

Community Announcements Continued...

- **Hope Haven's 34th Annual Golf Benefit** – Wed., June 19, shotgun start at 11 am at Emerald Hills Golf Course in Arnolds Park. Registration fee of \$150/golfer includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, a grab & go meal, great raffle/pin prizes, and an entry gift! Space is limited to 144 golfers – so don't wait! Sign up by May 31. Register your team online at hopehaven.org/events or call/email Brenda Gisolf at (712) 476-3116 or bgisolf@hopehaven.org.
- **Hope Haven's Rich Harmelink Commemorative Trail Ride** – Sat., June 29. Join us and experience the Newton Hills State Park in Canton, SD with 6 miles of marked horse trails for everyone to enjoy the scenic view, from beginners to professionals. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by the trail ride at 10 a.m. and lunch at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to order a shirt, the cost is \$10 or 1 free shirt for every \$25 donation. Deadline to order is June 13. If camping is something you're interested in, reach out to Newton Hills to make reservations. To register for this freewill donation event, call/email Brenda Gisolf at (712) 476-3116 or bgisolf@hopehaven.org.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive** – Wed., July 17 here at 1st CRC in Sheldon. Walk-ins welcome! Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter SheldonIA to schedule an appointment.

You Are My Witnesses

John White (1924-2002) was a medical missionary, psychiatry professor, church planter and prolific author who wrote about faith and outreach. He refuted the notion that being an effective witness for Christ is akin to being a salesperson. Christians are representing and sharing a person, he said, not touting a product.

"A good witness is like a signpost," he added. "It doesn't matter whether it is old, young, pretty, ugly. It has to point the right direction and be able to be understood. We are witnesses to Christ; we point to him."

Green – Green is the traditional liturgical color for the weeks after Pentecost (as well as the season of Epiphany). The Pentecost season largely overlaps with spring and summer, which is fitting because green symbolizes growth: growth of plant life and crops, and growth of the church in discipleship and faith.

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Welcome to Pentecost worship! Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. May we be open to the Spirit's dynamic leading.

Today at First

We welcome Mr. Thomas Soodsma to our pulpit, as he leads us in worship today. Care Group #5 hosts the coffee fellowship.

Next week, Pastor Brian Dunn will lead our services. We have the privilege of witnessing the sacrament of baptism as it is administered to **Sutton Joy Granstra**, daughter of **Jeffrey & Brooke Granstra**. C. G. #5 hosts the coffee fellowship.

Nursery Today Julie H., Cherish G., Carson VM **5-26** Helen VD, Meghan G., Tate D.
Valet Parking Today Phil Lammers **May 26** Wyatt Cook
Sound Today Cory/Jackson/Ben **May 26** Bolkema/Jon/Anthony

Praise Team Today Lindsey, Angela, Jevon, Tate, Trey **5-26** Avery, Ethan, Maci, Boden
Cookies May 26 Jen H., Michelle H., Mariah J. **6-2** Laura K., Kristin K., Marilyn K.

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).

Today, we honor all our graduates, Preschool – College. In the May Reflector, there is a page dedicated to all graduates, with details of their future plans.

Preschool Graduates – Brody Granstra, Vivie Hengeveld

8th Grade Graduate – Aftyn Habben

12th Grade Graduates – Amelya Dunn, JD Petitt, Carson Van Meeteren

College Graduates – Olivia Granstra, Cole Habben, Zach Van Essen

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." --Anne Bradstreet

Activities This Week

Sun. 5:00 PM **Evening Worship Service**

Thur. 7:00 PM **SCS 8th Grade Graduation** – here at 1st CRC.

First CRC Announcements Continued...

- **The June Reflector** will be printed this week. If you have anything you would like to include, please email it to: firstcrc@hotmail.com by Wed. 9 am. Thanks!
- **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.
- **Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast** - Mon., May 27, 7-10 a.m. Serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, juice, coffee. Freewill donation to benefit our Young People. There is a sign-up sheet for anyone willing to help with serving breakfast.
- **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 & Jady Faber and Alexa Klyn & Jamie Turnage. Consider blessing them with a small gift.
- **Directory Update** – a new church directory will be printed in July. If you have any changes (new address, new phone #, new email, etc.) that you want printed in the directory, please email the church office at: firstcrc@hotmail.com. **Please send any changes by Mon., June 24.** Thanks!
- **We have many copies left** of the Centennial Pictorial Directory (2006) and also the History of the First CRC in Sheldon. Please take one or a few!

Western Christian Announcements:

- **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. **Please submit nominations by Fri., June 14.** All newly elected trustees shall be approved by the society at the succeeding society meeting in August.

Western Christian Announcements Continued...

- **The Bargain Alley Thrift Store & Furniture Outlet** are seeking volunteers. Call Kari Hoekstra (712) 439-6800 or bargainalleyhull@gmail.com.

Graduation 2024 at Unity Christian High School – Fri., May 24, 6 p.m. in the Knight Center. The ceremony will be streamed on our YouTube channel.

Cadet Campout at Three Rivers, Oak Grove State Park – July 11-13... Canoeing, Swimming, Hiking, Bonfires. Interested, please contact Jevon Klyn (712) 348-4048.

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

Community Announcements:

- **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 Community Ambulance Team (SCAT) Annual Fundraiser Supper** – Wed., May 22, 5-7 at the Crossroads Pavilion Event Center. Serving taverns, coney dogs or hot dogs, potato salad, strawberry fluff, a homemade treat & drink. Freewill offering. If you are unable to attend, donations are welcome. All proceeds raised will be used for Full Body Splints. Are you interested in becoming an EMT and joining our team of volunteers? Ask us about it!
- **The Sheldon Community School** will be serving Summer meals June 3–Aug. 9, 11:30-12:45 at the East Elementary Cafeteria. (use north door). Check the bulletin board for more details and also a bus pick-up schedule. We will be accepting any donations to help cover costs for our parents.
- **Sheldon Mobile Food Bank** – June 3, 4:30-6 pm at Living Water Com. Church.
- **Hope Haven's 26th Annual Fishing Benefit** – Fri., June 7, 7 a.m. at Fort Randall Dam at Pickstown, SD. Looking for a reason to do some fishing on the Missouri River this summer? Here's your chance! Hope Haven invites you to join us! Registration fee is \$60/per angler and children under 16 are free. The entry fee includes incredible weight-in prizes for all categories, an entry gift, and a grab and go pork loin meal! Register online at hopehaven.org/events or call/email Brenda Gisolf at (712) 476-3116 or bjisolf@hopehaven.org.

May 19, 2024

Guest Pastor Mr. Thomas Soodsma

9:30 AM

Opening Service

Call to Worship – Psalm 92:1-2

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: **“By the Sea of Crystal”**

*God’s Greeting/Mutual Greeting – Isaiah 41:9-10

*Song of Praise: **“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” vs. 1-4**

Service of Reconciliation

God’s Will for Life – Exodus 20:1-17

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – John 5:24

Children’s Message

Service of the Word

Song of Preparation: **“Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine” vs. 1-3**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: **Philippians 1:18b-30**

Sermon Title: **“The God Glorifying Life and Death”**

Prayer for Application

*Song of Praise: **“When Peace Like a River” vs. 1-4**

Service of Dedication

Congregational Prayer

Offering

*Song of Dedication: **“Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit”**

*Benediction – Ephesians 3:20

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

**Please stand, if able.*

May 19, 2024

Guest Pastor Mr. Thomas Soodsma

5:00 PM

We Gather to Worship

Call to Worship – Psalm 150

Silent Prayer

*Opening Hymn: **“Let All Things Now Living”**

*God’s Greeting – Galatians 1:3-4

Responsive Affirmation of Faith: **The Apostle’s Creed**

*Song of Praise: **“I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace”**

Pastoral Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Hymn of Preparation: **“Amazing Grace” vs. 1, 2, 4, 5**

Scripture Passage: **Philippians 4:2-9**

Sermon Title: **“The Peace of God”**

Prayer of Application

We Respond in Faith

*Song of Dedication: **“How Great Thou Art” vs. 1-4**

*Benediction/Blessing

*Doxology: **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” vs. 1-2**

**Please stand, if able.*