



“DO NOT BE AFRAID,  
FOR I KNOW THAT YOU  
ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS,  
WHO WAS CRUCIFIED.  
HE IS NOT HERE;

*he has risen,  
just as he said.”*

MATTHEW 28:5-6 (NIV®)

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA  
Pastor Heath De Jong  
March 31, 2024**

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

**"He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!"**

Prelude **Kathy Ver Meer**

Welcome

Opening Prayer

**\*Responsive Reading #214 "He is Risen! Alleluia!"**

**\*Hymn Medley #215 "Alleluia! Alleluia!"**

**#216 "Christ Arose" vs 1&2**

**#217 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**

\*God greets us / greet one another

**\*Praise Song "Empty"** (video)

Sermon – **"God spells justice ... G.R.A.C.E."**

Scripture – **Mark 14:66-72** (pg 1582)

**Mark 16:1-8** (pg 1584)

**John 21:1-19** (pg 1687)

**Romans 8:1-2,11** (pg 1756)

**Song of Response "Made for More"** (video)

(the general offering will be received)

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Hymn #213 "Because He Lives"**

Postlude

(\*those who are able please stand)

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**Praise God! Marv Heemskerck is home!!** Thank you everyone for your prayers! Please continue to lift him up during his recovery. Pray that he gets stronger every day! Amen!!

**Please continue to pray for Bev Kooiker, Josh Hoekstra, Feets Heitritter** and anyone else who is fighting health battles and/or facing struggles. May they feel the grace of our heavenly Father every moment of their journey. Shower them with love and blessings!!

## **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.

**Boyden FRC Outdoor Clean-up Day!** The Deacons have designated Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, as a clean-up day outside the church and parsonage, weather permitting. Everyone is invited to come on over and pitch in. The start time will be 9 am. If there is anyone in the congregation who is unable to do work outside their own home, please let one of the deacons know and a group of volunteers will be sent over. Just talk to Chris D., David M., Ken H., Nic R. or Paul M.

**Save the Date! Boyden Vacation Bible School** at St. John's Lutheran Church will be held on Thurs, May 30<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thurs & Fri it will be held from 6-8 pm with supper served at 5:40 pm. Saturday will be held from 9-10:30 am and Sunday the closing program will be at 10 am. Children ages 4 thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to attend. Volunteers are also welcomed! To register your kids and/or to volunteer, please email [rodmarci@yahoo.com](mailto:rodmarci@yahoo.com) or text 605-261-8986. Please register by May 10<sup>th</sup> so supplies can be purchased. Thank you!!

**Bible verse for the month of March** – "But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ, our Savior," Titus 3:4-6

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**April ushers are Colin Bolkema & Heath Warntjes.**

**Hope Haven Annual Benefit Auction** will be held Friday, Apr 5 at TeSlaa Trucking in Hull IA. The Buy It Now will open at 5 pm with the live auction at 5:30pm. For a sneak peek, check out the online catalog at [www.hopehaven.org](http://www.hopehaven.org).

**Boyden Community Blood Drive** – Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the Demco Community Center – appointments are encouraged – text LIFESERVE to 999-777 or call 800-287-4903 or visit [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org).

**Horizon Network & Brimstone Coaching Group** is pleased to present a workshop opportunity for “Anxiety: Managing Yours, Understanding Theirs.” This workshop will be held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm at Centerpoint Church in Sioux Center. The facilitators are Kurt Bush and Chris Godfredsen. Lunch and refreshments are included in your registration. To register, go to [www.brimstonecoachinggroup.com](http://www.brimstonecoachinggroup.com) or scan the QR code on the posters found in the south and east entrances.

**Inspiration Hills Volunteer Day** – This event will be held on Sat, April 27<sup>th</sup>. All ages and skill levels are welcome to come help us as we prepare our grounds for the upcoming Summer Season! During the day, you’re free to come and go between the hours of 8am and 4pm. We’ll provide lunch at noon. Some of the tasks we’ll be working on include splitting wood, raking leaves, and cutting down trees. (For a complete list of tasks, see the posters on the entryway bulletin boards.) We greatly appreciate all the help we can get in any form! To sign up, call us at 712-986-5193 or email [ihills@inspirationhills.org](mailto:ihills@inspirationhills.org) and let us know your name, size of group (if appropriate), and any equipment/skills you can bring to the table.

**Save the Date - Love INC Sioux County** invites the community to our *Spring Share Event* on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and food will be served starting at 5:30 pm. Tickets to this event can be purchased for \$50 a piece or get a team together and reserve a table of 8 for \$360. You can purchase tickets by calling the Love INC office at (712)476-5990 or go online to [www.loveincsiouxcounty.org](http://www.loveincsiouxcounty.org). Deadline is April 17.



**TODAY – MARCH 31, 2024**

9:30 AM – WORSHIP

10:35 AM – FELLOWSHIP

No Sunday School this morning

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!**

**GREETERS/USHERS:** Kenny Olson & Adam Schafer

**AUDIO:** Andrew Neuman

**VIDEO:** Jeff Neuman

**POWERPOINT:** Teresa Harms

**KITCHEN:** Ranae Kleinwolterink

**COOKIES:** Holly Starkenburg & Sarah Breems-Diekevers

**NURSERY:** Nichole Olson

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

Tue Apr 2 – Men's Group 5:30 am at Parsonage

Women's Group 7 pm at Parsonage

**NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 7, 2024**

Worship – 9:30 am

*Mission Offering*

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Sunday School – 11 am

Kitchen: Sheryl Warntjes

Cookies – Sheryl Warntjes & Nel Warntjes

Nursery – Lisa Nelson

**SHARE group for widows and widowers** will meet at THE NORTH PLACE Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Please make meal reservations to Deanna, at 439-2229 by Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series presents Willem Van Twillert**, organist and composer from Amersfoort, The Netherlands Masterclass Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 11am-12:15pm and Recital Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Both events are free and open to the public. Please join them in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University in Sioux Center, IA.

**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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