

Sunday, August 9, 2020

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Ruth Haan who will be observing her 87th birthday on August 10.

Congratulations to Don Allspach who will be observing his 89th birthday on August 12.

Mike Pott is continuing his care for his knee injury with an evaluation in the University Hospital with surgery if all goes well in late August.

Duane Anderson will undergo radiation treatment for his cancer and has been given a good prognosis.

Paul Bruns is home after his blood clot treatment at the University Hospital.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will not be any coffee after the service this morning.

The second offering next Sunday will be for Faith Promise.

Keep saving the "Best Choice" bar codes from all those products that are sold at Brother's Market. That fundraising project is still going on. Thank you.

If you would like to help a family out as they prepare for the new school year, we are participating in the back pack program started by Hope Reformed Church. The program provides the items needed to start the school year all in a quality backpack. If you are interested in helping or in need of a backpack, see Pastor Rus.

If you would like to send your offerings in by mail, the church address is: Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church, 807 Grant St., Parkersburg, IA 50665

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

Morning Service

August 9, 2020 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 46:1-3, 10

*Song: TCH 219 **Surely the Presence**
TCH 220 **He Is Here**

*God's Greeting

Old Testament Reading: **Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28**

Song: TCH 712 **Be Still, My Soul**

Reading from the Psalms: **Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b**

*Hymn of Response: TCH 572 **Blessed Assurance**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

Hymn: TCH 686 **O God, Our Hope in Ages Past**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Matthew 14:22-33**

Message: **STILL GOD IN THE STORM**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 705 **It Is Well with My Soul**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 184 **Thy Word**

*Postlude

Council meeting of August 3, 2020 was opened by reading two portions of Scripture from II Corinthians 3:17-18 and Luke 14: 25-33. Use was made of the Healthy Church materials from CRC. One of the marks of a healthy church is “Intentional Disciple Making” which applies the words of The Great Commission, to “go and make disciples of all nations” to our present work within our church. Opening prayer by Pastor Rus.

Article 1: Minutes of the July 6th council meeting were read and approved. The Minutes of the August 2 congregational meeting were also reviewed and approved.

Article 2: Correspondence was reviewed for information.

- Information was received regarding the **Covenant of Shared Ministries** from CRC. The document shared data on the Ministry Shares used by the denomination to support the many activities of the Church. Beginning in 2019, the CRC budgets will begin at the local level, with each church deciding how much financial support would be given for denominational use. This information will be collected from all the churches and used to create the denominational budgets.
- A request was received to ask whether lawn care included spraying for weed control. Possible solutions will be reviewed, and action taken.

Article 3: Ministry Reports:

- Pastor’s Report: Monthly report of visits, activities and mileage was received for information. **Due to lack of opportunity to meet as committees, no additional reports were shared.**
- Elder’s Report: **Committee Assignments were decided for the new Council:**
 - Pulpit Committee: Marlyn Allspach
 - Worship Committee: Kenny Meester
 - Attendance: Clayton Groeneveld
 - Outreach Committee: Marlyn Allspach
 - Discipleship Committee: Mike Ascher
 - Building Committee: Harold Coplen
 - Vice-President of Council: Marlyn Allspach

- Vicar: Kenny Meester
- Clerk of Council: Darrell Druvenga
- Secretary of Deacons: Mike Sterling

Article 4: The June financial report was presented by Clayton Groeneveld. Receipts of **\$8072.60** were received. The target monthly budget amount is **\$8280.80** which results in a shortfall of **\$208.20** for the month. Year-to-date shortage is **\$3493.98**.

Article 5: Old Business

- Church attendance averaged 32 people per Sunday for the month of July.
- A new dehumidifier for the church basement has been purchased.

Article 6: New Business

- The yearly contribution to the Parkersburg Ministerial Association needs to be paid.
- The Hope Reformed Church has initiated a school “Backpack Project.” This project will provide a good quality backpack which is to be filled with school supplies and distributed to students who are in need. The cost of the entire backpack is estimated to be \$50-\$75 each. This is a project that our congregation can participate in to purchase and fill a backpack—much like the Christmas Tree Project in December. Each church is asked to furnish 8 backpacks. The need is evident, as 39 requests from students have already been received. Would you be willing to assist in this project?
- Due to the continuing COVID-19 outbreak, questions have been raised about how to offer our Fall Sunday School and Life Plus Program. Several options were considered but no final decision reached. The Council is asking the Directors of Sunday School and Life Plus to offer their suggestions, such as a later than normal start for the programs, Sunday School being offered during the regular church service, or to place the regular programs on hold for the year. Council is waiting to gather additional information before a decision is made.
- As was mentioned at the August 2 congregational meeting, there is a need for Council to know the congregational attitudes toward allowing women to serve in the roles of elder and deacon. As we work each year to secure individuals

to serve in these offices, it is difficult to find members who will volunteer for these roles. Council would like to learn of a broad variety of member attitudes and a plan to share attitudes is being planned. It is requested that you share your ideas and feelings by writing notes to the Council or to share your attitudes in the Church monthly newsletter. After these sharing opportunities, we will have a ballot vote during the December congregational meeting. We ask your prayerful attention to this important topic.

Article 7: Motion made to adjourn. Carried

Article 8: Concept minutes were read and approved.

Article 9: Ken Meester closed with prayer.

Next meeting: September 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pastor: Rus Boersma

Clerk: Darrell Druvenga

Members Present

Pastor Rus

Marlyn Allspach

Rollyn DeGroot

Darrell Druvenga

Dale Meester

Clayton Groeneveld

Pat Prier

New Members Present

Mike Ascher

Ken Meester

Members Absent

Mike Sterling

Harold Coplen