

**Sunday, July 12, 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**

**Mike Pott** is scheduled to undergo knee surgery on Friday, July 17. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

**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 the Benevolent Fund.

**Our Missionary News: Mike and Victoria VanDerDyke** are still in the U.S. and waiting for the airports in Nigeria to open so they can return to their work. They have been living with their children in the Chicago area. As of June 29, there were 25,133 cases of Covid with 573 deaths. Plateau State (where they live) has had 371 confirmed cases with 9 deaths. Also, on June 1st Emmanuel and Juliana (a CRC pastor of a church in Mararraba) were killed during inter-tribal violence. They leave behind 8 children between the ages of 1 and 19. Pray for the children and that the violence will come to an end. Call Marcia (319-346-2200) if you want a copy of their recent newsletter.

**At the July 6 Council Meeting**, it was decided to schedule a **Congregational Meeting for Sunday, August 2**, for the purpose of selecting new Elders and Deacons. It was also decided to move to a 3 x 3 Council format, reducing the size of the Council to 3 Elders and 3 Deacons. Council presents the following list of nominations for each position:

- Elder: One candidate will be chosen to serve a 3-year term:  
**Candidates are:**
  1. **Larry Johnson**
  2. **Kenny Meester**
- Deacon: Two candidates will be selected. The first will serve a term of 2 years and the second will serve a term of 3 years.  
**Candidates are:**
  1. **Mike Ascher**
  2. **Harold Coplen**
  3. **Joel Reints**

**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

**Timothy Christian School** located near Wellsburg, Iowa, is in search of a hot lunch cook for the 2020-2021 school year. The school cook will be expected to implement the hot lunch program. Duties will include preparing and serving food, maintaining a clean kitchen, and completing required paperwork. This person shall reflect the mission of the school and strive to honor Christ at all times. Please contact Rebecca Johnson, Administrator, at [rjohnson@timothychristianschool.net](mailto:rjohnson@timothychristianschool.net) or 319-415-0351 if interested in applying for the position.

**Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

Morning Service

July 12, 2020 – 9:30 AM

**WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Song: TCH 224 **We Have Come into His House**

\*God's Greeting

Hymn: TCH 11 **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

New Testament Reading: **Romans 15:1-13**

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

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund  
2) Christian Education

\*Hymn: TCH 309 **I Will Sing of My Redeemer**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **Jeremiah 52:31-34**

Message: **THE FEAST OF FREEDOM**

Applicatory Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE**

\*Hymn: TCH 336 **There Is a Fountain**

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: TCH 812 **Glory Be to the Father**

\*Postlude

## Council Notes of July 6, 2020

**Council meeting of July 6, 2020 was opened by reading and discussing the Healthy Church materials. Scripture was read from II Corinthians 8:1-15 and discussion centered on “Generous Stewardship.” The Scriptures emphasize that good stewardship is evident in healthy churches and that stewardship is a gift of God. Opening prayer by Pastor Rus.**

Article 1: Minutes of the June 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting were read and approved.

Article 2: No new Correspondence was received.

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 reports were shared.**

- Elder’s Report: No report.
- Pulpit Committee: Marlyn Allspach
- Worship Committee: Dale Meester
- Attendance: Clayton Groeneveld
- Outreach Committee: Marlyn Allspach
- Discipleship Committee: Pat Prier,
- Building Committee: Pastor Rus shared two items from the building committee:

1. The dehumidifier in the church basement was no longer working. A motion was made and accepted to purchase a new dehumidifier at a cost up to \$300.
2. The church fire extinguishers were checked and found to be adequate.

Article 4: The June 2020 financial report was presented. Receipts of **\$8234.53** were received. The target monthly budget amount (with 4 Sundays in the month) is \$8280.80 which results in a monthly shortfall of **\$46.27**. YTD shortfall is **\$3285.78**.

Article 5: Old Business

- Discussion continued regarding the number of Elders and Deacons our church should use and whether the time was appropriate to move to a 3-Elder and 3-Deacon format. A motion was made and approved to elect 1 Elder at this time to

join the 2 returning Elders on the new Council. At the upcoming Congregational Meeting on August 2, one candidate will be chosen from 2 nominations to serve a 3-year term as Elder.

- Similar discussions took place regarding the number of Deacons needed for the new Council. A motion was made and approved to reduce the number of Deacons from 4 to 3. Council will present 3 candidates for the office of Deacon, with 2 candidates chosen. One Deacon will serve a term of 2-Years and the other Deacon will serve a term of 3-Years.
- This new organizational plan will be presented to the Congregation for their approval prior to the selection process at the Congregational Meeting scheduled for August 2.

Article 6: New Business

- Plans are being made to celebrate Communion on Sunday, July 19. The COVID-19 virus will change the way we normally celebrate Communion since we will not be passing the bread and juice. We are planning to have members come to the front of the church to take the elements. Those unable to walk to the front of the church will be served in their places by the Elders.

Article 7: Motion made and supported to adjourn. Carried

Article 8: Concept minutes were read and approved.

Article 9: Dale Meester closed with prayer.

Next meeting: August 3, 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  
Pat Prier

Members absent:

Clayton Groeneveld  
Ken Kramer  
Mike Sterling