

Community Announcements:

- **NCC Student Bible Study Snacks** - Please bring your snacks to the church kitchen by Tues. morning the week you signed up.
- **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 & professional soloists, the concert will be presented on Sat., Apr. 27, 7:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel at Northwestern College. Tickets – Adults \$15 advance, \$20 at the door and \$5 for students. Advance tickets available at Northwestern’s music office in O. C., Dordt music office in Sx Ctr, Evie’s Hallmark in Sx Ctr, & Windmill Park Jewelers in O. C.
- **National Day of Prayer Service** – Thurs., May 2, 7 PM at Living Water Com. Church in Sheldon. We will worship/pray for our community/nation. Sponsored by the Sheldon Area Min. Association, Rise Ministries and Honor God 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 8th 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 or get your ticket at Faith Community Church or Touch of Hope in Sheldon.
- **New Roots Ministry Workshop** – Do you ever feel reluctant in personally sharing your Good News? At a 5-hour Sat. workshop in Sioux Falls on April 27 OR May 18, 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.

Sunday, April 21, 2024

God sets a table before us and anoints us with the oil of gladness; our cup overflows (see Psalm 23:5; 45:7). Welcome to worship!

Today at First

Pastor Brian Dunn leads us in worship today. C. G. #4 hosts the coffee fellowship.

Next week Sunday morning, we will have the privilege of witnessing the sacrament of Holy Baptism as it is administered to **Hudson Lee Granstra**, son of **Drake & Kerrigan Granstra**. Care Group #4 hosts coffee time.

Next week Sunday evening, our evening service will take place at Immanuel CRC, as we worship and celebrate GEMS Sunday with the congregation from Immanuel.

<u>Nursery Today</u> Brian & Kristin H., Maci K.	Apr. 28 Julie H., Lori G., Hailey V.M.
<u>Valet Parking Today</u> Dallas G.	Apr. 28 Ethan V.H.

<u>Sound Today</u> Cory, Jackson, Ben	Apr. 28 Bolkema, Jon, Anthony
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<u>Praise Team</u> 4-21 Lacey, Angela, Jevon, Gus	4-28 Missy, Julie, Shane, Dave, Tate/Trey
<u>Cookies</u> Apr. 28 Kassy D., Darine E., Marcella F.	May 5 Elinor G., Char G., Cherish G.

**Next week, Sunday, April 28, there will be a
Special Offering taken for the Sheldon GEMS Club.**

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 9th Street).

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Unity Meal on Monday, Apr. 15. Everyone’s contribution made the night go smoothly. The organizers commented on our helpful volunteers! What a great opportunity to work together and be a blessing! We thank God for helping hands and opportunities to serve!

Activities This Week

Sun. 10:45 AM **Choir practice**
5:00 PM **Evening Worship Service**
Wed. 9:30 AM **Coffee Break – study Lesson 11**

First CRC Announcements:

- **Membership/Profession of Faith** - If you are interested in making profession of faith, contact Pastor Brian. Classes begin soon; time & dates to be determined.
- **Diapers/Wipes Table** is set up for **Hudson Lee Granstra**, son of Drake & Kerrigan and **Sutton Joy Granstra**, daughter of Jeffrey & Brooke. This is the last Sunday the table will be set up. Thanks for your generous gifts!
- **It's College Care Package Time!** Let's show our college students that we are cheering them on as they finish the school year. Bring your donation of snacks, encouraging notes, etc. to church on Sundays, April 21 & 28 so they can be added to the care packages. The ten college students are: Jacob Christians, Zoe Dunn, Olivia Granstra, Cole Habben, Maci Kats, Alexa Klyn, Dylan Petitt, Ty Van Essen, Zach Van Essen, Brayden Van Meeteren.
- **Book Club** – Our next book is ***The Boys in the Boat*** by Daniel James Brown. We will meet on Wed., June 5 to discuss the book. Please consider joining us!
- Please save the last 4 rows on both sides for families with small children.

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 at least two. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please place your ballot in a signed, sealed envelope in the Clerk's mailbox by the council room by Sunday, May 5. Ballots are available on the welcome desk.

Parents of 8th Grade/12th Grade/College Graduates: For the May Reflector, we would like to honor our graduates. We have a list of grade school and high school graduates, we need graduates from college/technical schools. The following are questions that we would like to have answered... **8th Grade graduates** – Where are they attending high school? **12th Grade graduates** – What are their plans for this fall?...college/work? Where do they plan to go to college and what will they major in? or Where do they plan to work? **College graduates** – Where did they graduate from and what degree did they receive? Where will they be working or if there is more education in their future. This information does not have to be more than a few sentences. Please email your graduates info. to: firstcrc@hotmail.com or call the church office 324-2374 and leave a message. **Deadline for sending your students information – Wed., April 24.** Thank you!

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 1st – Kassy Dunn & Lindsey Nieuwendorp. Please return completed interest sheets to either Kassy or Lindsey's church mailbox

Unity Christian FFA Plant Open House – Fri., Apr. 26, 3:45 p.m.- 6 p.m. & Sat., Apr. 27, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. The Mother's Day Sale is Fri., May 10, 3:45 p.m.- 6 p.m. & Sat., May 11 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Come & walk through our greenhouses, pick up some plants to use in your garden/home and see the work of our students! Freewill offering goes towards our FFA Program. Thank you for your support!

Western Christian Foundation Luncheon – Wed., Apr. 24 at noon in the Event Center. **There is still time to sign up for the Foundation Luncheon!** 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 Orchestra will provide special music. RSVP to Brad Vis if you plan to attend. 605-359-5704 or brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com.

April 21, 2024

Morning Worship – Pastor Brian Dunn

9:30 AM

April 21, 2024

Evening Worship – Pastor Brian Dunn

5:00 PM

Opening Service

Call to Worship – Psalm 65 Responsive

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: **“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”**

*God’s Greeting/Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: **“O Church Arise”**

Service of Reconciliation

God’s Will for Life – Exodus 20:1-17

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – Psalm 103:6-14

Children’s Message

Service of the Word

Song of Preparation: **“Ancient Words”**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: **John 17:1-5**

Sermon Title: **“Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer”**

Prayer for Application

*Song of Praise: **“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”**

Service of Dedication

Congregational Prayer

Offering

*Song of Dedication: **“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”**

*Benediction

*Doxology: **“Glory Be to the Father”**

**Please stand, if able.*

We Gather to Worship

Call to Worship – Psalm 67 Responsive

Silent Prayer

*Opening Hymn: **“God of Mercy, God of Grace”**

*God’s Greeting

Responsive Affirmation of Faith: Selections from **Art. 3 & 7 Belgic Confession**

*Song of Praise: **“All Who Are Thirsty”**

Pastoral Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Hymn of Preparation: **“Jesus, All for Jesus”**

Scripture Passage: **Genesis 38:1-7; 24-30**

Sermon Title: **“Tragedy and Triumph: Judah and Tamar”**

Prayer of Application

We Respond in Faith

*Song of Dedication: **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

*Benediction/Blessing

*Doxology: **“Glory Be to the Father”**

**Please stand, if able.*