

Announcements

Something Special is once again offering Easter Lilies at a discounted rate to the churches. If you would like to order a Lily in memory/honor of someone, please call the church office by March 30. Cost is \$16.00. If church is still Streamlined at Easter, we will use them during the livestream and then make arrangements for you to get them or have them delivered.

Justice for All is closed. We will not be receiving donations and will not be open to volunteers.

Love INC. postponed the *Love and Laugh* fundraiser that was scheduled for March 28. Our prayer is that you and your loved ones are safe and rooted in peace that comes from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cornerstone Prison Church 14th Annual Benefit Banquet has been postponed until June 29.

New Roots Ministry's "Church Between Borders" event, which was scheduled for Saturday, March 28, has been cancelled due to coronavirus and the need for social distancing.

Reflections for March 22, 2020 Faith with Wisdom not Fear

The world has changed. The last few months the emotional state of the whole world has moved from awareness to concern to in many places and hearts panic. The anxiety meter has hit 10 on a 1 to 10 scale with COVID-19. As people who claim to “believe that our only comfort in life and in death is that we belong body and soul in life and in death to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ”; how do we respond? Notice I said respond, not react. A reaction is a non-faith and non-mindful solution to a crisis which causes the anxiety to rise. A response is faith based and is a mindful solution based in reality. Faith and our minds which God gave us are used in a response. COVID-19 is serious. With faith and wisdom, we need to respond for our own lives and others.

As I have said before the most heard command in all of scripture is, “Do not be afraid.” “Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you.” (Isaiah 41:10) The call is to not live in fear; but rather in faith with a lot of wisdom thrown in. God is God. God is big. God loves us. God promises us wisdom.

In faith with wisdom I encourage us to not live in fear. We are following guidelines provided by the CDC and our state leaders. I am not going to let my pride get in the way thinking I know better than the health professionals. Here is our response as a church.

- Until further notice all activities at the church facility are either cancelled or postponed to a later date.
- A modified worship service will be live streamed and on our local cable channel at 9:30 AM on Sunday morning.
- Giving of offering can be done in several ways: 1. You can drop off or send your gift to the church office. 2. You can go to Premier Bank and deposit directly in the church account. 3. An offering receptacle has also been placed inside the east door. You can place your offering in there as well. This week I am going to be speaking to the issue of faith in the face of crisis. We will look together on Sunday morning at Jesus’ words in Luke 12:22, “Do not worry...” Yes, there are reasons for worry, fear and anxiety, yet Jesus says there are greater reasons to live in faith, trust and hope. We are going to look at those reasons on Sunday morning. Some passages to read and reflect upon: [Luke 12:22-34](#); [Psalm 46](#); [Isaiah 41:10](#); [Matthew 14:22-32](#).

Grace upon Grace,
Pastor Verlyn

NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:

Whispering Heights: **Verna Boer, Tillie Helgerson, Adriana Dykstra, Faye Gort, Joyce Van Berkum.** Fellowship Village in Inwood: **Jean Hubers, Marilyn Van Holland;** The Legacy Living, Gillette WY: **Mary Boer;** Hillcrest Care Center, Hawarden: **Marian Verburg.** Pleasant Acres, Hull: **Cornie & Ann Jansen;** Bethany Home, Brandon, SD: **Bill & Alma Landegent.**

CHURCH SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES:

Brian and Elizabeth Bruxvoort in AK; **Amy and Seung Kim** in Bangladesh; **Tom and Aichatou Johnson** in Pella, IA; **Brian and Donna Renes** in Sioux Center; **John & Lynn Hubers** in Ethiopia.

If you or a family member have a prayer concern and would like to have either the elders or the whole church to pray with you or for you, please contact your calling elder or a member of the consistory.

Faith Over Fear Luke 12:22-34

- There are lots of reasons to fear, have worry and anxiety.
Closed Door to Faith
- Solid reasons not to worry
- Open the door: Come on in and meet Abba Father....
- Seven solid reasons not to worry

1st: Your life is so much more than _____ (fill in the blank) (vs. 23)

2nd: Look around you (vs. 24)

3rd: Which of you by worrying can add a single hour to his/her life (vv. 25-26)

4th: Consider the natural world how it grows (vs. 27)

5th: Don't Set Your heart on the things of the world (vs. 29)

6th: Abba promises you himself (vs. 31)

7th: Given you so much...radical freedom of giving yourself away... (vv. 32-34)

Open the Door to Faith

1. Abba knows what you need...
2. Talk to Abba...
3. Abba will provide what you need

Elders:

Daryl Scholten '20
 Mike Vonk '20
 Dave Blied '21
 Rod Netten '21
 Larry Landegent '22
 Dave Van Holland '22

Deacons

Lance Oostenink '20
 Brandon Van Middendorp '20
 Kevin Bouwman '21
 Ryan Blankespoor '21
 Tim Landegent '22
 Micah Vis '22

2020 ELDER & DEACON CALLING PAIRS:

Daryl Scholten & Lance Oostenink = Baatz – Claussen
 Mike Vonk & Brandon Van Middendorp = De Jager - Juffer
 Dave Blied & Kevin Bouwman = Kelderman - Miller
 Rod Netten & Ryan Blankespoor = Netten – Van Berkum
 Larry Landegent & Micah Vis = Van Den Top - Vande Stroet
 Dave Van Holland & Tim Landegent = Vande Vegte - Zeutenhorst

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