

**Sunday, August 20, 2023**

*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

11:00 a.m. – Lunch

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Congratulations** to Paul and Darlene Bruns, who will be observing their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 23.

**I want to** thank all of you who said prayers on my behalf, brought food to the house, for the many phone calls and visits to my home. Special "thank you" to Pastor Rus for being at the hospital the day of my surgery. All of this was very much appreciated. **June Karsjens**

**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.

**The second offering** next Sunday will be for Faith Promise.

**We're going to** take you out to the ballgame! At least the concession stand...in the fellowship hall...where it's air conditioned...and the food stays hot. Plan now to join us, wearing your favorite sports attire or team colors, on Sunday, August 27, for our monthly meal. Hot dogs, brats, chips and everything you need for a baseball picnic will be up for eats. We'll let you know next Sunday what you can bring. Don't miss it or you'll strike out!

**Sunday School!** We will be starting Sunday School the Sunday following Labor Day. We are looking for 3-5 individuals who would be willing to teach the K-5 group and assist with the 8-11 graders.

All curriculum will be provided. At this time we will continue with 3 Sundays a month. Please contact Stacy if you have any questions or would be willing to teach once a month, maybe twice if needed.

**A big thank you** to those who provided funds or purchased school supplies for A-P students to start the school year next week. The backpacks and supplies were distributed to the kids on August 8 at Hope Reformed where they and their families were also served supper. Thank you for helping these kids get off to a great start of the school year!

**The General Fund collection** for August 13 was \$1,177.25. The target amount for each week is \$2,126.68. The collection for Building Improvement totaled \$243.00. The collection for Faith Promise totaled \$100.00.

**Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

Morning Service

August 20, 2023 – 9:30 AM

**WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 9:1-2

\*Hymn: TCH 56 **To God Be the Glory**

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

Song: TCH 435 **God of Grace and God of Glory**

Old Testament Reading: **I Samuel 16:1-13** (pg. 443)

\*Hymn: TCH 338 **Wonderful Grace of Jesus**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund  
2) Student Connection

\*Hymn: TCH 344 **Grace Greater Than Our Sins**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **Ephesians 2:1-10** (pg. 1818)

Message: **BY GRACE ALONE**

Prayer of Dedication

**RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE**

\*Hymn: TCH 343 **Amazing Grace**

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: TCH 436 **Freely, Freely**

\*Postlude

The Council meeting of August 7, 2023, was opened by the reading of Psalm 32. Prayer was given by Pastor Rus.

Article 1: Minutes of the July 2 Council meeting were read and approved.

Article 2: Correspondence was reviewed. A thank you from the Gideons for our gift of \$120 was read. Our gift will allow them to provide approximately 24 Bibles or 89 testaments.

Article 3: Church order Articles 4-6 were read for information.

Article 4: Ministry Reports

- Pastor's Report: A monthly report of activities and mileage was received for information.
- Elders' Report: No report.
- Pulpit Committee (Kevin Meester): Pulpit Committee was informed the dates of September 17 and September 24 need to be filled.
- Worship Committee (Dale Meester): No report.
- Attendance Report (Clayton Groeneveld): There was an average attendance of 41 people with 7 live streaming.
- Outreach Committee (Ken Mehmen, Rollyn DeGroot): No report.
- Discipleship Committee (Joel Reints): It is being planned that we will have Sunday School three Sundays per month, with no official start date at this time. There is a need for 3-5 teachers.
- Building and Grounds Committee (Ryan Edeker, Kevin Meester): Damaged rain gutters were replaced. Carpet was replaced outside the main entrance. New lights were installed in the Fellowship Hall.

Article 5: Financial Reports and Concerns (Deacons)

- Receipts of \$6,938.00 were received.
- Budget amount of \$9,386.44 is needed per month, giving us a \$2,448.44 shortfall for the month of July. YTD balance is -\$2,191.56.

- Deacons reported that a memorial gift was given in memory of Gene Venenga. Council decided to use the money for window shades in the sanctuary.

Article 6: Old Business

- There was no old business.

Article 7: New Business

- An oral performance review was completed on Pastor Rus.
- Updating the policies in back of the Church Directory was discussed and will be completed.
- Discussion was held on having a class for those who might want to make profession of faith.

Article 8: Motion was made and supported to adjourn the meeting.

Article 9: Concept minutes were read.

Article 10: Closing prayer was given by Kevin Meester.

Respectfully submitted:

Pastor Rus Boersma

Clerk: Dale Meester

Members Present:

Pastor Rus Boersma

Rollyn DeGroot

Ryan Edeker

Dale Meester

Kevin Meester

Ken Mehmen

Members Absent:

Joel Reints

Next meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2023.