

First Sunday in Lent



*Bring Light to
Our Lives*

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
February 21, 2021**

***We welcome back Rev. Dr. John Hartog III and
thank him for leading us in worship!***

JESUS SAVES! GROW! GO!

Prelude **Leila Moret**

Welcome & Announcements

Lenten Candlelighting Readings – Kathy Ver Meer
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SINGING & READING

*Call to Worship **#599-14**

*Hymn **#29 "Glorify Thy Name"**

*Pastoral Prayer

Chorus #13 "Bless His Holy Name"

Chorus #5 "Be Exalted, O God"

*Hymn **#2 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

*Chorus **#247 "Spirit of the Living God"**

PREACHING

Sermon – "Israel Loved Joseph"

(Genesis 37:3)

YIELDING & BLESSING

Prayer of Consecration

*Hymn **#312 "To Be God's People"**

*Benediction **#613-4**

Postlude

(*those who are able please stand)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

"Thank you to everyone for your prayers, words, and cards of sympathy in the passing of my Grandpa Pastor John Kerr. Please continue to pray for our family, in the next weeks and months ahead as we go learn to navigate life without John. Kaitlyn and Nic Rosenboom and families"

Please remember in your prayers the family of Kim Ochsendorf who recently passed away unexpectedly. He was a trusted friend to many and a great servant of the Lord. Pray that his loved ones are comforted by our gracious and loving Father in heaven.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please, if you are not feeling well or have been knowingly exposed to someone with Covid-19 in the past 14 days, you must not come to church and need to stay home.

Did someone say "Coffee!?" Yes, coffee is back at Boyden First Reformed Church! We will once again have piping hot coffee available in the coffee room off of the sanctuary before and after worship, and in the basement fellowship after the morning worship service! Sweets hopefully coming soon!

Consistory News – Because Iowa Governor Reynolds has announced changes to some of the Covid-19 restrictions, we will also be relaxing some things and will be slowly working our way "back to normal." The Elders will no longer be opening doors Sunday mornings. The Elders & Deacons will once again meet in the Pastor's office before the worship service. Masks can be worn if you are more comfortable and there are some available here at the church if you wish. We will keep the social distancing in the pews as we have the room at this time. If you have any comments/concerns, please visit with an elder.

Friendly reminder! We are collecting the Building & Repair offering today. We have started making monthly payments of \$1200.00 on the loan for the new boiler/heating system. You can drop your offerings/donations in the plates in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

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Inspiration Hills – In the basement fellowship room is a display with 2021 Summer Camp information and registration. The brochures are full of opportunities for kids, families and youth groups to go out and experience an environment to have fun and grow in! Camp at Inspiration Hills offers daily chapels, Bible studies and devotions, 1:1 interaction with counselors, games, ropes challenge courses, canoeing, archery, pool time, awesome food and TAWG time (Time Alone With God). Don't miss out!

Union Gospel Mission Sioux Falls is running low on supplies for their kitchen and food pantry. You can help by donating suggested items or mailing a monetary donation to 701 E 8th St in Sioux Falls. The items they are requesting are – hams, bagged potatoes, cans of fruit & vegetables, pinto beans, homemade desserts (cookies, brownies, cobblers, cakes), lunch meat and rice. Thank you for your support.

FamilyLife's 'Art of Marriage' - See marriage the way God intended it to be as a true art form. For more than 40 years, FamilyLife has been helping couples understand God's plan for relationships. The Art of Marriage weaves together expert teaching, real-life stories, humorous vignettes, and more to portray both the challenges and the beauty of God's design. Join us to discover how to renew and refresh your marriage during this weekend. Visit www.inspirationhills.org to register today!

Mid-Sioux Opportunity can help with heating bills!

Applications are being accepted by appointment for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP) until April 30, 2021. This program is funded through the Iowa Department of Human Rights and has been established to help qualified low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs. Each applicant will need to furnish a copy of their most recent heating and electric bill, original Social Security or I-94 card for each household member, and proof of the household's income for the past month (30 days), the past twelve months, or the most recent calendar year (tax return 2019 or 2020.) Applicants eligible for an award will be paid on a first-come, first-served basis and all payments are subject to availability of funds. Please call the Sioux County office at 712-722-3611 Mon, Tue, Thu or Fri 8 am thru 4:30 pm.

"Bring Light to Our Lives"

Lenten series by Emily Hoffman

Introduction – During the season of Lent, the church travels with Jesus on the road to the cross. As we prepare to remember our Savior's betrayal, arrest, suffering and death, we reflect on what things in our lives we may need to put to death so we can live in the newness of Jesus' resurrection and ascension. We will mark the weeks of Lent by lighting candles in the sanctuary; these same candles will be extinguished for Good Friday as we remember the crucifixion. May the light of Christ shine more deeply into our hearts as we walk this road with Him, revealing the darkness within us and making us new.

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As we enter the season of Lent, we look to Jesus, our Savior. We remember that He is our Prophet, Priest, and King; He has all authority in heaven and on earth; and He reigns as our risen Lord. It is through Christ's sacrifice that we are able to come before our God, and so we look to Him to save us and our world.

Hear these words from Hebrews 4: *"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet He did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."* Hebrews 4:14-16

(The first candle is lit from the flame of the Christ candle.)

RESPONSIVE REFRAIN

Leader – **People**

Leader - Lord Jesus, as we walk with You these forty days, let Your light shine into our hearts.

People - Brighten the darkness of our lives, and show us where we need to repent.

Leader - In our thoughts, words, and actions, teach us to rely on You.

People - Renew us as Your people, that we may carry Your light to the world.



On the first Sunday of Lent, the **bare cross** stands in front of our sanctuary, marking the beginning of the Lenten season.

The Cross symbolizes our mortality and our need of Christ's sacrifice.



Welcome

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

TODAY – February 21, 2021

9:30 AM – WORSHIP

10:35 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

USHERS: Consistory Members

AUDIO: Jeff Neuman

VIDEO: Ben Harms

POWERPOINT: Teresa Harms

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Mon Feb 22 – Innerglow News & Happiness Is... are due!

Fri Feb 26 – Men's Bible Study – 7 pm

NEXT SUNDAY – February 28, 2021

***We welcome back Richard Schwanke
to lead our worship service.***

Worship – 9:30 am
Sunday School – 10:35 am

Daffodils are the first flower of spring and the bright symbol of hope. To the **American Cancer Society**, the daffodil symbolizes the hope we all share for a cure where cancer no longer threatens those we love. **Daffodil Days** has empowered people to make a difference in the fight against cancer by raising funds and awareness to help beat the disease. Cancer has touched us all in some way. Together, we can make a difference. To order daffodils for \$10 a bunch, please contact Betty Winter at Citizens State Bank in Boyden (712-725-2321) by March 5. Daffodils will be available to be picked up at Citizens State Bank March 16-19. THANK YOU for helping to save lives and create a world with more birthdays!

Boyden Summer Rec Coaches – The City of Boyden is taking applications for the 2021 Summer Rec positions: Head & Asst Girls' Softball Coach and Head & Asst Boys' Baseball Coach. Applications can be picked up at the city office. Application deadline is Mar. 1, 2021.

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

2021 Consistory Executive Committee

Vice President – Steve Kleinwolterink

Clerk – Rod Bolkema

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2021 Elders

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Marv Heemskerk ('21)

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