Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Matthew 22:37

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH 901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA Pastor Heath De Jong March 3, 2024

"First Reformed Church in Boyden will follow God in being a thriving community church!"

We welcome Pastor Dennis Hietbrink and thank him for leading us in worship this morning!

#### **WELCOME! WORSHIP THE LORD!**

Prelude Leila Moret

Welcome & Announcements

- \*Call to Worship
- \*Hymn #66 "To God Be the Glory"
- \*Responsive Reading "The Law/10 Commandments" (screen)
- \*Prayer of Confession
- \*Words of Assurance
- \*Praise Hymn "Ancient Words" (screen)

## COME! HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture – Matthew 22:33-40** (pg 1535)

Sermon - "The Great Commandment and the Law"

Prayer of Blessing

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD!

Praise Hymn "Grace" by CityAlight (screen)

(general and mission offerings will be received)

- \*Benediction
- \*Hymn #513 "O, How He Loves You and Me"
  Postlude

(\*those who are able please stand)

#### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**"Thank you** for all your prayers, texts, cards, food, calls and visits during my recent surgery and recovery. Thank you to Pastor Heath and care elder Rod Bolkema for your visits. Above all we thank the Lord for the healing that I have experienced." Jack and Wanda Slykhuis

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome to Boyden First Reformed Church! We are so 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, goodies and fellowship! Sunday School for elementary children is at the UP Church with sing-along beginning at 10:50 am and classes from 11 to 11:30 am. Junior High and High School meet here at FRC from 11 to 11:30.

Parent/Teacher Conference Outreach – Tues March 12<sup>th</sup> & Thur March 14<sup>th</sup> we will be serving a meal and offering daycare for families while they attend their children's parent/teacher conferences at Boyden-Hull Elementary. Times on Tues are from 3:45 to 8:15 pm and Thur are 3:45 to 7:15 pm. We welcome anyone who would like to help watch kiddos and/or serve a meal. If you have any questions, please visit with Pastor Heath, Consistory members Paul Moret, David Mouw or Kathy Ver Meer, or Ranae K, Lori B, Lisa N, Kaitlyn R, Jeff N or Teresa H.

**Boyden Public Library invites you to Dad's Belgian Waffles** meal on Thurs March 21<sup>st</sup> from 5-7pm 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.

**The Osceola County Ministerial Association** presents the 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary production of the Good Friday Passion Play on Fri, Mar 29th. There will be three performances at 5pm, 7pm and 9pm at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School Auditorium. FREE tickets are available now and may be reserved by calling 712-754-2945 or emailing <a href="mailto:ocmapassionplay@gmail.com">ocmapassionplay@gmail.com</a>. Reserved tickets can be picked up beginning at 4pm on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. They must be picked up by a half-hour before the performance or else they will be made available to the general public.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Guiding Star Siouxland has received an incredible offer! The local Knights of Columbus Council #3810 has applied for and received a Matching Grant opportunity from the National Knights of Columbus. We are reaching out to local churches to assist us in raising \$15,000 that the National Knights of Columbus will MATCH IN ENTIRETY to provide Guiding Star Siouxland with a new ultrasound machine that will provide limited, first trimester ultrasounds for the purposes of determining gestational age, confirming an intrauterine pregnancy, and detecting a first trimester heartbeat. 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.

American Cancer Society - 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 are fighting cancer on all fronts. Together, we can make a difference. To order your daffodils for \$10 a bunch, please contact Julie Mesman at Personal Touch Design at 439-1807 by March 8 or email her at <a href="mailto:juliemesman@yahoo.com">juliemesman@yahoo.com</a> Daffodils will be available to be picked up March 18. THANK YOU for helping to save lives and create a world with more birthdays!

**Save the Date!** Cornerstone Prison Church Annual Benefit Banquet will be held on Mon, Apr 1<sup>st</sup> at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley. Doors open at 6pm with the Banquet beginning at 6:30 pm. Save your spot by Sun, Mar 24<sup>th</sup> by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to our website at <a href="https://www.cornerstonepcsd.org">www.cornerstonepcsd.org</a>.

**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 3, 2024**

 $\frac{9:30~\text{AM}}{10:35~\text{AM}} - \text{WORSHIP} \\ \frac{10:35~\text{AM}}{11-11:30~\text{AM}} - \text{SUNDAY SCHOOL} \\ 1^{\text{st}} - 5^{\text{TH}}~\text{AT UP} / 6^{\text{TH}} - 12^{\text{TH}}~\text{AT FRC}$ 

#### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

GREETERS/USHERS: Kenny Olson & Adam Schafer

**AUDIO:** Andrew Neuman **VIDEO:** Jeff Neuman **POWERPOINT:** Teresa Harms

KITCHEN: Kayla Rosenboom

**COOKIES:** Shari Fedders & Ashley Bolkema **NURSERY:** Sarah Breems-Diekevers

### **OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

<u>Tues Mar 5</u> – Men's Group 5:30 am Evening Ladies' Bible Study at parsonage at 7 pm

> <u>Wed Mar 6</u> – Awana Meal 6pm; Program 6:30-8 pm *Awards Night!*

## **NEXT SUNDAY - MARCH 10, 2024**

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Daylight Savings Time begins! Spring forward!!

Worship - 9:30 am Fellowship - 10:35 am Sunday School - 11 am

Kitchen: Lori Bolkema

Cookies: Shayla Schmith & Kaitlyn Rosenboom

Nursery: Kayla Rosenboom

Children in Worship: Kaitlyn Rosenboom & Karri Schafer

**Siouxland Habitat for Humanity -** Rock Valley Habitat Home Groundbreaking Ceremony will be on Wed, Mar 20 at 10AM at 2652 Warren Circle in Rock Valley. Please join Siouxland Habitat for Humanity as we give thanks to God and break ground on this Habitat home with the Alex & Rebecca Arteaga family. Everyone is welcome!! **Habitat 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 family's Habitat home! We will deliver the stud 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 22 by contacting Kurt Franje: 641-780-9054 or kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org

**SHARE Group** will meet March 21at 6pm at the St. Paul Lutheran Church (note the time change). We will serve soups and crimp bread with cold cuts. There will be ice cream for dessert. The program will be Nicole Baart, Author /Cofounder of: One Body One Hope. Remember to bring \$5 to cover expenses.

**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**

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