



MIDDLEBURG FREE GRACE

REFORMED CHURCH

Knowing Jesus and making Jesus known



Pastor Mark Schwarz

WELCOME

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE TO WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Order of Worship

Approach to God

Prelude

Praise & Worship Time

Peace in Christ

Hymn of Heaven

Worthy is The Lamb

*Opening Prayer

*Congregational Greeting Time

Children's Message – Pastor Mark

Announcements

Ministry of Music – Ella Scholten

Congregational & Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Preparation # 157 (vs.1-3) *The Love of God*

(General Fund Offering)

(Rainbows are dismissed for Children & Worship)

Word of God

Message – *Living a Positive Lifestyle!*

Prayer of Blessing

Response to God

*Song of Response # 691 (vs. 1-2) *Surely Goodness and Mercy*

*Benediction

*Closing Song # 691 (vs.3) *Surely Goodness and Mercy*

*Postlude (*please stand if you are able)

Welcome! We greet you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ! As we worship we pray not only for worship in this place but also for Christians around the world. Today brothers and sisters in Christ are singing and praying in many languages, cultures, and worship settings. Pray for the worldwide family of faith.

Reminder: There are folding chairs available in the back of the sanctuary if you can't find a seat when you arrive for the service.

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall following the worship service for coffee, lemonade and cookies/bars. Thank you to those who provided and served the snacks today.

Organist – Nora V

Sound Tech – Garret VW

Ushers – Darren B & Harlan H

Prayer Team – Jon M & Joe K

Nursery Attendants – Leah L, Haylee O, Megan W

Children & Worship – Rainbows (K-2nd grade)

Helper – Miles K

Elder Greeters After Service –

Ken (east); Jon (south); Pastor (west)

6:30 PM – Sr. RCYF will meet at the church.

PRAAYER CONCERNS

- Our Mission Team who left on Saturday for their trip to New Bern, NC. Pray for each of them as they are serving the people who have experienced so much loss.
- Let us remember Ann Wielenga in the loss of her sister-in-law, Adrianna Klarenbeek, who passed away on Jan. 30th. Funeral service were held on Friday, Feb. 3 at the Calvin CRC Church in Rock Valley. Keep Ann and the extended in your prayers at this time.
- Mary Ann Felten, Sue Kooiker's Mother, fell on January 10 and suffered several fractures. Pray for her as she has considerable pain and that her body will heal in due time.

- Dina, daughter-in-law of Larry & Joyce Vander Wilt was diagnosed with breast cancer and had her first chemo treatment this past Monday. She will be having chemo every other week for four treatments. For right now, the doctors are saying she will then have treatments every week for up to 12 weeks. Pray she will be able to tolerate the chemo and for the guidance for her doctors.
- Wilemina Schuiteman, daughter of Paul and Ashley, as she goes to therapy sessions.
- Lucille Van Zee, Ezra Kraayenbrink, Harriet Vander Zwaag, Mark De Ruyter.
- Jordan Rand, LaRae Punt's son, was released from Keystone on Friday. Continue to pray for him in the coming weeks.

PRAYER FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Our prayer focus is Dave and Kim Wielenga. Dave continues to farm and he also continues to buy and sell dairy cattle. He enjoys camping, boating and traveling. He also enjoys spending time with the grandkids and taking his mom on day trips to Sioux Falls. Kim has been in the insurance industry for 28 years and is the manager of ISB insurance and works out of the Hull office. She is also in her 8th year as a member of the Hull City Council. In her spare time, she also enjoys camping, boating, traveling and spending time with grandkids. Dave and Kim feel truly blessed and grateful. They ask that we pray that we complain less, worry less and smile and trust more. They ask us to pray for our country and the challenges and immorality our children and grandchildren are facing. Pray that God is always walking with them. Dave and Kim see God's hand working in their lives and pray that his work is also done in the lives of those around us. Pray for those who have lost someone special and for those who are struggling with health issues. May God bless them with healing. Uphold Dave and Kim in your prayers this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A baby basket for Bryson Samuel born to Dilan & Kaylee Moss, is located in the Fellowship Hall for the congregation to bless this family with baby gifts. The hospitality committee will deliver the basket to the Moss Family by the end of this coming week. Thank you for blessing this family on this happy occasion!

Sledding at Cone Park is now scheduled for next Sunday, Feb. 12, from 2:30 to 5:30 PM. There is a limit of 225 people that be sledding at the park at a time. You are required to purchase a ticket to enjoy the fun and so if your family is interested in going, please contact Cassy Regnerus by this coming Wednesday, Feb. 8, so she can purchase enough tickets. 50 tickets have been purchased and over half of these are sold. You are not guaranteed to go sledding if you come on Sunday without a ticket. Ticket cost is \$10 per person. Check your calendars and make plans to join us in this wintertime fun.

Lost & Found Items are located the table in the Fellowship hall. Check if any of them are yours and take them home!

Mission Team Super Sale of the remaining cheesy pig-in-a-blankets! On sale for \$10 per dozen. They are located in the church freezer in the kitchen. Please write your name on the spreadsheet and place your payment in Andrea Wielenga's church mailbox.

Family Fun Night is coming! It will be on Friday, February 17 from 5:00-9:00pm, at the Hull Community Building with the meal starting at 5:30pm. Hot sandwiches, drink and tableware will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a dish to share. Join us for an evening of volleyball, basketball, card playing and games.

For the Month of February, we are encouraging members to participate in "Random Acts of Kindness". Let us shower members of our congregation with an act of kindness. Need ideas? Give a gift card, take them out for coffee, send a card, give them a plate of bars or cookies. Use your imaginations. Let the Holy Spirit guide you to who needs an act of kindness showered on them. It can be done anonymously or not.

From the Consistory: *Since the consistory has unanimously recommended to leave the RCA and join the ARC, we will have a congregational meeting on Sunday, Feb. 19th, after the morning worship service to vote on this matter. A 3/4ths vote will be necessary for approval. Absentee ballots will be available upon request.*

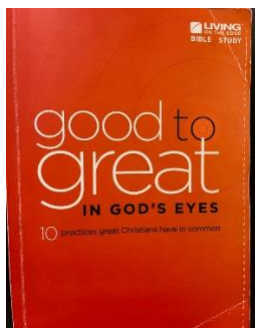
Encounter Weekend – Are you ready for an amazing experience? If you are post-high school or older, you are invited to attend Encounter (formerly Ya-Tec), a Christ-centered relationally-styled experience in Christian community. This is a retreat weekend, where you will be given the opportunity to grow in personal faith and to express a corporate faith in witness and service to others. The upcoming Encounter Weekend will take place at Centerpoint Church in Sioux Center, starting at 10am on February 17 and ending at 5pm on February 19. Those who attend will be asked to stay at the church for the weekend. You will not regret engaging your faith in this manner! For more information, feel free to email Gail Anderson at gganderson1955@gmail.com or call the Encounter office at ATLAS of Sioux Center (712-722-4900). You can also get more information and an application on the website of www.nwiaencounter.org.

Save the Date – Saturday, March 4 at 9:00 AM! All the men of Free Grace Reformed Church are invited to come to "The Country Church Men's Breakfast at Free Grace in Middleburg. Speaker will be Mike Metten. We will be joined by the men from Carmel, Maurice, and Newkirk. This breakfast will be an "Old School" breakfast with bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes and more. See you there!

Save the Date – Our Fellowship Supper will be held on the evening of Wednesday, April 5. More details to come.

Mark your Calendars – Camp Middleburg will be held on June 5-9, 2023. Many volunteers are needed! Please start praying how you can help during this week.

Inspiration Hills 2023 Summer Camp Registration opens February 1, 2023. See the brochures on the MOVE table for details to register online and by scanning the QR code on the front of the brochure. Save money by registering by April 15th. Middleburg Free Grace pays for on-half of each camper's fees. Please contact one of the deacons if you have a camper(s) attending summer camp this year.



New Ladies Bible Study starting Thursday, February 9 from 4:00-5:30pm at Barby's home. Are you tired of the status quo Christian life? Are you looking to go to the next level or get a fresh infusion of faith and spiritual passion? In this class we will watch a video, do part of the study together, share and discuss, and have a prayer time.

Homework is very minimal. If you are interested, text or call Barby at 559-553-5897 or talk to Jill De Ruyter. It is a ten week study and the cost is approximately \$14. Let us know ASAP as we will order the books!

Are you interested in the IF:Gathering 2023? You can join us at Orange City First Reformed Church on March 3 and 4.

Information for the weekend can be found

<https://frcoc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1578591>.

Registration is \$30 and includes three meals which are the Friday night supper and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Please contact Jill De Ruyter at 712-578-9254 for more information.

Thank You - We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers for Wilemina and our family. We are truly blessed to be a part of a wonderful church family! We appreciate all of you and are eternally grateful to God for the miracle we received!

Paul and Ashley Schuiteman

THIS WEEK:

Monday, Feb. 6 – Consistory Meeting. The Elders will meet at 6:45 PM and invite anyone who would like to make profession of their faith in Jesus Christ or request a baptism to contact Pastor Mark. Devotions, Closing Prayer and Lunch Host is Justin Draayer.

Tuesday, Feb. 7 –

9:00 AM – Tuesday AM Bible Study

6:30-8:30 PM – “Constitution Alive” Class

Wednesday, Feb. 8 – 7:00 PM – Wednesday Night Classes and Children's Choir practice.

NEXT SUNDAY, Feb. 12:

Pastor Mark's Message – *Living a Lifestyle of Love*

Offering – General Fund

Special Offering – Improvement/Technology Funds

Worship Attendants:

Pianist – Haley B

Sound Tech – Bryce H

Power Point – Tayla K

Ushers – Joe K & Kevin M

Coffee & Lemonade – Karen S

Prayer Team – George M & Billy K

Ministry of Music – Frank Van Der Wilts

Nursery Attendants – Katie S, Kylie M, Jasmine DH

Children & Worship – Little Lambs (3 yr olds-TK)

Storyteller – Janelle VZ

Helper – Vera E

Greeters – Ashley S & Jenna VW

Elder Greeters After Service –

Pastor (east); George (south); Jon (west)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, Feb. 14 – Tuesday AM Bible Study.

Tuesday, Feb. 14 – “Constitution Alive” Class

Wednesday, Feb. 15 – 7:00 PM – Wednesday Night Classes and Children's Choir practice.

Friday, Feb. 17 – Family Fun Night.

Sunday, Feb. 19 – Congregational Meeting for ARC vote.

Monday, Feb. 20-Mar. 2 – Pastor Mark & Barby on vacation.

Sunday, Feb. 26 – Youth Sunday.



Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 AM
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We can live a Positive Lifestyle Because:

- **We live without _____.**

"Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." **Romans 8:1**

Fact: God is not _____ with us!

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." **John 3:17**

- **We live without _____.**

"And we know that in ALL things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." **Romans 8:28**

Fact: God has a _____ behind our problems!

- **We live without _____.**

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ. Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword. No, in all these things, we're more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death or life neither angels nor demons, neither the present, nor the future, nor any powers, neither heights nor depths, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." **Romans 8:35,37-40**

Fact: Nothing will ever make God _____ loving me!

"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received." **Ephesians 4:1**

"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life"

1 John 5:11-12

Condemnation
Angry

Miscalculation
Purpose

Separation
Stop