

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. –April 28, 2024**

**Rev. Aaron Greydanus.....Minister GEMS Sunday**

*Preparation for worship: I lay my joys and cares before you, Holy Spirit, that you might prepare my heart for worship.*

**WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn: #562:1,2,4 “*We Will Extol You God & King*” (LUYH)

\*God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting

**WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE**

God’s Will for Our Lives Q&A 4 (PH pg. 862) and Q&A 112 (PH pg. 914)

Prayer of Confession

GEMS Theme Song: “*This Is The Way: Walk In It*”

GEMS Litany (on PPT)

**WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GEMS MINISTRY**

Report on GEMS: Karinda de Boom

Intercessory Prayer

Offering: GEMS

Offertory

**GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD**

\*Song of Preparation: #746:1-3 “*Holy Spirit Living Breath of God*” (LUYH)

Prayer for Illumination

God’s Word Read: Isaiah 40:27-31

God’s Word Proclaimed: “**Hope in The Lord**”

Prayer of Application

**WE GO OUT TO WALK WITH GOD**

\*Song of Response: “*I Want to Know You*” (on PPT)

\*Parting Blessing

\*Parting Hymn: #473:1 “*To God Be the Glory*”

\*Postlude

\*indicates congregation stand  
pianist: Peg Visser

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:**

**GREETERS TODAY:** AM GEMS; PM Evan & Shondra Wielenga, Elder Dave & Kay Kroese  
**GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY:** Larry & MaryLou Wielenga, Deacon Rick & Tonya De Groot

**NURSERY TODAY:** AM Kate Bonestroo, Lindsey Pffingsten, Annie Leusink, Ava Ney, Reese Wielenga; PM Zach Vant Hul Family

**NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:** AM Tina Bruxvoort, Ruth Kats, Emma Kroese, Madison Bosma, Braden Baccam; PM Tyler Bonestroo Family

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

**USHERS FOR MAY:** Lee Van Grouw, Evan Wielenga, Harlan Mouw, Randy Westra

**VALET PARKING FOR APR:** **Apr. 28:** Dan Bonestroo, Ethan Ney; **May 5:** Ryan Bolkema, Lane Driesen; **May 12:** Jacob Westra, Jesse Ney; **May 19:** Zach Mouw, Zach Vant Hul

**SECURITY COMMITTEE:** **Apr. 28:** Zach Vant Hul; **May 5:** Dave Vant Hul; **May 12:** Dan Poppema; **May 19:** John Emerick; **May 26:** Kyle LeLoux

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

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 1. Building Fund; 2. Gideons

**POWER POINT TODAY:** Kirk/Emerick’s

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Tonya

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Evan Wielenga to Steve & Tara Dekkers; Larry Wielenga to Michael & Megan Ribbens; Randy Winterfeld to Raul & Adrianna Herrea (email only) Eric Zomermaand to Lauren & Connie Runia; Lynn Anderson to Gary & Ellie Sikma; Sean Baccam 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

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study in the Youth Building. This will be our last meeting of the season. Study Lesson 8: Lack of self-control, Envy, Jealousy and Lesson 9: Where do we go from here?

## FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

April 28, 2024

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP:** Jesus said, “My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples” (John 15:8 NRSV). Part of discipleship is worship, which strengthens us to bear the fruit of love. Welcome!

**THIS MORNING** Pastor Aaron’s message is from Isaiah 40:27-31 titled “Hope in The Lord”. His evening message is from I Peter 1:13-21 titled “Holiness From Hope”.

**TODAY** is GEMS Sunday. We give thanks for the GEMS ministry of our church and Hope CRC and give thanks for all the girls who participated in GEMS this year.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH CLASS** will meet after the morning service in the Youth Building.

**PARENTS:** We will be honoring all our grade school, high school and college graduates on Sunday morning, May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have a son/daughter who will be graduating this year from College, Vocational School, or Trade School, please let me know so that I can get a questionnaire in their mailbox. You may call (439-1626) or email me at [hull1crc@mtcnet.net](mailto:hull1crc@mtcnet.net) or leave a note in my mailbox. -Karen

**MISSION GUILD SUMMER OUTING:** The Brown’s in concert on June 4. Meet at church at 5:00p.

**VBS REGISTRATION:** Dive into Bible School – Diving into Friendship with God. Hull Vacation Bible School is Sunday, June 2 through Thursday, June 6 from 6:00p-8:30p every night. There will be a small program Thursday, June 6. The meal for the kids attending and volunteers will be served from 5:15-5:45p Monday through Thursday. You can register online this year using the online form with the link found on the Hull VBS Facebook page or you can turn in the form to one of the committee members from our church. Registrations are due May 1. Please contact Rachel Bolkema, Jessica Pollema, or Ashley Hulstein with any question.

**VBS VOLUNTEERS:** We are needing volunteers to help with VBS to help it run smoothly. Those interested in helping (junior high age and older) are asked to sign up using this link on

the Hull VBS Facebook page. (Please note that although VBS is starting on a Sunday again this year, you do not have to miss Sunday evening church to attend. Students and helpers are welcome to start their VBS experience on Monday as well). Any questions, please contact Rachel Bolkema, Jessica Pollema, or Ashley Hulstein.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help with the Hunger Games youth event on Thursday, July 18, in conjunction with Hull SummerFest. We need help setting up, tearing down and at least 10 volunteers to run the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Jess at the Hull Chamber Office: [hullchamber@cityofhull.org](mailto:hullchamber@cityofhull.org). The Chamber is willing to donate money to the church for whatever need you may have.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who remembered me after my surgery (if it was by text messages, cards, phone calls, visits, food brought in or prayers) it was greatly appreciated. My check-up went well last week but I’m very limited as to what I can do. Thanks! Dori De Jong

**THANK YOU:** Our family would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy in the loss of our mom. Also, thanks to our Care Group #3 and #8 for the beautiful flower arrangements given in her memory. Thank you so much for the delicious meal prepared for us by Care Group #8 and all those who served the lunch after the memorial service. Our thanks to Pastor Aaron, Pastor Tim, and Care Group Elders Dave and Kay Kroese and Doug and Sandy Pollema for your words of comfort, visits, and prayers. We truly appreciated all those who visited our mom at the care center over the last year. We are blessed to have a wonderful church family during times like this. May God’s blessing be on each of you! Larry & Glenda, Don & Mary, & Laura

**THANK YOU** from all of the youth group students and leaders for the unbelievable turnout to the diner fundraiser this past Wednesday and for your support over the last year. It was terrific to see all the fellowship and support of the youth group. Your prayers and financial support through the year are always felt and appreciated!

### **COMMUNITY BULLETIN**

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

- Continue to keep Collin Kats, grandson of Henry & Cheryl, in your prayers. He continues to make baby steps in the right direction. They have removed all the wires and pulled the ventilator. He has a broken ankle and still has a blood clot. The outlook looks good, but it will take time. Your prayers for the family are appreciated.
- Pete Pollema was admitted to the hospital in Rock Valley and later transferred to Avera in Sioux Falls. He received a blood transfusion to raise his blood count and is doing

much better. He is expected to stay for the next few days. Pete and Nelva appreciate your prayers and support.

- Thoughts and prayers for the family of Julie Kroese De Marr, daughter of Al and Eleanor Kroese, who passed away on Wednesday, April 24, in Muskegon, Michigan.
- Bonnie Vander Schaaf is scheduled to have knee surgery on Thursday, May 2, at Dakota Dunes. She will be staying in the hospital for a couple of nights. Pray for successful surgery and for relief from the pain.
- 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, 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 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, including Bill Heynen who is at Crown Pointe.
- 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**

**Our God: Discovering the Names of God:** The HCS PK-8<sup>th</sup> grade chapel program will be held on May 6. There will be a 1:30 matinee/dress rehearsal and a 7:00 performance at the Western Event Center.

**Retirement Celebration:** HCS has been blessed having Mary De Groot serving as our custodian for the last 18 years. She will be retiring at the end of the summer. We will be celebrating her dedication to our school and students by having cake after the PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade music concert on May 6. Everyone is invited to show their appreciation to Mary in Western's cafeteria after the program.

**Band and Orchestra Pops Concert:** May 13 at 7:00p the HCS 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> orchestra students will be presenting an animal-themed pop's concert, including songs about snakes, squirrels,

panthers, sheep and more.

**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.

**Spring Drive at Western:** We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to the Western Spring Drive. Information was given in the church mailboxes, the Spring Western Witness, and can be found on Western's new and improved "Giving Page" of our website: [www.westernchristianhs.com](http://www.westernchristianhs.com). Please contact Brad Vis – [brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com](mailto:brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com) or 605-359-5704 if you have any questions. Thanks for your ongoing support.

#### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon** with your friends on Monday, May 6, at Ireton Christian Reformed Church (301 Maple Street). Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The Luncheon begins at 11:30a; featured speaker is Lindsay Millard of Joie` Floral Design in Orange City. She is a Master Gardener and will share ideas for growing your garden/plants. A freewill donation will be received for Bible League International; every \$5 raised puts a Bible in the hands of someone thirsty for God's Word!

**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.

**DORDT MUSIC DEPT:** The Choral Ensembles Spring Concert at 7:30p on Friday, May 3, in the Auditorium will feature 4 of the Dordt Choral Ensembles: Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir. Repertoire will draw from a wide range of styles and centuries. Bella Voce is conducted by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Canons of Dordt by Tim Van Voorst, and Choral and Concert Choir by Dr. Ryan Smit. The concert will be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livdedd-events>.

**DORDT:** On Sat., May 4, join Dordt for a concert by the Chamber Orchestra and Campus-Community Band at 7:00p in the Auditorium. Following this concert, the Wind Symphony will present their Iowa Bandmasters Association Preview Concert at 8:30p. We hope you can join us for both concerts to celebrate the achievements of all the students participating in instrumental music at Dordt! The concerts will be available on livestream.

**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. 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.