

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Welcome to worship on this beautiful spring day that the Lord has made!
"Let us rejoice today and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

Today at First

This morning, we have the privilege of witnessing the sacrament of Holy Baptism, as it is administered to **Hudson Lee**, son of **Drake & Kerrigan Granstra**. May we be reminded of the gracious covenant promises God has made to us and to our children. We thank the Sunday School Children for sharing in our worship service this morning. Care Group #4 hosts the coffee fellowship.

This evening, we will be celebrating our GEMS ministry with a combined worship service at 6 PM at Immanuel CRC. GEMS is a national ministry that has been running 66 years. First & Immanuel CRC's are partners in making this a relevant community ministry/outreach in Sheldon. Pastor Brian Dunn will be preaching, the GEMS/counselors will provide leadership for the service and share highlights from this past year.

Next week, Pastor Brian Dunn will lead our services. C.G. #5 hosts coffee time.

Nursery Today Kristin K., Lori G., Hailey VM **May 5** Julie H., Amy D., Alivia M.

Valet Parking Today Ethan Van Holland **May 5** Ben Granstra

Sound Today Bolkema/Jon/Anthony **May 5** Kassy/Olivia/Amelya

May Ushers: Dallas Granstra, Carson Van Meeteren, Jerry Balt, Dalton Poppema

Praise Team Today Missy/Julie/Shane/Dave/Tate/Trey **May 5**

Cookies May 5 Elinor G., Char G., Cherish G. **May 12** Lori G., Rachel G., April H.

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Today, there will be a Special Offering taken for the Sheldon GEMS Club.
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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).

Activities This Week

Sun. 6:00 PM Note Time Change Evening Worship at Immanuel CRC

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.
- **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!
- **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 snacks, uplifting notes, etc. to church by **today** so they can be added to the envelopes. 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.

A Congregational Meeting will be held after the AM service May 5 to elect Elders & Deacons for the upcoming term. Please pray for the men who are nominated for the office of Elder and Deacon. (Vote for at least 2 for each office.)

Elder Nominations: Harlan B., Keith H., Keith K., Chad P.

Deacon Nominations: Brian H., Lance H., Ethan V. H., Nathan V. M.

If you are unable to attend, place your ballots in a signed/sealed envelope in the Clerk's mailbox by the council room by May 5. Ballots available on welcome desk.

Nate & Catherine Schreur family recently had a fire in their house, (Mr. Schreur teaches PE at Sheldon & Sanborn Christian Schools). Sheldon Christian is partnering w/Unity & Sanborn Christian in helping support the Schreur family during this time. Unity has set up an account to take donations for the family, which they have let our school family donate to as well. You may send any donations to one of the Iowa State Banks. You can write a check directly to: Nate & Catherine Schreur, (in the memo line add "donation") or bring cash directly to any Iowa State Bank location. You can also mail a check with the same info. as above to: Iowa State Bank, P.O. Box 276, Sanborn, IA 51248. The Schreur's church is holding an **Impact Night at the Sheldon Pizza Ranch** on Mon., May 6, 5-8 p.m. 10% of sales plus tips will go to the Schreur family.

Unity Spring Concert – Wed., May 8 in the Knight Center. Instrumental portion begins at 7; following a brief intermission the vocal portion begins around 8.

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Morning Worship – Pastor Brian Dunn

9:30 AM

Opening Service

Call to Worship – Psalm 22:25-31 Responsive

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: “Amid the Thronging Worshipers”

*God’s Greeting/Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: “Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine”

Service of Reconciliation

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – Isaiah 1:16-18

Baptism of **Hudson Lee Granstra** – Introduction, The Covenant of Baptism,
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Praise: “Hymn of Heaven”

Service of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: **John 17:6-19**

Sermon Title: “Jesus Prays for His Disciples”

Prayer for Application

*Song of Praise: “His Eye Is On the Sparrow”

Service of Dedication

Congregational Prayer

Offering

*Song of Dedication: “Here I Am, Lord”

*Benediction

*Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Please stand, if able.*

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’s FFA Plant Open House – Fri., May 10, 3:45-6 pm & Sat., May 11 9 am-1 pm. Come and pick up some plants. Freewill offering goes to our FFA Program.

Western Christian Spring Drive - Info. was given in the mailboxes, Spring Western Witness, and on “Giving Page” of our website: www.westernchristianhs.com. Please contact Brad Vis bradvis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704 if ?’s.

Community Announcements:

- **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.
- **Impact Night at Sheldon Pizza Ranch – Mon., May 6, 5-8 p.m.** 10% of sales plus tips will go to the Schreur family, to help recover from a recent house fire.
- **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.
- **Love INC - What are your family-favorite, budget-friendly recipes?** As a gift for people attending classes through the Life Together ministry, we are putting together a recipe book. If you have a recipe to share, please email it to jenna@sheldon-loveinc.org. or drop off a paper copy at our office! Also, let us know if you want your name and/or church listed with your recipe. Our goal is to collect at least 50 recipes by May 18!
- **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 May 18, let’s dig into the Word, learn to express our God-stories, and interact with those who may be struggling without Him. For info, dates, or to sign-up for Everyday-Ambassadors Practicum, visit www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries.