

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Psalm 105:1

THANK YOU to those who are serving us during worship today.

MUSICIANS: Jan Johnson & Angie Meester

THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC

Today 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

10:45 a.m. – Iowa State Fair Buffet

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Don Allspach, who will be observing his 94th birthday on August 12.

We extend our sympathy to the Stirling family in the passing of their grandfather Abe Stirling on August. Please keep them and the rest of the Stirling and Schipper families in your prayers.

Please remember those of our congregation who live alone and those alone in care facilities through a phone call or a card.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited for coffee and fellowship following the worship service this morning. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter for volunteers to serve.

There will be no second offering next Sunday.

We welcome Dave Harms to our pulpit this morning.

Next Sunday, there will be an IOWA STATE FAIR APPLES, CORN AND PORK BUFFET in our Fellowship Hall following our church service! Mike Ascher has agreed to grill the pork loins. Pat and Deb Prier are going to fix the corn-on-the-cob part of the meal and Angie Meester will be making her famous Cheesy potatoes!! What do we need from you? Well, several things!! First of all, we

need your attendance in State Fair attire if you want. Straw Hats, Bibbed overalls, cute rubber boots, cowboy shirts, or 4-H or FFA or State Fair Tees, you get the idea! Then we would like to have some Blue ribbon apple pies, salads or bars. Seriously, bring anything that you think could win a ribbon! Come to church next Sunday, stay after and Share some great Iowa Food! A good time is going to happen!!

If you need someone to perform pastoral duties, please contact one of the Elders:

Ken Mehmen – (319) 269-1184

Pat Prier – (641) 640-4080

Mike Ascher – (319) 239-0637

Upcoming Speakers:

August 10 – Dave Harms

August 17 – Representative for Rukes Group

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 51:

Q: How does this glory of Christ our head benefit us?

A: First, through his Holy Spirit he pours out his gifts from heaven upon us, his members.

-HC and ME: The Heidelberg Catechism for Christian Living (2006), Faith Alive Christian Resources

The General Fund collection for July 27 was \$1,663.10. The target amount for each week is \$2,248.10.

The executive search consultant from The Rukes Group will be visiting the weekend of **August 16 & 17**. During this visit, the consultant will meet with the Council, the Search Committee, and the congregation to begin developing a comprehensive profile of Parkersburg CRC. As part of this important process, the Search Committee strongly encourages all members to attend worship on Sunday, August 17, as your presence and participation will help shape the profile that guides our search. Please continue to keep the search process in your prayers as we seek God's leading together.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

August 10, 2025 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Song: TCH 682 **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Song: TCH 688 **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

*Hymn: TCH 680 **All the Way My Savior Leads Me**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Psalm 23** (pg. 862)

Message: **GOOD SHEPHERD**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 691 **Surely Goodness and Mercy**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 237 **Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing**

*Postlude

Council Notes of August 4, 2025

The council meeting of August 4th, 2025 was opened by the reading of Romans 15: 1-6. Prayer was given by Ken Mehmen.

Article 1: Minutes of the July 6th, 2025 meeting were read and approved.

Article 2: No Correspondence was received.

Article 3: Ministry Reports and Concerns

- Elders Report: No Report
- Pulpit Committee:
 - August 10th – Dave Harms
 - August 17th – Representative for Rukes Group
 - August 24th - Joel De Boer
 - August 31st - Joel De Boer
 - September 7th – Jack Ritsema
- Worship Committee: No Report
- Attendance Report: There was an Average Attendance of 44 people with 14.3 people live streaming.
- Outreach Committee: No Report
- Discipleship Committee: Bible School was held in July. It had a good turnout with over 100 kids in attendance. Sunday School and Catechism will start the September 7th.
- Building and Grounds Committee: Replaced failed north sump pump with spare from church inventory. Will purchase a replacement spare. Landscaping and parking lots have been weeded and sprayed.

Article 4: Financial Reports and Concerns

- Receipts of \$10,247.10 was received. Budget amount of \$9,185.20 is needed. Giving us \$1061.90 for the month. With a YTD of -\$9204.10.

Article 5: Old Business

- A motion was made, supported, and approved to switch to Church Mutual as the church's insurance provider.

- Amy is researching less expensive programs for maintaining financial bookkeeping.
- Amy is seeking quotes for the copier machine ahead of the November 1st contract renewal.
- Discussion on improving the front church sign was held.

Article 6: New Business

- Delegates for the 9/9/25 classis meeting were assigned. Elder: Ken Mehmen; Deacon: Rollyn DeGroot
- A motion was made, supported, and approved to replace the GPU in the sanctuary's main computer.

Article 7: Motion was made and supported to adjourn the meeting.

Article 8: Concept minutes were read and approved.

Article 9: Closing Prayer was given by Amy Swanson Haan.

Respectfully submitted:

Vice President: Ken Mehmen

Clerk: Mike Ascher

Members Present:

Amy Swanson Haan
Rollyn DeGroot
Dale Meester
Ken Mehmen
Brad Allspach
Amy Swanson Haan

Members Absent:

Guest Present:

None

Next Meeting is set for September 8th, at 7:00 PM.