

*I desire mercy
not sacrifice.*



**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Pastor Heath De Jong
March 10, 2024**

***First Reformed Church in Boyden will follow
God in being a thriving community church.***

Prelude **Kathy Ver Meer**

*Call to Worship **Hymn #107 "Let's Just Praise the Lord"**

*Welcome & Announcements

*God greets us

*Greet one another

*Prayer of Invitation / Confession

***Children in Worship are dismissed.**

Sermon – **"United or Divided States of America?"**

Scripture – **Matthew 9:9-13** (pg 1509)

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response **Hymn #284 "They'll Knew We Are
Christians by Our Love"**

Hymn #285 "In Christ There Is No East or West"
(the general offering will be received)

*Benediction

***Closing Song #282 "The Family of God"**

Postlude

(*those who are able please stand)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Please continue to pray for Bev Kooiker and her family.

Pray that her recovery from surgery is without pain and that she gets stronger every day. Pray that she is able to come home sooner rather than later. Pray for safe travels for her family and friends as they go to see her and cheer her on in her health battles. Keep kicking butt Bev!! God is so good!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Boyden First Reformed Church! We are happy you could join us this morning! Nursery services are available during worship in the church basement. After worship please join us in the basement or the south entrance for a time of coffee and fellowship. Sunday School for elementary children is at the UP Church down the street with sing-along beginning at 10:50 am and classes from 11-11:30. Junior High & High School meet here at FRC from 11-11:30.

Lost and Found – A light brown, tan and white scarf was left at the United Presbyterian Church. It does not seem to belong to anyone there, so they're wondering if anyone at Boyden First might've misplaced it. See Teresa if you think it might be yours.

March Consistory will be held next week Tues Mar 19th beginning at 6:30 pm.

Parent/Teacher Conference Outreach Event – This Tues March 12th and Thurs March 14th we will be serving a meal and offering daycare for families while they attend their children's parent/teacher conference at Boyden-Hull Elementary. Times on Tues are 3:45-8:15 pm and Thurs 3:45-7:15 pm. If anyone wants to help in the kitchen or maybe coloring with kids, playing games, etc., you are encouraged to come to the fellowship basement on these dates. If you have any questions, please talk to any of the following individuals – Pastor Heath, Paul & Leila M, Kathy VM, David & Laura M, Ranae K, Lori B, Lisa N, Kaitlyn R, Jeff N or Teresa H.

The Boyden Public Library invites you to Dad's Belgian Waffles! This fundraising event will be held on Thurs March 21st from 5-7 pm at the Demco Community Center. They will be serving waffles, sausages, flavored syrups, strawberries and beverages. Carry-outs will be available. A freewill donation will be collected with proceeds going towards a Cover One Book Repair machine and programming.

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The Osceola County Ministerial Association presents the 38th Annual production of the Good Friday Passion Play on Friday, March 29th. There are three performances to be held – 5 pm, 7 pm and 9 pm at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School Auditorium. FREE tickets are available and may be reserved by calling 712-754-2945 or emailing ocmapassionplay@gmail.com. Reserved tickets can be picked up beginning at 4 pm on Friday, March 29th. Any tickets that are not picked up will be given to those on the waiting list.

Guiding Star Siouxland is reaching out to ask for financial donations. The Knights of Columbus Council #3810 has pledged to match funds raised up to \$15,000! Guiding Star hopes to use the money raised to purchase a new ultrasound machine. This service is crucial to helping parents choose life for their unborn child. Gifts can be made out to Knights of Columbus Council #3810 and mailed to Financial Secretary, Council 3810; 4910 440th St; Granville IA 51022 – memo Guiding Star Siouxland Ultrasound Grant. What an incredible offer!!

Siouxland Habitat for Humanity – Rock Valley Habitat Home Groundbreaking Ceremony will be on Weds Mar 20th at 10 am at 2652 Warren Circle in Rock Valley. You are invited to attend and give thanks to God as the ground is broken for the Alex and Rebecca Arteaga family. **Sponsor-A-Stud** – Gather your friends, family, church group or business to sponsor one or more 2X4 studs for \$100 each to help build the Arteaga home. The studs will be delivered to you to decorate with Bible verses, encouraging words, prayers, pictures, etc. The studs will be framed into the house, and everyone will be invited to a Stud Finder event later on to see the studs and pray for the home and family. Get more details and sign up by March 22nd by contacting Kurt Franje at kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org or by calling 641-780-9054.

Bible verse for the month of March – “But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ, our Savior,” Titus 3:4-6

TODAY – MARCH 10, 2024

9:30 AM – WORSHIP

10:35 AM – FELLOWSHIP

11 – 11:30 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL

1st – 5th AT UP / 6th – 12th AT FRC

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

GREETERS/USHERS: Kenny Olson & Adam Schafer

AUDIO: Kevin Rosenboom

VIDEO: Ben Harms

POWERPOINT: Teresa Harms

KITCHEN: Lori Bolkema

COOKIES: Shayla Schmith & Kaitlyn Rosenboom

NURSERY: Kayla Rosenboom

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: Leader Kaitlyn Rosenboom
Helper Karri Schafer

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Tue Mar 12 – Men's Group 5:30 am at Parsonage
Parent/Teacher Conferences Event 3:45-8:15 pm

Weds Mar 13 – Awana
Meal 6 pm, Program 6:30-8 pm
Awana Store for 5th thru 8th

Thu Mar 14 – Parent/Teacher Conferences Event
3:45 – 7:15 pm

NEXT SUNDAY – March 17, 2024

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Worship – 9:30 am

Building & Repair offering

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Sunday School – 11 am

Kitchen: Lisa Nelson

Cookies – Kirstin Huls & Nichole Olson

Nursery – Kirstin Huls

Children in Worship – Sarah Breems-Diekevers
& Rosie Diekevers

SHARE Group is meeting Thurs, Mar 21st at 6pm at the St. Paul Lutheran Church (note the time change.) Soups & crimp bread with cold cuts is the menu, with ice cream for dessert. Nicole Baart, Author/Cofounder of One Body, One Hope will be the program. Remember to bring \$5 to cover expenses.

Cornerstone Prison Church Annual Benefit Banquet will be held on Monday, April 1st at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley. Doors open at 6 pm with the Banquet beginning at 6:30 pm. Reserve your spot by Sunday, March 24th, by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to Cornerstone's website at www.cornerstonepcsd.org. Join them for an evening of praise to God for His work through Cornerstone Prison Church inside the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary.

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

2024 Consistory Executive Committee

Vice President – Kathy Ver Meer

Clerk – Rod Bolkema

Assistant Clerk – Kevin Rosenboom

Chair of Deacons – Chris Diekevers

Treasurer – Paul Moret

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Building & Grounds – Ken Hoogendoorn & David Mouw

Music & Worship – Kathy Ver Meer

Community Impact – Ken Hoogendoorn

Joy – Roger Nelson

Discipleship –

2024 Elders

Rod Bolkema ('26)

Brent Fedders ('24)

Roger Nelson ('26)

Kevin Rosenboom ('25)

Kathy Ver Meer ('24)

2024 Deacons

Chris Diekevers ('24)

Ken Hoogendoorn ('24)

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