

11th Sunday after Pentecost

8:50 a.m.

July 31, 2016

Welcome members, friends and visitors to our service this morning. We would ask you all to complete the friendship pad located in your pew. Thank you for your help. Welcome Packets for our visitors and guests are available at the Visitor Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From the moment of creation your majesty has been in full display.

People: Yet, you humbled yourself to be known among the created.

Leader: You are our judge, redeemer, and sustainer.

People: And yet you took upon yourself the sins of the judged, wicked, and weary.

Leader: You have gathered us in the name and authority of your risen son.

People: Let us raise our hands and hearts in worship.

All: Let us worship God.

* HYMN 430

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

* OPENING PRAYER ~~adapted from Worship Ways

Faithful God, you draw near to us in our joy and in our grief, in our hope and in our despair. When we are bowed down, you raise us anew. We turn to you now in search of your healing touch. God of compassion and love, move among us this hour. Form us as your disciples. Open our eyes, dispel our fears, and show us the real life you have to offer. Send us out in the sure

confidence that you are with us, even unto the end of the age. We pray this in the name of the Risen One, to whom has been given all authority in heaven and on earth, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S TIME

Clint Loveall

HYMN 304

"Jesus Loves Me!"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8

(Page 434 in the Pew Bibles)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lexi Plumb

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:16-30

(Page 811 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON

Michael Gewecke

An Unlikely Authority and a Ridiculous Task

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~~by Bruce Pever

**I believe in an innovative God,
who does not wait for us to find ourselves but
comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new
way.**

**I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial
initiative, that when he calls us to follow, Christ
also gives us the power to become, both in creed
and deed, the children of the living God.**

**I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to
us, calling us to follow him into an obedience which
is true liberty and to a humble service which is the**

fruit of holy friendship.
I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future. Because Christ has called me, in this I truly believe. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory

Lexi Plumb

"Were You There?"

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN 525

"Here I Am, Lord"

* BENEDICTION

"Go Now In Peace"

POSTLUDE

* **Those who are able** are invited to stand.

Nursery Available for Pre-K and under

- **Large print "BULLETINS AND HYMNALS" are available from an Usher-**
- ***Busy Bags available in the Narthex***
- ***Coffee is served immediately following the Worship Service in Fellowship Hall.***

Participating in this morning's Reformed service are: Clint Loveall & Michael Gewecke, Pastors; Becki Huisenga, Liturgist; Charlene Radcliffe, Organist; Ushers are John Calsbeek, John & Cindy Knabe & Bob Peterson; Greeters are Larry & Sharee DenHerder; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers, Pat Butler & Roger Rieck, Sound; Milt Nolting, Video; Lisa Kraus & Shawnda Shanahan are in charge of the Nursery; Dan & Peg VanBeek prepared our coffee.

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Jack & Nadine Hough on the passing of Jack's brother, Dick, this past week.

Our sympathies are extended to the family of Maxine Hix on her passing this past week.



*...into the world
and make disciples*

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VBS Registration is available!

This year's VBS will be held from Monday through Thursday, August 8th-11th from 1:00pm-5:00pm each day. This year, for your convenience, you can also choose to pay for your registration online. You may register on our web site under events so **REGISTER TODAY!**

Also, please sign-up for VBS snacks on the sheet in the narthex.

Action Group for Communications and Marketing

We need to enhance our marketing and communications with our members, visitors, and the general public. We will work with the staff on the web site and other internet possibilities, coordinate bulletin covers with a sermon series, and make greater use of our electronic message board.

There is a need to increase the attendance at the second service and let people know of the opportunity to attend a contemporary worship service.

Contact Steve Lindeberg if interested in this action group at steve@lindebergappraisal.com

Okoboji Foundation

During the month of July, the Okoboji Foundation will be giving \$5000 to the organization which generates the most donations among its clients, which includes First Presbyterian Church. For additional information, you can check <http://www.okoboijfoundation.org/#!donate-now/c1xji>, or contact John Ziegenbusch or Pastor Clint.

Donations Needed for the Nursery

Thank you for your generous donations to the nursery! We are still looking for boy and girl infant clothes size newborn through 2T to keep in the nursery for those little emergencies! All donations can be brought to the office. Thank you!

CALL TO PRAYER

The women of our church are meeting weekly for a time of prayer in the chapel each Tuesday, from 9-9:30am. This is an outgrowth of our Presbyterian Women's theme for the year which is an Emphasis on Prayer. We welcome all to come and join us: members, non-members, friends, men and women alike. We will be focusing on prayer for our nation, the upcoming conventions, and the November election as well as any and all other prayer requests that come to our attention. We are hoping to use our chapel for a place of weekly prayer time and will continue on a permanent basis, a place where we can bring our petitions before God and pray for one another as the body of Christ.

Support Boji Blizzard Hockey

Come support Boji Blizzard at their all you can eat Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast at the Boji Bay Ice Arena on Sunday, August 7th from 8:30am-noon. Breakfast will be served by Chris Cakes and coffee and juice are included. Ticket prices are adults, \$7, students, \$5, children 4 and under are free.

Staff Needed at Cherish House

The Cherish Center is trying a different approach to staffing at Cherish House. Instead of hiring a couple to move into Cherish House, we are looking to hire 2-3 local women who will come and work shifts at Cherish House. This model is new to us but not to maternity homes in general.

Any interested applicants contact Alexis McQuown 712-338-3333 on Tuesdays and Thursdays or e-mail alexis.mcquown@cherishcenter.org

Arts at St. Joseph

The Arts at St. Joseph presents the Third Annual Iowa Lakes Music Festival Concert series on Sunday, August 7th and Friday, August 12th. The free concerts will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 1305 Okoboji Ave., Milford. A reception will follow in the parish center. Doors will open at 4pm. A Free Will Offering will be accepted.

Donations Needed for Fire Victim

First Presbyterian Church is accepting donations for James Hupman who lost his home due to a fire this last week. We will be collecting shirts and pants for this gentleman. M/L shirts and 33x33 or 34x34 pants. Thank you in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Krogman at 615.406.0003.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 31

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel
8:50am-Reformed Service
10am-Coffee and fellowship
11:15am-Reforming Service
2:45pm-Worship Service-Welcov

Monday, August 1

9am-PW Sewing

Tuesday, August 2

8:15am-WIC

Wednesday, August 3

6pm-Women's Bible Study
7:15pm-2nd Service Rehearsal

Thursday, August 4

5:30pm-PWCT Meeting

Sunday, August 7

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel
8:50am-Reformed Service
10am-Coffee and fellowship
11:15am-Reforming Service

Rides to and from church for this week is Vernice Wahl ~ 330-4824,
next week is Doug Stueven ~ 336-5549.

Hospital Deacon: Vernice Wahl

Week of August 7

Reformed (1st) Service

Liturgist: Pam DenHerder

Ushers:

Greeters:

Video: Keith Brockmeyer

Nursery: Kelly Stecker &

Megan Donnerwerth

Coffee: Jerry & Dorothy Ingvall

Reforming (2nd) Service

Greeter/Usher: Doug Johnson

Nursery: Teresa Beck



Sponsorships and raffle donations appreciated. The money raised by this golf tournament allows us to promote and recognize what being "Built for Others" means and we could not do it without so much generous support. Thank you for your willingness to participate and your ongoing interest in instilling servant leadership in students, homes, businesses and communities, Golf and lunch are \$50/person, lunch only is \$20.

**Each week we remember First Pres families in prayer, this week
please pray for**

Doug & Jean Kies
24580 McClelland Ln, Spirit Lake

Bernice Steele
24710 140th St., Spirit Lake

Please pray for our members and friends of this church family who are facing various health concerns: Maddie DeWitt, Chris Koehler, Nicole Hintz, Ethan Burk, Jody Ferguson, Grant Vietor, Jim & Judy Arens, Mary Smith, Anita Stockdale, Jamie Nebelsick, Jose Reedy, Barb Hanisch, Jay Anderson, Kay Monson, Marv & Barb Rohlf, Pat Dalton, Donna VanHolland, Frank & Connie Hoppe, Tom Gruber, Lori Johnson, Mitchell Elmquist, Talia Patton, Betty Lamer, Mark Voss, Audrey Wiersma, Aliyah Brittain, Pat Kelly, Tammy (Bartels) Martin, Judy Stueven, Bennett Stecker, Kenny Beck, Velma Ashburn, Eric Avery, Mike Wiley, Marj Roseberry, Lauren Andersen, Lee Struthers, Nadine Hough, Gene Wells, Mary Zierke, Gayle Raymond, Kieth Tadlock, Amy Tanner, Bev Butler, Katy Kline, 821 W Norway Ave., Mitchell, SD 57301, Brian Williams

Please pray for our members and friends who serve in the Armed Forces: Staff SGT **Jamie Lewis**, 1st LT **Whitney Lewis**, 7017 Arnold Ave., Unit A, JBER, AK 99506; SSG **Frederick, Jesse**, 975 Culverson Ct., Clarksville, TN 37040; **Billy Joe Travis**, Sioux City Navy Recruiting Office, Sioux City, IA; **Ryan Mackey**, 829th EN CO, 519th MP BN, APO AE 09342, **Kyle Klaassen**, PFC; **Colton Petersen**, 2d LT **James Fliss**, 821 2nd Ave, Unit 8100, Sheppard AFB, TX 76311

Missionaries

Spirit Life Fellowship Food Pantry
2504 Enterprise Ave.
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

www.spiritlifefellowship.org

God's Provision Food Pantry is open to anyone who is going through a difficult time in life and needs help with food. They are open the 2nd & 4th Saturdays every month from 8:00-10:00 A.M. The ministry is run by all volunteers who pick up a trailer load of food from the Des Moines Food Bank, unload and stock the food pantry, run the food pantry when opened and pray for the needs of the people served. This ministry serves 250 to 400 people each month by the grace of God. Volunteers are always needed.

STEMM
518 Nebraska Street
Sioux City IA 51102

www.STEMM.org

The Siouxland Tanzania Educational Medical Ministries is an interdenominational Christian ministry created in 1997 to develop a relational bridge between Siouxland and Tanzania by addressing the priorities of spiritual growth, medical care and educational opportunity. Rich Hildebrand, Milford, has been actively involved with this ministry doing mission work in Tanzania. Their mission is "Changing lives for Christ through Compassionate Care."