

**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

*Happy Mother's Day to all who share a caring relationship with a mom or mom-figure. Welcome to worship!*

**Today at First**

**This morning**, we celebrate Youth Sunday, as our Young People share in the worship service. Pastor Brian Dunn leads us in worship today. C.G. #5 hosts the coffee fellowship.

**This evening**, we celebrate a Joint Ascension Day Service with the congregations from Sibley CRC, Ocheyedan CRC and Immanuel CRC. There will be refreshments served after the service in the fellowship hall.

**Next week**, Pastor Thomas Soodsma will lead our services. C. G. #5 hosts the coffee fellowship.

**Our Church Family**

Pastor Brian will be on vacation this week. If you have any pastoral concerns, please contact your Care Group Elder.

**First CRC Young People and Leaders**

Alivia Miller, Jacob Van Meeteren, Anthony Klyn, Cameron Nieuwenhuis, Joshua Petitt, Amelya Dunn, JD Petitt, Carson Van Meeteren

**Leaders:** Kassy Dunn, Angela Klyn, Jason & Staci Hengeveld. We thank the leaders for all their time & energy involved in leading our Young People this year.

**Nursery Today** Phil & Courtney L., Damon M. **5-19** Julie H., Cherish G., Carson V.M.

**Valet Parking Today** Chad Petitt **May 19** Phil Lammers

**Sound Today** Heynen/Jacob/Josh **May 19** Cory/Jackson/Ben

**Praise Team Today No Praise Team** **5-19** Lindsey, Angela, Jevon, Tate, Trey

**Cookies 5-19** Sharon H., Julie H., Connie H. **5-26** Jenn H., Michelle H., Mariah 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).

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**Today** there will be a **Special Offering** to help cover some of the cost of **Kids Fest**.  
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**Activities This Week**

**Sun. 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service – Joint Ascension Day Service**

**Wed. 1-6 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive** in our fellowship hall.

**Results of the Congregational Meeting** held last week Sunday. **Harlan Bolkema & Keith Habben** were elected as Elders; **Ethan Van Holland & Nathan Ver Meer** were elected as Deacons. New officebearers will be installed on June 2.

**First CRC Announcements:**

- **Listening devices** are on the welcome desk.
- **There is a separate bulletin for the service this evening.**
- **Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast - Mon., May 27, 7-10 a.m.** Serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, juice, coffee. Freewill donation to benefit our Young People.
- **We need more volunteers** to take turns fulfilling the role of security person during our worship services. If you have any questions, contact Lyle Bolkema.
- **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!
- **Bridal Gift Card Table** set up in the narthex for Dylan Petitt & Jadyne Faber and Alexa Klyn & Jamie Turnage. Please consider giving the young couples a small gift to get them started on their life together.

**Kids Fest 2024 – Aug. 4-7!** 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.

**The Bargain Alley Thrift Store and Furniture Outlet** are seeking more volunteers. Please contact Kari Hoekstra at [bargainalleyhull@gmail.com](mailto:bargainalleyhull@gmail.com) or call the store at (712) 439-6800 if you are interested.

*“None can believe how powerful prayer is, and what it is able to effect, but those who have learned it by experience.”* --Martin Luther

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Morning Worship – Pastor Brian Dunn

9:30 AM

### Opening Service

Call to Worship – Psalm 46 - Responsive Amelya D.  
Opening Prayer Amelya D.  
\*Opening Hymn: “Ten Thousand Reasons”  
\*God’s Greeting/Mutual Greeting Pastor Brian  
\*Song of Praise: “By Faith”

### Service of Reconciliation

God’s Will for Life – Responsive JD P.  
Silent Prayer of Confession Carson V.M.  
Assurance of Pardon Alivia M.  
Children’s Message Josh P.

### Service of the Word

Song of Preparation: “Ancient Words”  
Prayer of Illumination  
Scripture Reading: **John 18:1-14** Jacob V.M.  
Sermon Title: “Jesus’ Arrest” Pastor Brian  
Prayer for Application  
\*Song of Praise: “O Come to the Altar”

### Service of Dedication

Congregational Prayer Jacob V.M.  
Offering Anthony K.  
\*Song of Dedication: “Goodness of God”  
\*Benediction Pastor Brian  
\*Doxology: “My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”

*\*Please stand, if able.*

**Cadet Campout at Three Rivers, Oak Grove State Park – July 11-13...** Canoeing, Swimming, Hiking, Bonfires. If any cadet is interested in going, please contact Jevon Klyn (712) 348-4048.

### **Western Christian Announcements:**

- **Spring Drive** – Check “Giving Page” of website: [www.westernchristianhs.com](http://www.westernchristianhs.com). Please contact Brad Vis (605) 359-5704 [bradvis@westernchristianhs.com](mailto:bradvis@westernchristianhs.com) if ?’s.
- **Board Nominations** – At the end of this school year, Tracy Kollis, Jerry Buteyn and Mark Kleinwolterink will be completing their terms on Western’s School Board. We thank them for their service. The board is now seeking nominees to replace them. All members of Western’s society are invited to submit names for potential board nominees. Please submit nominations to board president, Mr. John Vander Haag: [john.vanderhaag@westernchristianhs.com](mailto:john.vanderhaag@westernchristianhs.com). Please submit nominations by Fri., June 14. All newly elected trustees shall be approved by the society at the succeeding society meeting in August.

### **Community Announcements:**

- **Love INC - What are your 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](mailto: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!
- Do you sometimes feel uneasy about sharing God’s Good News w/others? **Everyday-Ambassadors Practicum** is a fun, 5 hr. Sat. workshop in Sx Falls, to help activate us as God’s representatives. For info., or to sign-up for May 18, June 22, or July 27, visit [www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries](http://www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries), or call/text Fred W. of New Roots Ministry at (605) 376-6330. “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news” (Isaiah 52:7)!
- **The Sheldon Ministerial Assoc.** will be hosting a special service for the Sheldon High School Class of ‘24 and their families on Sun., May 19, 7:30 p.m. in the high school aud. Refreshments to follow. Please wear your cap/gown!
- **Free Sheldon Area Unity Meal** – May 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Living Water Com. Church. All are welcome. Attend the meal and receive a bag of groceries.
- **Sheldon Mobile Food Bank** – June 3, 4:30-6 pm at Living Water Com. Church.