

**Sunday, March 31, 2024**

*Alleluia! As the Risen Jesus greeted Mary (John 20:16), so he greets us.  
Welcome to Easter worship!*

**Today at First**

Pastor Brian Dunn leads us in worship today. C. G. #3 hosts the coffee fellowship.

**There will be no evening service tonight.**

**Next week,** Pastor Brian Dunn will lead our services. C. G. #4 hosts coffee time.

**Our Church Family**

The correct address of **Nathan & Lindsey Vermeer** is: 703 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Sheldon, IA  
We are sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

**Nursery Today** Meghan G., Michelle H., Ashley B.   **4-7** Wyatt & Breanna C., Aftyn H.

**Valet Parking Today** Tom Van Dyke                                   **Apr. 7** Adam Van Meeteren

**Sound Today** Bolkema/Jon/Anthony                                   **Apr. 7** Kassy, Olivia, Amelya

**Praise Team Today** Missy, Char, Dave, Shane, Gus   **4-7** Avery, Ethan, Maci, Boden

**Cookies Apr. 7** Helen VD, Jill VE, Avery VH                   **Apr. 14** Linda VM, Maria VV, Brenda B.

**April Ushers:** Leroy Kreykes, Wyatt Cook, Jeffrey Granstra, Jason Hengeveld

**Offerings only for:** Gen. Fund, Christian Ed., Above Quota Missions & Classical  
Min. Shares. Put in offering box, Treasurer’s box, or mail to church (901 9<sup>th</sup> Street).

**There will be a Special Offering on Sunday, Apr. 7 for the Local Cadets.**

**First CRC Announcements:**

- **Catechism and Sunday School Classes** are done for the season.
- **Membership/Profession of Faith** - If you are interested in making profession of faith, contact Pastor Brian. Classes begin soon; time & dates to be determined.
- **Free Sheldon Area Unity Meal – Mon., Apr. 15.** This is a great opportunity for our church to be a blessing to our community. Singles, families, young and old – all are welcome! A sign-up sheet is on the welcome desk in the narthex.

**Activities This Week**

<b>Sun.</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Easter Sunday Service</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	6:00 AM	<b>Spring Bible Study on Prayer</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	6:30 PM	<b>Spring Bible Study on Prayer</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	7:00 PM	<b>Cadets &amp; GEMS meet</b>
<b>Thur.</b>	2:00 PM	<b>Women’s Bible Study</b>

**First CRC Announcements Continued...**

- **Minnikota Youth 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Jr. High Retreat – Apr. 19-21** at Inspiration Hills. All registration & forms (on welcome desk) are due by **tomorrow**. For information, contact Lee De Groot [degrootlee@gmail.com](mailto:degrootlee@gmail.com) or (712) 470-4244.
- **Diapers/Wipes Tables & Bridal/Gift Cards Tables** –the first diaper table will be set up on Apr. 7 for **Hudson Lee**, son of **Drake & Kerrigan Granstra** and **Sutton Joy**, daughter of **Jeffrey & Brooke Granstra**. In a few months, we will have two more babies coming. The first **Bridal/Gift Card table** will be set up on May 5 for 2 members; **Dylan Petitt & Jadyn Faber** are getting married June 14, and **Alexa Klyn & Jamie Turnage** are getting married July 20. The second Bridal/Gift Cards Table will be set up on June 2 for the following couples: **Cole Habben & Danielle Kroeze** are getting married Aug. 16, and **Cole Christians & Peyton Thorne** are getting married Aug. 17.
- **Book Club** – Our next book is ***The Boys in the Boat*** by Daniel James Brown. The best-selling story about the American Olympic rowing triumph in 1936. We will meet on Wed., June 5 to discuss the book. Please consider joining us!

**A Congregational Meeting** will be held after the AM service on May 5. This will be to elect Elders/Deacons for the upcoming term. Please pray for the following men who have been nominated for the office of Elder and Deacon.

**Elder Nominations:** Harlan Bolkema, Keith Habben, Keith Kleinwolterink, Chad Petitt.

**Deacon Nominations:** Brian Hengeveld, Lance Hoekstra, Ethan Van Holland, Nathan Ver Meer

For each office we will be voting for two. If you are unable to attend the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>, please place your ballot in a signed, sealed envelope in the Clerk’s mailbox by the council room by Sunday, May 5.

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Morning Worship – Pastor Brian Dunn

9:30 AM

## Opening Service

Call to Worship – Psalm 146 Responsive

Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn: “Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah”

\*God’s Greeting/Mutual Greeting

\*Song of Praise: “Low in the Grave He Lay”

## Service of Reconciliation

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Song of Praise: “The Power of the Cross (Oh, to see the Dawn)”

God’s Will for Life – Responsive Apostles Creed & Lord’s Day 17

Children’s Message

## Service of the Word

Special Music: “Praise to the Risen Savior” Choir

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12

Sermon Title: “The Marvel of it All!”

Prayer for Application

\*Song of Praise: “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

## Service of Dedication

Congregational Prayer

Offering

\*Song of Dedication: “Hymn of Heaven”

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: “Hymn of Heaven” (chorus)

*\*Please stand, if able.*

## Western Christian Announcements:

- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day – Thur., Apr. 4.** Are you ready for high school? We would like to welcome all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students/parents to Western Christian High School. We will serve a free supper 5:15-6:15 p.m. and the program will start at 6:15 p.m. in the Event Ctr. We ask that parents & students attend 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day together. Questions, contact Brad Vis 605-359-5704 or [brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com](mailto:brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com).
- **Foundation Luncheon – Wed., Apr. 24** at noon in the Event Center. Mr. Brad Van Heuvelen, Chief Wealth Management Officer at Peoples Bank will be the guest speaker. Lunch provided by Beyer Catering; Amie Smit and the Western Christian Orchestra will provide special music. RSVP to Brad Vis 605-359-5704 [brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com](mailto:brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com) if you plan to attend. We hope to see you.

## Community Announcements:

- **NCC Student Bible Study Snacks** - Please bring your snacks to the church kitchen by Tues. morning the week you signed up.
- **Cornerstone Prison Church Banquet – Mon., Apr. 1,** Trinity CRC - Rk Valley. Doors open 6, banquet begins 6:30 p.m. RSVP by calling Trinity CRC 476-5292 or website: [www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org). Freewill offering. If you are unable to attend, send donation to: Cornerstone Prison Church, C/O Dave Vande Kamp, P.O. Box 88708, Sioux Falls, SD 57109 or online [www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org).
- **Hope Haven’s Annual Benefit Auction - Fri., Apr. 5** at TeSlaa Trucking in Hull. Help support individuals with disabilities by attending our **Buy it Now opening at 5 p.m.**, followed by our **Live Auction at 5:30 p.m.** Choose from over 450 items for all ages to bid on – John Deere Gator, Youth ATV 4-Wheeler, Simplicity Lawn Tractor, South Africa Safari Hunting Trip, meat bundles, electronics, power tools, trips, concerts, grills, toys/games, gift cards, and so much more! For a sneak peek of the items, check out our online catalog by visiting: [www.hopehaven.org](http://www.hopehaven.org).
- **NISO’s Spring Concert – Tues., Apr. 9, 7:30 p.m.** in BJ Haan Aud. This concert includes two enchanting pieces of music but also a symphony for organ featuring Dordt’s own Dr. Carrie Groenewold. Tickets at door, online through ticketleap. \$20 A., \$6 S. (buy 1, get 1 free). [https://nisoowa.ticketleap.com/spring-concert/dates/Apr-09-2024\\_at\\_0730PM](https://nisoowa.ticketleap.com/spring-concert/dates/Apr-09-2024_at_0730PM)
- **Love INC of Greater O’Brien County** is offering new classes Thurs. evenings, Apr. 11–June 20, 6:20-7:30 p.m. Classes include: Finance, Griefshare, Moving Forward and Bible Study. Open to the public! Call 324-9707 to register.