

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. –October 15, 2023

Rev. Aaron Greydanus...Minister

Preparation for worship: “I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.” (Ps. 104:33-34 ESV)

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: #425:1-3 “*Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid*”

*Opening Prayer

*God’s Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

WE HEAR GOD’S WILL

God’s Will for Our Lives

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Response: #464:1-4 “*Father, Long before Creation*”

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Building Fund/AC Replacement

Offertory

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Children’s message by Pastor Aaron “Frog’s Rainy Day Story”

*Hymn of Preparation: #766:1-3 “*Lord, We Hear Your World with Gladness*” (LUYH)

Prayer for Illumination

God’s Word Read: I Corinthians 12:12-31

God’s Word Proclaimed: “...**You are the Body of Christ...**”

Prayer of Application

WE GO OUT TO SHINE GOD’S LIGHT

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

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: #635 “*Glory Be to the Father*”

*Postlude

Please allow teachers/students to exit first

*indicates congregation stand

pianists: Peg Visser & Connie Grevengoed

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

GREETERS TODAY: Jon & Bethany Scholten, Deacon Brett & Kaleigh Van Middendorp

GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY: Dave & Aletha Snieder, Elder Tim & Ruth Kats

NURSERY TODAY: AM Stephanie Baccam, Rachel Bolkema, Dezi Oostenink, Haley Struik, Abigail Kats; PM Evan Schroeder Family

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY: AM Shar Bonestroo, Connie Grevengoed, Andy Bruxvoort, Ava Ney, Traylie Vander Schaaf; PM Stephen Stiles Family

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

VALET PARKING FOR Oct.: Oct. 15: Zach VH & Dan B.; Oct. 22: Scott Kroese, Jacob Emerick

SECURITY COMMITTEE: Oct. 15: Ross Te Slaa; Oct. 22: Zach Vant Hul

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 /AC Replacement

NEXT SUNDAY: 1. Christian Ed Fund; 2. Talking Bibles

COFFEE SERVERS TODAY: George & Nancy **NEXT SUNDAY:** Larry & Marcia

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

SOUND SYSTEM TODAY: Kyle LeLoux **NEXT SUNDAY:** Kyle Te Slaa

CORRESPONDENCE: Randy Westra to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Rob Westra to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Evan Wielenga to Lauren & Connie Runia; Larry Wielenga to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Randy Winterfeld 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 Christian Ed Meeting (Council Room)

10:45 AM Women’s Bible Study (Nursery)

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

7:00 PM Christian Fellowship (Youth Building)

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM Coffee Break at Hope CRC

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

October 15, 2023

WELCOME TO FIRST HULL: God says, “Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth” (Ps. 78:1). Let us listen for God’s voice as we 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.

THIS MORNING Pastor Aaron’s message is from I Corinthians 12:12-31, titled “You Are the Body of Christ”.

His evening message is from Acts 17:1-9 titled “Turning the World Upside-down”.

THIS MORNING we will be voting on whether to replace the pews with chairs or to keep the pews. A 2/3 vote will be needed to pass the option. Ballots will be handed out to professing members as they enter the sanctuary and collected at the conclusion of the service by Elders at the exits.

PETER FISH BANKS are in the Sunday School rooms (Beg.-5th grade). Extra Peter Fish have been placed in a box under the mailboxes. Peter Fish will be collected on World Hunger Sunday, November 5th.

FROM THE DEACONS: The air conditioner for our church is over 20 years old and in need of major repairs. It’s been suggested that we replace it because of its age and because it was not reliable this past summer. The lead time to get a new air conditioner is over 3 months. Council has approved the replacement so that we can get a new air conditioner ordered and installed before next summer. Over the next 6-8 months we will be taking offerings to pay for the estimated cost of \$70,000 for the replacement.

IF YOU ARE WILLING to serve juice to the Sunday school children on Sunday morning, please sign up on the sheet on the narthex table. You would be put on a rotating schedule.

OCTOBER has been designated as pastor & spouse appreciation month. We encourage you to show your appreciation for what they are doing in our congregation by giving them a call, sending a note, or some other way. There will be a coffee for Pastor Aaron & Michelle and Pastor Tim & Deb next Sunday evening.

DEAR CHURCH FRIENDS & FAMILY I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible care and support you all showered upon me following my knee surgery. Your visits, calls, cards, delicious food, and thoughtful gifts truly uplifted my spirits and aided in my recovery process. I am deeply blessed to have such an amazing church family. With sincere gratitude, Darla Van’t Hul

THANK YOU to Care Group #6 for the beautiful flowers I received after my move to Friendly Horizons. It was so thoughtful of you and very much appreciated! -Theresa De Wit

THANK YOU for the cards, prayers, encouraging words, food, and gift cards over the past several months and most recently after the passing of our brother-in-law, Larry. Thank you for the flowers from our care group. It’s so good to belong to a caring church family. Rick & I are doing well! -Rick & Eleanor Kiers

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- We extend our Christian sympathy to Lou Krommendyk and family in the passing of her sister, Phyllis Wissink of Sioux Center. Funeral services were held on Friday. Give thanks for the comfort of God’s promise of eternal life to those who profess his name.
- Please remember Lavonne den Hoed in your prayers as she continues her radiation treatments through Oct. 20th.
- Pray for our shut ins: Aspen Heights: Joyce De Vries, Wilma Grevengood, 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: Matt De Wild, Darlene Kroese, Lou Krommendyk, Larry & Glenda Oolman, Gary Horstman, John Scholten; Friendly Horizons: Theresa De Wit; Whispering Heights: Pete Soodsma; Courage Homes in Sioux City: Ardelle Westra.

HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Mike Visser, Mandy Hoekstra’s father, is preparing for surgery this week.
- Diana Dykstra continues her rehabilitation at the Sioux Center Hospital and it is going well. We rejoice that there is a target date to return home. We praise God for the progress that she has made and continue to pray for her.
- We rejoice that Bill Heynen was able to return to Crown Pointe after a couple days in the hospital.
- 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

Join us as we “**Celebrate Western:**” Meat and Freezer Meal orders are due **Friday, October 20**. Our Online auction begins **Tuesday, Oct. 24**. Go to www.zomerbid.com to access the auction. Explore Western is **Tuesday, Nov. 14**. The Celebrate Western Community Meal, Bake Sale, and Kid’s Carnival is **Friday, Nov. 17**. For more information and order forms, please visit our website – www.westernchristianhs.com.

DONATING TO NICSTO: Hull Christian & Western Christian are continuing to collect money for the NW Iowa Christian Schools Tuition Organization (NICSTO). In exchange for your donation, you will receive a 75% tax credit on your IA income tax (IRA’s, C Corporations, S Corporations, LLC, and Partnerships are also eligible for STO tax credits). A portion of the donation can also be claimed as a deduction on your federal income tax. If you are interested in donating to this fund, please contact Randy Ten Pas (439-2273) at Hull Christian or Brad Vis (439-1013) at Western.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUIDING STAR SIOUXLAND is hiring an Office Manager! This position is 30 hours per week. Responsibilities include office management, client scheduling, and front desk customer service. If you are passionate about women’s healthcare and building a culture of life in our community, please send a cover letter and resume to info@guidingstarsiouxland.org.

THE “SHARE” GROUP for widows and widowers will meet on Thursday Oct. 19, at 6:00p at St. Paul Lutheran Church. The menu will be chicken salad croissants and fruit salad. The program will be Take Away Bingo. Be sure to bring a small gift to take away and \$5 to help cover expenses. Call Deanna Tiedeman (439-2229) with any questions.

DORDT UNIVERSITY Music Department presents guest artists Marianne Lemieus-Wottrich (Soprano) and Tyler Wottrich (piano) for a recital on Friday, October 20, at 7:30p in the auditorium.

DORDT UNIVSERITY presents Carrie Groenewold and Jared Ostermann in an all-Bach organ recital on Saturday, October 21, at 7:30p in the auditorium. Both Jared and Carrie are graduates of the University of Notre Dame (M.S.M.) and both hold a D.M.A. from the

University of Kansas. They will be performing their all-Bach program at the upcoming “Bach at Bales” conference at KU, a conference celebrating 300 years of Bach in Leipzig and 125 years of Organ and Church Music program at the University of Kansas. The conference will feature Olivier Latry and George Stauffer.

DORDT UNIVERSITY hosts its Defender Days celebration with a wide range of events, including:

- The **4th Avenue Jazz Concert** at 3:00p on Friday, October 27.
- The **Fall Festival: Instrumental Ensembles Concert** featuring Chamber Orchestra, Campus-Community Band, and Wind Symphony at 7:00p on Friday, October 27.
- The **Fall Festival: Choral Ensembles Concert** featuring Bella Voce, Canons of Dort, Chorale, and Concert Choir at 8:30p on Friday, October 27.
- A **Hymn Festival titled “As People Called by God”** on Saturday, October 28, at 10:30a presented by guest organist Jeffrey Brillhart as part of the Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series.

All events will be in the Auditorium and will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/livestream. Go to www.dordt.edu for more Defender Days weekend highlights.

LOVE INC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

1) Love INC is looking for volunteers that would be part of a **hospitality team** as we develop a ministry called R&R: Refresh & Renew. These are once a month “Lunch and Learns” to encourage and equip our local pastors. Volunteers would coordinate and provide a light lunch for our pastors, speakers, and staff. The meetings run Sept.-April (not in December) at the office in Rock Valley.

2) We are recognizing our ever-growing need for a **bilingual** person to help our staff as we serve our community. At this time, we are seeking a volunteer who would be willing to donate a few hours each week. Days and times would be flexible with your schedule.

3) Our Rides of Love Transportation ministry is very busy! If you are willing to give of your time and provide **rides** from your community to medical appointments, please contact Pat at Love INC. You, as a volunteer, can set the boundaries for days, times and even how far you’re willing to drive. Bilingual volunteers are encouraged as well. Email director@loveincsiouxcounty.org or call 476-5990 for more information.

JFA invites you to our annual auction and meeting event on **Thursday, October 26**. It will be held at Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. Dinner starts at 5:00p, short business meeting

at 6:15p, live auction at 6:30p. Come out to support Justice for All ministry, hear about highlights from the past fiscal year, and what God has been doing through JFA in 2023! There will be an online portion of the auction as well. We hope to see you there.

HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY! Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent, and affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for a 2024 home build in Rock Valley. Application forms are available online at <https://www.siouxlandhabitat.org/> or call 712-224-5117 to receive one. **Applications are due October 31.**