**The Reformed Church of Steen**

Sunday, April 20, 2025

 

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**The Consistory**

Elders: Deacons: Norm Sjaarda-Vice President Dylan Bosch

Kraig Scholten Chad Rauk

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 ~ Romans 8:28

\*Mutual Greetings

\*Opening Songs ~ Hymn #216 “Christ Arose”

 Hymn #217 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” vs 1-3

Congregational Prayer

Ministry of Music ~ Laura Leenderts

 accompanied by Kendra Paulsen

Scripture ~ Romans 5:1-11 pg 1752

Message ~ “Love Always Protects”

Announcements

Offertory Prayer/Offering

Offertory Song ~ Hymn #220 “He Lives”

Choir ~ “Easter Song”

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song ~ Hymn #213 “Because He Lives” vs 1

\*Please stand if you are able

No Sunday School today, however, there will be an Easter egg hunt in the park. Toddler thru 3 year olds in one group and 4 year olds thru 3rd grade is the other group.

No RCYF tonight

No evening service.

 **Bible Verse of the Month:**

**And we know that in all things God works**

**for the good of those who love him,**

**who have been called according to his purpose.**

**Romans 8:28**

**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***

***Monday:*** Mendistry at 5:45 a.m.-6:30 a.m.

 Elders meeting at 7:00

 Consistory meeting at 8:00

 ***Announcements & Events***

**The Sunday School Dept.** is looking for a Pre-K teacher to teach the rest of this school year. Also, looking for a Primary Dept. leader and assistant starting in the fall. If you would be willing to fill these roles for our younger kids, please see Dale Sandbulte.

Have your May calendar announcements in to Tammy by Friday morning.

Several people have already given me items for the Christmas shoeboxes that we pack in November. If you have items, I will put out a tote on April 27th and May 4th. After Easter is a good time to get small or medium stuffed animals and other shoebox items. Thank you!

 Glenda Bonnema

**Mission of the Month for April will be Game Plan 4 Hope supporting Loren and his family.**

On June 19, 2024, Loren—a dedicated farmer, husband, and father—suffered a life-changing traumatic brain injury (TBI)

while working on his farm. While loading cattle with his brother, one of the animals turned unexpectedly, knocking Loren down and slamming his head onto the concrete. The severity of his injuries required an emergency transfer to Avera McKennan, where he was placed in a medically induced coma for over a week. Despite doctors' optimism for his recovery with proper rehabilitation, insurance denied coverage for the specialized therapy he needed. After multiple appeals and months of hardship, Loren remains in a transitional care unit receiving minimal therapy—far less than what is medically necessary. His wife, Tammy, is fighting tirelessly to bring him home, where he can receive the care and support he desperately needs. However, their aging farmhouse was not equipped for his new reality. Adding to the heartbreak, because Loren is a farmer and owns land and farm assets, he does not qualify for Medicaid or other assistance programs. To receive the rehabilitation that could give him a chance to farm again, he would be forced to sell everything—his land, his livelihood, his legacy. That's where **Game Plan 4 Hope** stepped in. In partnership with RCM Construction, we have helped remodel their home to make it accessible. We are also providing critical medical equipment—including a patient lift, rolling shower chair, hospital bed, and lift chair—items that insurance has refused to cover. Loren's story is one of resilience, faith, and the deep challenges faced by farming families.

This family has given their lives to working the land, and now, they need our support. Your prayers and generosity will directly impact Loren's recovery and help ease the burden on his wife and family.

As a volunteer organization for the Banquet in Sioux Falls, our congregation has been invited to send 4 representatives to their **Volunteer Appreciation Brunch** on Sunday, April 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at their 710 N Marion Road location.  The first 4 people to contact Tammy Bos at 507-855-2336 or by email at steenreformed@alliancecom.net will be registered to go. Deadline to contact Tammy is Sunday, April 20th.

**Mission of the Month for May is Inspiration Hills.** Their spring clean-up day is Saturday, May 3rd from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If interested, you need to pre-register by going to the Inspiration Hills website. As a part of this mission, the committee would like to bless them by fulfilling some of their Amazon wishlist items. Go to inspirationhills.org and click on the three lines shown in the upper left corner, click on give and then select Amazon wishlist. It’s such an easy way to support our church camp and campers.

Vacation Bible School will be May 26-30 from 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Please plan to attend Bible League’s Spring Salad Luncheon with your friends on Monday, May 5 at Rock Valley First Christian Reformed Church (1401 16th Street, Rock Valley, IA). Please bring one salad for every four people in your group. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.; featured speaker is Gayle Walhof who will tell of her 4-year journey in publishing her book “Songs of Naamah – A Novel of King David’s Harem”. Updates from BLI will be given, and a freewill donation will be received. Join us for this FUN event!

**Mission Opportunity:**  Anyone interested in going on the SIMBA Ministries mission trip this coming November to help with their VBS (Chase Ward spoke about this in church on Sunday, March 30th), please contact Dave Tilstra no later than June 1st.

Equipt is now accepting enrollment for students in grades Kindergarten to Fifth grade! If you have an older student interested please reach out. You can find our online application and more information at [equiptchristianschool.org](http://equiptchristianschool.org). If you have questions please email equipt2024@gmail.com or call

507-283-7875. We are hopeful to order curriculum before June 1 to qualify for great discounts. If you are considering, please reach out today.

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

**Inspiration Hills Summer Camp** registration is currently open. Brochures are available in the fellowship hall. For more information or to register, go to inspirationhills.org. The church will pay for a student and one friend.

**VBS at PLYC -** Do you love Jesus? Do you love kids? Combine the two and help the children on the Rosebud Reservation learn more about God. We leave early Sunday, July 13 and return late Friday, July 18. Your responsibility could be as simple as leading kids from one activity to another. If you are interested or have any questions, talk to Eric Kiers.

**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

"God’s Mysterious Ways". 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 | Chase BoschMarlin ElbersDave Spykerboer | Chase BoschMarlin ElbersDave Spykerboer |
| Nursery | Tom & Kathy KellerEJ Wegener | Annie BosAmber WiersemaHarper Uittenbogaard |
| Greeters | Ken & Tammy BosChase Bosch & Jacey VandenHoek | Brad & Linda BoschBrandon & Jill Bosch |
| Children’s Message |  | Eric Kiers |
| Camera | Micah Bush | Sawyer Bosch |
| PowerPoint | Cooper Gehrke | Chase Bosch |
| Sound | Christ Harnack | Tim Bosch |
| Coffee  | The Tilstra’s |  |
| Ministry of Music | Jim VanMaanen | John & Carol VanMaanen |

 

* Those that are homebound and in nursing homes:

Anna Mae Berghorst, John Bosch, Rich VanDerBrink and Lucy VanWyhe.

* Those in our church and community who are dealing with cancer: Marv Albers, Doug Boeve, Erwin Bonestroo, Holly Horstman, Heather Johnson, Shane McMath, Seth Rozeboom, Robert Sandbulte, Merle Sandstede, Starla Scholten, Rick Tatge, Deb VanWyhe, Sheila Vis and Ivan Wiersema.
* Lorraine Sandbulte as she heals from her stroke.
* Minnie VanBatavia as she heals from a broken ankle.
* Sophie Gehrke as she heals from her heart procedure.
* Connor VandeVoort as he heals from his heart transplant.
* The vacant churches of the Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Sermon Notes

God sees our problem:

 We are unable to do anything to change our reality.

We made the conscious choice to sin.

God reconciles us to himself

 The Spirit will cultivate in us the following three values:

1. Perseverance
2. In character
3. Hope

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 6:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

 Tuesday 9:00-12:00

 Wednesday 9:00-11:00

 Friday 9:00-12:00

Three boys in sixth grade in a parochial school are 2 grades behind, too big for their desks, and bully all the others.

The teacher goes to the principle and says, “We gotta get these kids out of sixth grade.”

The principle says, “Ask them one question that will show they have learned something correctly and pass them.”

The teacher asks Davey, “What is the meaning of Easter?”

Davey says, “That’s easy, that’s when all the kids dress up and go door to door for candy and when they don’t get what they want, they come back and throw eggs.”
Teacher sighs, “You flunk.”

Little Billy, “I know, I know, that’s the time of the year when that fat man comes down the chimney and gives presents to good kids, I don’t like that guy.”

Teacher shakes her head…

Teacher says to Johnny, “Please tell me you know the answer.”

Johnny: “Sure, that’s about the greatest man in all the world, Jesus. He was so good, and so many people followed him that others feared and hated him.”

Teacher exclaimed, “Yes, yes, Johnny, go on, go on!”

Johnny: “They hated him so much they crucified him. He was placed in a tomb. Three days later he came out, saw his shadow, and went back in for six more weeks.”

 

 April 20 – Hadley Roozenboom

Erica VanWyhe

 21 – Stephanie Roozenboom

 22 – AnnMarie Wiersema

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.