

March 10, 2019

Greeters

West Door

Today: Dale & Darlene Dreesen
Next Week: Doug & Shellie Eisma

East Door

Stacy & Nicole Dilly
Darla Faber

Ushers

March: Pat Swyter, Theron Feikema, Eric Haan

Accompanist

Today: Arla Feikema
Next Sunday: Phyllis Vos

Sound System

Today: Tim Van Bruggen
Next Sunday: Eric Haan

Nursery

Today: A.M.- Jayda Dilly & Presley Van Dyke
Next Sunday: A.M. – Stephanie Van Dyke & Kaydence Van Dyke

Library

Today: Linda Bork, Carol Hoogland
Next Sunday: Carol Hoogland, Arla Feikema

Song Service

Today: Justin Moss
Next Sunday: Jim Nibbelink

Offerings

Today: A.M. – Cornerstone Prison Ministry
P.M. – Tuition Need
Next Sunday: A.M. – New Roots Ministry
P.M. – LCSS

Letters to Our Missionaries

Michelsons: Stacey Bork & Don Pap

Highway 75 Wayside Chapel Cleaning

Cleaning: This Week: Orv & Barb Bork
Next Week: Stacey & Lisa Bork

Week's Events

We extend a warm welcome to all who have joined us for
worship today!

- Today:** 9:30 a.m. **Morning Worship**
10:50 a.m. **Church Education Classes**
12:00 p.m. **Potluck Meal in Fellowship Hall**
6:30 p.m. **Evening Worship**
- Monday:** 9:00 a.m. **Perk-Up – Hills**
7:00 p.m. **Friendship – Lesson 1**
- Tuesday:** 9:30 a.m. **Coffee Break/Story Hour**
- Wednesday:** 2:00 p.m. **Faith Builders Bible Study**
5:30 p.m. **Sunday evening Service broadcast on Vast**
5:30 p.m. **Youth Group Supper**
- Thursday:** 5:30 p.m. **Sunday evening Service broadcast on Vast**

Our Church Family

- ✓ **College Students:** This week please be in prayer for our last college student **Cayd Den Herder**. His address is 110 W Dodge St, Luverne. Email is: cayd.denherder@southeasttech.edu. He is in his last year and majoring in Diesel Mechanic. Pray for him as he finishes up his final year. Pray that he can find a job and that he will continue growing in his faith.

Council Room Notes

Council Room Notes – from the meeting of March 4, 2019

- Pastor Sparks opened with 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 and prayer. One elder & one deacon were absent with notice.
- Council further prepared for the March 7, 2019, meeting of Classis Minnkota.
- The 75th Anniversary Committee gave a progress report.
- Jessa Nibbelink and Eleanor Gesch visited with the Council to make profession of faith. We rejoice in God's work of grace in their lives!
- Date set for Prayer Service for Crops and Industry – Sunday evening, March 17
- On a trial basis, Council meetings will be scheduled for the third Monday evening of each month.
- Maintenance Committee reported that the demolition and new construction in the remodel is going well. Thanks to all who have pitched in to help.
- Next meeting – April 15, 2019. Greg Kuiper closed the meeting with prayer.

Upcoming Events

- **Youth Group Supper** – On Wednesday evening March 13th the Youth Group is inviting the congregation to attend our annual fund raising supper that will help the kids going on SERVE. We will serve from 5:30 pm until 7:00. Our menu will be seasoned pork, cheesy potatoes, and baked beans. A freewill donation will be accepted. Please help support our youth and get a great meal in return! (In case of bad weather it will be postponed to March 27th)
- **The King's Choraliers**, a 35-voice sacred male chorus from Grand Rapids, Michigan will be presenting a concert of praise on Saturday evening, March 16, 2019 at First Christian Reformed Church, Edgerton at 7:00 pm. The King's Choraliers have been bringing the Good News in Song for nearly 70 years. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for a wonderful evening of worship in song! A Freewill offering will be taken.

- **The Southwest Christian High School Circles invite you to their annual Spring Soup and Dessert Supper on Tuesday, March 19th.** Serving time is 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Menu choices include chili, cheesy vegetable, pea, and chicken taco soups, barbecues, and homemade desserts. Free will donations are gratefully accepted.
- **Wednesday, March 20: GEMS and Gents Night.** Invite your dad, grandpa, uncle, brother, or a friend to join us to bowl. Meet at the bowling alley in Luverne at 7 p.m. When we are finished bowling we will have ice cream sundaes at church.
- Parents of prospective Kindergarteners and their child are invited to **Edgerton Christian Elementary School's Kindergarten Round Up** on March 25th at 6:30pm for an evening of exploration into all the great aspects of Kindergarten at ECES! Sibling care will be available. A scavenger hunt will take place along with an opportunity to visit the Kindergarten room! An informational meeting will also be held for the parents, led by Mr. Top, Principal. Join us for an opportunity to learn what ECES can offer you and your family as we explore and discover God's world! Please call 442.6181 or email school at eces@iw.net for more information!
- **Hills Christian School** invites you to their annual Spring Donation Sale on **THURSDAY** April 4. The doors will open at 6:30PM and the sale will begin at 7:00PM. We look forward to seeing you there!
- **SAVE THE DATE! Friday, April 5th is the ECES Donation Sale and Grilled Hamburger Supper and everyone is invited!** Sale time is 6:45pm with the supper serving time from 5:00-6:30pm. We appreciate your creativity and donated items in the past, and look forward to another fun evening! Once again, we would like to advertise the donated items on our website and in the ECES Newsletter, **so any items that can be donated early would be greatly appreciated.** Don't know what to bring to the sale? Gift baskets, wood pallet or repurposed décor/furniture, hunting and fishing trips, hotel stays, vacation stays, and other creative ideas will make a fun evening of fundraising!
- **Palm Sunday, April 14, 2:30 pm:** Please join us for our 24th annual Easter Music Festival at the First CRC of Edgerton. Southwest's Choirs, area churches, and choral groups will present individual numbers during this afternoon of praise. Members of the audience will be invited to join the mass choir the Hallelujah Chorus. An offering will be taken for Southwest Christian High School (sponsored as a fundraiser by Circle #12).
- **Hills Christian School** will be having Kindergarten Round-Up on **Wednesday April 17.** If you know of anyone who is interested please have them contact the school by Friday April 12.
- **ECES ADVANCED DATES:**

March 25	Kindergarten Round Up
April 5	Donation Sale & Grilled Hamburger Supper
April 20-27	Christian Education Week
May 3	K-4 Spring Musical 9:30am
May 13	5-8 Spring Concert 7:00pm
May 22	8th Grade Graduation 7:00pm

Announcements

- **Please join us for church potluck today!** With services canceled last week and the advance notice not getting in the bulletin, we are hoping most of you looked at your monthly calendar, prayer line, email, word of mouth, or just remembered it was the second Sunday of the month. If you prepared a dish, wonderful! If you did not, go home and grab something to share—it's about the fellowship!
- **Union Gospel Love Gift** for March is Large cans of Canned Vegetables
- **This evening** we welcome Rev. Josh Christoffels to lead us in worship. He and Pastor Sparks are taking part in a post-Classis pulpit exchange.
- **Next Sunday, March 17:**
the younger Sunday School children will be singing during the AM service.
we will witness **several public professions of faith** in the AM service.
our PM service will be our annual prayer service for Crops and Industry.
- Currently there is an **opening on the Music Committee.** Interested in serving? Contact Pastor Sparks.
- **The Food Shelf** is asking for food donations for March from all the churches to help out with the "poundage" drive needed to get some monetary help from the state. March is half gone already so please people grab some canned groceries that the Food Shelf can always use and help the whole cause out! Put in plainly marked boxes/bags and leave in church kitchen. Thank you!

Cont. Announcements

- **Luverne CRC 75th Anniversary Celebration Update:** Celebration date: May 5, 2019. To make this event successful and fun, the committee needs your help in the following ways:
Please **consider offering your talents** for the service. We are hoping that the children's Sunday School groups will participate by singing, and that the GEMS, Cadets, and Youth Group can also participate, as well as a men's choir and/or other group for music or a presentation. If you or your group can do something, let a committee member know soon.
Another special feature is a **Bulletin Cover Contest.** We will be taking entries through April 1 and will be offering a prize for the best bulletin cover depicting our theme: "**Built on The Rock**" 1 Peter 2:4-6. So, get out your art supplies or computer skills and start designing.
We will be making a Power Point and **DVD** instead of a book to commemorate our anniversary. But we need interesting photos to make this worthwhile. Please take some pictures or dig up pictures (old and new) and give/send to Marg Kuiper by March 17. (gmkuiper83@gmail.com). Thanks in advance! The anniversary committee. (Ken and Phyllis Vos, Orv and Barb Bork, Mike and Staci Feikema, Greg and Marg Kuiper)
- **TRIP announcement:** Shopko Trip cards are no longer available to buy, so no more orders can be taken for Shopko. Thanks!
- **The King's Choraliers**, a 35-voice sacred male chorus from Grand Rapids, Michigan will be presenting a concert of praise on Friday evening, March 15, 2019 in the BJ Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt College at 7:30 pm. The King's Choraliers have been bringing the Good News in Song for nearly 70 years. They will be joined that evening by the Valley Male Chorus of Rock Valley. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for a wonderful evening of worship In song! A Freewill offering will be taken.
- You are invited to a concert entitled, "**Come to the Water**" performed by the **Rehoboth Christian High School Band**. Rehoboth Christian School was founded in 1903 as a ministry to the Native American people. Come and worship with us! (March 27/7:00pm/Shalom CRC in Sioux Falls). We hope you will join us!
- I am organizing a group of people from Luverne CRC to come for a worship service on a Friday night at Cornerstone Prison Church. If you are interested please put your name on the sheet laying on the table by the kitchen. The last day to sign up will be April 7. I am anticipating probably coming to the service on May 17 depending on how many people sign up. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact me at office@cornerstonepcsd.org. Thank You, Jean Dyk-secretary of Cornerstone Prison Church
- **Cornerstone Prison Church Council**, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to the 13th Annual Benefit Banquet. **Monday, April 8, 2019**
Trinity Christian Reformed Church, Rock Valley, IA6:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. *Save your spot by Sunday, March 31* by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to our website www.cornerstonepcsd.org. Join us for an evening of praise to God for his work through Cornerstone Prison Church inside the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary! A free will offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry. We look forward to seeing you! If you are unable to attend, you can send your donations to: Cornerstone Prison Church c/o Dave Vande Kamp PO Box 88708, Sioux Falls, SD 57109 Or Donate on line at www.cornerstonepcsd.org.

From Dordt College

- **Friday, March 22:** The Dordt College Concert Band and Chamber Orchestra invite you to a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 22, at the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This free concert is part of a spring tour with performances scheduled in South Dakota, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Iowa. Directed by Dr. Daniel Baldwin and Mrs. Susan De Jong, the ensembles will perform a wide variety of instrumental selections, ranging from orchestral works by Bizet, Glinka, Haydn, Mendelssohn, Perttu, Purcell, and Tchaikovsky, among others, to contemporary wind band pieces by Baldwin, Grainger, Holst, Karrick, Reed, Ticheli, and Turrin. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.
- **Saturday, March 23:** Dordt College student Anna Blauw, harp, will present a junior recital at 7:30 pm on Saturday, March 23, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Highlights include a concert arrangement of the folksong "Colorado Trail" as well as a trumpet and harp duet by Dutch composer Henk Badings. The recital is free and open to the public.

