

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. –January 21, 2024**

**Rev. Aaron Greydanus...Minister Sanctity of Life Sunday**

*Preparation for Worship: Open the eyes and ears of my heart, creative Spirit, to listen for your word of truth. Amen*

**WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Prayer

\*God's Greeting

\*Opening Song: #562:1,2,4 *"We Will Extol You, God and King"* (LUYH)

**REMEMBERING GOD'S COVENANT**

Profession of Faith: (PH pg. 964) Derek Meyerink

Baptism of Ruxin McCoy Meyerink

Baptism Song: #483:1-4 *"How Great Thou Art"*

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND PRAYERS**

Congregation Prayer

Offering: Food Pantry

Offerory

**GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD**

\*Hymn of Preparation: #291:1,2,5 *"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"*

God's Word Read: Romans 11:11-36; Ezekiel 37:15-23; John 15:1-8

God's Word Proclaimed: **"Ingrafted"**

Prayer of Application

**GOD SENDS US OUT TO DO HIS WILL**

\*Song of Response: #461:1,4 *"Beautiful Savior"*

Update from Kaleigh Van Middendorp on Guiding Star

\*Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: SW#69 *"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"*

\*Postlude

*(Please allow teachers/ students to exit first)*

\*indicates congregation stand - pianist: Evan Schroeder

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:**

**GREETERS TODAY:** Lee & Donna Van Grouw, Elder Dave & Kay Kroese

**GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY:** Justin & Sheila Van Schepen, Deacon Rick & Tonya De Groot

**NURSERY TODAY:** AM Bethany Bosma, Janice Driesen, Brynlee LeLoux, Kaden Struik, Brooklyn Poppema; PM Brad Kats Family

**NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:** AM Cassidy Vant Hul, Dana Fedders, Katelyn Greydanus, Breckin Van Schepen, Isabella Zomermaand; PM Rick Leusink Family

**USHERS FOR JAN.:** Dan Poppema, Eric Haveman, Jacob Emerick, Curt Van Grouw

**VALET PARKING FOR JAN:** Jan. 21: Jacob Westra, Zach Vant Hul; Jan. 28: Lee Rozeboom, Riley Grevengood

**SECURITY COMMITTEE:** Jan. 21: Kyle LeLoux; Jan. 28: 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 Food Pantry

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 1. Christian Ed Fund; 2. Cadets

**COFFEE SERVERS TODAY:** Larry & Faye K.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Don & Mary Krommendyk

**SERVE JUICE (Youth Bldg.):** Jake Ney

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Sandy Starkenburg

**POWER POINT TODAY:** AM Arlene; PM Kaden

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Kirk

**SOUND SYSTEM TODAY:** Kyle LeLoux

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Kyle Te Slaa

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Terry Jansma to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Brad Kats to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Henry Kats to Lauren & Connie Runia; Lavonne Kats to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Tim Kats to Sos & Kara Maletoungou (e-mail address are in the directory). 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 Ladies Bible Study (Nursery)

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

7:00 PM Christian Fellowship. Lesson 6. Lunch: Ken & Mary

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 AM Coffee Break at Hope CRC – Nehemiah Lesson 3

6:45 PM Cadets – regular meeting at the Club House. Meet in full uniform. Do Lesson 31.

6:45 PM GEMS meet at Hope CRC for a regular meeting

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study (meet in the church basement)

7:00 PM Mission Guild. Lesson 7. Opening Prayer: Lee O.; Closing Prayer: Susan R.

## FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

January 21, 2024

**WELCOME TO FIRST HULL:** A warm welcome to all on this cold winter morning! May you know the fire of God's love as we worship in the name of Jesus, who showed us how to love. 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** Derek Meyerink will make public profession of his faith. Following that Ruxin McCoy, infant son of Derek & Mariah Meyerink, will be baptized.

**PASTOR AARON'S MESSAGE** this morning is from Romans 11:11-36, Ezekiel 37:15-23 and John 15:1-8 titled "Ingrafted". His evening message is from I Thessalonians 5:1-11 titled "The Day of the Lord".

**PLEASE NOTE:** Kids should **NOT** take their juice to their classrooms. Drink it before you go into your room.

**LADIES** who can help at JFA on Tuesday, January 23, should meet in the upper church parking lot at 12:45p to car pool.

**CADET SUNDAY** is next week, January 28, at Hope CRC. Cadets should meet in full uniform at 9:10a to greet.

**EVANGELISM COMMITTEE:** We will be serving coffee and cookies next Sunday evening, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, after church. We plan to do this every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. The Evangelism Committee will serve next week and then care groups will rotate.

**THANK YOU** for the prayers, cards, food and other expressions of encouragement during Rod's recovery. It was much appreciated! -Rod & Connie Te Krony

**THANK YOU:** On behalf of the ministries of the CRC in North America, thank you for your gifts to ministry shares. Your support enables congregations to do so much more to further God's Kingdom than any one church could do alone. Our denomination could not impact the world through missions, media, and church development without your incredible

and faithful support. Thank you!

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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

- We express our Christian sympathy to Russ & Bonnie Vander Schaaf and their family in the passing of Bonnie's brother, Perry Raman, on Saturday, January 13. The funeral was held on Saturday. May God comfort them in their sorrow.
- Please keep Tim and Ruth Kats in your prayers as Ruth starts her first chemo treatment on Monday. Pray for peace and minimal side effects.
- Connie Kroese had hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. She is now home recuperating. Pray that the surgery was successful and for relief from pain.
- Pray for our shut ins: Aspen Heights: Wilma Grevengoed, Nelvina Kroese, Liz Schmith, Joyce Vande Griend, Goldie Veldman; Sheldon Care Center: Julianne Kats; Christian Retirement Home: Johanna Van Surksun; Crown Pointe Estates: Joyce De Vries, Matt De Wild, Darlene Kroese, Lou Krommendyk, Larry & Glenda Oolman, Gary Horstman; Friendly Horizons: Theresa De Wit; Whispering Heights: Pete Soodsma; Courage Homes in Sioux City: Ardelle Westra; Homebound: Jean De Jong.

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

- We rejoice that Kayla Groeneweg, Megan Raman's sister, is progressing in her recovery. Continue to pray for her.
- We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Louisa De Boer, John Kooiker's sister. We pray that God will comfort them and give them peace.
- Mark Steiger had a successful procedure on the 16<sup>th</sup> to help with his ongoing struggles with migraines. We pray that it is effective.
- We rejoice with those who are recovering from surgery.
- We pray for all of those who are continuing with treatment for cancer.
- We pray for those whose prayer concerns are theirs privately.
- We pray for those who have ongoing health concerns for which they are seeking healing and relief.
- 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 have the job for you. HCS is accepting applications for an additional **4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher** for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications can be found at [hullchristian.com](http://hullchristian.com) > About HCS>Employment>Teacher. Applicants should contact Mr. Ten Pas at 712-439-2273 or e-mail [rtenpas@hullchristian.com](mailto:rtenpas@hullchristian.com) with any questions.

**HCS Board** is looking for nominations of individuals to serve. If you know someone who would make a great board member to help carry out the mission of Hull Christian School, please contact a current board member or Mr. Ten Pas.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE ANNUAL** Spaghetti Supper at First Ref. Church is Wed., Jan 24, from 5:00-7:00p. In addition to spaghetti, the meal includes garlic bread and a variety of salads. Freewill donations for the church mission & outreach projects.

**LOVE INC SIOUX COUNTY** has opportunities for you to serve your community with your time and talents! We have several open volunteer positions for our upcoming Love & Learn class session that begins January 23, 2024.

- We need mentors in our Faith & Finances class. If you have a passion for helping people overcome financial challenges and understand basic budgeting, you'd be a great Faith & Finance mentor. Love INC provides mentor training, and you will work closely with Love INC staff and the class facilitator.
- We provide no cost childcare for our class participants, and we are looking for people (18 and older) to supervise children while their parents attend classes from 6:45-8:15p on Tuesday evenings. Volunteers can sign up for as many nights over the 12-week period as they want to – you pick your dates. Or you can be put on a substitute list.
- Our Boundaries class is based on the best-selling book by Cloud and Townsend – we are looking for someone

to facilitate this class for our January session. If you have a passion for how to set and maintain healthy boundaries in your relationships, please consider guiding others through this process. Love INC staff will train you to use the leader guide and videos.

**SINGLE MOM'S RETREAT**, hosted by Inspiration Hills and ATLAS, will be held Feb. 2-4 at Inspiration Hills. This retreat has been an empowering, rejuvenating, encouraging, and deeply moving weekend for single mothers. The weekend includes speakers, worship, breakout discussion sessions, and prayer. It will also include time for breakout sessions with relaxing or engaging activities like pampering and art. The event will take place from 7:00p Friday to 1:00p Sunday afternoon. The cost varies from \$15-\$50 per person. To register for this event or learn more, visit [inspirationshills.org/smretreat](http://inspirationshills.org/smretreat).

**DORDT UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR** cordially invites you to come and enjoy an enchanting evening of Broadway tunes and sweet treats on Sat., Feb. 10, at 7:30p in the Campus Center on Dordt's campus. You'll hear solo songs and a few duets from several popular Broadway shows, and you'll be served delectable desserts by members of the choir while you listen! Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for students and kids 5 and under are free. Childcare is available on-site. Tickets must be purchased by Tues., Feb. 6, from the Music Department Office (712-722-6222, [anna.bartlett@dordt.edu](mailto:anna.bartlett@dordt.edu)) or from a Concert Choir student. Proceeds benefit the Concert Choir tour in March 2024 to the Northwest United States.

**4-6<sup>th</sup> GRADE WINTER RETREAT** at Inspiration Hills on Feb. 16-18. This is an exciting opportunity for campers to experience Inspiration Hills' unique winter activities! The event will include a chapel message, worship, and Bible studies along with all the fun winter games! The event will take place from 7:00p Friday night to 11a Sunday morning. The registration deadline is Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. To register or to learn more, visit [inspirationhills.org/4-6-retreat](http://inspirationhills.org/4-6-retreat).

**JFA** is looking for a full-time warehouse/transportation manager. Coordinate shipments, organize donated items, and build relationships with volunteers and ministry partners. CDL encouraged but not required. Join a ministry that has been providing opportunities, building relationships, and redistributing resources through caring and sharing in Christ's name for over 40 years. Discover the way God uses JFA to meet the needs of those in our area around the country, and around the world. Send cover letter and resume to Joel De Wit at [joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org) or for more information and a job description call him at 712-739-0055.

**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE** sponsored by Trinity Reformed Church in Sioux Falls will be held Sat., Feb. 17. The speakers will be addressing the topic of The Outreach Mission of the Church. To register, please visit: [mission-of-the-church.eventbrite.com](https://mission-of-the-church.eventbrite.com). See brochure on the bulletin board for more information.