

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. –February 25, 2024

Rev. Aaron Greydanus...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 GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude

*Call to Worship

*Opening Prayer

*God’s Greeting

*Opening Song: SW#19:1-4 “*We Will Glorify*”

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

Preparatory for the Lord’s Supper (PH pg. 976)

Song of Response: #604:1-3 “*I Then Shall Live*” (Celebration Hymnal)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: 1. Christian Ed Fund; 2. Sioux City & Sioux Falls Gospel Missions

Offertory

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

*Hymn of Preparation: SW#63:1-3 “*Take Time to Be Holy*”

God’s Word Read: Genesis 15:1-21

God’s Word Proclaimed: “**Blood Binds**”

Prayer of Application

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

*Song of Response: “*Ancient of Days*” (On PPT)

*Parting Blessing

*Parting Song: “*By Faith*” (On PPT)

*Postlude

(Please allow teachers/ students to exit first)

*indicates congregation stand
organist: Connie Te Krony

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

GREETERS TODAY: Zach & Ashlee Vant Hul, Deacon Andrew & Kenzie Hoekstra

GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY: Elder Dave & Betty Vande Griend, Elder Dan & Kathy DeWit

NURSERY TODAY: AM Steph Struik, Liz Bonestroo, Dezi Oostenink, Benjamin Kats, Traylie Vander Schaaf; PM Eric Rens Family

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY: AM Lynette Feenstra, Rachel Schroeder, Rachel Van Hill, Logan Fedders, Abigail Kats; P.M. Curt Van Grouw Family

USHERS FOR FEB.: Seth Oostenink, Travis Veldman, Jay De Wit, Randy Winterfeld

USHERS FOR MAR.: Rick Leusink, Dave Rozeboom, Kevin Driesen, Ryan Fedders

VALET PARKING FOR FEB: Feb. 25: Blaike Bonestroo, Scott Kroese; Mar. 3: Dan Bonestroo, Ryan Bolkema; Mar. 10: Mitchell Fedders, Lee Rozeboom; Mar. 17: Zach Mouw, Zach Vant Hul

SECURITY COMMITTEE: Feb. 25: Zach Vant Hul; Mar. 3: Dave Vant Hul; Mar. 10: Dan P.

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. SC&SF Gospel Missions

NEXT SUNDAY: 1. Building Fund; 2. Benevolence

COFFEE SERVERS TODAY: Jim & Lee

NEXT SUNDAY: Seth & Jaime

SERVE JUICE (Youth Bldg.): Eleanor

NEXT SUNDAY: Maureen

POWER POINT TODAY: Kirk

NEXT SUNDAY: Kirk/Emericks’

SOUND SYSTEM TODAY: Kyle Te Slaa

NEXT SUNDAY: Ben

CORRESPONDENCE: Pete Pollema to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Wilmar Pollema to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Dan Poppema to Lauren & Connie Runia; Eric Rens to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Shirley Rens 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 Adult Sunday School

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM Coffee Break at Hope CRC – Nehemiah Lesson 8

6:45 PM GEMS at Hope CRC for a regular meeting. Wear your GEMS t-shirts.

6:45 PM Cadets meet in full uniform. Do Lesson 32 in Discovering God’s Word series

7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study in the church basement (Session 3 – Ungodliness & Unthankfulness)

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

February 25, 2024

WELCOME TO FIRST HULL: Welcome to worship 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.

PASTOR AARON’S MESSAGE this morning is from Genesis 15:1-21 titled “Blood Binds”. His evening message is from 2 Thessalonians 3:1-15 titled “Keep Away from Idleness”. Coffee and cookies will be served after the evening service.

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 Doug Pollema (439-1429) or Eric Rens (441-3154).

LADIES who can help at JFA on Tuesday, Feb. 27, may meet in the upper parking lot at 12:45p to car pool.

YOU ARE INVITED to Guiding Star Siouxland’s annual fundraising gala on March 1 beginning at 6:30p. Come and be inspired by Keynote Speaker, Pam Tebow, while supporting life-affirming healthcare in Siouxland! Register for this incredible evening at guidingstarsiouxland.org. Please email kaleigh@guidingstarsiouxland.org or call 712-266-3282 with any questions.

THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH Ken and Mary Leusink along with grandchildren Mark and Tena will be going to work with JFA to Anville, Kentucky. Last year we took totes of new socks and underwear along to bring to the Trade Store and Resource room at the school. This year again, new socks and underwear are badly needed for school age children. There will be totes in the back of church for anyone willing to donate. This will again be very much appreciated by those living in such poverty! *Items should be brought to church by Feb. 28th.*

REMINDER: Anyone wishing to give a gift of a grocery item to Emily Fedders may place it in the basket in the narthex by Monday morning, February 26th.

THANKS to all who came and supported the Cadets and GEMS at the Pinewood Derby and supper. Your support is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU to our church family for all the words of encouragement and sympathy, cards and gifts, given in memory of the loss of our dear brother, Earl Cuperus. Thank you to Care Groups #3, #7, and #5 for the plants given to us. We are so blessed to belong to such a caring church family.

-Betty Techen, Jim & Vell Keizer, Walt &

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Donna Rens was able to return home from the hospital following her bout with pneumonia.
- Joyce Kroese has moved into Aspen Heights for a trial basis.
- 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.

HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- We continue to pray for Micah Jonathan, infant son of David and Gina Van Lingen. This week he made progress and has had some set-backs. We pray for God’s healing hand.
- Jackie Covey began new treatment for her ongoing care this week. We pray that these treatments are effective for her care and comfort. We pray for Jackie, Mike, and the family.
- We pray for all of those who are continuing with treatment for cancer.
- We rejoice and continue to pray for those who are recovering from surgery.
- We pray for those who have ongoing health concerns for which they are seeking healing and relief, Mark Steiger, and many others.
- 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, anxiety, 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.

- We pray for those serving our communities in law enforcement, emergency services, fire department, and those who serve our country in the armed forces.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HCS has an opening to teach 6th grade for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested in being part of our team, as together we seek to follow God's plan for HCS please apply. Applications can be found on our webpage (www.hullchristian.com) or by contacting school. Applicants should contact Mr. Ten Pas 712-439-2273 or email rtenpas@hullchristian.com with any questions.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS' CLUB is in search of a Program Coordinator and two Directors with a passion for leading Christ-centered after school activities with children in grades K-3. These are part-time salaried positions. Kids' Club is a free, Christ centered, after school program for students held two days a week. If you would like to be considered for these positions, or would like more information, please contact Julie Kreun (712) 470-3837 or Ruth Moss (712) 441-4170, or Sherry De Wit (605-690-9479).

DORDT UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPARTMENT will present a 4th Avenue jazz concert on Monday, Feb. 26, at 8:00p in the Auditorium. (This date and time are different from what has been previously publicized.) Featured on the concert will be the 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed evening of big band standards, pop tune covers, and newer works. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/livestream.

DORDT UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPARTMENT will present a concert by the Campus-Community Band and the Wind Symphony on Wed., Feb. 28, at 7:30p in the Auditorium. Music featured will be by John Williams, Frank Ticheli, Karl King, and many more! The ensembles are under the direction of Dr. Onsbey C. Rose, Director of Instrumental Activities, and Dr. Allegra N. Fisher, Assistant Director of Instrumental Activities. The concert will be available on livestream.

DORDT CHORAL ENSEMBLES will present a concert at 7:30p on Thursday, Feb. 29, in the Auditorium. The concert will feature Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), and Chorale. Repertoire will draw from a wide range of styles from the 20th and 21st centuries and explore themes of God's created order: wisdom, water, morning, and evening.

Bella Voce is conducted by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Canons of Dordt by Tim Van Voorst, and Chorale by Dr. Ryan Smit. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

SIoux CENTER HEALTH & COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERS OF SIOUX COUNTY are hosting an Unlocking Brain Fitness; Keys to Dementia Prevention class. The program is designed for people ages 50+ with no previous dementia diagnosis. Learn the 10 lifestyle factors that are proven to prevent or delay dementia. The class will begin March 8 and runs every Friday from 1:30-3:30p through May 17 at the Sioux Center Health Conference Room 1. During the 10-week class program, enjoy brain healthy snacks, educational materials and one-on-one time with subject-matter experts. Register by calling CHP at 712-737-2971 or email angela.loutsch@siouxcountychnp.org. There is a \$40 fee per participant, but \$20 will be refunded to any registrant that completes 8+ classes. Registration deadline is March 4.

YOU ARE INVITED to the 12th Annual Living Stone Prison Church & Freedom's Gate Church Banquet on Thursday, March 14, at 6:30p at Bethany Reformed Church in Canton, SD. RSVP by March 10 to 605-366-3624. Pastor Dan will be giving a ministry update on Living Stone activities and Pastor Jason will be telling you more about Freedom's Gate church. We will also hear from a few former inmates how God has used the ministry to encourage and strengthen their Christian journey. It will be a great night filled with yummy food, great entertainment, and fellowship!

INSPIRATION HILLS: Digging Deeper is your opportunity to study the Word of God more in depth than ever before! Whether you're opening the Bible for the first time or are a seasoned theologian, this workshop will help you learn the tools necessary for studying God's Word accurately and in a fulfilling way. The event will take place from 8:30a-4:00p on Saturday, March 16. There is no registration deadline. Registration cost is \$25. To register for this event or learn more, visit inspirationhills.org/deep.

MANY CHRISTIANS feel that they should share their faith with others, but fear often stops them from doing it. Dunamis Project #6: Listening Evangelism will help you find a natural and fearless way to have more faith-sharing conversations in the ordinary course of life. It emphasizes learning God's vision for evangelism, and developing a passion for personal evangelism. We will learn and practice practical evangelism skill in cooperation with the Holy Spirit. This conference will be Mar. 21-24 in Milford, IA. To learn more and register, visit www.primi.org/dpmilford.