

A vibrant, colorful floral background featuring various flowers in shades of orange, purple, red, and green, interspersed with green leaves and small heart motifs. A large, light yellow heart is centered in the image, containing the text "Happy Mother's Day" written in a purple, cursive font.

Happy
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Day

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Pastor Heath De Jong
May 12, 2024**

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

Happy Mother's Day!

Prelude **Kathy Ver Meer**

Welcome

*Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship #534 "She Will Be Called Blessed"**

***Praise Song "Goodness of God"** (video)

***Mother's Day Wishes** – Tribute to Mothers video

Sermon Title: **"An Encouraging Message for Mothers from a
Prostitute!!?"**

Hymn #42 "Seek Ye First"

(the general offering will be received)

*Benediction

***Closing Hymn #41 "God Is So Good"**

Postlude

(*those who are able please stand)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

“Gracious God, on this Mother’s Day, we give thanks for loving mothers and all who mother Your beautiful creation. Bless all the moms of this world. Bring comfort to all who struggle with this day. Surround us now, and always, with Your deep, unending love. Amen!”

LifeWise Academy of Boyden & Hull has shared some awesome “Thank You’s” for our church! There is a folder in the fellowship basement that holds them. Make a point of checking it out today!

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.

Ice Cream! Wednesday, May 15th, your lovely church secretary will be hosting a Mental Health Awareness Ice Cream Social at 7 pm here at the church! Teresa will be sharing her testimony and experiences. Come to enjoy some ice cream goodies and help break the stigma of mental health! This event is rated PG-13. If you need help with daycare or if you have any questions, please visit with Teresa. Hope to see you there!!

Boyden Vacation Bible School – This year VBS will be held Thurs May 30th thru Sun June 2nd at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Boyden. Thurs & Fri evenings will begin with supper at 5:40 pm and the program will run from 6 to 8 pm. Sat will just be the program from 9-10:30 am. The closing program will be Sun June 2nd at 10 am. VBS is open to children ages 4 thru 6th grade. Please have your children registered by Fri May 10th so that the appropriate amount of supplies can be timely purchased. To register, contact Marci by either text at 605-261-8986 or email rodmarci@yahoo.com. If you are interested in volunteering, you can also use the above listed information. Our goal is that the kids will “venture into solid faith and discover God’s powerful presence in everyday life!”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARE Group will meet Thurs, May 16th at 6pm at the St. Paul Lutheran Church north of Hull. Remember to bring \$5 to cover expenses. The menu will be pasta casserole, tossed salad, bread, dessert. Program: Arvin and Lauri Boote will present their story of safari to Africa. If you have any questions, please contact Deanna at 439-2229

Bingo Night! Boyden Ambulance will be hosting a Bingo Night on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6 pm at the Demco Center. Come and enjoy a night of fun and benefit for the Boyden Ambulance! We hope to see you there!

Sheldon Mobile Food Bank next 4 months' dates are May 6, June 3, July 1 & Aug 5. They are open from 4:30-6 pm at Living Water Community Church in Sheldon.

New Roots Ministry - Do you sometimes feel uneasy about sharing God's Good News with others, though they desperately need it? Everyday-Ambassadors Practicum is a fun, 5-hour Saturday workshop in Sioux Falls, to help activate us as God's representatives. For info, or to sign-up for May 18, June 22, OR July 27, visit www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries, or call/text Fred W. of New Roots Ministry at 605-376-6330. "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news" (Isaiah 52:7)!

Hope Haven's Fishing Benefit! Looking for a reason to do some fishing on the Missouri River this summer? Here's your chance! Hope Haven invites you to join us for the 26th Annual Fishing Benefit on Friday, June 7th, starting at 7 am at Fort Randall Dam in Pickstown, SD. Registration fee is \$60 per angler and children under 16 are free! The entry fee includes incredible weigh-in prizes for all categories, an entry gift, and a grab and go pork loin meal! Register on-line at hopehaven.org/events or call/email Brenda Gisolf at 712-476 3116 or bgisolf@hopehaven.org.

Bible verse for the month of May – "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;" Psalm 34:18-19

Sermon Title: “An encouraging message for mothers from a prostitute!”

Scripture Text: Joshua 2

One Big Idea: Galatians 5:16 NIV

“So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”

The distance (vs 1-7)

- Galatians 5:19-21

The “DTR” (vs 8-11a)

- John 7:53-8:11

The decision (vs 11b)

- Matthew 6:33
- Romans 8:28
- Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #21

The descendants (vs 12-14)

- 1Chronicles 2:10-14
- Matthew 1:1-6

The desire

- Galatians 5:16-25

WELCOME

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

TODAY – MAY 12, 2024

9:30 AM – WORSHIP
10:35 AM – FELLOWSHIP

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

GREETERS/USHERS: Link Sietstra & Alan Warntjes

AUDIO: Kevin Rosenboom

VIDEO: Ben Harms

POWERPOINT: Teresa Harms

KITCHEN: Ranae Kleinwolterink

COOKIES: Ranae Kleinwolterink & Shauna Neuman

NURSERY: Kayla Rosenboom

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Tue May 14 – Men's Group 5:30 am at Parsonage
Elders' Mtg 6:30 pm / Deacons' Mtg 7 pm
Consistory 8 pm
Women's Group 7 pm at Parsonage

Wed May 15 – Ice Cream Social for Mental Health
Awareness – 7 pm in church basement

Sat May 18 – Armed Forces Day!

NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 19, 2024

Worship – 9:30 am
Building & Repair Offering
Fellowship – 10:35 am

Kitchen: Sheryl Warntjes
Cookies – Angela Kooiker & Kathy Ver Meer
Nursery – Kirstin Huls

Boyden American Legion and Auxiliary Announcements!

Volunteers are needed to place crosses and flags at the cemeteries on Friday, May 24th. Please meet at the Boyden Cemetery at 10:15 am if you are able to help. The members will then have a meeting to finalize plans for the Dedication of the GOLD Star Mother's and families at the Centennial Park on Sat. June 22nd at 10:40 am.

Memorial Day Celebration and Program – "*Celebrating Women in the Military*" – will be held on Mon May 27th at 9:30 am at the Demco Center. Guest speakers are Buffie Drake, Navy Veteran; Brandi Sims, Retired Navy Veteran; and Chrissy Ommen, Marine Corps Veteran. Please join us in celebrating these women! Refreshments will be served following the program.

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

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Music & Worship – Kathy Ver Meer

Community Impact – Ken Hoogendoorn

Joy – Roger Nelson

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Kathy Ver Meer ('24)

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