



***Millie Joyce Kooiker***

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA  
Pastor Heath De Jong  
May 24, 2026**

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

Prelude **Leila Moret**

Praise Song **"Holy Forever"** (video)

Welcome & announcements

Praise Song **"Living Hope"** (video)  
(the general offering will be received)

Sermon Title **"Blessed or Cursed ... Choose Wisely"**

Scripture Text **Acts 24** (pg 1736)

**Sacrament of Baptism – Millie Joyce Kooiker**

Closing Song **"In Christ Alone"** (video)

Postlude





**TODAY – MAY 24, 2026**

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

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!**

**USHERS:** Kenny Olson & Link Sietstra

**AUDIO:** Kevin Rosenboom

**VIDEO:** Ben Harms

**POWERPOINT:** Teresa Harms

**KITCHEN:** Ranae Kleinwolterink

**COOKIES:** Ashley Bolkema & Kaitlyn Rosenboom

**NURSERY:** Kayla Rosenboom

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

Mon May 25 – ***Happy Memorial Day!***

Innerglow news due

Church office closed in the morning

Tue May 26 – Men's Group 5:30 am

Evening Ladies 7 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 31, 2026**

***We welcome back Rev. Dr. John Hartog III***

Worship – 9:30 am

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Kitchen – Ranae Kleinwolterink

Cookies – Marissa Mouw & Angela Kooiker

Nursery – Sarah Breems-Diekevers

**Sermon Title:** “Blessed or Cursed.....Choose Wisely”

**Scripture Text:** Acts 24

**One Big Idea:** Philippians 1:21 “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

1) **“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

*\*Cursed are the proud in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of hell.*

2) **“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”**

*\*Cursed are those who celebrate, for they shall not be comforted.*

3) **“Blessed are the humble, for they shall inherit the earth.”**

*\*Cursed are the arrogant, for they shall not inherit the earth.*

4) **“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”**

*\*Cursed are those who hunger and thirst for wickedness, for they shall not be satisfied.*

5) **“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”**

*\*Cursed are the merciless, for they shall not receive mercy.*

6) **“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”**

*\*Cursed are the polluted in heart, for they shall not see God.*

7) **“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”**

*\*Cursed are the troublemakers, for they shall be called sons of Satan.*

8) **“Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

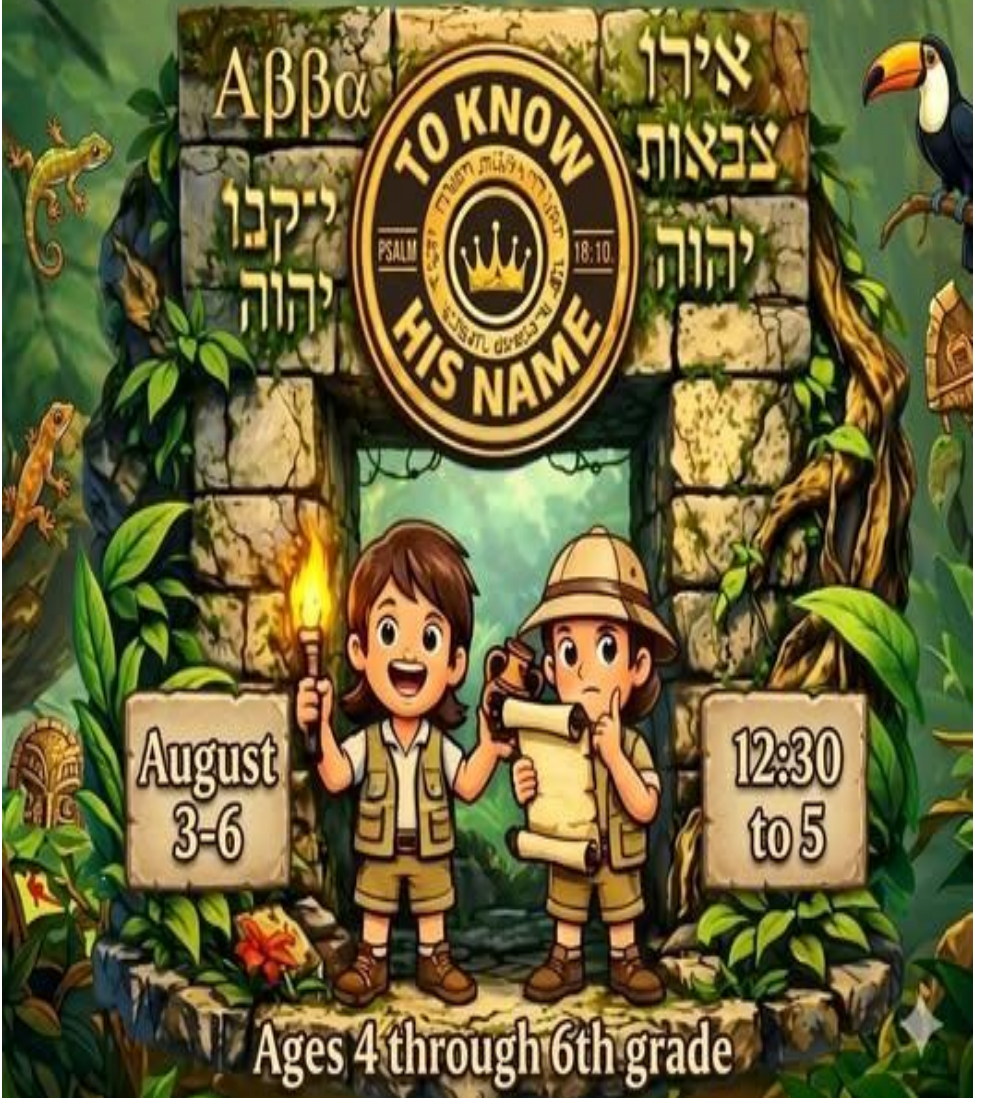
*\*Cursed are those who are persecuting for the sake of wickedness, for theirs is the kingdom of hell.*

9) **“Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”**

*\*Cursed are you when you are insulting and persecuting others and falsely say all kinds of evil against followers of Jesus. Weep and be sad, for your reward in heaven is gone as is for those who persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. John Lutheran Church



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## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**We thank You God** for this beautiful child, Millie Joyce, and her parents Casey & Beatrice Kooiker. Today we dedicate her to You in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Surround her with Your presence and let Your light shine through her and her family. Keep her safe from harm, guide her in Your paths and bless her and her family richly. In Jesus's name we ask this, Amen!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Good Morning!** We are delighted you are joining 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. Adult Sunday School meets in the room off the sanctuary after worship.

**Help us honor graduates in the Innerglow!** If you have a family member or loved one who is graduating this year from either high school, college or trade school, please get a pic and future plans information to the church office or to LaVonne S by May 26<sup>th</sup> so we can add them to the June Innerglow! If you have any questions, talk to LaVonne S or Teresa H.

**We're still looking** for help in the back of the sanctuary Sunday mornings. Please visit with Jeff N, Kevin R or Teresa H if you are interested!

**The Boyden American Legion & Auxiliary** invites you to the Memorial Day Service on Mon, May 25 at 8:30 am at St. John Cemetery and the Legion Veterans Service to follow at 9:30 am at the Demco Center. Speakers are Kaelyn Giefer and Jim Lynn from VCP (Veterans Community Project). Coffee and snacks will be served. Donations are welcome to support the VCP.

**A Pancake Breakfast** will be held at the Hull American Reformed Church on Memorial Day, May 25, serving from 7am-10am. A freewill donation will be taken with proceeds going towards Rocky Mountain High and Power Connection.

**Bible verse for May** "When I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?" Psalm 56:3-4

## **MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **May is Mental Health Awareness Month!**

**Memorial Day Service** – Mon May 25<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am at St John Cemetery & 9:30 at Demco Ctr with VCP

**Pancake Breakfast** – Mon May 25<sup>th</sup> at Hull American Reformed Church 7-10 am

**Inspiration Hills Camp Saturday** – May 30<sup>th</sup> – 1-4pm – FREE open house – check out the grounds & meet staff

**Hope Haven 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Benefit** – Fri June 5<sup>th</sup> – 7 am – Big Spirit, Spirit Lake IA - \$60 per angler, kids 16 & under are FREE – register by June 4<sup>th</sup> at hopehaven.org/events

**Risefest** – June 12 & 13 – risefestiowa.com

**Tri-State Tec** – June 19-21 – First Reformed Church, Rock Valley IA – (Teens Encounter Christ)

**Boyden Bash** – June 25-28 – So many good & fun things for the whole family! – Community Worship Sun June 28<sup>th</sup> 10 am

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

### **2026 Consistory Executive Committee**

Vice President – Roger Nelson

Clerk – Carla Starkenburg

Assistant Clerk – Alan Warntjes

Chair of Deacons – David Mouw

Treasurer – Colin Bolkema

Assistant Treasurer – Adam Schafer

Building & Grounds – Jon Huls

Music & Worship – Kathy Ver Meer

Community Impact – Wendy De Jong & Nic Rosenboom

Discipleship – Kaitlyn Rosenboom & Marissa Mouw

#### **2026 Elders**

Rod Bolkema ('26)

Josh Mouw ('28)

Roger Nelson ('26)

Carla Starkenburg ('27)

Alan Warntjes ('27)

#### **2026 Deacons**

Colin Bolkema ('27)

Jon Huls ('27)

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