

THIS WEEK

Wednesday | April 17th-

5:45 PM Supper

6:10 PM Adventure Club: lesson 6

(April 24, our last Adv. Club meeting for the school year. Mom's & Dad's feel free to join us in the evening to visit and/or play. No supper. Meet at the Prinsburg school playground at 6:30pm, or carpool from church at 6:15pm. Done at 7:30; the carpool back to church at 7:45pm.)

6:30 PM Youth Group meets in Willmar

Thursday | April 18th-

7:00-7:30 AM MORNING PRAYER

Everyone is welcome!! We meet in the church library

Upcoming Service Reminders

Sunday, April 21st, 2024 9:30 A.M.

Service Host: Terry S.

Assistant Host: Zack H.

Cookie Servers: Jeff & Robin S. and Don & Tawnya P.

We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the 1st Sunday of each month.

From the Deacons

4-7-2024

General Fund \$ 3,697.50

Benevolent Fund \$ 1,102.50

Sunday School \$7.00

TOTAL \$ 4,870.00



Pastor Brett Barksdale

April 14th, 2024

We welcome you to our worship today and invite you to join us in our multi-purpose room after the morning worship service for a time of fellowship.

Prelude

Announcements and Greetings

Call to Worship/Confession

Praise Time

Congregational Prayer

Children's Message

Hymn #2 Holy!Holy!Holy! Lord God Almighty (vs.1-2)

Old Testament Scripture: Proverbs 29:1-13

New Testament Scripture: Acts 1:12-26

Sermon: Leadership Vacancies

Hymn #535 Make Me a Servant (x3)

(General offering gathered.)

Benediction

Closing Hymn #781 Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go (vs.1-2)

9:30 A.M.....Worship Service

Service Host: Matt M.

Assistant Host: Terry S.

Cookie Servers: Mike & Sue P., Vera P. & Konnie D.

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THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who supported the playground project. We took in \$21,000 with the pancake supper and auction. The generosity is greatly appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church cleaning is this week: April 15th through April 20th. We have decided to open up the option of cleaning during the week if that works best for you or Saturday morning. There will be a sheet on the back table listing areas needed to be cleaned. When you clean an area please check off on the list what you cleaned. Cleaning products will be available in the social hall kitchen for you to use. Please bring your own cleaning rags, pails, and also vacuum if able. Saturday cleaning will begin at 8:30am with treats served.

Operation Christmas Child Collects Through the Year: April's focus is: Games & Puzzles: Games that can fit in shoebox, small puzzles, jump ropes, jacks, barrel of Monkeys, etc.

Our next opportunity to share the love of Jesus with our **Family Promise** neighbors is coming up this month. Would you be willing to provide a meal in April on either the 22nd, 23rd, or the 25th? The sign-up sheet is on the foyer table. There are currently 10 guests in the program. Contact Sherri or Darla with any questions. **Thank you** for supporting this ministry!

Women's Event: You are invited to a morning of fellowship, food, and Bible journaling. We have the privilege of having Nici Ahrenholz of "The Blessed Day" here on Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 to Noon. Nici will demonstrate her method daily devotions and Bible journaling. Nici will bring all the supplies needed for each women to complete a day's page of journaling. Bring your own Bible if you prefer, but we will have Bibles available as well. We encourage you to invite your mom, daughter, sister, or friend. It should be a fun morning! There is a signup sheet on the back table. An RSVP is appreciated so Nici knows how many supplies to bring. Also, there will be a free-will offering basket, if you are able to contribute towards the cost of the workshop and materials. If you have any questions, please talk with Erynn Johnson or Lisa Slagter

Organ/Piano Workshops: If you would like to improve or develop your leadership skills on the piano, or you've had a desire to learn the organ, these workshops are for you! Dr. Carrie Groenewold from Dordt University will be at First CRC on April 27 to run two workshops. They are "The King of Instruments: An Organ Demonstration" from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Along with this demonstration pianists are welcomed to bring a piece of music to try on the organ. Following a light lunch the "Hymn Leadership Workshop" will run from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. which will focus on hymn-playing techniques. Please call/text Kim De Berg (320-444-2329) with any questions and if you would like to join us as we will need a head count for the lunch.

Pastor Brett Barksdale
April 14th, 2024
Leadership Vacancies
Acts 1:12-26

1- Judas vacated his leadership role by betraying Jesus...
(Acts 1:16-20)(Matt. 19:28)
(Matt. 26:14-23,49)(Gen. 1:26-27)

2- But Jesus never vacated his leadership role on our
behalf!
(Matt. 26:39)(Matt. 5:17)
Isaiah 53:6)(Romans 8:11)
(Ephesians 4:32)

3-The Spirit's process of leadership vacancy filling in light
of the cross...
(Acts 1:12-26)

- 1-The gathering of God's people
- 2-The praying of God's people
- 3-The studying of Scripture by God's people
- 4-The suggesting of God's people
- 5-The willingness of God's people to serve
- 6-The additional praying of God's people
- 7-The action of God's people to discern God's will

PRAYERS

Prayers for healing, strength, and recovery:

- Eleanor Raske's broken hip from fall and recovery from surgery
- Pat Roeloff health challenges
- Mary's cousin Bruce and wife Diane health challenges and procedures
- Aaron's dad Swed's health
- Karla's brother Curt health challenges
- Larry Holwerda health challenges and stints put in
- Healing for Lavonne health challenges
- Konnie's brother Kieth's hip surgery
- Bev Goodman's health recovery
- Darren Wald in remission but still some health challenges
- For encouragement and healing for the cancer treatments of:
 - Steve Boonstra. Steve has been diagnosed with kidney cancer
 - Dennis P.
 - Lois and Deb Hoekstra
 - Marie Schluter
 - Bob Schueler

General prayers:

- Praise for Chad P job
- Praise for Merlin coming home, prayers for a good transition and successful Physical Therapy
- Rick Kacher's father Bob passed away, prayers for comfort for family at this time
- Wisdom and guidance for our nation and its leaders
- We pray for our servicemen, police officers, military, EMS, firefighters and others who serve and protect us.
- safety for all people at our businesses, borders, and schools
- prayers for the persecuted church and missionaries in the World
- For those who couldn't be with us today for Albert, Ellanor, Eleanor, Ethel , LaVonne, Ruth P



recommendations by Pastor Brett

Are you interested in diving deeper into a certain topic or to find more information on something you are challenged with? Pastor Brett has compiled a list of resources for you to explore.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

The (Not So Secret) Secret to Reaching the Next generation By Kevin De Young
Praying the Bible by Donald S. Whitney
ESV Bible Promises: 700 Passages to Strengthen Your Faith
Grief: Learning to Live with Loss-by Howard A. Eyrich
Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work by Timothy Keller
Covenantal Baptism by Jason Helopoulos
Are We Together? The differences between Catholics and Protestants by R.C. Sproul
The Israel of God-By O Palmer Robertson(Who is Israel and what does the Bible say about their future?)
The One Year Book of Hope: A 365-Day Devotional by Nancy Guthrie
The Westminster Shorter Catechism: For Study Groups by G I Williamson
Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family by Paul Tripp
Surprised by Suffering by RC Sproul
Surviving Religion 101-(a book about defending the faith)-By Michael Kruger

KIDS DISCIPLESHIP

The Promise: The Amazing Story of Our Long-Awaited Savior by Jason Helopoulos
Oh, the Treasures You'll Know! by Dan Olson
The Beginners Gospel Story Bible by Jared Kennedy
The Treasure by Marty Machowski
The Child's Story Bible by Catherine F. Vos
The Biggest Storybook Bible-Kevin De Young
The Jesus Storybook Bible-Sally Lloyd-Jones
The Biggest Story Bible Verse Cards

STUDY BIBLES

The ESV Reformation Study Bible by Reformation Trust Publishing

ONLINE BOOKSTORES AND RESOURCES

<https://us.10ofthose.com/>
<https://clearlyreformed.org/>
<https://www.crossway.org/>
<https://www.thebiggeststory.com/>
<https://heritagebooks.org/>
<https://www.wtsbooks.com/>

PODCASTS

Life Books and Everything Podcast by Kevin DeYoung
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