

## Community Announcements continued...

- **New Roots Ministry Workshop** – Do you ever feel reluctant in personally sharing your Good News? At a 5-hour Sat. workshop in Sioux Falls, let's dig into the Word, learn to express our personal God-stories, and then interact with those who may be struggling without Him. Gain a "I-can-do-that" feeling, causing you to feel more natural in speaking spiritually with those you know. For info, dates, or to sign-up for Everyday-Ambassadors Practicum, visit [www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries](http://www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries).
- **Choose to Keep Going Women's Conference** – Sat., May 11, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Faith Community Church in Sheldon. (506 8<sup>th</sup> Street). Worship, Concert, Real Stories, God's Word with Jill Miller, Laura Pedersen, Rachel Scott, and Aria Stiles. Tickets - \$30. Purchase online at [chooseministry.com/tour](http://chooseministry.com/tour) or get your ticket at Faith Community Church or Touch of Hope in Sheldon.

## Sunday, April 7, 2024

*This second Sunday of Easter, we are all twin selves, like Thomas, who was called the Twin. Each of us is both doubter and believer, and Jesus blesses us with peace.*

### Today at First

Pastor Brian Dunn leads us in worship today. C. G. #4 hosts the coffee fellowship. **Next week**, Pastor Brian Dunn will lead our services. C. G. #4 hosts coffee time.

**Nursery Today** Wyatt & Breanna C., Aftyn H. **4-14** Devin & Elissa DJ, Lacey P.

**Valet Parking Today** Adam Van Meeteren **Apr. 14** Dusty Doppenberg

**Sound Today** Kassy/Olivia/Amelya **Apr. 14** Heynen/Jacob/Josh

**Praise Team Today** Avery, Ethan, Maci, Boden **4-14** Ashley, Char, Arlo, Alivia, Damon

**Cookies 4-14** Linda VM, Maria VV, Brenda B. **4-21** Amy D., Karen C., Lori D. J.

**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 today for the Local Cadets.**

### **First CRC Announcements:**

- **Listening devices** are on the welcome desk.
- **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.
- **Diapers/Wipes Table** is set up for **Hudson Lee Granstra, son of Drake & Kerrigan and Sutton Joy Granstra, daughter of Jeffrey & Brooke.**
- **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!
- **Ladies** – Please remember to pick up your pans that were used for the Easter breakfast.

### Activities This Week

<b>Sun.</b>	5:00 PM	<b>Evening Worship Service</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	6:00 AM	<b>Spring Bible Study</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	6:30 PM	<b>Spring Bible Study</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Coffee Break Bible Study</b> study lesson 10
	6:15 PM	<b>Elders</b>
	7:00 PM	<b>Deacons</b>
	7:30 PM	<b>Council</b>

**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.

**Kids Fest 2024 – Aug. 4-7!** We are so excited to be partnering with Immanuel CRC again to have Kids Fest! We would love to get you involved in serving at Kids Fest, so please fill out an interest sheet so our team can help you get involved. Questions? Ask our Kids Fest Team from 1<sup>st</sup> – Kassy Dunn & Lindsey Nieuwendorp. Please return completed interest sheets to either Kassy or Lindsey's church mailbox.

### **Unity Christian Announcements**

- **Grandparents Day** – Thurs., April 18 at the school. All grandparents of Freshman students are invited to attend. The event is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and will finish at lunch with your grandchild. Please call 737-4114 or email [aobbink@unitychristian.net](mailto:aobbink@unitychristian.net) to make a lunch reservation.
- **Society Meeting** – Tues., April 16 in the Knight Center. Board members will be elected. The nominees are from Immanuel CRC OC – Randy Smit & Benji Hulstein; Covenant CRC – Melissa Bailey & Jeff Ploegstra; Bethel CRC – Candi Te Krony, Dean Dekkers & Julie Hoogland. We will have updates from the Board and also a budget to pass for the 24-25 school year.

### **Western Christian Announcements:**

- **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.
- **Spring Society Meeting** – Thurs., April 18, 6 p.m., in The HUB at Western Christian. Our Head Administrator, Mr. Verwolf, will share a State of School Report which includes staffing & program updates for the upcoming school year. Additionally, we have an opportunity as a society to approve the annual budget for the 24-25 school year and vote on proposed revisions to our Bylaws. To review the proposed changes, please go to [www.westernchristianhs.com](http://www.westernchristianhs.com). You will be able to access the document on the front page of our website.

### **Community Announcements:**

- **NCC Student Bible Study Snacks** - Please bring your snacks to the church kitchen by Tues. morning the week you signed up.
- **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://nisoiaowa.ticketleap.com/spring-concert/dates/Apr-09-2024\\_at\\_0730PM](https://nisoiaowa.ticketleap.com/spring-concert/dates/Apr-09-2024_at_0730PM)
- **Mozart Requiem** – The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus, joined by Northwestern College's A Cappella Choir, will be presenting Mozart's *Requiem* – one of the most powerful and beloved choral works of all time! Under the direction of Dr. Thomas Holm, and featuring orchestra and professional soloists, the concert will be presented on Sat., Apr. 27, 7:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel at Northwestern College. Tickets for adults are \$15, in advance, \$20 at the door and \$5 for students. Advance tickets can be purchased at Northwestern's music office in Orange City, the Dordt music office in Sioux Center, Evie's Hallmark in Sioux Center, and Windmill Park Jewelers in Orange City.

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Morning Worship – Pastor Brian Dunn

9:30 AM

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Evening Worship – Pastor Brian Dunn

5:00 PM

**Opening Service**

Call to Worship           Responsive  
Opening Prayer  
\*Opening Hymn:           **“Refuge and Rock”**  
\*God’s Greeting/Mutual Greeting  
\*Song of Praise:           **“He is Lord”**

**Service of Reconciliation**

God’s Will for Life  
Silent Prayer of Confession  
Assurance of Pardon  
Children’s Message

**Service of the Word**

Song of Preparation:       **“Spirit of the Living God”**  
Prayer of Illumination  
Scripture Reading:       **Luke 24:13-35**  
Sermon Title:           ***Post Resurrection Appearances: The Road to Emmaus***  
Prayer for Application  
\*Song of Praise:           **“In Christ Alone”**

**Service of Dedication**

Congregational Prayer  
Offering  
\*Song of Dedication:     **“There is a Redeemer”**  
\*Benediction  
\*Doxology:               **“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”**

*\*Please stand, if able.*

**We Gather to Worship**

Call to Worship       Responsive  
Silent Prayer  
\*Opening Hymn:       **“Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah”**  
\*God’s Greeting  
\*Responsive Affirmation of Faith   **Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 19**  
\*Song of Praise:       **“By the Sea of Crystal”**  
Pastoral Prayer

**We Hear God’s Word**

Hymn of Preparation:   **“Blessed Jesus at Your Word”**  
Scripture Passage:     **John 16:25-33**  
Sermon Title:           ***He Has Overcome!***  
Prayer of Application

**We Respond in Faith**

\*Song of Dedication:   **“Sing to the King”**  
\*Benediction/Blessing  
\*Doxology:               **“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”**

*\*Please stand, if able.*

April 28, 2024

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Care Group</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
Pete Van Velzen '25 Clerk	1	Leroy Kreykes '24
Shane Hoekstra '24 Vicar	2	Cory Jansen '26
Denny De Jong '26	3	Brennan Granstra '25
Ryan Kats '26	4	Jon Nieuwendorp '26
Dolan Granstra '25	5	Mike De Kam '24
Lyle Bolkema '24 Pres.		Dusty Doppenberg '25 Treas.

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#### Church Activities

Cadets/GEMS, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. 7 pm	Elders, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. 6:15 pm
Catechism, Gr. 3-12 Sun. 10:45 am	Sun. Sch., 3-2 <sup>nd</sup> Gr. Sun. 10:45 am
Council, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. 7:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur. 2 pm
Coffee Break, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed. 9:30 am	Young People, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. 7 pm
Deacons, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. 7 pm	<b><u>Bulletin Ann. Due Wed. at 9 a.m.</u></b>

**If anyone needs assistance:** Call Connie Heynen 348-4393 or Brenda Bolkema 348-0287

**Our Missionaries:** Rev. Eric/Penny Schering & Lauren/Connie Runia – Papua New Guinea;  
Danny & Christa Longkumer – Laos; Jake & Brittany Korver - Proclaim Aviation Ministries

As a Christian Reformed body of believers, we at 1<sup>st</sup> CRC in Sheldon stand united as followers of Christ, sharing in the spirit of the Reformation: **Only by scripture** - God's Word, The Bible, is our only standard, revealing God's way of salvation and his will for our lives. **Only by grace** – We are saved from our sin only by the sovereign grace of God and not by our own works. **Only by Christ** – Only by the merits of Christ are we declared right with God, and not by our own merit. **Only through faith** – We receive blessings of Christ only through faith in his work and his word. **Only for the glory of God** – As those saved by the mercy of God, we are called to do all things for his glory alone and not our own.

*Anyone in need of spiritual counsel or desiring to affiliate with us  
is invited to speak to our pastor or any one of the elders.*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Cor. 13:14.*

**Pastor Brian Dunn**  
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