

Sunday July 28, 2024

~We welcome all who worship with us today~

Prayers:

- God's blessing on the preached Word today.
- Those sorrowing the loss of loved ones, those with afflictions of body, mind & spirit, the lonely, the widower & widows. All who are unable to worship with us due to illness, age or infirmities.
- For evangelistic hearts, opportunities to reach others with the gospel and to serve others with works of love and service.
- All those suffering great material losses from the devastating flooding, may the Lord give wisdom to families on how to proceed.
- Student Reuel Xavier who will be ordained into sacred ministry next Lord's Day in the HRC of Kinnelon, NJ. Pray that the Lord will use him mightily and bless this congregation richly.
- Rain for the crops in the dry areas around us.
- John Groeneweg, as he undergoes surgery, cubital (elbow) tunnel release, this week Wednesday.
- God's blessing on the Vacation Bible School being held this week.

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Today: Pastor van der Hoek serves at 9:30am and 6:00pm
Fellowship and refreshments following the morning service.

1st Offering: General Fund 2nd Offering: PRTS

Next Lord's Day: Pastor van der Hoek serves at 9:30am and 6:00pm
Fellowship and refreshments following the morning service.

Youth Group will meet following the evening service

2nd Offering: Emeritus Fund

Vacation Bible School: Tomorrow thru Thursday: 5:30 -7:30 pm

Thursday evening we are planning to sing at the Hull nursing home.

Friday: Program at 7pm at church for all family, friends and church family. Children should arrive at church at 6:40 pm. Refreshments after the program for everyone.

Remember those who are unable to gather with us:

Mrs. Henrietta Van Beek Mrs. Dee Ann Villalobos

The IRBC Basic Training Course in Reformed Biblical Counseling is for those who want to grow in a practical understanding of God's Word as it applies to the common problems people experience. For more information and an online registration form, go to www.reformedbiblicalcounseling.org. Classes start in September at Sioux Center United Reformed Church, 744 N Main Ave, Sioux Center, IA 51250 but most classwork can be done from home.

Fundraiser: Matthew Post's business, *Lake and Land Detailing* is organizing a fundraiser July 15-30. All the sales money made during this time will be donated to the communities impacted by the flooding. Need some help cleaning or detailing?: contact Matthew @ matthewpost03@gmail.com or 712-449-7254

July:

July 29-31: Vacation Bible School at church, 5:30-7:30pm

August:

Thursday 1st: Vacation Bible School at church, 5:30-7:30pm

Friday 2nd: VBS Program at church at 7pm

Sunday 4th: Youth Group will meet following the evening service

Monday 5th: Consistory Meeting at church, 7pm

Wednesday 7th: Paul Tripp Marriage series, 7-9pm at church

Saturday 10th: Singalong and Prayer @ Todd & Joanne Van Middendorp, 7pm

Sunday 11th: Lord's Supper, morning worship service

Wednesday 14th: Paul Tripp Marriage series, 7-9pm at church

Friday 23rd: Hope Heralds, male choir concert, Trinity CRC, Rock Valley @ 7pm

September:

Sunday 1st: Youth Group will meet following the evening service.

Wednesday 4th: Church picnic, Inwood Park

Sunday 8th: Pastor Elshout serves

Saturday 14th: Singalong and Prayer gathering, 7pm

Sunday 15th: Catechism and Sunday School begin for the new season.

Sept. 23-24: Tri-State Bible Conference, Bethel CRC, Sioux Center at 7pm

Birthdays:

August 1: Emmett Bailey

August 3: Makailyn Vander Waal

Greeters:

July 28: Harvey and Lavonne Spaans

August 4: Pastor and Hanneke van der Hoek

Nursery:

July 28:

AM: Kyla VdW, Brynlie Z. & Lois vdH

PM: Alexa Z. & Miylie Z.

August 4:

AM: Jacie VdW, Eliana P. & Tirzah vdH

PM: Rayna M. & Ciana Z.

Marriage: Whether you are newly married or have been married for decades, join us for the remaining video lessons and discussion about "The Marriage of Your Dreams" by Paul Tripp. Evenings will be held on August 7 & August 14. See poster in narthex for more info and to sign up. For questions see Pastor or Hanneke.

The congregation is gratefully acknowledged for the following June collections:

Construction Fund - \$2,326.12

Facilities - \$1,145.00

General - \$11,316.12

Local Mission - \$923.0

~All the Lord willing~

Heritage Reformed Congregation

Sunday, July 28, 2024

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*"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of
the LORD." Psalm 122:1*



Worship Services: 9:30 AM & 6:00 PM

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Matthew 5:10-12
TODAY IN THE WORD

According to one report, the end of Germany's famous "Red Baron" Manfred von Richthofen, came because he pursued an Allied airplane too long, too far, and too low into enemy territory.

On April 21, 1918, von Richthofen, the celebrated World War I pilot who was responsible for shooting down 80 enemy aircraft, began chasing a British plane that was trying to escape the battle. As the Red Baron pursued his quarry behind Allied lines, gunfire from either machine-gun nests on the ground or another British pilot who had come to help killed von Richthofen. Anyone deep in enemy territory in wartime can expect to be shot at and perhaps shot down. Since that is essentially the case with Christians living in the world (see [John 17:15-16](#); [Romans 12:2](#)), we should not be surprised by persecution ([Phil. 1:29](#)). Persecution has been the constant companion of God's people since the days of the prophets.

For most of us, Jesus' final Beatitude seems out of place with the whole idea of being "happy" or "blessed." We cannot imagine anything joyous about suffering. But this is clearly important to Jesus, since He spends far more time elaborating on the blessedness--and the certainty--of persecution than on any other Beatitude.

Persecution has not been the common experience of the majority of believers in the Western world, so we are on largely unfamiliar ground here. But when His people endure suffering and ill treatment for His name's sake, Jesus clearly describes the right response--rejoicing--as well as the future reward ([Matt. 5:12](#)).

The happiness Jesus promises is tied to suffering "because of righteousness" and "because of me" (vv. 10-11). The apostle Peter distinguished between suffering for our own wrongdoing and suffering for Christ ([1 Peter 4:12ff.](#))

TODAY ALONG THE WAY

Jesus guaranteed us we will have trouble in this world ([John 16:33](#)). It is simply bound to happen if we follow Him.