

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – March 5, 2023
Dr, Wayne Kobes Guest Minister - Second Sunday in Lent

Preparation for Worship: “Holy and Loving God, as we worship you today, we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us, to help us become more holy and loving. In a world that does not understand repentance, we pray for new understanding, humility, patience and discipline that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus.” Amen (WSB pg. 559 #1)

WE ARE GATHERED AND GREETED BY GOD

Prelude: “*And Can It Be*”
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
*Opening Hymn: #453:1,2 “*Let All Things Now Living*”
*God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

Preparation for the Lord’s Supper (PH pg. 976)
Hymn of Response: #311:1-5 “*I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord*”
Congregational Prayer
Offering: 1. Building Fund; 2. Katelyn’s Fund
Offertory: “*What Wondrous Love Is This*”

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation: #755:1-3 “*Speak, O Lord*” (LUYH)
Prayer of Illumination
God’s Word Read: Ephesians 2
God’s Word Proclaimed: “**God’s Workmanship**”
Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Response: SW#72:1-4 “*In Christ Alone*”
*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: #632 “*To God Be the Glory*” (unannounced)
*Postlude: “*O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*”
Please allow teachers/students to exit first

*indicates congregation stand

organist: MaryLou Wielenga

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 5, 2023

WELCOME TO FIRST HULL: Welcome to worship on this second Sunday in Lent. No matter “our circumstances, our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth” (Ps. 121:2). A warm welcome to visitors joining us today. 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.

TO MINIMIZE the spreading of germs during this cold and flu season, we will cease shaking hands until further notice. Elders and pastor will greet you after the service, but not shake your hand. Greeters will be available prior to the service, but they will not shake your hand.

WE WELCOME Dr. Wayne Kobes as he leads our morning worship service and Rev. Steve Boersma who will lead our evening service. Next Sunday, Rev. Tim Ouwinga will lead our worship services.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING 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 Randy Westra (441-4633) or Doug Pollema (439-1429).

THE COUNCIL is seeking nominations for Elders and Deacons. If you feel called to serve or know of someone you believe is well equipped for these positions, please put nominee names in the mailbox of Lee Van Grouw or Rob Westra by Monday evening, March 13th. The Council asks that you pray for God’s guidance as we go through the nominating process.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU to attend the Annual Day of prayer service at Hope CRC on Wed., March 8, at 7:00p.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Occasionally members of our church find themselves in need of a ride. If you are able to help, contact Karen (439-1626) and she will add you to the volunteer list.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Anyone interested in making profession of faith should contact either Lee Van Grouw or Rob Westra.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for VBS which runs from Sunday, June 5-Thursdays, June 8. There is a sign-up sheet

on the narthex table if you are able to help out as a crew leader. Be sure to check the bulletin board for their "Wall of Needs". Simple grab a slip of paper and return the listed donation to church. They can be placed in the box at the back of church. Any questions, contact Ashley Hulstein.

THE "SHARE" GROUP for widows and widowers will meet on Thursday, March 16, at 6:00p at St. Paul Lutheran Church. We will enjoy scalloped potatoes with ham and candied carrots. Following our meal, we will have a presentation by Kaleigh from Guiding Star. Be sure to bring \$5 to help cover expenses. Call Deanna Tiedeman (439-2229) with any questions.

THANK YOU for your huge generous gift of socks and underwear for the children in Kentucky. There were 358 pairs of underwear given and 650 pairs of socks. What a great blessing you were in your giving! Heb. 13:16 "And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased". Ken & Mary Leusink **THANK YOU** to everyone who remembered me in any way in the passing of my sister. Also, to all who remembered me in their thoughts and prayers while I was in the hospital with Covid. Thank you to Rev. Ouwinga and Elder Vant Hul for their calls and prayers. Praise God for healing mercies! -Joyce Vande Griend

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Joyce Vande Griend was in the Sioux Center Hospital since last Friday with Covid symptoms, but was able to return to Aspen Heights on Thursday.
- We extend our Christian sympathy to Lee & Eleanor Feenstra and Randy & Lynette Feenstra and family in the passing of Lee's older brother C.A. Feenstra of Nashville, TN. May God comfort them in their sorrow.
- Marilyn Grevengoed continues to receive therapy at Hegg Memorial Hospital in Rock Valley.
- Thank you for all the prayers – Lois's platelets improved. Praise the Lord! She was able to get her chemo treatment this Wednesday and is scheduled for a short treatment this coming Wednesday. Pray that she is able to continue her treatments.
- Peg Visser is doing well following her knee replacement surgery. Pray that physical therapy goes well.
- Roger De Groot continues to heal and gain strength.
- Continue to keep Troy Bruxvoort in prayer that he will be free from pain and will regain his strength.
- Orville Vant Hul will have a scan on March 6 to see if the treatments are being effective. On March 8, he will have his next immunotherapy. Pray that the radiation and treatments are being effective.
- Sharon Soodsma plans to be transferred to Avera in Sioux Falls to address the staph infection she has been fighting in the Sioux Center Hospital.
- Gaylene Bouma is at Crown Point receiving oral antibiotics and therapy with the goal of returning home.
- Continue to keep Maddox and Carver in your prayers. They had good GI appointments and have moved up on the growth scale. Both will have eye appointments in March. Maddox will have an MRI on the dimple at the bottom of his spine on April 10 and a heart procedure on April 27. Pray that both boys stay healthy.
- Keep Hilary Van Hill in your prayers as she continues to deal with dizzy spells.
- Pray for our shut ins: Aspen Heights: Joyce De Vries, Wilma Grevengoed, Theresa De Wit, Lou Krommendyk, Larry & Glenda Oolman, Liz Schmith, Joyce Vande Griend and Goldie Veldman; Sheldon Care Center: Julianne Kats, Belle Draayer; Christian Retirement Home: Johanna Van Surksun; Royale Meadows: Darlene Kroese; Whispering Heights: Pete Soodsma; River View Ridge: Howard Grevengoed; Hegg Memorial Hospital: Marilyn Grevengoed; Courage Homes in Sioux City: Ardelle Westra.

HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Harold Vander Stoep, Steward's father, experienced a stroke this past Sunday morning. He is currently in the Sioux Center Hospital recovering. They are grateful that at this time there seems to be no lingering symptoms from the stroke. We pray for his recovery and God's presence with the family as they encourage and help him.
- Joan Horstman returned home and continues to recover there. We pray for her healing and for her care moving forward.
- Pray for Aria Buyert, daughter of Daniel and Brianne, as she recovers from surgery.
- Pray for Jackie Covey for her cancer treatments. We pray for strength for her and continued effectiveness of the treatment she is receiving.
- Ruth Hoekema continues to recuperate at home. We pray for her continued care, rehabilitation, and we pray for Cal as he helps her.
- Pray for Sheila Olson, Deb and Jerry's niece, as she continues with treatment for cancer.
- 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

HCS: If you are interested in making a positive impact on students and the many other benefits of working in a Christian environment, we might have the job for you. HCS is accepting applications for a **3rd grade teacher** (added position) and **middle school teacher** (the middle school position could be paired with 4th grade) and **kindergarten teacher**. Applicants should contact Mr. Ten Pas at [712-439-2273](tel:712-439-2273) or e-mail

rtenpas@hullchristian.com with any questions.

Discover HCS – Tuesday, March 14. All parents have a lot of decisions to make including which school their children will attend. Whether you have an infant, 2 year old or getting ready to send your child off to Kindergarten, you find yourself in this position. We want to encourage you to check out HCS to discover the possibilities that Hull Christian has to offer! **Join us Tuesday, March 14, at 6:30p for the Preschool and Kindergarten Open House** – your child is welcome to come and explore the classrooms. Childcare will be provided by the 8th grade girls. **If you are interested in learning more, join us in the gym at 7:00p.** Questions, call 430-2273. Hope to see you there!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

HULL KIWANIS PANCAKE SUPPER & Bake Sale is Wednesday, March 15. Come and join us in the Hull Community Building from 5-7p to help fund Bright Start Daycare and Preschool expansion project.

DORDT UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPT presents a guest performance by Ensemble Chaconne at 7:30p on Friday, March 17, in the auditorium. **Dordt University Wind Symphony** invites you to a concert at 7:30p on Sat., March 28, in the auditorium. This free concert is part of a spring tour. They will perform a wide variety of repertoire. The concert is also available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

GUIDING STAR Siouxland's annual Fundraising Gala will be held on March 24 at 6:00p at the Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. Find more information at www.guidingstarsiouxland.org/fundraising-gala-2023/.

GUIDING STAR SIOUXLAND is excited to announce that we are searching for an instructor for our Boys to Men class! This 90-minute interactive class is perfect for fathers & sons age 12-16 years old to begin a discussion on what it means to be a man, and is based on the book "Fathered by God" by John Eldridge. The class covers the phases of the masculine journey, basic biological changes, and the dangers of pornography. Guiding Star will fully train the instructor and no experience is necessary. The class will be held 4 times per year, with days and times to be determined by the instructor's availability and the instructor will be compensated as a contracted Education Employee. If you are interested in learn more, contact Kaleigh by emailing info@guidingstarsiouxland.org or calling 712-266-3282.

CORNERSTONE PRISON CHURCH invites you to their 15th Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, April 3, 2023 at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley at 6:30p. Join us for an evening of praise to God for his work through Cornerstone Prison Church inside the walls of the SD State Penitentiary! A free will offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry. Save your spot by Sunday, March 26, by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to our website at www.cornerstonepcsd.org. If you are unable to attend, you can send your donation to: Cornerstone Prison Church, %Dave Vande Kamp, PO Box 88708, Sioux Falls, SD 57109.