The Reformed Church of Steen

Sunday, October 27, 2024

 

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**The Consistory**

Elders: Deacons: Lowell Bonnema Justin Esselink

Marlin Elbers Randy Fick

Kraig Scholten Dylan Bosch

Norm Sjaarda Chad Rauk

Brad Bosch Chris Harnack

Larry Bosch Tyler DenHerder

Pastor Jeremy Wiersema (712)324-1345

**Morning Service at 9:30 a.m.**

Prelude

\*Welcome/Call to Worship ~ 2 Chronicles 7:14

\*Mutual Greetings

\*Opening Song ~ Hymn #59

 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

 Hymn #455 “Come, All Christians, Be Committed” vs 1 & 2

Congregational Prayer

Children’s Message ~ Clint Roozenboom

Dismiss 3-year-olds to Sunday School

Scripture ~ Matthew 16:24-28 pg 1524

Message ~ “Disciples: Follow”

Announcements

Offertory Prayer/Offering

Offertory Song ~ Hymn #367

“Wherever He Leads I’ll Go” vs 1-3

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song ~ Hymn #367

 “Wherever He Leads I’ll Go” vs 4

**Sunday School** from 10:45-11:30

**Blanket Making** after morning service. Meet in multi-purpose room.

**RCYF** will be going to the corn maze in Harrisburg following Sunday school today. We will eat at Pizza Ranch before heading there. Please meet in the RCYF room after Sunday school.

 **Bible Verse of the Month:**

**if my people, who are called by my name,**

**will humble themselves and pray and seek my face**

**and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from**

**heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.**

**2 Chronicles 7:14**

 **Evening Service at 6 p.m.**

Prelude

\*Invocation

Opening Songs ~ Hymn #66 “To God Be the Glory”

 Hymn #65 “The Wonder of It All”

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture ~ Psalm 126 pg 967

Message ~ “To Reform”

Prayer of Blessing

Hymn #64 “All Creatures of Our God and King” vs 1-3

\*Benediction

\*Closing ~ Hymn #64

 “All Creatures of Our God and King” vs 5

\*Please stand if you are able

**Congratulations** to Dean and Brittany Fuerstenberg on the birth of a daughter, Hattie Ann, born on October 5th.

 **The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth,

as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ His only son, our Lord;

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,

the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

***Activities for the Week***

***Tuesday:*** Fellowship Committee Mtg at 8:00 p.m.

***Wednesday: ~*** Community Meal from 5:45-7:00

 Group 1 serving shepherd’s pie

**~** Midweek classes at 7:00



If anyone needs a ride or would like a ride to church, please call the church office by Thursday of that week.

***Announcements***

Have your November calendar announcements in to Tammy by 10:00 on Thursday.

If anyone would like a Wednesday night meal delivered, please call/text Amanda Wiersema at 712-631-9682.

Nomination ballots for new elders and deacons can be found in your mailboxes. Dave Esselink should be added to the eligible list.

We will be doing **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** again in November. You can get a box from church and fill it yourself or you may bring items for the boxes we fill at church. Items especially needed are band-aids, wash clothes, bar soap and scissors, but anything for ages 2-18 is welcome.

We have replaced 12 old, wooden tables with new ones and are now offering them for sale for $20 each. See Tammy if interested.

**Directory Update:**

Greta VanDerBrink’s cell phone # is 507-227-3792

**Mission of the Month: Center of Hope**

We will be collecting **new** clothing and winter gear for Center of Hope. Items we will be collecting are new men’s and children’s coats, men’s and children’s clothing items, gloves, mittens and jeans of all sizes. All items can be placed on the benches in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, you may contact Dolly Van Der Weerd.

***Upcoming Events***

Come one, come all! You are invited to the **Hills Christian** **School Fall Sale** on Friday, November 1, 2024. The doors open at 6:30 and the sale starts at 7:00. Refreshments will be served. Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun while supporting HCS. New and homemade donations will be accepted. Thank you for your support!

**Center of Hope Fall Benefit** will be held November 2, 2024 from 4:30-7:00. See Information Desk for more details

and to register.

Hear **Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life** share how proposals to put abortion in our state Constitution and limit our religious liberties were defeated this year, and what we need to do to build a culture that respects innocent human life. The free, hour-long program, “Winning Minnesota for Life!” is Monday, November 11th at 7 p.m. at Pipestone Pizza Ranch, 108 W Main St. in Pipestone.

**Lyon County Food Shelf needs:** "child friendly" items such as soup, crackers, canned fruit, fruit cups, and juice pouches.

**A Note From the Librarian:** The library is full of great reading! Our new featured book is “Discipleship”. There are still plenty of free books for the taking so help yourself!

***Opportunities to Serve the Body of Christ***

 **This Week Next Week**

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| Organist | Kendra Paulsen | Praise Team |
| Ushers | Matt BoeveTroy BoschAlan Klarenbeek | Rex MetzgerJustin MaciejackEric Kiers |
| Nursery | Jody DeBoerHope BoschGracyn Wegener | Alexis KlarenbeekMadalyn BonestrooAmber Wiersema |
| Greeters | Jared & Amanda RozeboomDale & Jodi Sandbulte | Robert, Lorraine and Janet SandbulteTerry & Glenda Sandstede |
| Children’s Message | Clint Roozenboom | Eric Kiers |
| Camera | Sawyer Bosch | Dale Sandbulte |
| PowerPoint | Chase Bosch | Justin Esselink |
| Sound | Tim Bosch | Joshua Wiersema |
| Bus Driver |  |  |
| Coffee  | Gawaine DiekeversLenny Otkin |  |
| Ministry of Music | Robert, Lorraine and Janet Sandbulte | Terry & Glenda Sandstede |

 

We want to thank you for the sympathy cards and prayers offered to our family with the unexpected passing of our son-in-law and brother-in-law, Verlyn Eben. Thank you.

 Mildred Klarenbeek and family

Thank you for the card and gift for Pastor Appreciation Sunday.

 Pastor Jeremy and Amanda

Thank you for all the prayers for Rich’s miraculous healing. Thank you, Pastor Jeremy for your visits and prayers. Thank you to all for the concerns, calls, visits, food/meals, rides and favors shown—even windows washed! The congregation has truly been the hands and feet (and wheels) of Jesus. We are truly blessed to belong to such a caring and serving congregation and community.

 Rich and Greta VanDerBrink

Sermon Notes

Disciples must follow Jesus

Jesus’ invitation

 Following Jesus is the foundational building block

 of being His disciple

To follow Jesus we must deny ourselves

Following Jesus also requires us to take

up our cross

Following Jesus requires us to follow Him

with all our heart, soul, mind and strength

What the cost is of following Jesus:

 What good will it be for man if he gains

 the whole world yet forfeits his soul?

 What can a man give in exchange for his soul?

 

* Those that are homebound and in nursing homes: Anna Mae Berghorst, John Bosch, Anna Schouwenburg,

Gert Steinberg, and Lucy VanWyhe.

* Those in our church and community who are dealing with cancer: Doug Boeve, Erwin Bonestroo, Shane McMath, Seth Rozeboom, Starla Scholten, Rick Tatge, Randy VanMaanen and Sheila Vis.
* Rich VanDerBrink fell and broke his shoulder.
* The vacant churches of the Alliance of Reformed Churches.

**Consistory Meeting**

**October 21, 2024 at 8:05 p.m.**

Members present were Norm Sjaarda, Randy Fick, Justin Esselink, Kraig Scholten, Tyler DenHerder, Brad Bosch, Chris Harnack, Dylan Bosch, Chad Rauk, Larry Bosch, Lowell Bonnema, Marlin Elbers and Pastor Jeremy. Guests were Seth Sundstrom, Greg Leenderts and Dave Tilstra. A quorum was present. Kraig Scholten led opening devotions from Psalm 85 and opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the September regular meeting were read for information.

**Youth Ministry Report:** Greg Leenderts gave an RCYF update and discussed possible changes going forward.

**Mission Committee Report:** Given by Dave Tilstra. Discussed having coffee before and after church. He brought up some ideas for reaching and involving targeted age groups in the church. Cheryl VanBeek invited us to join them on a work trip thru Justice for All. Someone may come to speak about it.

**Elder’s Meeting Report:** Approved membership transfer of Kendra (Bosch) Morley to Gloria Dei Lutheran in Redwood Falls. Pulpit supply for December 22 is Doug VanAartsen.

**Property:** Dale Sandbulte to rent multi-purpose room on November 23.

**Old Business:** Seth Sundstrom joined our discussion on the Associate Pastor position. We will continue to advertise for the position. Midwest Network meeting is November 8-9 in Sioux Falls. M/S/C to have RCYF every week through the end of the year and will be revisited at that time.

**New Business:** Nomination ballots to be counted by outgoing consistory members.

**Financial Reports:** General Fund: $26,826.33

Benevolent Fund: $11,155.22

Building Fund: $3402.12. Loan balance is $13,000.

M/S/C to approve financial reports.

Proposed budget for 2025:

General fund $329,430

Benevolent fund $68,555.

M/S/C to approve proposed budget.

The minutes of tonight’s meeting were read. M/S/C to approve minutes as read. M/S/C to adjourn. Prior to adjournment, Tyler DenHerder closed with prayer. The next consistory meeting will be November 18, 2024.

If you need to get in contact with the church secretary, Tammy Bos, you can do so by email, steenreformed@alliancecom.net, by calling the church during her posted office hours, or by calling/texting her at 605-951-8254. Thank you!

This week’s office hours ~ Monday 9:00-12:00

Tuesday 9:00-12:00

Wednesday 6:00-8:00

Friday 9:00-12:00

As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, “Anyone here know how to pray?”

A pastor stepped forward. “Captain, I know how to pray.”

“Good,” said the captain, “you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets – we’re one short.”

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