

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. –April 07, 2024

Rev. Calvin Hoogendoorn..... Guest Minister

Preparation for worship: “Springtime, new life, resurrection, hope. God, help me hold onto an Easter focus all season long.

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Prelude

*Call to Worship

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: #171:1-3 *“It Is Good to Sing Your Praises”*

*God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting

WE CONSECRATE OURSELVES TO GOD

God’s Will for Our Lives

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Assurance: SW#60:1-4 *“Nearer, Still Nearer”*

Congregational Prayer

Offering: 1. Mission Fund; 2. Building Fund

Offertory

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation: #489:1-4 *“When Peace like a River”*

Prayer for Illumination

God’s Word Read: Revelation 21:1-8

God’s Word Proclaimed: **“His Gift of Eternal Joy”**

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response: #620:1-3 *“By the Sea of Crystal”*

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: #632 *“To God Be the Glory”* (unannounced)

*Postlude

* indicates congregation stand

pianist: Evan Schroeder

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

GREETERS TODAY: Daryl & Judi Wesselink, Deacon Devin & Kate Bonestroo

GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY: Randy & Sandy Westra, Elder Darren & Darla Vant Hul

NURSERY TODAY: AM Mindy Winterfeld, Shondra Wielenga, Tyson 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

OFFERINGS: Today – Envelope receipts are for the church budget or for the cause(s) designated on your envelope. The loose offering is for 1. Mission Fund; 2. Building Fund

NEXT SUNDAY: Christian Ed Fund

POWER POINT TODAY: Tonya

NEXT SUNDAY: AM Arlene; PM Kaden

CORRESPONDENCE: Eldon Van Schepen to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Arlene Van Schepen to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Justin Van Schepen to Raul & Adrianna Herrea (email only); Lonny Van Schepen to Lauren & Connie Runia; Ben Vant Hul to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Darren Vant Hul 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

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

7:00 PM Christian Fellowship. Lunch: Larry & MaryLou Wielenga; Lesson: Chapter 1 “An Invitation to Happiness”

MONDAY

6:30 PM Elder’s (Youth Building)

7:00 PM Deacons (Youth Building)

8:00 PM Council Meeting (Youth Building)

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM Coffee Break Discover Easter. Lesson 5

6:30 PM Cadets – Ditch cleaning (see announcement in insert)

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

7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study – Session 6: Impatience, Irritability, Anger (Youth Building)

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

April 7, 2024

WELCOME TO FIRST HULL: This second Sunday of Easter, we are all twin selves, like Thomas, who was called the Twin (John 20:24). Each of us is both doubter and believer, and Jesus blesses us with peace. Welcome.

CHURCH SERVICES will be held in the Event Center at Western for the month of April.

WE WELCOME Rev. Calvin Hoogendoorn as he leads our morning worship service. His message is from Revelation 21:1-8 titled "His Gift of Eternal Joy". This evening Thomas Soodsma will lead our worship service. His message is from Philippians 4:2-9 titled "The Peace of God".

REMINDERS: 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 are in the airlock.
4. Nursery will be held at Western in the lounge.
5. Greeters who are assigned should greet at the front door of Western. There will be ushers available.
6. The south side of Western (5th street) will be reserved for elderly parking.

CADETS: Meet in the parking lot of the youth building **at 6:30p** for our annual ditch cleaning event. Wear grubby clothes and appropriate footwear, and bring gloves! After the ditch cleaning, we will be roasting hot dogs and marshmallows. **PARENTS:** If there is anyone that has a pickup and is willing to help transport the boys, we would really appreciate it! **ADVANCE NOTICE:** April 24 is the Points Auction at the Youth Building.

LADIES who can help at JFA on Tuesday, April 9, should meet in the upper parking lot at 12:45p to car pool.

SHARE GROUP for widows and widowers will meet at THE NORTH PLACE on Thursday, April 18, at 6:00p Please make meal reservations to Deanna at 439-2229 by Monday, April 15.

DEAR CONGREGATION: Lois's PET scan results showed no cancer present and the spot on her liver completely gone. Praise our faithful Lord Jesus Christ for his healing powers. We would also like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our two minister, Pastor Loren and Norma Kotman and Pastor Aaron and Michelle Greydanus, for their prayers and support during these difficult past 4-1/2 years, and Pastor Ouwinga for his calls and prayers. We have a great church family and would like to thank all the congregation for being our beacon of hope with all the prayers on our behalf, the meals delivered, the support shown, the visits, calls, and the words of encouragement. With our heartfelt thanks, Ted & Lois Salazar

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Dori De Jong had successful back surgery on Monday, Pray for healing mercies.
- Joyce Kroese was able to return to Aspen Heights after being treated for pneumonia in the Sioux Center Hospital.
- 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 CONCERN:

- Jan Van Soelen is progressing with her therapy at the Care Center in Sioux Center. Short visits in the afternoon work best. Room is Sycamore 619.
- 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

HCS is currently searching for an assistant cook for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested in being part of our team, please apply! Applications can be found on our webpage (www.hullchristian.com) or by contacting school. Applicants should contact Mr. Ten Pas at 712-439-2273 or e-mail rtenpas@hullchristian.com with any questions.

HCS is looking for Beef and Pork donations for the Rally Day sale this fall. If you have an animal that you are willing to donate, please contact Krista Van Der Brink at 712-470-5734. August 26, 2024 is the locker date we have scheduled.

WESTERN Spring Society Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18, at 6:00p in the HUB. Mr. Verwolf will share a State of School Report which includes staffing and program updates. We will have an opportunity to approve the annual budget and vote on proposed revisions to our Bylaws. To review the proposed changes, please go to www.westernchristianhs.com. You will be able to access the document on the front page.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE STILL LOOKING for applicants for our open positions for the Kid's Club program. If you are interested or know someone who may be, please contact Ruth Moss 712-441-4170, Sherry De Wit 605-690-9479, or Julie Kreun 712-470-3837 to get a short application to fill out. Please be in prayer for the future of this program.

NISO's Spring Concert will be held on Tuesday, April 9, at 7:30p in Dordt's Auditorium. 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 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.

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. He will be accompanied by Dordt University junior Abe Hall of Machesney Park. Ill.

DORDT UNIVERSITY'S Criminal Justice & Social Work department, in cooperation with the Sioux County Sheriff's Office, are hosting the screening of the documentary, *Gridshock: A Documentary about Sex Trafficking in Iowa*. This will be followed by a panel discussion. The event will be held on April 17, from 7-9p in the Auditorium. The event is open to all, but due to the sensitive nature of this topic, discretion is advised.

DORDT UNIVERSITY student Anna Herman will present a senior organ recital at 7:30p on Friday, April 19, in the Auditorium. It will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

JOAN RINGERWOLE ORGAN RECITAL SERIES presents Dutch organist Willem van Twillert in a solo organ recital on Sat., April 20, at 7:30p in the Auditorium.

MOZART REQUIEM: The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus, join by Northwestern College's A Cappella Choir will be presenting Mozart's *Requiem* on Saturday, April 27, at 7:30p in Christ Chapel at Northwestern College. Tickets for adults are \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door and \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased at Northwestern's music office, Dordt music office, Evie's Hallmark in Sioux Center, and Windmill Park Jewelers in Orange City.

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.