



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, March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Order of Worship

Approach to God

Prelude

Praise & Worship Time

Ancient Words

Yet Not I

Christ Alone

*Opening Prayer

*Congregational Greeting Time

Children's Message – Rus Verburg

Announcements

Ministry of Music – Acacia Draayer

Congregational & Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Preparation # 56 (vs.1-3) *To God Be The Glory*

(General Fund Offering)

(Little Lambs are dismissed for Children & Worship)

Word of God

Message – *Reaching Out Together!*

Prayer of Blessing

Response to God

*Song of Response # 11 (vs.1-2) *Come Thou Fount*

*Benediction

*Closing Song # 11 (vs.3) *Come Thou Fount*

*Postlude (*please stand if you are able)

We cordially welcome you to worship this Fourth Sunday of Lent! We're glad you're here! We are in the Season of Lent, a time of reflection on the suffering and death of our Savior. This is also a time of praise to Jesus Christ for the great work of atonement accomplished by his victory over Satan's power, and his amazing love for sinners. May the Holy Spirit bless our worship today, and through this service may we be prepared for ministry in the kingdom in the days to come.

If you are a visitor, please fill out a "Welcome to the Family" card located by the sanctuary doors and leave it on the table. We would love to make contact with you.

Today's Worship Attendants:

Organist – Nevonne S

Sound Tech – Luke K

Power Point – Nelva H

Ushers – Mikah S & Chad K

Coffee & Lemonade – Beth K

Children's Message – Rus V

Prayer Team – George M & Billy K

Ministry of Music – Wayne Vander Matens

Nursery Attendants – Carly J, Caden K, Allison W

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

Storyteller – Janelle VZ

Helper – Lexi L

Greeters – Gayla M & Haylee O

Elder Greeters – Ken (east); George (south); Pastor (west)

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall following the worship service for coffee and lemonade.

LIFE Groups will meet for the last gathering this season. Check your schedules as to the location and time of your meeting.

Thank you to our Praise Team today and to Acacia Draayer for her ministry of music and for enhancing our worship service.

Our Wednesday night activities conclude this week. We thank Becca Kroese, Heidi Oolman, Pastor Mark, Jan Vander Maten, Wayne Vander Maten, Nelva Huitink, and Rus Verburg for leading our students. Thanks to our substitutes, Jill De Ruyter, Barb Gerling, Gayla Mortenson and Jon Mortenson who willingly filled in when needed.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Let us remember our friends and family in our prayers:

- Luke Kooiker and Dakota Bomgaars as they recover from their recent surgeries.
- Dina, daughter-in-law of Larry & Joyce Vander Wilt, as she continues her chemo treatments.
- Cleo Te Slaa, Peter Leo Vander Zwaag, Lucille Van Zee, Harriet Vander Zwaag, Ezra Kraayenbrink, and Wilemina Schuiteman.
- Jordan Rand, LaRae Punt's son, as he continues his recovery.

PRAYER FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Our prayer focus is Lorin & Marilyn Schafer. They are enjoying their retirement in Boyden in their handicapped accessible home. Together they have 7 children, 17 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. With married spouses they have quite a crew and feel truly blessed. Lorin fills his days having morning coffee in town with friends. He also enjoys driving to the farm to check on the boys and loves being a go-fer as much as possible. He helps around the house and loves watching all kinds of sports. Marilyn enjoys Bible Studies, lunches and coffee with friends and loves working outside with flowers in the summer. Together they love spending time with family and visiting those in Omaha, Willmar and Portland; attending kids' activities whenever they can, also taking short trips around the country enjoying God's creation. The Schafer's ask us to join them in praying that no matter how much darkness we see in the world around us that we focus on Christ's light that continues to shine on us. Also pray that we as a church, young and old, challenge ourselves anew to our church motto by striving to know Jesus better and making him known to the world around us each and every day with kindness, love and integrity. Keep Lorin and Marilyn in your prayers this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Middleburg is fast approaching and registration begins this Sunday. Online registration can be found on the church website: middleburgfreegrace.org under news and events then Camp Middleburg. Paper registrations can be found on the MOVE table. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us for a week of learning how to be heroes for God.

Easter Morning Choir! We will be practicing on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM until Easter. If you haven't signed up, you are welcomed to come to a practice and check it out. We look forward to singing on Easter Sunday!

Soup Supper Donations are Needed: The Sr. RCYF Soup and Pie Supper will be held on March 29. Many donations are needed to help make this a success. Please check the sign-up sheet on the MOVE table in the Fellowship Hall for what you can help us with. We appreciate your support!

Fellowship Supper (ONE SIZE SKITS ALL) will be on Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30pm. Your hostess will be contacting you regarding food for your table. Join us for a night of fun, food, and fellowship!

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

MISSING: A Pampered Chef jelly roll pan with the initials BK on it. If you mistakenly took it, please return to the church kitchen!

Thank You to Tyler Majerus for cleaning the church parking lot and Pastor Mark's driveway last weekend.

Sioux County Prayer Week 2023 is a chance for the body of Christ to come together, across denominations, to celebrate Jesus and pray over our county each night of the week. The goal is for people to attend at least one prayer night at a church they don't regularly attend. The prayer events this week are as follows:
Sunday, Mar. 19 @ 6 PM – Newkirk Reformed Church
Monday, Mar. 20 @ 6 PM – Central Ref. Church, Sioux Center
Tuesday, Mar. 21 @ 6 PM – First Baptist Church, Hawarden
Wednesday, Mar. 22 @ 6 PM – Faith Church, Rock Valley
Thursday, Mar. 23 @ 6 PM – Maurice Reformed Church
Friday, Mar. 24 @ 6 PM – Activation Church, (Triple Box)
Saturday, Mar. 25 @ 4 PM – Middleburg Free Grace Reformed

THIS WEEK:

Monday, Mar. 20 @ 7:00 PM – Choir Practice for Easter Sunday.
Tuesday, Mar. 21 @ 9:00 AM – Tuesday AM Bible Study
Tuesday, Mar. 21 @ 5:30 PM– West Sioux Classis Exit Meeting
Wednesday, Mar. 22 @ 7:00 PM – Last Weds. Night Activities.
Wednesday, Mar. 22 @ 8:00 PM – Worship Committee Meeting
Thursday, Mar. 23 @ 4:00 PM – Thurs. PM Ladies Bible Study
Saturday, Mar. 25 @ 4:00 PM – Sioux County Prayer Gathering at Middleburg.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 26:

Pastor Mark's Message – *Our Personal Guidance Counselor*

Offering – General Fund

Special Offering- Luke Society

Worship Attendants:

Organist- Nora V

Sound Tech – Dilan M

Power Point – Nelva H

Ushers – Dave W & Landon M

Coffee & Lemonade – Minerva K

Children's Message – Pastor Mark

Prayer Team – Rus V & Justin D

Ministry of Music – Chad Kooikers

Nursery Attendants – Lana O; Brantley H; Raelle K

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

Storyteller – Nelva

Helper – Skylar G

Greeters – Beth VW & Maddie H

Elder Greeters – Pastor (east); Rus (south); George (west)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, Mar. 28 – Tuesday AM Ladies Bible Study.

Wednesday, Mar. 29 – Sr. RCYF Soup and Pie Supper.

Thursday, Mar. 30 – Thurs. PM Ladies Bible Study.

Wednesday, April 5 – Weds. AM Ladies Bible Study.

Wednesday, April 5 - Fellowship Supper.

Friday, April 7 – Good Friday Services

Sunday, April 9 – Easter Services

Sunday, June 4 – Evening Tent Service Concert.

May 21 – Last day of Sunday School

June 5-9 – Camp Middleburg.

June 17 – Siouxnami Water Park Fun Night.

July 22-27 – Rocky Mountain High Youth Event.



Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 AM

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“Reaching Out Together”

Because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:5

P _____ Together!

And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ. **Colossians 4:3**

Action Step: Make a prayer list

A _____ To Common Interests!

Action step: Discover the common interests.

R _____ Out In Love!

We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.. **1 Thessalonians 2:8**

Action step: Ask God to give you a deeper love for others.

T _____ Your Story!

Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me. **Psalms 66:16**

Action step: Write out your story and share it with others.

N _____ Friendships!

Then Levi held a great banquet (a big dinner party) for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. **Luke 5:29**

Action step: Bring a friend to a your party and just love them.

E _____ God To Act!

When Jesus saw their faith, he said ‘Friend, your sins are forgiven’ **Luke 5:20**

Action Step: Never give up on anyone.

R _____ Christ With Your Life!

Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders . **1Thessalonians 4:11,12a**

Action Step: Pray To God “Use me”

Pray
Appeal
Reach
Telling

Nurture
Expect
Represent