

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Dean Ulmer
Pastor Jeffrey Hubers
April 23, 2017

9:00 a.m.
Combined Service

PRELUDE

- Call to Worship
- Greet One Another
- *Hymn of Praise #88 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
Gregg Bleeker, elder
- Prayers of God's People LeRoy Punt, deacon
- Offering Our Gifts to God
Please sign/pass the worship registry to everyone in your pew.
4 yr. olds - 2nd grade are dismissed for Children in Worship.
- *Hymn of Praise #210 "Jesus Paid It All"
Hebrews 11
- Scripture "God's Hall of Fame" ~ Pastor Dean
- Meditation
- *Benediction
- *Parting Song #349 "Trust and Obey" vs.1,3,5

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There will be a special Congregational meeting following the service this morning. It will be an informational/question/answer session about the building project.  
There won't be any Sunday School classes or fellowship time. You may get a cup of coffee from the lobby before the meeting begins.

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****To listen to the service on the phone, dial 990-6338 & put in 13201 as attendee number.

If you would like to hear the sermon again, you can find it on the church's website www.firstreformed.com

... without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.
- Hebrews 11:6

Scripture reading for April 30: Hebrews 12

Message Notes:

Scripture: Hebrews 11

Message: "God's Hall of Fame" ~ Pastor Dean

The writer defines the assurance of faith!
-vs. 1-2

The writer defines the necessity of faith!
-vs. 3-7

The writer defines the evidence of faith!
-vs. 8-31

The writer defines the endurance of faith!
-vs. 32-40



Mandy needs the congregation's help in collecting milk/distilled water gallon jugs for a project for Vacation Bible School this summer.

THIS IS A BIG PROJECT— NEEDED ARE 428 JUGS. Please wash them out when they are empty. Lids are not necessary. You can bring them to the church when you like & we will store them until they are needed.

You won't believe what Mandy is building for VBS this year so let's help her out with her building materials!

Don't forget!

SPRING CONCERT
tonight, 7:00 p.m.
with fellowship time
following.

Please bring bars & cookies for
fellowship time.



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Everyone has influence and the ability to create positive change. When you improve your leadership, you impact lives, churches, businesses, governments, schools and families. Join 400,000 people around the world for two days of world-class leadership training on August 10 & 11, 2017, at the Sherman Center on the Dakota Wesleyan University campus.

Faculty members deliver a unique blend of vision, inspiration and practical skills you can immediately apply. Some of the topics to be covered include:

- *Assessing an organization's growth potential*
- *Creating an innovative culture*
- *Reimagining performance management*
- *Identifying personal attributes critical for success*
- *Thriving in the face of adversity*

There is a sign up sheet in the lobby if you are interested in attending the summit. The cost for the summit is \$99 per person. If you have questions or need assistance with the fee, please talk to Pastor Dean.

WELCOME TEAM: (for both 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. services)

<u>Welcome Team</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dave/Pam Punt	April 23 (9 a.m. combined service)
Rosalie Spaans/Judy Berkhof	April 30
Beth Walz/Vicky Graves	May 7
Dennis/Jane Butterfield	May 14

FELLOWSHIP TIME:

April 23: Randi Pietz - coffee in the lobby
April 30: Wyonne Kaemingk
May 7: Mavis Anderson
May 14: Judy VanderPol

BASIC INFORMATION:

Attendance April 16: 236 Easter worship; 125 - youth service
Offering received April 16: \$4,876.00
Weekly offering needed: \$6,817.92
Mission fund monthly offering needed to meet our budget - \$3,738.25
Mission offering received April 16: \$2,300.80
Youth Easter breakfast: \$557.00

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The Congregational Care Committee is planning to send 'Care Packages' to all post-high school students before semester tests this spring. Please have all donations for the packages to the church by Monday, April 24, so we can send them to the students that week.

Parents: If you have a student to add or remove from our list, has graduated, or if your student's address has changed, please leave this information in the office or e-mail Patty VerSteege at [pattyversteeg@hotmail.com](mailto:pattyversteeg@hotmail.com) or call Patty VerSteege at 933-0082. Thanks!

We'd be happy to shop for you if you would rather leave a money donation. Thanks so much!

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Thank you to all the students, parents, and youth leaders who helped put together our Easter Youth Service and breakfast. The students did a wonderful job in leading us into the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus and our reason for victory. Thanks for the great breakfast and fellowship afterwards. The blessings of the Risen One be with you all! Pastor Jeffrey

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE:

Pray for individuals & families dealing with serious health issues:
Ryan, Shirley Baas' grandson, treatments going well
Susie, Rosalie Spaans' cousin, remains on chemo
Jill, Dale & Sharon Houchin's friend, is doing radiation & is depressed
Jared, Dana Hansen's brother, for strength & comfort
Clarice Adema is getting her strength back
Karla Koons' mother - pray for strength after chemo
Jean Marie, Dan Moller's sister, maintenance chemo & monitoring
Loren Menning & Norma Larsen's daughter, Amy, have finished their chemo treatments, pray for strength & stamina
Rosie Evenson's scans came back clear - will finish her scheduled chemo in April

Needing our prayers:

- *April 30 is Blue Sunday Day of Prayer when churches take time in their service to pray for the victims of child abuse & for those who rescue them sponsored by the Mitchell Area SafeHouse
- *Andy Spaans will be in Rochester for tests this coming week
- *Molly Van't Haaff's heart tests came back good
- *Ron Beukelman as he recovers from surgery & medication adjustments
- *Kyra Mentele's mother, Janice, to resolve problems with her eyes
- *Deanna Hall, Twila Raul pray for healing & strength
- *Pray for the military and those fighting against the war on terrorism
- *Pray for spring rains and the upcoming planting season
- *Pray for those dealing with allergies
- *Students in tech schools, college, and graduate programs that will face finals and papers as they finish the semester
- *Elementary, mid-school, and high school students and teachers to remain focused as spring and summer arrive
- *Pray for our president, his cabinet, our military, and leaders as they combat and discern actions against our enemies

Mission/Outreach

Continent of the month: Australia
Mission of the week: Hope for Life ~ Watertown ~ Carl VanVoorst
Youth for Christ ~ Blue Earth, MN ~ Aaron Evenson
Classis Church of the week: Grace Reformed ~ Corsica ~ Dan Degraff
Mitchell Church of the week: Holy Family Catholic ~ Shane Stevens
FRC local mission of the week: Inspiration Hills
Persecuted Church of Christ: Turkmenistan

The "First" family extends our sympathy to Shirley Tolsma in the passing of her brother-in-law, Don Hattendorp, in Iowa.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Monday, the 24th:

Donations for College Care packages are due
1:30 p.m. ~ Hannah Circle meets
(devotions - Mary D.; hostess - Delores S.; leader - Wilma)
6:30 p.m. ~ Jr. Hi. Girls Bible study
7:00 p.m. ~ ALL CHURCH committees meet

Wednesday, the 26th:

6:15 - 7:30 p.m. ~ Midweek activities for K-5th grades
6:15 p.m. ~ Love Bible study
6:15 p.m. ~ Hope Bible study (leader - Mary P.)
6:30 p.m. ~ Last Jr. Hi. & Sr. Hi. youth group meeting
"Amazing Race"

Saturday, the 29th:

7:45 a.m. ~ Ladies' Bible study at Klingers

Sunday, the 30th:

Special 5th Sunday offering for Inspiration Hills
Senior Choir sings

SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY NURSERY

NURSERY for babies - 3 yr olds.

Today: 9:00 a.m. ~ Jed Schoenfelder family

April 26: 6:15 p.m. ~ Kari H. & Judy VP.

April 30: 8:30 a.m. ~ Pam P. & Kaitlyn A.

9:45 a.m. ~ Teri R. & Kari H.

11:00 a.m. ~ Vicki A. & Jessica P.

May 7: 8:30 a.m. ~ Mentele family

9:45 a.m. ~ Emily A. & Angie V.

11:00 a.m. ~ Gloria F. & Teri R.

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CHILDREN and WORSHIP for 4 yr. olds - 2nd grade

Today: "Jesus Is Risen: Appearance to Mary Magdalene"

1st Leader - Taylor; Greeters - Overweg family

April 30: "The Good Shepherd & the Wolf"

1st Leader - Kyra; Greeters - Randi P. & Lindsay A.

2nd Leader - Mandy; Greeters - Haley S.

May 7: "Ascension"

1st Leader - April; Greeters - Janice P. & Lindsay A.

2nd Leader - Carolyn; Greeters - Erin S.

Please put these
dates on your
calendar for
the following
activities



May 3:

6:00 p.m.~ Family Potluck & Pine Car Race (K- 5th grades)

****Families - please bring a main dish to share.

****Teachers - please bring a dessert

May 4: NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ~ Come and pray for our community,
state, nation, and world anytime you are free, here in
our sanctuary

May 5: Cinco de Mayo bowling party for K-12th grades

From 7- 9:00 p.m. at the Village Bowl - Please bring \$3.

May 6: The Mission committee is planning a 1-day trip to Blue Earth,
MN. to do more repairs for the Refuge & Aaron Evenson.

There is a sign up sheet on the board in the lobby if you would
like to help out & go along with the group.

They will be leaving at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, the 6th.

May 13: 'Paint 'n Praise' ~ 8 - 11:00 a.m. for K-5th grades

This will be a fun, creative fellowship opportunity. We'll
start with some treats (donuts, muffins, juice) then April Geist
will lead us in painting a beautiful canvas to take home. There
will be a break halfway through where Mandy will do a quick,
fun Bible lesson. Sign up in the lobby.

Mitchell Christian School graduation ~ 2 p.m.

May 14: MOTHER'S DAY

Coborn's receipts are due for February, March & April
Last Day of Sunday School classes and Children & Worship

Recognition of First's seniors

7:30 p.m. ~ Mitchell High School baccalaureate

May 21: 9:00 a.m. Combined service

Bible presentation to kids

Recognition of volunteers

Launch Vacation Bible School

Mitchell High School graduation ~ 2 p.m.

May 28: Memorial Day weekend

9:00 a.m. ~ Combined service

June 4-9:

Mission trip to Oklahoma to help rebuild after storms &
tornadoes

June 4:

9:00 a.m. Combined service ~ with communion served

June 11:

9:00 a.m. Combined service