

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. – March 24, 2024

Rev. Aaron Greydanus...Minister Palm Sunday

Preparation for Worship: “Loving Father, as we journey with your Son in this week of remembrance and hope, help us to understand you and your love for the world more clearly. Transform us by the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and prepare us for service in your kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen” (WSB)

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*Call to Worship:

Pastor: People of God, be gathered together!

All: Like a hen with her brood beneath her wings, God has brought us together!

Pastor: People of God, await Christ’s coming!

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord of heaven!

*Opening Prayer

*God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting

(Please be seated for the processional hymn)

Processional Hymn: #378:1-3 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Children Sing: “Ho-Ho-Ho-Hosanna” “We Have a King” “He Is the King of Glory” “Great & Mighty”

Children’s message by Pastor Aaron

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

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

Hymn of Response: #302:1-3 “Lamb of God” (Celebration)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Christian Ed Fund

Offertory: “O Lamb of God Most Holy” “Ah, Dearest Jesus”

WE RECEIVE GOD’S INSTRUCTION

*Hymn of Preparation: #376:1,3 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

God’s Word Read: Luke 19

God’s Word Proclaimed: “The Stones Will Cry Out”

Prayer of Application

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*Song of Response: “Rock of Ages” (on PPT)

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Song: #373:1,7 “Lift High the Cross”

*Postlude: “Lift High the Cross”

(please allow teachers/students to exit first)

*indicates congregation stand

organist: MaryLou Wielenga

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

GREETERS TODAY: Roger & Carol Vis, Deacon Alex Westra

GOOD FRIDAY: Elder Tim & Ruth Kats, Elder Dave & Sherry Vant Hul

GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY: Ken & Peg Visser, Elder Galen & Connie Kroese

NURSERY TODAY: AM Steph Baccam, Rachel Bolkema, Emelia Veldman, Charlie Oostenink, Ashley Fedders; PM Grant Thorson Family

GOOD FRIDAY: Kyle Te Slaa Family

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY: AM Becca Te Slaa, Morgan Te Slaa, Dylan Bonestroo, Sohpie Kroese, Maeva Haveman; PM Seth Oostenink

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

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

GOOD FRIDAY: Benevolence

NEXT SUNDAY: 1. Building Fund/AC Replacement; 2. Cornerstone Prison Church

COFFEE SERVERS TODAY: Justin & Alyssa **NEXT SUNDAY:** Kyle & Shae

SERVE JUICE AT YOUTH BLDG. Mary Leusink

POWER POINT TODAY: Arlene **GOOD FRIDAY:** Kirk **NEXT SUNDAY:** Kirk/Emericks

SOUND SYSTEM TODAY: Kyle Te Slaa **NEXT SUNDAY:** Rick

CORRESPONDENCE: Kyle Te Slaa to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Ross Te Slaa to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Dave Vande Griend to Raul & Adrianna Herrea (e-mail only); Dennis Vande Griend to Lauren & Connie Runia; Aletha Vande Griend to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Greg Vanden Bosch to Sos & Kara Maletoungou (For those wishing to send an email, addresses are in the church directory, first page, under “Missionaries Supported”.)

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

10:45 AM Short Choir Rehearsal

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

5:30 PM Christian Education Celebration Day at HCS

6:45 PM GEMS at Hope CRC for a regular meeting. Girls are to wear their GEMS shirts.

FRIDAY

7:00 PM Good Friday Service

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 24, 2024

WELCOME TO FIRST HULL: Welcome to this Palm Sunday. As we follow Jesus into Jerusalem, the city of his death but also his resurrection, may we experience the wonder of his 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.

PASTOR AARON'S message this morning is from Luke 19 titled "The Stones Will Cry Out". Children in the Beginners class through 3rd grade will come in as a group waving their palm branches. They will sing 3 songs and Pastor Aaron will have a children's message. This evening Pastor's message is from Philemon titled "Bound or Free: The Power of Forgiveness." Coffee and cookies will be served after the service.

CHRISTIAN ED AUCTION will be held 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. To make this a success, we encourage each family to donate an item. Bring your item(s) to the school gym on Wednesday. Come for an evening of fellowship, good food, and a night of lively bidding!

GOOD FRIDAY service is scheduled for Friday, March 29th. We will partake of the Lord's Supper together. You are welcome to join us at the Lord's table if you are truly sorry for your sins, sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as your Savior and desire to live in obedience to him. Gluten free bread will be available in the center section of each tray.

NURSERY: Parents and students, if you are scheduled for nursery, please make sure you are there and if you can't be there make sure to trade with someone or get a substitute. Mothers have come down and there aren't enough volunteers in the nursery. -Nursery Committee

FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE: Starting April 1, 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.

MINNIKOTA YOUTH 14th Annual Jr High Retreat will be held on April 19, 20, 21 at Inspiration Hills. Join other local junior high students (6th-8th) 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 or 712-470-4244. All registrations and forms are due by **April 1**. Forms are in the mailboxes and extra ones are in News 'n Notes.

THANK YOU for expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls, and the visit and flowers from my care group in the recent passing of my brother-in-law. My church is a blessing to me! -Betty Bolkema

THANK YOU: We want to thank everyone for your prayers, phone calls, and cards. A special thank you to Pastor Tim & Deb for visiting and praying. Words alone cannot express our thankfulness for everyone in our congregation. May God bless all of you! -Rog & Carol Vis

THANK YOU: We would like to humbly thank the congregation for their generosity during Hayden's hospital stay. We have been blessed beyond measure. We are so grateful that God has granted her complete healing. For all the meals, toys, cards, encouragement, and prayers, we will never be able to thank you all enough. We plan to meet with a Pediatric Pulmonologist in the future to see if Hayden has any underlying conditions.

-The Ryan

Kroese Family

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Prayers are requested for Haley Wielenga and Jesse Ney as they left last Friday (Mar. 15) for a 3-week exchange program to the Netherlands. Pray also for Jessica Wielenga as she also left last Friday for a week of service in Mexico.
- Congratulations to Eric & Bobbie Kroese on the birth of a son, Ezra John, on Wednesday, March 20th.
- Please pray for Lois Salazar as she has a PET scan March 28 to see if the radiation she had in December was effective.
- Keep Dori De Jong in prayer as she will be having back surgery in Sioux Falls on April 1.
- Continue to keep Bonnie Vander Schaaf in your prayers She spent several days in the Sioux Center Hospital due to pneumonia and influenza. She was able to return home on

Wednesday afternoon. Pray for relief from the symptoms and a full recovery.

- Scott Kroese had surgery on his nose for a deviated septum. Please pray that the surgery will be a success and for healing.
- Pray for our shut ins: Aspen Heights: Wilma Grevengood, Joyce Kroese, 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 give thanks that Viv Covey was able to return home from Avera hospital and for encouraging reports. Please continue to pray for further healing and restoration.
- Jan Van Soelen has been transferred to the Crown Pointe Care Center in Sioux Center for rehabilitation. Please continue to pray for healing and comfort.
- 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 **8th 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 8th Grade Day together. If you have any questions, please contact Brad Vis: brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or my cell 605-359-5704.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORNERSTONE PRISON CHURCH Annual Benefit Banquet is Monday, April 1, at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. The banquet begins at 6:30p. RSVP by March 24 by calling 476-5292.

NAMI SUPPORT GROUP will meet Tuesday, April 2, at Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7-9p. Video "Dr. Xavier Amador: How to Help Someone With Mental Illness Accept Treatment."

HOPE HAVEN'S Annual Benefit Auction will be held on Friday, April 5, at Te Slaa Trucking. Help support individuals with disabilities by attending our Buy It Now opening at 5:00, followed by our live auction at 5:30p. Choose from over 450 incredible items for all ages to bid on. For a sneak peek of the items, check out our online catalog by visiting: www.hopehaven.org.

DORDT UNIVERSITY Music Department will host fortepianist Daniel Adam Maltz for a recital at 7:30p on Friday, April 5 in the Auditorium. On Saturday, April 6, at 7:30p Isable Alsum will present her senior organ recital. The recital will be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

NISO's Spring Concert will be held on Tuesday, April 9, at 7:30p in Dordt's Auditorium. To conclude our concert season, the spring performance includes not only 2 enchanting pieces of music but also a symphony for organ featuring Dordt's own Dr. Carrie Groenewold. Tickets available at the door or online through ticketleap. \$20 adults, \$6 for students (buy 1 get 1 free). https://nisoowa.ticketleap.com/spring-concert/dates/Apr-09-2024_at_0730PM

ART OF MARRIAGE RETREAT – April 12-14. The event will take place from 5:30p on Friday the 12th to 12 noon on Sunday the 14th. 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.

LOVE INC invites the community to our **Spring Share Event on April 27th** at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. Doors will open at 5:00p and food will be served starting at 5:30p, Very Good Trivia will be our entertainment so come with your knowledge skills sharpened! Tickets to this event can be purchased for \$50 a piece or get a team together and reserve a table of 8 for \$360. You can purchase tickets by calling the Love INC office at 712-476-5990 or go online to www.loveincsiouxcounty.org. Deadline is April 17.

ATLAS OF SIOUX CENTER along with CFE Fundraiser Auction & Dinner will be held Friday, May 3 with the meal (pork loin sandwiches freewill donation) at 5:30p and auction from 6:30-9:00p. Kids movies shown during the auction. Please join us at the New Life Church in Sioux Center. To donate new items before April 15th call (712) 722-4900 or fill out a donation form at www.atlasofsiouxcenter.org. All funds raised help us to continue helping the hurting in Sioux Center and surrounding communities. If you are unable to attend and you would like to donate some ideas are: pop, 300 3-section paper plates, or gift cards to cover food costs. We also need 2 volunteers to supervise the kids' movie room, juice boxes and a snack for the movie room (plan on 75 kids). If you'd be interested in helping in any way, please call the office (712) 722-4900.