

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Dean Ulmer
Pastor Jeffrey Hubers
August 27, 2017

8:30 a.m. Service

PRELUDE

Call to Worship

*Greet One Another

*Hymn of Praise

#350 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Prayers of God's People

Gregg Bleeker, elder

Reception of New Members

Rudy & Sharon Bitterman

Offering Our Gifts to God

Andy Mentele, deacon

Please sign the worship registry during offering time.

*Hymn

#257 "The Comforter Has Come"

Scripture

John 10:1-18

Message

"Securing Our Relationship with God" ~ Pastor Dean

*Benediction

*Parting Song

#213 "Because He Lives"

11:00 a.m. Service

Greet One Another

*Praise Songs

Prayers of God's People

*Praise Song

Scripture

John 10:1-18

Message

"Securing Our Relationship with God" ~ Pastor Dean

*Ending Song

***Second service attendees: Please place your offering for the week in one of the collection plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

****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

*Since we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.
-Galatians 5:25*

Scripture reading for September 3: Acts 2:42-47

Message Notes:

Scripture: John 10

Message: "" ~ Pastor Dean

A secure relationship with the Shepherd is hearing His voice!

-vs. 1-6

A secure relationship with the Shepherd is entering into His presence!

-vs. 7-10

A secure relationship with the Shepherd is believing in His authority!

-vs. 11-18

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

| <u>Welcome Team</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Doug/Jeanine Bleeker | August 27 |
| Dale/Sharon Houchin | Sept. 3 (9 a.m. service) |
| John/Karla Koons | Sept. 10 |
| LeRoy/Susan Punt | Sept. 17 |

FELLOWSHIP TIME:

August 27: Vicky Graves
Sept. 3: Marge Engel
Sept. 10: Randi Pietz
Sept. 17: Wyonne Kaemingk

BASIC INFORMATION:

Attendance August 20: 207
General offering received August 20: \$5,645.68
Weekly offering needed: \$6,817.92

SUNDAY NURSERY

NURSERY for babies - 3 yr olds.

Today: 8:30 a.m. ~ Cathy V. & Mandy
11:00 a.m. ~ Stevens family

September 3: 9:00 a.m. ~ Schladweiler family

September 10: 8:30 a.m. ~ Mentele family
11:00 a.m. ~ Gloria F. & Teri R.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW!!!!**

**ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO & WE REALLY**

**NEED DRIVERS!!!!** for "Meals on Wheels"

September 11 - October 20.

Please check at the lobby table for the sign-up sheet.

We still need 6 drivers - each doing a week at a time.

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In the library now there is a copy of "The Collision of Grief and Gratitude", a 366 day journal written by Roseanne Liesveld after her husband, Curt, unexpectedly died. Curt was one of our former pastors here at 'First'.

Read her words while she was grieving but also wanting to build stronger relationships or live life with more intention & gratitude.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE:

Pray for individuals & families dealing with serious health issues:

Scott Appletoft's sister, Lori, will have chemo & radiation for a year
Steve Huber's aunt has been diagnosed with lung cancer
Ryan, Shirley Baas' grandson, treatments going well
Vi Davis, Houchin's friend, will started a new cancer treatment
Dale Houchin's cousin, Lynn, had his 4th round of chemo
Jared, Dana Hansen's brother, condition is weakening
Clarice Adema white counts are staying up now, pray that continues
Jean Marie, Dan Moller's sister, maintenance chemo & monitoring
Norma Larsen's daughter, Amy, continues chemo treatments
Doug Doorn continues natural treatments for cancer at home
Gregg Hielema has been diagnosed with bile duct cancer
Loren Menning started chemo treatments again
Betty Anderson began a clinical trial treatment on the 21st

Needing our prayers:

*Marjorie Schryvers as she struggles with dialysis & losing strength
*Ilo Jean Hilgenberg is in hospice care at Brandon nursing home
*Cindy Docken went home on Wednesday, creatinine levels going down & she is on a renal diet
*Marge Engel had 2nd cataract surgery on Tuesday & doing well
*Ron Beukelman had surgery & waiting for test results
*Brad Zomer will have surgery on August 28th
*Pray for the military and those fighting against the war on terrorism
*Pray for our president, his cabinet, our military, and leaders as they combat and discern actions against our enemies
*Pray for preschool, elementary, middle & high school, technical schools and college kids as they return to school and for their teachers - also safety as they travel to & from school

Mission/Outreach

Continent of the month: South America

Mission of the week: Hope for Life ~ Watertown ~ Carl VanVoorst
Youth for Christ ~ Blue Earth, MN ~ Aaron Evenson

Classis Church of the week: New Roots ~ Sioux Falls ~ Fred Wilgenburg

Mitchell Church of the week: Cornerstone Baptist ~ interim

FRC local mission of the week: Operation Christmas Child

Persecuted Church of Christ: Eritrea

The "First" family extends our sympathy to Lennis & Marie Laffey in the passing of their premature great-granddaughter, Alice O'Brien last week.

And we also extend our sympathy to Lloyd Klein's family in his passing on Wednesday. Lloyd's funeral was yesterday here at 'First'.

Today we welcome Rudy & Sharon Bitterman to our church family as they transfer in from the United Methodist Church in Tyndall.

We would like to thank everyone for their spiritual and emotional support when Bernie passed away. It means so much to us to have the church family supporting us at this time. Judy Barnes & family

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**AUGUST SUMMARY OF LEADERSHIP MINUTES**

***Classis pastor, Seth Sundstrom, is expected at the September & October leadership meetings***

***M/S/C DWU to present on their Uganda trip the morning of Sept. 10***

***M/S/C for the RCW to use church for a Brunch & Canvas - DTBA***

***M/S/C to approve the transfer of membership of Rudy & Sharon Bitterman from the United Methodist Church of Tyndall.***

***M/S/C to approve Cruze Allhiser's profession of faith.***

***Pastor Jeffrey will have a table at the DWU Welcome Fest on 8/30.***

***Treasurers' reports:***

Amount/Ending bank balance as of 7/31/17

|                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| A. General Fund                     | <u>\$47,924.47</u>  |
| B. Mission                          | <u>\$ 7,844.45</u>  |
| C. Benevolent                       | <u>\$ 4,983.67</u>  |
| D. Memorial Funds                   | <u>\$ 1,653.77</u>  |
| E. Capital Improvement (CD)-reserve | <u>\$37,532.44</u>  |
| F. General Savings-Reserve Fund     | <u>\$18,163.17</u>  |
| G. Youth                            | <u>\$ 3,935.03</u>  |
| I. Mission trip fund                | <u>\$ 9,019.02</u>  |
| J. Building fund at First National  | <u>\$65,671.23</u>  |
| * RCA Growth Fund                   | <u>\$916,133.55</u> |

## Request of Nominations for 2018

This notice is to inform you of the procedure we will use for the nominations of elders and deacons eligible to serve at First Reformed Church (FRC) for the three-year term of 2018 to 2020:

- Anyone desiring to be excluded from the nomination procedure because of a physical, emotional, or spiritual reasons may have their name placed on a "permanent list." These individuals may provide a written statement with their desired request. Once an individual has requested their name be placed on this permanent list, it will remain there until they request their name be removed.

If you would like to know whether your name is on the permanent list, please call the church office. This request may be designated specifically for either the nomination of elder, deacon, or both. Please provide a written statement with your request to an elder before the next consistory meeting on **September 12, 2017.**

- Anyone desiring to be excluded from the nomination procedure because of personal, professional, or spiritual reasons may request to have their name placed on the "excluded list" for the nominations of 2018 only. This request may be designated specifically for either the nomination of elder, deacon, or both. Please provide a written statement with your reason for exclusion to an elder for this year by the next consistory meeting on **September 12, 2017.**

- Anyone that is 21 years of age and is a professing member in good standing for more than two years in FRC will be eligible for nomination for deacon and an elder nomination is selected from males only.

The Consistory - 2017 (approved August 13, 2013)

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Please join us for breakfast hosted by Words of Hope!

When: Saturday, Sept. 9 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Delaware Reformed Church - 46587 285th St., Lennox, SD

What: A Morning of Mission with Words of Hope - Titus Baraka, the executive director of Words of Hope Uganda will share about the Gospel ministry there. His gifts for ministry are in the areas of mission and evangelism with special emphasis on counseling healing and deliverance.

Also present will be Titus' wife, Mary, and Words of Hope president, Rev. Jon Opgenorth.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 5 by emailing bryan.boersma@woh.org or calling/texting Fred Wilgenburg at 605-376-6330.



NOW is a good time to pick up items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes as all school supplies and needs are on sale for very good prices!

Items such as crayons, colored pencils, markers, pencil sharpeners, small notebooks, small balls, cars, toothbrushes, etc.

There are sign up sheets on the lobby table so that you can indicate what items you would like to purchase for the boxes! We have upped our goal to send 250 boxes this year!

If you do buy anything for those boxes, you can drop them off at the church for our yearly Box Packing Party.

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**Love Bible study will be doing the Bible study entitled "1000 Gifts" by Ann Voskamp - they will begin meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13th. There is a sign-up sheet on the lobby table or you may call Kathy Matthew at 999-3358.**

**"How," bestselling author Ann Voskamp wondered, "do we find joy in the midst of deadlines, debt, drama, and daily duties?" When your days are filled with the mundane, disappointment, or even darkness, how can you break the bondage of self-hatred and fear that has white-knuckle control on your life and instead embrace the everyday blessings that will immerse you in Christ's fullness? How can you live your life with a heart overflowing with delight?**

**It's only in this expressing of gratitude for the life we already have, that we discover the life we've always wanted ... a life we can take, give thanks for, and break for others. And only then can we come to feel and know the impossible right down in our bones: we are wildly loved - by God.**

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Regretfully the Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) will not be organizing a men's group in Mitchell this fall. If there is anyone who would like to join the group, please contact Pastor Dean.

But there are opportunities for many great studies that can be held here at 'First', we just need someone to lead the discussions. Will you step up? Call the office if you are interested.



There are sign up sheets on the lobby table for volunteers to teach Sunday School, Wednesday activities, Children and Worship, and help in the nursery.

Don't be shy or afraid that you can't do any of these things. "Nobody can do everything, but Everyone can do Something".

Sunday School and Children and Worship begin on Sept. 10th with Wednesday night activities (kids, youth, Bible studies & choir) beginning on Sept. 13th.

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## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

### **SEPTEMBER:**

**Sunday, the 3rd:**

**9:00 a.m. ~ Combined worship service**

**Monday, the 4th:**

**LABOR DAY**

**Church office will be closed**

**Sunday, the 10th:**

**Sunday School classes & Children & Worship begin**

**Monday, the 11th - October 10th:**

**First Reformed will deliver Meals on Wheels**

**Sign up sheets are on the lobby table**

**Wednesday, the 13th:**

**Mid-week activities for K-5th grades and Jr. Hi. & Sr. Hi**

**teens begin - 6:30 p.m. with food & fun**

**Senior Choir practice begins**

**Bible studies resume meeting**

**Thursday, the 14th:**

**Saints & Seniors lunch at noon**

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OCTOBER:

Sunday, the 1st:

Celebration of Holy Communion

Pastor Dean & Wanda's farewell with potluck lunch

Thursday, the 13th - Saturday, the 15th:

Kingdom Hands re-siding Aaron/Angie Evenson's house in Blue Earth, MN.