

The background features a light beige color with scattered autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The leaves are arranged in a pattern that suggests they are falling from the top corners. A central white rectangular box with a thin brown border contains the main text. The text is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The overall design is clean and seasonal.

**“The
Church of
the Desert
Road”**

Acts 8:26-30

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

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

***We welcome back Rev. Stephen Breen and thank him for
leading us in worship!***

Prelude **Kathy Ver Meer**

*Call to Worship **Psalm 19**

***Hymn #66 "To God Be the Glory"**

***Hymn #262 "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

Children's Message

Offertory Hymn #2 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
(the general offering will be received)

Offertory Prayer

Scripture – **Acts 8:26-30** (pg 1705)

Message – **"The Church of the Desert Road"**

***Hymn of Response #452 "Make Me a Blessing"**

*Benediction

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

Postlude

(*those who are able please stand)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Please lift up in prayer LuEtta Heemskerck who had knee surgery this past week. We pray that her recovery goes well and pain is controlled. Please also remember in your prayers **Bev Kooiker** as she continues with her treatments for cancer. Pray for more days of feeling good and that our good, good Father bless her with healing and grace.

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. **There is no Sunday School today.** The UP Church has a congregational meeting after worship.

The Boyden American Legion and Auxiliary invites you to the Veteran's Day Program on Mon, Nov 11 at 7 pm at the Demco Community Center. A memorial speech will be given by Ron Van Beek, a Vietnam War Combat Veteran highlighting the extreme experiences of an infantryman's day in battle, fighting for America's Liberty. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Save the Date! Sunday, December 8th, we will be celebrating the holiday season with Christmas Caroling and a Soup Supper! The plan is to meet at the Church at 4 pm to get in groups and go caroling. After the singing, we will meet back at the church to enjoy soups and rolls. Sign-up sheets are in the fellowship basement. You can sign up to bring soup, cinnamon rolls, breads, desserts, etc.

Harvest Festival! The Boyden Association of Churches is pleased to present the 2024 Harvest Festival! This service will be held on Sunday, November 17th, at 7 pm at St. John Lutheran Church. The guest speaker is Love INC of Rock Valley. Special music will be provided by the Boyden Awana kids. Fellowship and refreshments will follow after the service.

St John's Lutheran Church will be holding their Youth Group Soup & Pie Supper on Sat, Nov 23rd from 5-7 pm. A freewill offering will be collected for their Youth Group.

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Awana! This week and next week are the Awana Stores for the kids. This is where they get to use the Awana dollars they earned by saying their verses to purchase toys and other items that are on the store. Donations are always appreciated. You can donate toys, games, books, school supplies, etc for kids ages kindergarten thru 8th grade. Gift cards are also accepted. And speaking of gift cards, you can donate Hy-Vee, Fairway, Walmart, Sam's Club, etc gift cards that will be used to buy ingredients for the Awana meals. If you have any questions, please visit with Teresa H, Ken H, Brent & Shari F, Jeff N, or Pastor Heath for more info!

Chili Bash & Festival of Trees – Community Christmas Celebration – Mon, December 9th – Serving from 5-7 pm at the Demco Community Center chili, cinnamon rolls & drink - \$5 per person, ages 13 & younger eat free – To register your chili, contact Courtney at 712-324-4909 or Alison at 712-348-6001 by Nov 30th. The theme for this year's celebration is "Christmas in the Mountains." There will be activities for everyone – including kids' crafts, adults & kids coloring contest, table games, a Christmas raffle and a visit from Santa!! Boyden T-shirts will be available in limited sizes and colors. So, plan to attend this event and vote for your favorite tree and chili!!

Holiday Lighting & Decorating Contest – December 13th thru December 29th – Express your holiday spirit on the outside of your home or business with lights, lawn ornaments and more! This contest is open to all residents & businesses within the Boyden city limits. To enter, you can scan the QR code on the flyers or get a paper entry form from the City office or the Library. Deadline to register is December 11th. The community can vote for their favorite online or by paper copy. Winners get \$100! See the City Office for more info!!

Bible verse for the month of November – "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ." Colossians 2:6-8



TODAY – NOVEMBER 10, 2024

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

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

GREETERS/USHERS: Jeff & Andrew Neuman

AUDIO: Kevin Rosenboom

VIDEO: Ben Harms

POWERPOINT: Teresa Harms

KITCHEN: Kayla Rosenboom

COOKIES: Shari Fedders & Andreah Maassen

NURSERY: Marissa Mouw

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Mon Nov 11 – Happy Veteran’s Day!

Tue Nov 12 – Men’s Group 5:30 am at Parsonage
Ladies’ Group 7 pm at Parsonage
Elders’ Mtg 6:30 pm / Deacons’ Mtg 7 pm
Consistory 8 pm

Wed Nov 13 – Awana! – Store for Sparks!
Meal served from 6-6:30 pm
Program from 6:30-8 pm

NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Worship – 9:30 am
Building & Repair Offering
Fellowship – 10:35 am
Sunday School – 10:30/10:45 am

Kitchen – Lori Bolkema
Cookies – Shauna Neuman & Ashley Bolkema
Nursery – Kayla Rosenboom

Cornerstone Prison Church - On November 8, 2024, Cornerstone will again be returning to evening worship services on Friday nights. The service will begin at 6:30pm.

LifeWise Academy Boyden & Hull - NOW students can be enrolled for LifeWise Academy Boyden and Hull and join us in class the very next week! We are thankful for this possibility and are looking forward to having new students joining us each and every week! Register your 2nd-8th grader at lifewise.org/boydenhullia.

SHARE Group for widows and widowers will meet Thurs, Nov 21, 2024, at 11:30 AM, at the Hull Pizza Ranch.

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)

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