

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. March 17, 2024**

**Rev. Tim Ouwinga...Minister Fifth Sunday in Lent**

*Preparation for Worship: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." (Ps. 51:10 NRSV)*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD**

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Prayer

\*God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting

\*Opening Song: #181:1-3 *"Exalt the LORD, His Praise Proclaim"*

**WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE**

Call to Confession

Responsive Reading of the Law (PH pg. 1015)

Song of Assurance: #490:1-3 *"Blessed Assurance"*

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Guiding Star

Offertory

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

\*Hymn of Preparation: SW#21:1-3 *"There Is a Redeemer"*

God's Word Read: Luke 9:18-27, 51

God's Word Proclaimed: **"The Road to Jerusalem"**

Prayer of Application

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*Song of Response: #310:1,4 *"Lead Me to Calvary"* (Celebration Hymnal)

\*Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: #629:1,2 *"Worthy is Christ"*

\*Postlude

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

\*indicates congregation stand

organist: Peg Visser

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:**

**GREETERS TODAY:** Travis & Brittany Veldman, Elder Dave & Betty Vande Griend

**GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY:** Roger & Carol Vis, Deacon Alex Westra

**NURSERY TODAY:** : AM Teresa Fedders, Bailey Vant Hul, Ruby Sheffield, Alex Bruxvoort, Jesse Ney; PM Ross Te Slaa Family

**NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY** AM Steph Baccam, Rachel Bolkema, Emelia Veldman, Charlie Oostenink, Ashley Fedders; PM Grant Thorson Family

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

**VALET PARKING FOR MAR:** Mar. 17: Zach Mouw, Zach Vant Hul; Mar. 24: Jacob Westra, Scott Kroese; Mar. 31: Jesse Ney, Lane Driesen

**SECURITY COMMITTEE:** Mar. 17: John Emerick; Mar. 24: Kyle LeLoux; Mar. 29: Dan B. Mar. 31: Jeff Verdoorn

**OFFERINGS:** Today – Envelope receipts are for the church budget or for the cause(s) designated on your envelope. The loose offering is for Guiding Star

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Christian Ed Fund

**COFFEE SERVERS TODAY:** Doug & Sandy

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Justin & Alyssa

**SERVE JUICE (Youth Bldg.):** Amy Westra

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Mary Leusink

**POWER POINT TODAY:** Kirk/Kaden

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Arlene

**SOUND SYSTEM TODAY:** Kyle LeLoux

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Kyle Te Slaa

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Heath Stoker to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Kirk Struik to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Betty Techen to Raul & Adrianna Herrea (e-mail only); Rod Te Krony to Lauren & Connie Runia; Dave Te Slaa to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Justin Te Slaa 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 Choir Rehearsal

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

7:00 PM Christian Fellowship. Lesson 10. Lunch: Don & Mary

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 PM Mission Guild. Lesson 10. Opening Prayer: Eleanor F.; Closing Prayer: Linda B.

7:00 PM Ladie's Bible Study (church basement)

**The Road to Jerusalem**  
**Luke 9:18-27, 51**

Life is a journey. Let us follow the journey of Jesus as our guide.

A. Jesus' determination to do the Father's Will

Luke 9:22 Jesus tells of his death and resurrection

Luke 9:31 Jesus on the mount of transfiguration

Luke 9:51 Jesus determination to go to Jerusalem

Luke 13 Warning about Herod

Luke 18:31-32 More detailed prophecy of what was to take place

Jesus knew exactly what would take place; yet nothing would deter him from his task

B. Our Calling to Follow Jesus

We might think we can have now all the glory Jesus merited.

Luke 9:23-24 shows the road of discipleship is like that of Jesus.

In God's pattern Glory follows suffering and faithfulness.

We must together walk the road to Jerusalem with Jesus.

## FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 17, 2024

**WELCOME TO FIRST HULL:** Welcome to worship as we gather in Jesus' name as one family in God's embrace. 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** we welcome Rev. Tim Ouwinga as he leads our morning service and Pastor Barry Miedema as he leads our evening service.

**PASTOR AARON & FAMILY** will be on vacation from March 14-March 22. In case of a special need, you may call your Care Group Elder or Pastor Ouwinga.

**NEXT SUNDAY EVENING** coffee and cookies will be served after the service. Care Group 3 is in charge.

**FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE:** Starting in April, we will begin our sanctuary renovations. Pews will be removed and new flooring will be installed throughout the entire sanctuary including the narthex and library and steps to the basement. Beginning April 1 through April 3, we will begin the process of pew and floor removal. The Building Committee is requesting the congregations help throughout the day and into the evening to help with this removal to help with the overall cost of the project. **Signup sheets are on the narthex table** and will include the tools needed to perform the work. All services will be held in the Western Christian event center during the renovation.

### **COUNCIL MINUTES:**

1. A suggestion was made and the council approved doing boughten cakes for funerals.
2. The council has decided to suspend Sunday School and Catechism classes for the month of April while we  
are worshipping at Western and to extend classes to May 5, 12, and 19. The council was concerned for the  
safety of all the students having to cross the street and the shortened time for classes.
3. We will resume shaking hands again in church.

**ANNUAL CHRISTIAN ED AUCTION** will be held on Wednesday, March 27, at the

Christian School gym. Supper will be served at the concession stand beginning at 5:00p. The auction begins at 6:30p. Preordered meat will be ready for pickup from 4:00-8:00p. Call Karen at 439-1626 to list your donations.

**BARGAIN ALLEY THRIFT STORE** is seeking more volunteers. Please contact Kari Hoekstra at the store or email her at [bargainalleyhull@gmail.com](mailto:bargainalleyhull@gmail.com) if interested.

**MINNIKOTA YOUTH 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Jr High Retreat** will be held on April 19, 20, 21 at Inspiration Hills. Join other local junior high students (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) at this retreat designed especially for you! Worship, speakers, games, talent show, service, and small groups will be on the agenda for the weekend! Contact Lee De Groot for more information: [degrootlee@gmail.com](mailto:degrootlee@gmail.com) or 712-470-4244. All registrations and forms are due by **April 1**. Forms are in the mailboxes and extra ones are on the narthex table.

### **OFFRING AMOUNTS FOR FEB.:**

General Fund: \$40,393.00	Building Fund: \$6,001.25	SF/SC	Gospel
Missions: \$1,086.00			
Mission Fund: 2,660.00	Benevolence: 105.00	AC	Replacement: 5,546.45

**THANK YOU:** Jim & Donna Rens would like to say thank you to all of you who remembered us with thoughts and prayers. Donna is doing much better now. Thank you to Pastor Aaron and Elder Tim and Ruth Kats for your calls and support. Thank you to our family for the support you always give. We thank our God for His love and care.

**THANK YOU:** We want to thank everyone for your prayers, words of encouragement, and phone calls. A special thank you to Pastor Tim and Deb for calling us on Monday and praying also. Praise God at this time Orv is cancer free. He will have another pet scan in June. Words alone can't express our thankfulness for everyone in our church. May God bless all of you. -Orv & Arlene Vant Hul

**THANK YOU** for the huge amount of socks and underwear donated. We brought 6 totes and 3 backpacks filled, half to Anneville and half to Berea trade stores. We spent the week working at Grace Covenant Ministries doing various work projects and hearing stories of poverty and God's grace. Thank you for your willingness to share with people having so little. -Ken & Mary Leusink, Mark and Tena

### **COMMUNITY BULLETIN**

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

- Jim Oostenink will be doing chemo treatments once a month for a year. Thank you for

your prayers.

- Continue to keep Hayden Kroese, 3-year-old daughter of Ryan & Christine, in your prayers. She remains a patient at the Sheldon Hospital. Pray for healing for Hayden and peace for the family as they seek what is best.
- Lou Krommendyk was put on Hospice Care for pain management. Continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Pray for our shut ins: Aspen Heights: Wilma Grevengoed, Joyce Kroese, Nelvina Kroese, Liz Schmith, Joyce Vande Griend, Goldie Veldman; Sheldon Care Center: Julianne Kats; Christian Retirement Home: Johanna Van Surksum; 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. We give thanks that he was able to come home.
- Jan Van Soelen continues her recovery from her fall. She is thankful for your prayers as her pain has been somewhat reduced.
- We pray for those who have ongoing health concerns for which they are seeking healing and relief.
- 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.
- 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 ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**Western:** Are you ready for high school? On **Thursday, April 4**, we would like to welcome all **8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents** to Western. We will serve a free supper to our guests between 5:15-6:15p and the main program will start in the Event Center at 6:15p. We ask that parents and students attend 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day together. If you have any questions, please contact Brad Vis: [brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com](mailto:brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com) or my cell 605-359-5704.

#### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARE GROUP** will meet March 21 at 6:00p (note time change) at the St. Paul Lutheran Church. We will serve soups and crimp bread with cold cuts. There will be ice cream for dessert. The program will be Nicole Baart, Author and Cofounder of One Body One Hope. Remember to bring \$5 to cover expenses.

**DORDT UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPARTMENT** will host OPERA Iowa, Des Moines Metro Opera's educational touring troupe, on Friday, March 22, at 7:30p in the auditorium for a performance of Gretry/Borths' Beauty and the Beast (sung in English). The performance is free and open to the public. OPERA Iowa will also present a children's opera, "Sid the Serpent Who Wanted to Sing," a story of the serpent in the circus who longs for more than just slithering in and out of his basket – he wants to sing! This performance will be in the Auditorium on Friday, March 22, at 1:15p. To register for the Children's Performance, call 712-722-6222.

**ROCK VALLEY Habitat Home Groundbreaking Ceremony** will be on Wed., March 20, at 10:00a at 2652 Warren Circle in Rock Valley for the Alex & Rebecca Arteaga family. Gather your friends to sponsor one or more 2x4 studs for \$100 each to help build the home. We will deliver the studs to you to decorate with Bible verses, encouraging words, prayers, pictures, etc. Contact Kurt Franje at 641-780-9054 or [kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org](mailto:kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org).

**HOPE CRC** is having their annual Education Auction on Wednesday, April 3. Please join us for supper from 5:00-6:30p (free will donation). The auction will start at 6:30 and have a variety of items to bid on including gift cards, gift baskets, and more. We hope you will join us for a night of fellowship and fun!

**COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERS**, along with Sioux County healthcare, are offering an 8-session weight loss and diabetes prevention program on Thursdays beginning April 4 from 5:30-6:30p at the Hull Library. Cost is \$40. To register call CHP at 712-737-2971 or email [chp@siouxcountychp.org](mailto:chp@siouxcountychp.org).

**CORNERSTONE PRISON CHURCH** invites you to their Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, April 1, at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. Doors open at 6p and the banquet begins at 6:30p. RSVP by March 24 by calling 476-5292 or go to their website [www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org). A freewill offering will be taken to support Cornerstone's ministry.

**ART OF MARRIAGE RETREAT – April 12-14.** This weekend retreat includes guided video lessons from Familylife’s Art of Marriage curriculum as well as discussion time with other couples and activities that will strengthen your bond as a couple. The event will take place from 5:30p on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> to 12 noon on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for registration is March 29. The cost of registration is \$50 per couple. To register for this event or learn more visit [inspirationhills.org/marriage](http://inspirationhills.org/marriage).

**SAVE THE DATE:** Love INC invites the community to our **Spring Share Event on April 27<sup>th</sup>** at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. Get ready for a fun night of food, fellowship, and sweet treats. **Hint:** It also might be time to brush up on your stored knowledge of random facts! Information on how to purchase tickets is coming soon!