



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!

# WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

**Prelude** - Nora Verburg

**\*Praise & Worship**

You've Already Won  
How Deep the Father's Love for Us  
Holy Forever

**\*Prayer**

**Children's Message** - Rus Verburg

**Announcements**

**Congregational & Offertory Prayer**

**General Offering**

**Hymn #406** - Wonderful Words of Life (vs. 1-3)

*Rainbows (K-3rd Grade) are dismissed for Children & Worship*

**Message** - The Foundation for a Good Life

**Hymn #410** - Standing on the Promises (vs. 1-3)

**\*Benediction**

**Hymn #410** - Standing on the Promises (vs. 4-5)

**Postlude**

**FELLOWSHIP WITH US**

A special welcome to our visitors! If you are a visitor, we would like to make contact with you. Please fill out a "Welcome to the Family" card located by the sanctuary doors and leave it on the table or put it in Pastor Mark's church mailbox. Thank you for coming! Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall today to enjoy coffee and lemonade.

*\* Please stand if you are able*

*Greetings to all who worship with us in Middleburg today. May the everlasting love of God the Father, the unfailing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit fill our hearts and our worship today. In this beautiful season of new spring growth, we are reminded of the beautiful creation our God has given to us.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **April Blessings**

It is April Blessings month. Find a way to bless someone this month. It can be as simple as an encouraging note, phone call or text. Spend time in prayer and have God lead you to shower someone with blessings.

### **Thank you**

A big thank you to the committee for organizing the Fellowship Supper. It was an enjoyable evening of fun competition and good food. We appreciate your time and efforts to make this event possible.

### **Fostering Relationships**

Katelyn's Fund May support meeting for Foster Care and Adoption will be held on May 2. May is National Foster Care Awareness month, and we are honored to have Niki Kredit, Sheryl Winterfeld, and Kelsi Ebel come and talk about the trials and triumphs in their fostering journeys. We would love for you to join us! Thursday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room at Centerpoint Church in Sioux Center.

### **New Roots Ministry**

Do you ever feel reluctant in personally sharing your Good News? At a 5-hour Saturday workshop in Sioux Falls on April 27 OR May 18, let's dig into the Word, learn to express our personal God-stories, and then interact with those who may be struggling without Him. Gain an "I-can-do-that" feeling, causing you to feel more natural in speaking spiritually with those you know. For information, other dates available, or to sign-up for Everyday-Ambassadors Practicum, visit [www.sfnnewroots.com/our-ministries](http://www.sfnnewroots.com/our-ministries).

## **PRAYER FAMILY OF THE WEEK**

Our prayer focus is Dave and Dot Roskam. Dave enjoys vacations at the beach and riding his motorcycle on long trips. He is enjoying his retirement and driving a truck part time. He loves seeing his grandchildren since they grow up so fast. Dot loves spending time with their grandchildren. She enjoys traveling, gardening and crafting. Dave and Dot ask us to join them in praying for all those who are in prison, whether it be physically or spiritually or both. Pray for those who have served their time and are trying to acclimate back into society. Also, join them in praying for all who have chronic pain or debilitating disorders. Uplift all those who are in the military. Keep Dave and Dot in your prayers this week.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Let us remember our friends and family in our prayers:**

- Mark & Brikenya in the passing of Mark's grandfather.
- Karen Schuilteman as she recovers from her knee surgery
- Ryan Dekkers' father as he recovers from triple bypass surgery.
- Julie Schafer's father as he recovers from his fall.
- Brock Lehman and his family as he has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Follow his Caringbridge website to keep updated with details.
- Scott Kooiman, son-in-law of Wrede & Barb (Kooiker) Vogel, was diagnosed with colon cancer. Pray for him and his family at this time.
- Dale Kraayenbrink, brother of Evan as he goes through cancer and recovers from surgery to remove many organs.
- Lucille Van Zee and Harriet Vander Zwaag, our elderly and "home-bounders."

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# GET INVOLVED

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 11 - Mother's Day Breakfast**

**May 19 - Last day of Sunday School**

**June 2 - Middleburg Tent Service**

**June 3-7 - Camp Middleburg**

### BIRTHDAYS

April 21 - Dalton Wielenga  
April 22 - Dakota Bomgaars  
April 24 - Ken Gerling  
April 24 - Lexi Lehman  
April 26 - Barby Schwarz  
April 27 - Brett Kooiker  
April 27 - Landon Meerdink  
April 27 - Deb Te Slaa

### ANNIVERSARIES

April 22 - Terry & Beth Oolman  
April 24 - Dylan & Alexa Vander Berg  
April 27 - Brett & Becky Kooiker

### April 25 - Setting Anchors Community Impact Event

Come to the Sioux Center Pizza Ranch on Thursday, April 25 to help support this fundraiser by ordering buffet, carryout or delivery. 100% of your donations and a portion of the event's sales will be donated to Setting Anchors. Setting Anchors is a local non-profit whose mission is to affirm and support foster families in the task of caring for foster children in their homes. We support through monthly trainings/support group and necessary items needed for children in care. We believe in building a community of like-minded families who can walk side by side, building each other up and affirming our roles in the lives of children and families in foster care.

### May 11 - Mother's Day Breakfast

Attention ladies! Middleburg Free Grace will be having a Mother's Day breakfast this year on Saturday, May 11 at 9:00 AM. The theme will be "Mugs & Muffins", and we'll enjoy breakfast and music while decorating coffee mugs. All ages are welcome! The cost is \$10/person. Please sign up on the M.O.V.E. table by May 1st for a fun time of fellowship.

### June 2 - Middleburg Tent Service

Save the date: The Middleburg Tent Service will be June 2 at 7:00 p.m. featuring Gospel Gold from Sioux Falls/Canton.

### June 3-7 - Camp Middleburg

Continue to get your registrations in for Camp Middleburg. There is an online option or a paper option that is found in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your family and neighbors to join us.

## THIS WEEK

**Tuesday, 9 AM** – Bible Study called *Without Wavering*

**Thursday, 4 PM** – Bible Study: The book of John

## FATHER'S LOVE LETTER

An intimate message from God to you.

# My Child,

*You may not know me, but I know everything about you. Psalm 139:1 I know when you sit down and when you rise up. Psalm 139:2 I am familiar with all your ways. Psalm 139:3 Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. Matthew 10:29-31 For you were made in my image. Genesis 1:27 In me you live and move and have your being. Acts 17:28 For you are my offspring. Acts 17:28 I knew you even before you were conceived. Jeremiah 1:4-5 I chose you when I planned creation. Ephesians 1:11-12 You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. Psalm 139:15-16 I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. Acts 17:26 You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14 I knit you together in your mother's womb. Psalm 139:13 And brought you forth on the day you were born. Psalm 71:6 I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. John 8:41-44 I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. 1 John 4:16 And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. 1 John 3:1 Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. 1 John 3:1 I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. Matthew 7:11 For I am the perfect father. Matthew 5:48 Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. James 1:17 For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. Matthew 6:31-33 My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. Jeremiah 29:11 Because I love you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3 My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. Psalm 139:17-18 And I rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17 I will never stop doing good to you. Jeremiah 32:40 For you are my treasured possession. Exodus 19:5 I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. Jeremiah 32:41 And I want to show you great and marvelous things. Jeremiah 33:3 If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. Deuteronomy 4:29 Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4 For it is I who gave you those desires. Philippians 2:13 I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. Ephesians 3:20 For I am your greatest encourager. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. Psalm 34:18 As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. Isaiah 40:11 One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. Revelation 21:3-4 And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. Revelation 21:3-4 I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. John 17:23 For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. John 17:26 He is the exact representation of my being. Hebrews 1:3 He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. Romans 8:31 And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. 1 John 4:10 I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. Romans 8:31-32 If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. 1 John 2:23 And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. Romans 8:38-39 Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. Luke 15:7 I have always been Father, and will always be Father. Ephesians 3:14-15 My question is... Will you be my child? John 1:12-13 I am waiting for you. Luke 15:11-32*

*Love, Your Dad  
Almighty God*



# THE FOUNDATION FOR A

# Good Life

*Deuteronomy 6:6-7a*

*"You shall have no other gods before me" Exodus 20:2*

**The Principle:** Put God \_\_\_\_\_!

## **The Promise:**

*"In everything you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success."*

*Proverbs 3:6 (LB)*

How Do We Put God First?

## **5 ways to put God FIRST in your life:**

Put God first in your ... F \_\_\_\_\_!  
*Proverbs 3:9-10 (LB) Deuteronomy 14:23 (LB)*

Put God first in your ... I \_\_\_\_\_!  
*I Corinthians 10:31*

Put God first in your ... R \_\_\_\_\_!  
*Proverbs 17:17 Proverbs 27:19 Proverbs 12:26*

Put God first in your ... S \_\_\_\_\_!  
*Ephesians 5:16-17 (Ph) Mark 1:35*

Put God first in your ... T \_\_\_\_\_!  
*Psalms 50:15 Matthew 6:33 Joshua 24:15*



## TODAY'S WORSHIP

Pianist - Nora Verburg  
Sound Tech - Bryce H.  
Power Point Creator - Tayla K.  
Children's Message - Rus V.  
Ministry of Music - Mitchal Punt  
Ushers - Brett K. & Dave W.  
Prayer Team - Rus V. & Justin D.  
Coffee & Lemonade - Becky K.

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Beth K; Sori D; Raelle K.

### CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Rainbows (K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
Storyteller - Nelva H.  
Helper - Karson Van Der Zwaag  
Greeters - Beth V.D.W. & Taten D.J.

### ELDER GREETERS

George(E); Pastor(S); Rus(W)

## NEXT SUNDAY

Pianist - Irene Schuiteman  
Sound Tech - Dilan M.  
Power Point Creator - Tayla K.  
Ministry of Music - Billy Kooiker  
Ushers - Harlan H. & Billy H.  
Prayer Team - Loren T.S. & Eric M.  
Coffee & Lemonade - Carmen M.  
Special Offering - Hope Haven

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Karen S; Beau R; Brayson K.

### CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Little Lambs (3-4yr olds)  
Storyteller - Rachel K.  
Helper - Alex Regnerus  
Greeters - Andrea W. & Maddie H.

### ELDER GREETERS

Loren(E); Rus(S); Pastor(W)

## OUR LEADERSHIP

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### ELDERS

Rus Verburg  
Jon Mortenson  
George Miller  
Evan Kraayenbrink  
Loren Te Slaa

### DEACONS

Justin Draayer  
Eric Mulder  
Billy Kooiker, Jr.  
Steven Broersma  
Dan Oolman



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*Please have your bulletin announcements and notices sent to our church email by 8pm on Wednesday.*