

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. –October 22, 2023

Rev. Aaron Greydanus...Minister

Preparation for worship: “We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.” (Ps. 78:4)

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: #483:1-4 “How Great Thou Art”

*Opening Prayer

*God’s Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

WE CONSECRATE OURSELVES TO GOD

God’s Will for Our Lives: H.C. Q&A #2 (pg. 861) #4 (pg. 862) #60 (pg. 886) #86 (pg. 901)

Prayer of Confession

Song of Assurance: #825:1-3 “Beneath the Cross” (LUYH)

Congregational Prayer

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

Offertory

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation: SW#45:1-3 “Knowing You”

Prayer for Illumination

God’s Word Read: Galatians 2:15-21

God’s Word Proclaimed: “**Christ Who Lives in Me**”

Prayer of Application

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn of Application: SW#21:1-3 “There Is a Redeemer”

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: #934:1-3 “God of Mercy, God of Grace” (LUYH)

*Postlude

Please allow teachers/students to exit first

*indicates congregation stand

pianist: Evan Schroeder

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

GREETERS TODAY: Dave & Aletha Snieder, Elder Tim & Ruth Kats

GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY: Stephen & Emily Stiles, Deacon Andrew & Kenzie Hoekstra

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

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY: AM Sheila Va Schepen, Amy Emerick, Hunter Poppema, Eli Greydanus, Mya Kleinwolterink; PM Jesse Vande Weerd Family

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

VALET PARKING FOR Oct.: Oct. 22: Scott Kroese, Jacob Emerick; Oct. 29: Jacob Westra, Lynn Anderson

SECURITY COMMITTEE: Oct. 22: Zach Vant Hul; Oct. 29: Dave 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 1. Christian Ed Fund; 2. Talking Bibles

NEXT SUNDAY: 1. Western & HCS Foundations; 2. Rise Ministries

COFFEE SERVERS TODAY: Larry & Marcia

NEXT SUNDAY: Chris & Ashley

POWER POINT TODAY: Kirk

NEXT SUNDAY: Kirk/Emerick’s

SOUND SYSTEM TODAY: Kyle Te Slaa

NEXT SUNDAY: Rick

CORRESPONDENCE: Eric Zomermaand to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Lynn Anderson to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Sean Baccam to Lauren & Connie Runia; Harlyn Bolkema to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Betty Bolkema 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 Choir Rehearsal

10:45 AM Adult Sunday School

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM Coffee Break at Hope CRC

6:45 PM Cadets meet at the Clubhouse in full uniform. Do Lesson 23 in Discovering God’s Word. Fundraising info will be handed out. Let Kent know if you can’t be at the meeting.

6:45 PM GEMS meet at Hope CRC. Bring your donations for the Operation Christmas Boxes.

7:00 PM YPS Fall Activity. Devotions: Maeva; Lunch: Jessi

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

October 22, 2023

WELCOME TO FIRST HULL: Friends, the King's banquet of life and love is ready! In baptism you have been clothed for the occasion. Welcome to 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 Galatians 2:15-21 titled "Christ Who Lives in Me". His evening message is from I Thessalonians 1:1-10 titled "Your Faith, Hope and Love". After the evening service, there will be a coffee for Pastor Aaron & Michelle and Pastor Tim & Deb for pastor appreciation month.

PETER FISH BANKS were handed out to Sunday School students last week. Extra Peter Fish have been placed in a box under the mailboxes. Peter Fish will be collected on World Hunger Sunday, November 5th.

THANK YOU to those who signed up last week to serve juice at the youth building to our Sunday school children. If you would still like to sign up, there is a sheet on the narthex table.

DIRECTORY: I plan to run off the directory this coming week. If you have a change of address, email or want to add your cell phone number please call me (439-1626) or email me hull1crc@mtcnet.net on Monday. -Karen

LADIES who are able to help at JFA on Tuesday, Oct. 24, should meet in the upper parking lot at 12:45p.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD brings hope and joy to kids worldwide through a simple gift-filled shoebox. Boxes are available under the mailboxes. There is a brochure inside the box with the gift suggestions and instructions. When you have filled the box, attach the label indicating whether the gift is for a boy or girl and the age and tape it to the box. Filled boxes should be returned to the **church kitchen by Wed., Nov. 15th**.

THANK YOU to the congregation, from the young people, for your generous donations for the food pantry.

THANK YOU: Lavonne den Hoed's final radiation treatment was Friday, Oct. 20th. We want to thank you all for your prayers, words of encouragement, cards, meals, phone calls, and visits while she went through this journey with her breast cancer. Thank you, too, to all those who so willingly drove her to Sioux Falls for her treatments. How wonderful it is to be a part of such a loving church family. Most of all we give all praise and glory to our gracious Heavenly Father! With Him walking by her side through this entire journey, we really had nothing to fear. He is most holy and compassionate and most worthy of praise. "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isa. 46:10. -Walt & Lavonne

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Continue to pray for Nelva Pollema for continued healing and strength.
- Congratulations to Derek & Mariah Meyerink on the birth of a son, Ruxin McCoy, on Tuesday, October 10.
- Christine Kroese had surgery on Wednesday to remove her gall bladder. Pray that the surgery will alleviate her symptoms. Pray also for Ryan and the children during Christine's recovery.
- 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, 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, had successful surgery this week. He continues to recuperate in the hospital. We pray for healing.
- 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.
- Howard Krikke, Denise Keizer's father, was admitted to respite care this week. We pray for him and for the family as they plan for his on-going care.
- Theresa Versteeg, Cindy Vander Stoep's mother, had surgery recently and is recovering in the hospital. We pray for her healing and for the family.
- 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

“Celebrate Western:” 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.

You are invited to our fall showcase, *Explore Western*, on Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00p. Families with students of all ages are welcome to attend the hour-long event. Our goal is to **share an authentic, relational, and enjoyable experience for prospective WC families as they learn about “Who We Are” and “What We Do” at Western Christian High School.**

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.

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.

DORDT UNIVERSITY student, Karli Vreugdenhil, will present her senior violin and organ recital at 7:30p on Friday, Nov. 3. All are welcome to a reception following the recital. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/ooivesstream>.

DORDT UNIVERSITY student Aaron Galloway will present a senior cello recital at 7:30p on Saturday, Nov. 4 in the Auditorium. All are welcome to a reception following the recital. It will also be available on livestream.

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.**

TRI-STATE TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC) is accepting applications for their upcoming weekend, Nov. 17-19, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne, MN. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt and other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request. This 3-day Christian retreat is designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. To learn more visit www.TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com. We are also looking for adults over 21 to join our team.