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CONTROL

PRAYER AND PRAISE

It was so very nice of everyone to remember us during the beginning of the semester. Thank you to everyone who packed goodies and supplies as well as all the prayers and spoken words of encouragement. We greatly appreciate it. Thank you! -Nathan and Ashley Warntjes

Happy Birthday this week to Bev Kooiker on the 22nd, Tom Reuvers on the 23rd and Arlys Van Nyhuis on the 27th!

Happy Anniversary this week to Sam and Joan Wiertzema on the 22nd!

“Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of Your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from Your love. In Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Roots Ministry “Church Between Borders” Event
Saturday, March 28th - **CANCELLED**

Love, INC “Love and Laugh” Fundraiser
Saturday, March 28th - **CANCELLED**

Cornerstone Prison Church Benefit Banquet, Trinity CRC Rock Valley – Monday, April 6th has been postponed to Monday, June 29th

Center of Hope, Sioux Falls – closed the week of March 16-20

Inspiration Hills Single Dad’s Workshop – Sat March 28th - **CANCELLED**

The evening ladies Bible Study will meet at 6:30 pm on March 26 (Thursday) at Vera Boender's house. Come at your discretion. We will use the church facebook page or phone calls to let you know if anything changes.

Hey Awana Leaders! To stay in touch with our Awana kids, it was suggested that you reach out to them via phone or internet to let them know you are thinking of them! Watch your inbox for an email with contact information. Thanks Pastor Dave for the great idea!

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Sunday Morning Worship – In-church services have been cancelled for Sundays March 22 and 29. We have been invited to worship with New Life Church, Sioux Center via their livestream. You can get to their livestream by going to their website www.nlrchurch.org. We want to encourage our church family to consider watching live at 9:30 am on Sunday so that even if we aren't in the same building, we can still worship together. The livestream can also be accessed at a later date/time if it doesn't work for you to watch at 9:30 Sunday morning.

Sunday School is cancelled until further notice.

Giving – We ask that you continue to give as you are able. Here are ways to continue to give to the church – Mail your offering to the church 901 Pleasant St, PO Box 339, Boyden IA 51234; if Teresa is in the church office the doors at the south entrance will be unlocked and there will be a box placed on the table in the entrance where you can drop off your offering.

Awana – the rest of the 2019-2020 Awana season has been cancelled. However, once the restrictions have been lifted and it is safe for us to get together again, we will have one night of a cook-out and Awana Store. We do not know when this will be happening at this time, but we will keep you informed.

Facility Use – The church building will be closed for events of more than 10 people until further notice. This is due to Governor Reynolds' prohibiting gatherings of 10+ people. Teresa plans to be in the office during the week through the end of March. If the restrictions continue past April 1st, this may change. We will keep you informed. If you have an urgent need to get into the church, you can call the church office during the weekday or call Teresa's cell phone nights and/or weekends – church office # is 725-2366; Teresa's cell 605-951-7883.

Bible Studies – All Bible studies and small groups are to use their best judgment on whether or not to meet in homes.

Communication – We will continue to send updates via email and on Facebook. This week and next week Teresa will put together a "bulletin" with any announcements you'd want to share.

Summary adapted from Living Water Church In this unique time, we want to do our best to care for each other with wisdom and grace. We will look for ways to connect with people through phone calls, texts, Facebook, and emails. We are aware that during this pandemic, there may be times of stress, anxiety and financial, emotional and spiritual hardships. Please make yourself available to talk, listen, and pray with each other!

The consistory understands the gravity of these decisions, however, we will continue to follow the recommendations and guidelines provided by the CDC, as well as local, state and federal guidelines.

Messy People, Merciful God

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Words of Assurance – What is your only comfort in life and in death?

“That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.”

“Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.”

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

Suggested Scripture for the Fourth Sunday of Lent – Judges 11

Reassuring Bible verses

“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”

1 Peter 5:7

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7

“When I am afraid, I will trust in You.” Psalm 56:3

“Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.” Psalm 62:8

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

“So we say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?’” Hebrews 13:6

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?” Psalm 27:1

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31:6

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

“Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.” Proverbs 29:25

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.” Psalm 46:1-3

“The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? The Lord is with me; He is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies.” Psalm 118:6-7

“The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them.” Psalm 34:7

“I sought the LORD, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.” Psalm 34:4

“When anxiety was great within me, Your consolation brought joy to my soul.” Psalm 94:19

"Trust In You" by Lauren Daigle

*Letting go of every single dream / I lay each one down at Your feet
Every moment of my wandering / Never changes what You see*

*I've tried to win this war I confess
My hands are weary I need Your rest
Mighty Warrior, King of the fight
No matter what I face, You're by my side*

*When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You!*

*Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings
There's not a day ahead You have not seen
So, in all things be my life and breath
I want what You want Lord and nothing less.*

*When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You!*

*You are my strength and comfort / You are my steady hand
You are my firm foundation / the rock on which I stand*

*Your ways are always higher / Your plans are always good
There's not a place where I'll go / You've not already stood*

*When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You!*

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

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