

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. –March 31, 2024

Rev. Aaron Greydanus.....Minister Easter Sunday

Preparation for worship: “This is the day of the Lord’s victory; let us be happy, Let us celebrate!”

COMING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN LORD

Prelude

*Responsive Call to Worship:

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Pastor: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength to honor and glory and praise!

People: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **People: The Lord is risen indeed!**

ALL: Alleluia! Amen! *(Based on Revelation 5:12-13)*

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: #388:1-3 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

*God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting

Choir Anthem: “Then Came the Morning”

LIVING AS PEOPLE RENEWED BY OUR LIVING LORD

God’s Will for Our Lives

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Response: #177:1-4 “Oh, To See the Dawn” (LUYH)

Intercessory Prayer

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

Offertory

LISTENING TO OUR RISEN LORD

*Hymn of Preparation: #379:1,2 “What Wondrous Love”

Prayer for Illumination

God’s Word Read: Matthew 28

God’s Word Proclaimed: “**The Story of the Empty Tomb**”

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response: #405:1-3 “I Serve a Risen Savior”

RESPONDING TO OUR RISEN LORD

*Parting Blessing

*Parting Hymn: #396:1-3 “Low in the Grave Christ Lay”

(Singers are invited to go to the balcony for the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus)

*Hallelujah Chorus (MaryLou Wielenga, Director; Lavonne Kats, organist)

*Postlude

* indicates congregation stand; organist: Connie Te Krony

Trumpet: Alison Kroese, Logan Baccam, Bethany Bosma; Trombone: Konner Struik, Caleb Bolkema, Tysen Bosma

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

GREETERS TODAY: Ken & Peg Visser, Elder Galen & Connie Kroese

GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY: Daryl & Judi Wesselink, Deacon Devin & Kate Bonestroo

NURSERY TODAY: AM Mindy Winterfeld, Shondra Wielenga, Tysen Bosma, Haley Struik, Kyrin De Groot; PM Brody Pollema Family

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY: AM Shar Bonestroo, Cindy LeLoux, Caden Hulstein, Kade LeLoux, Savannah Feenstra; PM Dan Poppema Family

USHERS FOR APR.: Tom Sheffield, Jon Van Berkum, Terry Jansma, Dave Te Slaa

VALET PARKING FOR APR: Apr. 7: Blaike Bonestroo, Dalton Westra

SECURITY COMMITTEE: Apr. 7: 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 the 1. Bldg. Fund/AC Replacement; 2. Cornerstone

NEXT SUNDAY: 1. Mission Fund; 2. Building fund

COFFEE SERVERS TODAY: Randy & Sandy

POWER POINT TODAY: Kirk/Emerick’s

NEXT SUNDAY: Kirk

SOUND SYSTEM TODAY: Rick

NEXT SUNDAY: Ben

CORRESPONDENCE: Lawrence Vander Esch to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Kyle Vander Schaaf to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Jon Van Berkum to Raul & Adrianna Herrea (email only) Curt Van Grouw to Lauren & Connie Runia; Lee Van Grouw to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Brett Van Middendorp to Sos & Kara Maletoungou (For those wishing to send an email, addresses are in the directory, first page, under “Missionaries Supported”. 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

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

MONDAY

7:00 PM Music & Worship Committee (in the Youth Building)

TUESDAY

7:00 PM Mission Guild. Lesson 11. Opening Prayer: Shirley R.; Closing Prayer: Betty P.

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM Coffee Break at Hope CRC. Lesson 4 Discover Easter

6:30 PM YPS – Supper & End-of-the-year wrap up

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 31, 2024

WELCOME TO FIRST HULL: Alleluia! As the Risen Jesus greeted Mary (John 20:16), so he greets us. Welcome to Easter worship! 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 Matthew 28 titled "The Story of the Empty Tomb". His evening message is from Luke 24:13-33 titled "All the Scripture Concerning Himself".

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:

1. The church will be **LOCKED** for the month of April due to the renovation.
2. All church meetings will need to be held in the Youth Building. Check with Karen for availability.
3. Mailboxes will be placed in the airlock.
4. Sunday School, Catechism, and Children's Church will NOT meet in April.
5. There will be no coffee/juice served in April.
6. Nursery will be held at Western in the lounge.
7. Greeters who are assigned should greet at the front door of Western.
8. There will be ushers available. They will hand out the bulletins.
9. Council members should meet in the Faculty Room at Western. Elders will not be assigned a greeting spot but can greet where ever convenient.
10. The south side of Western (5th street) will be reserved for elderly parking.
11. The PPT people will try to broadcast the services over Channel 77 and livestream, but no guarantee at this point.

UPDATED ADDRESS: Joyce De Vries is now in Room 506 Hickory at Crown Pointe.

THANK YOU to everyone who brought food, worked, donated toward the auction and to all those who attended! It was a fun night of good food, fellowship, and lots of lively bidding!
-The Christian Ed Committee

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Keep Dori De Jong in prayer as she will be having back surgery in Sioux Falls on April 1.
- Keep Joyce Kroese in your prayers as she was admitted to the Sioux Center Hospital and is being treated for pneumonia.
- Continue to keep Bonnie and Russ Vander Schaaf in your prayers as they are dealing with health issues.
- 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 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 received 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

NAMI SUPPORT GROUP will meet Tuesday, April 2, at Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7-9p. Video “Dr. Zavier 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://nisoia.ticketleap.com/spring-concert/dates/Apr-09-2024> at 0730PM

YOU ARE INVITED to a Community Meal at First Reformed church on Wednesday, April 10, serving from 5:30-6:45p. The meal is free and everyone is invited – families, students, and all ages. This month’s meal includes taverns, coneys, mac & cheese, apples, and ice cream. Zestos will distribute food. The purpose of the event is to encourage fellowship and create new relationships in our community. The Community Meal is taking a summer break after this meal and will resume serving on Sept. 11.

DORDT MUSIC DEPARTMENT presents a Community Choir Evening of Worship on Thursday, April 11, at 7:00p in the auditorium. This event will be a time of worship through choral music, Scripture readings, litanies, meditation, and other musical reflections. A combined Community Choir will sing 4 choral pieces composed or arranged by guest composer-in-residence Dan Forrest. The Dordt Choirs will join the Community Choir for 2 of their pieces as well as sing a few other Dan Forrest works on their own.

DORDT UNIVERSITY CHORAL DEPT will present the High School Choral Festival Concert on Friday, April 12, at 7:00p in the auditorium and De Witt gymnasium. This concert will feature a massed festival choir including singers from 13 Christian high schools representing 6 different states, as well as 4 Dordt choirs: Bella Voce women’s chorus, Canons of Dordt men’s chorus, 4th Avenue Singers, Chorale and Concert Choir. Dan Forrest will also be present for the day festival and concert.

DORDT UNIVERSITY student Philip Shippy of Sioux Center will present a junior voice recital at 7:30p on Sat., April 13, in the auditorium. The program focuses on German Art Songs and Contemporary English songs, featuring a range of tones such as bright and bouncy, smooth and beautiful, adventurous, or dark and intense. He will be accompanied by Dordt University junior Abe Hall of Machesney Park. Ill.

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 would be interested in helping in any way, please call the office (712) 722-4900.

VOLUNTEER DAY at Inspiration Hills will be held on Saturday, April 27, from 8a-4p. Your volunteer time helps prepare the grounds for the summer season. Many different projects are available for all ages! Lunch will be provided! Register by calling 712-986-5193 or emailing ihills@inspirationhills.org.