



IT'S TIME TO
SEEK THE
LORD

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Pastor Heath De Jong
April 28, 2024**

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

Prelude **Kathy Ver Meer**

*Call to Worship

*Opening Prayer

***Praise Song "Here's My Heart, Lord"** (video)

***Hymn #252 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"**

Sermon Title: **"Seeking the Lord cold plunges your soul!"**

Scripture Text: **Hosea 10:12d**

Prayers of the People

Praise Song "Let the Redeemed" (video)
(the general offering will be received)

*Benediction

***Parting Hymn #116 "Take the Name of Jesus with You"**
(vs 1 & 4)

Postlude

(*those who are able please stand)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

“Father God, we humbly pray for all those who are battling illnesses, fighting cancer, recovering from hospitalizations and/or injuries. Give them the hope and courage they need each day. Comfort them in their pain and bless them with healing. Strengthen their family, friends and caregivers. In Jesus’ name, Amen”

Next Sunday, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for **Ashtyn Jaymes Mouw,** daughter of Josh & Marissa Mouw. Proud grandparents are Dave & Laura Mouw and super siblings are Collin, Aubrey and Grace. We pray that you will join us in blessing this little one on Sunday, May 5th.

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 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.

Pastor Heath will be unavailable starting this afternoon through this week Wednesday for personal development. Please contact an elder if you have any needs or questions in the next few days.

Sunday School announcement! The last day of Sunday school for this season is next week, May 5th.

More housecleaning - There are a number of items that have been in storage and not used in several years. If you are interested in any of these, please see one of the deacons. No price has been put on them, however, donations to the Building & Repair fund would be greatly appreciated - 4 Teacher's Desks, 3 Wood arm chairs, 16 Wood/ metal chairs medium size, 2 Wood/ metal chairs with storage below seat, 14 Wood/metal chairs small size. 3 coat racks, 1 large tv cart with doors, 1 bean bag chair canvas, 2 very large chalkboards on wheels and/or stands and 1 rolling metal cabinet with lock.

Ushers for May are Link Sietstra and Alan Warntjes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Boyden American Legion and Auxiliary will meet Mon, Apr 29th at 6:30 pm in the Legion building. All members are encouraged to attend to finalize plans for Memorial Day.

Save the Date! Wednesday, May 15th, your lovely church secretary will be hosting a Mental Health Awareness Ice Cream Social at 7 pm here at the church! Come to enjoy some ice cream goodies and help break the stigma of mental health! If you have any questions, please visit with Teresa. Hope to see you there!!

Inspiration Hills – There are numerous positions that need to be filled for Summer Camp! Some of these positions are paid and some are volunteer. They include counselors, lifeguards, mowers, kitchen staff, bus drivers, chaplain, nurse, etc. For more info or to apply, please go to www.inspirationhills.com. Check out how you can work or serve at this awesome camp!!

Plan to attend Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon with your friends on Monday, May 6 at Ireton Christian Reformed Church (301 Maple Street, Ireton IA). Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The Luncheon begins at 11:30 AM; featured speaker is Lindsay Millard of Joie Floral Design in Orange City. She is a Master Gardener and will share ideas for growing your garden/plants. A freewill donation will be received for Bible League International; every \$5 raised puts a Bible in the hands of someone thirsty for God's Word!

Do you ever feel reluctant in personally sharing your Good News? At a 5-hour Saturday workshop in Sioux Falls on May 18, let's dig into the Word, learn to express our personal God-stories, and then interact with those who may be struggling without Him. Gain an "I-can-do-that" feeling, causing you to feel more natural in speaking spiritually with those you know. For information, other dates available, or to sign-up for Everyday-Ambassadors Practicum, visit www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries.

Bible verse for the month of April – "As for God, His way is perfect; the Word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in Him....It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect." 2 Samuel 22:31,33

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One Big Idea: **Jeremiah 29:13 (MSG)**

"When you come looking for Me, you'll find me. Yes, when you get serious about finding Me and want it more than anything else, I'll make sure you won't be disappointed."

1) "Seek the Lord"

2) "Showers His righteousness"

Boyden VBS- Join us in our Adventure

Kids Venture into Solid Faith and Discover God's Powerful Presence in Everyday Life!

Thursday May 30, Friday May 31, Saturday June 1

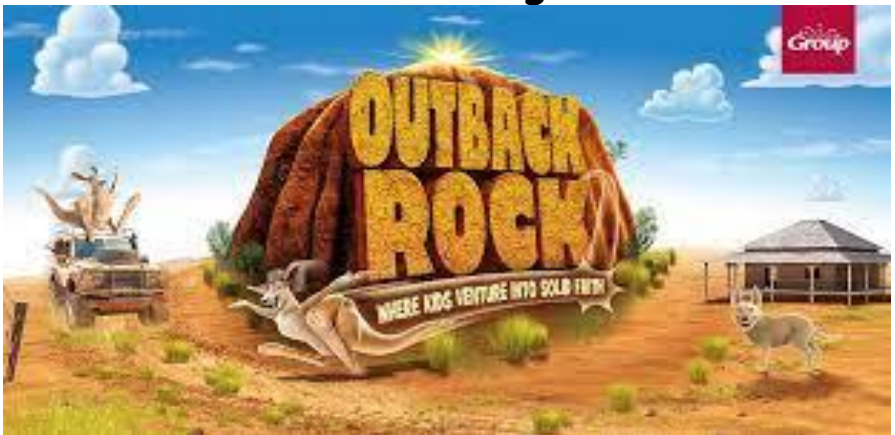
LOCATION: St. John's Lutheran Church Boyden

VBS Time: Thursday 6-8 pm Supper served 5:40 pm
Friday 6-8pm Supper served 5:40pm
Saturday 9 am- 10:30 am

Closing Program Sunday June 2 at 10 am
Ages 4 thru 6th grade

Register by May 10
Text: Marci 605-261-8986 or email
rodmarci@yahoo.com

Interested in volunteering ~ text or email



WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here

TODAY – APRIL 28, 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: Colin Bolkema & Heath Warntjes

AUDIO: Kevin Rosenboom

VIDEO: Ben Harms

POWERPOINT: Teresa Harms

KITCHEN: Lisa Nelson

COOKIES: Carla Starckenburg & Andreah Maassen

NURSERY: Sarah Breems-Diekevers

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Tue Apr 30 – Men's Group 5:30 am at Parsonage

Women's Group 7 pm at Parsonage

Thu May 2 – National Day of Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 5, 2024

Worship – 9:30 am

Mission Offering

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Last Day of Sunday School – 11 am

Kitchen: Wanda Slykhuis

Cookies – Wanda Slykhuis & Joan Wiertzema

Nursery – Marissa Mouw

Youth Bake-Off and Auction – First Reformed Church, Hull (where many of our high school kids go to Youth Group) is having a fundraiser on Wed, May 1st. This event will consist of a meal from 5:30pm thru 7 pm (freewill donation). From 7 – 8 pm will be the auction. Entries are to be dropped off from 4-6 pm at the church and will be judged at 6 pm. You are encouraged to attend to support our youth and enjoy some delicious goodies!!

Volunteer at RiseFest! This event is possible because of all the awesome volunteers! There are so many places you can help and if you volunteer 4 hours or more you get a FREE ticket to RiseFest and a cool t-shirt! Go to www.riseministries.com to sign-up. Registration closes the end of May, 2024 so don't wait!

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

Assistant Treasurer – Nic Rosenboom

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)

Paul Moret ('25)

David Mouw ('26)

Nic Rosenboom ('25)

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