement in insert)

6:45 PM GEMS at Hope CRC (see announcement in insert)

7:00 PM YPS. Lesson. Devotions: Braden; Lunch: Abby Kats

Sunday morning, September 24, 2023

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3

Message: "The Reality Check"

Introduction:

I. The _____ of our Life.

II. The _____ of our Life.

III. The _____ of our Life.

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

September 24, 2023

WELCOME TO FIRST HULL: Family of Christ, grace and peace be with you as we gather to worship in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. 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. David Smit as he leads our morning service and Rev. Harlan De Jong as he leads our evening service.

7TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will not be meeting this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY Pastor Aaron will lead our morning service. His Installation Service will be held at 3:00p with Rev. Brian Dunn from Sheldon leading the service.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Christian Fellowship meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month after the evening service in the Youth Building. You are welcome to join us! Our first meeting will be Sunday, October 15th.

LADIES who would like to help at Justice For All on Tuesday, Sept. 26, meet in the upper parking lot at 12:45p to car pool.

HULL GEMS will kickoff their season on Wed., Sept. 27, at 6:45p at Hope CRC. We will be playing games and learning about the theme for the year. Registration forms will be collected that were placed in the church mailboxes and emailed to parents. Additional forms will be available at our meeting for those who need them.

CADETS will meet at the youth building at 6:45p on Wed., Sept. 27. We will be playing some games and finishing the evening with roasting marshmallows. The boys can be picked up between 8:15-8:30p this first night. The boys should wear regular clothes, NOT their uniform. First-time parents, if you would like more information or have questions, please attend our opening ceremonies Wednesday night. There will be a short informational meeting, along with a time for questions. New boys will be given their supplies then also. If you have any questions, feel free to email me and we look forward to another season of

Cadets!

THANK YOU: We would like to thank the congregation for your prayers, cards, and words of encouragement during the recent passing of our wife, mom and grandma, Florence Horstman, Hull 1st CRC has been “home” to her for much of her life and it held a special place in her heart. A special thanks to Pastor Ouwinga for his faithful visits to her, and especially during her last few days of life when he ministered to our entire family, brought us comforting words of scripture, and prayed with us as we said our earthly goodbyes. Also, a huge thanks to the care group for the meal provided to our entire family. We are grateful for the blessing you were to her and to all of us during this difficult time.

-Gary Horstman, Curt Horstman & family, Candace Van

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Carmen Mulder & family and Cody Horstman & family

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Our Christian sympathy to Jim & Vell Keizer and family in the passing of Jim’s mother, Jen Keizer, age 98, on Wednesday morning. She passed away peacefully in the Sheldon Nursing Home. Visitation will be Sunday afternoon from 3:00-5:00p and the funeral on Monday at First Reformed Church in Hull at 10:30a. Give thanks for the comfort of God’s promise of eternal life to those who profess his name.
- Matt De Wild was able to return to Crown Pointe on Wednesday. Give thanks he has recovered from his serious sepsis infection. Pray for continued strength as he fully recovers.
- Sharon Soodsma had thyroid surgery in Sioux Center on Wednesday. She was able to return home and is doing well.
- Keep Lavonne den Hoed in your prayers as she is scheduled to begin her radiation treatments on Monday. She is scheduled to have 15 treatments.
- Continue to remember Darla Vant Hul as she does therapy following her knee surgery.
- Lift up those with Parkinsons as well as those being treated for cancer.
- Pray that Pastor Aaron has a good conference and for preparations for his installation on Oct. 1.
- For your information: Pastor Tim and Deb will be out of the area on a bus trip from September 27-October 8.
- 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 Surksum;

Crown Pointe Estates: Matt De Wild, 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 continues with her care for cancer.
- 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 moved to the Sioux Center Hospital from Sioux Falls. She will continue her healing and rehabilitation there. We pray that God continues to work in healing her.
- 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.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE STARTS MONDAY! There's still time to take advantage of this rare opportunity. Ligonier Teaching Fellow Dr. Derek Thomas will be speaking on "Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit" on Monday and Tuesday evenings (Sept. 25-26, 7:00p) at Bethel CRC, sponsored by the Tri-State Bible Conference. Note that there will also be an "on your own" church leaders' luncheon with Dr. Thomas at noon Tuesday at the Sioux Center Pizza Ranch. Registration is appreciated (www.tristatebibleconference.com) but not required. A freewill offering will be received.

DORDT UNIVERSITY: On Sept. 28-30, eighty-five high school choral singers will be on campus at Dordt University for the First Annual Dordt University Honor Choir Weekend! Attendees come from 7 states and from as far as Washington state and Indiana. Each of the students were recommended by their individual choir directors. The ensemble will spend Thursday evening, Friday and Saturday morning in rehearsals and will give a final concert at 1:00p on Saturday, Sept. 30 in the Auditorium. The Honor Choir will be conducted by Ryan Smit, Director of Choral Activities at Dordt University.

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 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.

BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL (BLI) AMBASSADORS are sponsoring a music concert in the Dordt University Auditorium beginning at 7:00p on October 6. The groups that will be performing are Four for Him, the Klaasens, and Ensemble Royale. There will also be a featured six-handed piano arrangement performed by Trio BDT. A free will offering will be taken for BLI. This year BLI is celebrating its 85th anniversary. Every \$5.00 raised will cover the cost of putting a Bible written in a language that they can understand in the hands of people around the world. Please invite your friends and family to "An Evening of Praise." Everyone is welcome.

YOU ARE INVITED to Double HH 50th Anniversary Open House on October 11 from 4:00-7:00p. Come out to their community-wide open house to recognize their employees, community supporters and all the agricultural producers who rely on the quality of the Double HH hitch pins. There will be tours and refreshments available, including their 35,000 square foot expansion. Hope to see you on October 11 at the open house as a way of saying thank you for pulling together for the past 50 years.

JUSTICE FOR ALL announces 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'd like to sign up or want more information, please contact Nick LeLoux at JFA (412-476-2804, nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org.) Or join us on Oct. 23 at for an information meeting at 6:30p (refreshments provided).

