

PURE OF
HEART
CHILDREN OF GOD
POOR IN SPIRIT
SATISFIED
The KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
Beatitudes
SEE
OBTAIN COMFORTED
MERCY FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS
PERSECUTED
MOURN
PEACEMAKERS INHERIT THE EARTH
HUNGER AND
THIRST

MERCIFUL WEEK

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Pastor Heath De Jong
August 23, 2026**

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

*We welcome back Pastor Doug Van Aartsen and thank
him for leading us in worship!*

Prelude **Kathy Ver Meer**

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn #382 "Be Thou My Vision"

Hymn #296 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"
(the general offering will be received)

Hymn #427 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Sermon Title: **"Well Off in the Kingdom"**

Scripture Text: **Matthew 5:1-12** (pg 1501)

Prayer

Praise Song "Send Me" (video)

Benediction

Closing Hymn #42 "Seek Ye First"

Postlude



TODAY – AUGUST 23, 2026

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

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

USHERS: Wanda Slykhuis & Alan Warntjes

AUDIO: Kevin Rosenboom

VIDEO: Ben Harms

POWERPOINT: Teresa Harms

KITCHEN: Sheryl Warntjes

COOKIES: Kaitlyn Rosenboom & Shayla Schmith

NURSERY: Shauna & Cheyenne Neuman

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Mon Aug 24 – Innerglow news due
First day of school for Boyden-Hull!

Tue Aug 25 – Men's Group 5:30 am

NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 30, 2026

Worship – 9:30 am

Sacrament of Communion

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Kitchen – Lori Bolkema

Cookies – Kirstin Huls & Marissa Mouw

Nursery – Sarah Breems-Diekevers

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the many blessings in our lives. Help us to never take them for granted and to always give thanks with a joyful heart!

We lift up in prayer Boyden-Hull and area schools as they begin a new school year. May God bless the students, teachers, staff, and families! We pray for safety and goodness to be with them each day!

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.

Consistory nominations – In your mailbox this morning are the 2027 nomination letter and ballots for new deacons and elders. This year the consistory is asking for 8 nominations as we need to elect 2 elders and 2 deacons. Please read through the letter carefully and place your nomination ballots in the boxes by the mailboxes by September 13th. If you have any questions, please visit with a current elder.

Next Sunday, Aug 30th, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Communion. Before partaking in the Lord's Supper, Scripture invites each believer to "examine" themselves so that the act is a sincere, reverent and united proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection. We encourage you to set aside time this week to reflect on your heart and actions so that you may approach God's table with humility and reverence.

It's almost time for Awana! We are so excited for the new and improved Awana program and the new Youth Group! Boyden Awana & Youth Group will start with Registration Night on Wed Sept 2nd from 6-7 pm. The whole family is invited to come for great food, registering their kiddos and getting any questions about the changes answered! The official start date of Awana & Youth Group will be Wed Sept 9th with both programs running from 6:30 to 8 pm. We are SO thankful for all the new and returning volunteers! We can always use more people, so PLEASE come check it out some Weds night. We KNOW you will find your niche!! Talk to Marissa Mouw or Kaitlyn Rosenboom for more info and to find out how you can be involved!!

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More Awana! We continue to accept donations for the Awana Store (toys, games, plushies for kids K-4th), mini-bottles of water, any games for kids K-8th, and/or monetary donations to purchase these items. We will be posting a request for snacks in the near future, so please watch for that! Please also pray for the leaders and kids and the programs! THANK YOU!!

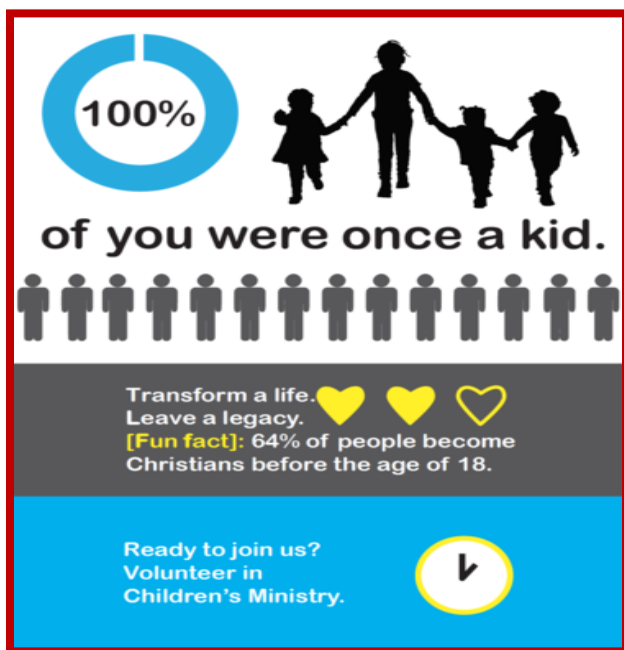
Inspiration Hills Warrior Run 5K or 1 mile – Sat, Sept 12, registration begins at 8 am – Join them for a great 5K trail race that runs thru the awesome hills and valleys at Inspiration Hills! All ages and skill levels are encouraged to come! You can choose either the 1 Mile Fun Run or the 5K Warrior Run – each course includes challenging obstacles! Early Bird registration ends Aug 28th – check it out at www.inspirationhills.org/warrior.

Civil War Memories Tombstone Tour – Sat, Sept 12 at Hope Cemetery in Hull – A \$15 donation is requested to support historical programs. A \$25 donation includes a 1-year membership to the Hull Historical Society. Call 712-439-6770 for more info and reservations.

46th Annual Fall Regional Conference for Bible League – Mon Sept 14 Dinner and Tue Sept 15 Conference at Bethel CRC, Sioux Center, IA – Dinner begins Mon at 6 pm; \$25 fee. The conference on Tues is from 9:30 thru 2 pm. Fees are \$40 for the conference with lunch or \$30 for conference only. Featured are Gayle Haas as Corrie ten Boom; Bible League President Jos Snoep, Andrew Earnshaw, Romi Barcena & Jennifer Frens. You can register online at bibleleague.org/tickets. For more info contact Carla Kooiman at ckooiman49@icloud.com.

Love, INC Sioux County Love and Learn Classes for Fall 2026 – *Faith and Finances* teaches financial skills – *Boundaries* teaches tools for setting boundaries to protect your peace – *Affirming Potential* teaches ways to assess & improve your well-being to align with God's plan – *Grief Share* provides a safe, comforting place to journey thru grief – *Redemptive Compassion* is a Biblical exploration of God's calling to serve others.

Bible verse for August – "The LORD your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."
Zephaniah 3:17



To begin a prayer chain – You can call Teresa Harms/church office at 725-2366 or email tharms@frcboyden.com.

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

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