



Do not be afraid,

only believe.

Mark 5:36

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Reverend David P. Poppen
March 24, 2019**

JESUS SAVES! GROW! GO!

WELCOME! WORSHIP THE LORD

Prelude **Bonnie Poppen**

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

***Praise Songs: "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"
"At The Cross" (screen)**

***Reading: "Affirmation – My Only Comfort"**

***Praise Song: "You Are Mine" (screen)**

*Invocation, the Lord's Prayer, Salutation

Children's Sermon

Hymn #493 "It Is Well with My Soul"

COME! HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture –Mark 5:35-42 (pg 1560)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon – "The Fear of Death"

Prayer of Blessing

COME! RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE

Joys & Concerns

Morning Prayers

Hymn #473 "Victory in Jesus"

(the general offering will be received)

*Benediction

***Hymn "His Eye Is On the Sparrow" chorus (screen)**

Postlude

(*those who are able please stand)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

A Baptism! Jaycee Darnell appeared before the Elders to request baptism for her daughter Nayomi Grace Reiser. The baptism will be held on May 19th. Praise God for this beautiful new life!

Please remember in your prayers the following individuals who have requested their memberships be transferred – Michelle Boone to First Christian Church of Omaha, NE; Rod & Sheryl Rensink to Living Waters CRC of Orange City, IA; and Julie Warntjes Vande Kamp to First Reformed Church of Rock Valley, IA. May their relationships with God continue to progress at their new place of worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to worship at Boyden First Reformed! Grab a cup of coffee and have a seat! We are glad you are here! May God richly bless you as we worship together!

Sunday School is available for everyone! The children meet in the basement fellowship room to start their studies. Pastor Dave's class for the adults meets in the coffee room off of the sanctuary. The study for the adults is about alleviating hurt in missions. We encourage you to attend!

Today is the third Sunday of Lent. This Lenten season, our theme is "Freedom from Fear." Throughout the Gospels, Jesus tells His followers or those around Him, "Don't be afraid." Yet today, fear plays an enormous part in our lives. This Lenten season we will look where Jesus says, "Do not be afraid," and discover what fears Jesus is releasing us from today. Next Sunday, the message will be "The Fear of the Unexplainable" from Matthew 17:1-9.

"The Art of Marriage" – It's this weekend Fri Mar 29th from 6:30-9:30 pm and Sun Mar 31st from 11:30am to around 7:30 pm! This will be held here at Boyden FRC. The cost is \$40 per couple (this fee is what the books cost). We need you to sign up soon. There will be a sign-up table in the narthex for those of you who want to sign up. You may talk with Pastor Dave or Dave Boender for more info!

Ushers for April are Mike Kooiker & Kevin Maassen.

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“Jews for Jesus” – On the evening of Wednesday, April 17th, First Reformed Church will host a Jews for Jesus event in our sanctuary. You will learn more about the relationship between Passover and the Lord’s Supper.

Easter Goals! The Consistory has set a goal of 219 people in worship on Easter morning, April 21, 2019. We will be serving a light breakfast prior to the Easter service, as well as some special things going on during the service! There is no way that this can happen unless you are willing to invite unchurched, under-churched and even “nones” to come. PLEASE BEGIN BY PRAYING FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!



RightNow Media! Phil Vischer, founder of *Jellyfish Labs* and co-creator of the acclaimed *VeggieTales*, brings the second season of *The Mr. Phil Show*. Join some familiar friends, and some new ones too, as they learn more about God’s Word. Explore the Bible as a family and have fun along the way! You can enjoy this program and thousands of others for FREE! Get your email address to Teresa H. and she’ll send you an invite to RightNow Media! Don’t delay!!

The Boyden American Legion Auxiliary will be sponsoring a pillow cleaning for all types of pillows on Tuesday, April 2, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Demco Center. For more information call 712-378-2918.

Save the Date! Join us for a disability connection event at Covenant Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center IA on Saturday, April 6th 9am-1pm. Keynote Speaker is Rev. Mark Stephenson who will “paint a vision for engaging people with disabilities in a congregation.” The event is free; however, an advance count is requested. To register contact Dan De Vries at ddevries@hopehaven.org or Beth Odor at eodor@hopehaven.org

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Inspiration Hills is looking to hire counselors! If you, or someone you know, loves Jesus and loves kids we have the job for you! Counselors are the ones in charge of walking next to the campers from week to week, teaching them about Jesus and showing His love to them. So, if you want to be a kid all summer, enjoy God's creation and join a community that lasts a lifetime, please check out our website www.inspirationhills.org, call us at 712-986-5193 or email Paige at paige@inspirationhills.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Faithwalking 101 Retreat - March 29-31 at Trinity Reformed Church of Orange City, IA – Friday 6-9pm (includes meal), Saturday 8:30am-7:30pm (includes meals) & Sunday 8:30am-12 noon. The more people who engage Faithwalking, the more our culture will be transformed. To register, go to <https://trinityoc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/211572> or call Trinity at 712-737-4542.

***You are invited to a concert "Come to the Water"** performed by the Rehoboth Christian High School Band. Rehoboth Christian School was founded in 1903 as a ministry to the Native American people. Come and worship with us! March 24th 6 pm Calvary CRC in Pella IA; March 25th 7 pm Trinity CRC in Rock Valley IA; March 26th 6 pm at Central Minnesota Christian School in Prinsburg, MN; March 27th 7 pm at Shalom CRC in Sioux Falls SD; & March 28th 7 pm at First CRC in Orange City IA.*

Guiding Star Orange City is hosting a Red Carpet Event for the upcoming "UnPlanned" (the story of Abby Johnson-former Planned Parenthood director turned pro-life advocate) movie on March 28th. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased online at www.guidingstarorangecity.org/calendar. Abby Johnson will also be our Keynote Speaker for the Tue, Apr 16th Guiding Star Gala. Sponsor Tables are on sale-www.guidingstarorangecity.org/gala Join us for an exciting night of celebrating a Culture of Life!



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THIS EASTER INVITE! INVITE! INVITE!

Do you find yourself wanting to invite friends or family to attend church with you, but it feels too intimidating? There are a variety of reasons you may be holding back, but God calls us to break through the barrier and get people going! Here are three reasons why Easter is the perfect time to invite someone to church.

The Easter Story is the Essence of the Gospel *"...but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8 ESV)* The most important piece of information you could ever share with another individual is that Jesus paid the price for our sins by dying on the cross and that He overcame death by resurrecting on the third day. Jesus' sacrifice was REAL, and Easter provides an opportunity to refocus on the most important part of our faith.

Many people celebrated Easter as a child. Even those who have never been to church most likely have some sort of positive association with Easter. Fond memories are a powerful thing, and for those who have drifted away from God, or maybe have never learned about God, an Easter service could be what sparks a new or renewed relationship with the Lord.

Easter is full of fun activities. Easter activities aren't just for kids! Inviting family and friends over for lunch or dinner on Easter is a great way to bring church home and continue the outreach to others. Asking someone to go to church as part of a bigger plan for the day makes the church portion less intimidating, especially for those who haven't been in a while. The social atmosphere on Easter presents the perfect environment to foster relationships and start new ones.



TODAY – March 24, 2019

8:40 AM – PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE

9:30 AM – WORSHIP

10:35 AM – FELLOWSHIP

10:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

USHERS: Dusty De Wild & Marlin Uittenbogaard

TECHNICIANS: Audio: Kevin Rosenboom

Video: Ben Harms

Powerpoint: Teresa Harms

KITCHEN: Wanda Slykhuis

COOKIES: Jeri Hoogendoorn,
Sheryl Warntjes, Carla Starckenburg

NURSERY: Lisa Nelson

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Mon Mar 25 – Innerglow news & Happiness is due

Wed Mar 27 – Awana Carnival 6:15 pm!

Fri Mar 29 – Art of Marriage Workshop
6:30 – 9:30 pm

NEXT SUNDAY – March 31, 2019

Praise Team practice – 8:40 am

Worship – 9:30 am

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Sunday School – 10:45 am

Art of Marriage Workshop 11:30 am – 7:30 pm

Kitchen – Ginger Van Roekel

Cookies – Bonnie Poppen,
Pat Harms, Lori Darnell

Nursery – Holly Starckenburg

The Boyden Public Library invites you to a Dad's Belgian Waffle fundraiser on Thursday, March 28 at the Demco Center. Serving time will be 5:00pm-7:00pm. Free Will Offering and the proceeds will be used for technology and programming for the Boyden Library. Hope to see you there!

Hope Haven, Inc. will host their Annual Benefit Auction on Friday evening, April 5 at Te Slaa Trucking (corner of Hwys 75 & 18). Help support the local and global ministries of Hope Haven through this exciting evening of fun and fellowship. The evening's schedule is – doors open at 4:30 pm; food booth and buy-it-now table opens at 5 pm; the live auction begins at 5:30 pm. Visit our website for a list of items that will be auctioned off – www.hopehaven.org. The whole family is invited to this community event!

To begin a prayer chain – You can either call Max Moret at 348-2929 or Teresa Harms/church office at 725-2366.

2019 Consistory Executive Committee

Vice President – Kathy Ver Meer
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Tom Reuvers ('20)
Kathy Ver Meer ('19)

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