**The Reformed Church of Steen**

Sunday, February 23, 2025

 

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**The Consistory**

Elders: Deacons: Norm Sjaarda-Vice President Dylan Bosch

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Brad Bosch Chris Harnack-Chairman

Larry Bosch Tyler DenHerder

Dave Esselink Justin Maciejack

Dale Sandbulte-Clerk Kyle VanRuler

Pastor Jeremy Wiersema (712)324-1345

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

Prelude

\*Welcome/Call to Worship ~ Proverbs 17:22

\*Mutual Greetings

\*Opening Songs ~ Hymn #103 “Blessed Be the Name”

 Hymn #513 “O, How He Loves You and Me”

Congregational Prayer

Children’s Message ~ Hallie Crosby

Dismiss 3-year-olds to Sunday School

Ministry of Music ~ Eric Vahl

Scripture ~ Titus 3:3-8 pg 1859

Message ~ “God’s Love is Kind”

Announcements

Offertory Prayer/Offering

Offertory Song ~ Hymn #67 “The Love of God” vs 1-2

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song ~ Hymn #67 “The Love of God” chorus only

\*Please stand if you are able

Sunday School 10:45-11:30

Blanket Making today. Please meet in the multi-purpose room after the morning service.

RCYF at 6:00

 **Bible Verse of the Month:**

**A cheerful heart is good medicine,**

**but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.**

**Proverbs 17:22**

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

Prelude

\*Invocation

Opening Songs ~ Hymn #10 “O Worship the King”

 Hymn #25 “Immortal, Invisible”

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture ~ Zephaniah 3:1-8 pg 1465

Message ~ “Making the Case”

Prayer of Blessing

Hymn #604 “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”

\*Benediction

\*Closing ~ Hymn #625 “Doxology”

\*Please stand if you are able

 **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***

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

 Group 2 serving baked potato bar

 **~** Midweek Classes at 7:00

***Announcements & Events***

If you would like a Wednesday night meal delivered, contact Amanda Wiersema at 712-631-9682.

**Vacation Bible School meeting** will be March 2nd after the morning service. If you would be willing to help out in any way, please plan on attending this meeting.

**Mendistry is a men's Bible study** used in some ARC churches. Its goals are: 1) to challenge men to daily live out their faith and pray fervently, and 2) to provide a place for men to build relationships. Posters about Mendistry are on the announcement kiosk and welcome table. We would gather weekly at church, early on a weekday morning, for 45 minutes. For information, and to see who's interested, please meet right after the worship service with Fred Wilgenburg, on Sunday, March 2, in the consistory room. Feel free to text or call Fred with questions at 605-376-6330.

**Advanced Notice:** The March **Mission of the Month** will be the Rock County Food Shelf. Collection boxes will be set out in March but start watching for sales now for donated items. Needs include: feminine hygiene products and diapers/wipes (larger sizes 4,5,6), taco sauce, taco shells, cake mix, frosting, brown sugar, powdered sugar, mayo, muffin mix, BBQ sauce, Knorr side dishes, soup, instant potatoes, spaghetti sauce (small and large sizes), chili beans, pork and beans, granola bars, salsa, cereal (the "colorful" ones) and in larger sizes.

There is a sign up sheet on the Welcome Desk to bring a meal to Deb VanWyhe on Thursday afternoons for the next 8 weeks while she is going through cancer treatment. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Sjaarda.

Reminder: make sure to get any announcements in to Tammy by Friday morning.

**New Mom Meals:** We will be offering meals to families who have a new baby. Contact Amanda Metzger at 605-321-4849 about a month before your due date if you would like meals delivered after your baby is born. If you would like to volunteer to bring a meal, contact Amanda and she will add you to the list.

**Equipt Christian School Enrollment & Donor Night** Monday, February 24, 2025 | 7:00 PM
American Reformed Church, Luverne. Learn how Equipt equips students with a Biblical worldview through hands-on learning and parent partnerships. For parents exploring enrollment and donors supporting Christian education.
Curriculum overview and classroom tour. Check out our website-equiptchristianschool.org Contact: equipt2024@gmail.com | 507-283-7875

You are invited to the **Hills Christian School Spring Sale** on Friday, March 14, 2025.  The doors open at 6:30 PM and the Sale starts at 7:00 PM.  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!

**Inspiration Hills Summer Camp** registration opened February 1st. Brochures are available in the fellowship hall. In celebration of 50 years of ministry at Inspiration Hills, this year’s Summer Camp theme will be based on Hebrews 13:8, *Christ is the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever!* Inspiration Hills offers a variety of Christ centered camp experiences for kids from 1st-12th grade. Activities include swimming, team building activities, devotional and worship time, engaging chapel sessions and more! For more information or to register, go to inspirationhills.org

**“Common Grounds” Coffee**: Help yourself to a self-serve coffee bar before church.

**Campfire Coffee Club** meets the first Thursday of every month at Inspiration Hills. It’s a time set aside for individuals to learn more about camp and connect with others. Our goal for this group is to provide a space of fellowship for camp supporters, donors and individuals connected to camp. This event allows you to come to camp and feel more informed about the work that God is doing at Inspiration Hills.

**GriefShare:** A support group for everyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one.

ATLAS will be hosting a summer session of GriefShare Support Groups. The group will be meeting every Monday from 6:30 PM to approximately 8:00 PM at the Atlas Community Room in Luverne, March 3 – May 26. Each session is a standalone session, so feel free to join for any or all as you are able to make it. Each session will feature a 30 minute video prepared by GriefShare, followed by time for guided reflection and group discussion. No RSVP needed; direct any and all questions to:

mdnath1989@gmail.com

Sponsored by Pastors Mike Altena of ARC and Michael Blank of Atlas Co-lead by GriefShare Leader, Renita Eninga and Matthew Nath, Funeral Director

**New Roots Ministry has the following opportunities:** If you have a group of 4-8 teenagers, would you all be interested in hanging out with New Roots Ministry staff for a few hours on a Saturday afternoon, eating an interesting, good meal, helping in a store owned by a former refugee or immigrant, and interacting with and hearing their life stories? To inquire, email Fred at sfnewroots@gmail.com.

 If you have a group of 2-8 adults, would you be interested in hanging out with New Roots Ministry staff for a few hours on a weekday afternoon? That would include shopping in a couple of stores owned by former refugees or immigrants, hearing their stories, and being blessed by some good interaction and some interesting foods and beverages. To inquire, email Fred at sfnewroots@gmail.com.

New Roots Ministry offers driver training for new American adults. If you drive reasonably well and may be interested in volunteering as an instructor, let us know. (Or, if you do not live close to Sioux Falls, but may want to do this in your community, let us know.) We have braking tools and signs highlighting "student driver," to make it safer. As well, we require that students provide an insured car. Make new friends who will greatly appreciate you. Also, it's an opportunity to pray with, and share faith with, others. To inquire, email Fred at sfnewroots@gmail.com.

Join New Roots Ministry on a Saturday between May--October for a 5-hour session of Everyday-Ambassador Practicum. Yep, it's about learning to more often, and more effectively, share what is so dear to us--God's good news. Read about this at <http://sfnewroots.com/our-ministries>.

**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 featured book is

"The Married Couple's Bible Study". There are lots of new books to check out and still some free books on the cart. \*\*\*\*We are asking that kids be supervised as there have been repeated messes in the library.

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

 **This Week Next Week**

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| Organist | Kendra Paulsen | Praise Team |
| Ushers | Logan BoschRandy FickHarvey Gehrke | Justin EsselinkEric UittenbogaardTrevor Paulsen |
| Nursery | Alexis KlarenbeekHadley BonestrooGracyn Wegener | Angie SjaardaClaire BoeveBrodie Metzger |
| Greeters | Pastor Jeremy & Amanda WiersemaFred & Amy Wilgenburg | Alan & Vonnie BakerRandy & Janie Baker |
| Children’s Message | Hallie Crosby | Tyler Bush |
| Camera | Sawyer Bosch | Ryker Gehrke |
| PowerPoint | Chase Bosch | Justin Esselink |
| Sound | Tim Bosch | Joshua Wiersema |
| Coffee  | Howie & Sue Vis |  |
| Ministry of Music | Rozella Vahl | Melvin & Minnie VanBatavia |

**Thank you** for supporting Talking Bibles. Because of your generosity this last year, 2275 churches in Tanzania will receive talking Bibles. That means over 500,000 students will hear God’s word in their own language.

 

* Those that are homebound and in nursing homes:

Anna Mae Berghorst, John Bosch, and Lucy VanWyhe.

* Those in our church and community who are dealing with cancer: Marv Albers, Doug Boeve, Erwin Bonestroo, Heather Johnson, Pete Kracht, Shane McMath, Seth Rozeboom, Robert Sandbulte, Starla Scholten, Rick Tatge, Deb VanWyhe and Sheila Vis.
* Ryan VanRuler as he heals from his open heart surgery.
* The vacant churches of the Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Sermon Notes

Why is God kind?

 Three reasons for God’s kindness:

1. Leading us to repentance
2. To make us into a new creation
3. So that we might become heirs

Three verses that encourage us to mirror God’s kindness:

Ephesians 4:32 “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

1 Peter 3:9 “Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult but with blessing because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.”

Proverbs 11:17 “A kind man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings trouble on himself.”

If you need to contact 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 1:00-3:00

 Tuesday 9:00-12:00

 Wednesday 6:00-8:00

 Friday 9:00-12:00

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February 24 – Barb Esselink, Raelyn VandeKamp

 25 – Dylan Bosch

 26 - Kraig Scholten, Corinne Niessink

 March 1 - Krista Bosch, Lincoln Crosby,

 Emma Deelstra

We are updating birthdate records so if you started coming to church here in the last 5 years, please let Tammy know.

General Fund: Dylan Bosch

Building Fund: Tyler DenHerder

Benevolent Fund: Chad Rauk

Sunday School Superintendent: Dale Sandbulte

Midweek Superintendent: Rex Metzger

Organists/Pianists: Lisa Kiers, Kendra Paulsen, Lorraine

 Sandbulte, Glenda Sandstede, Debbie Tilstra

Midweek Meal Supervisor: Dolly Van Der Weerd

RCYF Sponsors: Tyler & Kala Bush, Greg & Laura Leenderts,

 Eric & Kilee Uittenbogaard

Missions Committee: Chairman-Dave Tilstra,

 Treasurer-Nicie Bosch

 Sidney Bonilla, Tyler Bush, Annette Elbers, Jodi Harnack,

 Eric Kiers, Sadie Knobloch, Kendra Paulsen,

 Eric Uittenbogaard, Dolly Van Der Weerd

Steen Women’s Ministry: President-Amanda Wiersema

 Vice President-Janice Klosterbuer

 Treasurer-Marilyn Jellema

Fellowship Committee: Annie Bos, Larry Bosch, Troy Bosch,

Stephanie Roozenboom, Dale Sandbulte

Church Decorating Committee: Vonda Klarenbeek,

 Holly Mulder, Glenda Sandstede, Donna Sjaarda

Library Supervisor: Kendra Paulsen

\*\*In case of any cancellations, you will receive a phone call from the church.