

Sunday, July 23, 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

11:00 a.m. – Christmas in July Lunch

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Gene Venenga, who will be observing his 81st birthday on July 27.

Congratulations to Joy Knepe, who will be observing her 85th birthday on July 28.

Congratulations to Dennis and Sharon Schipper, who will be observing their 58th anniversary on July 23.

June Karsjens is scheduled to go in for knee surgery on Tuesday, July 25. Please keep her in our prayers for this medical procedure.

Thank you to everyone who said the many prayers for me, sent cards, phone calls, etc. Special thanks to Pastor Rus for being there the early morning of surgery in Iowa City. All of this is really appreciated and I thank God for the success of the surgery. **Clarence 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.

It's Christmas in July! Get ready to sink your teeth into mouth-watering pork loin at our meal today, along with other Christmastime favorites! We're looking forward to eating Christmas dinner with you this morning!

Backpacks for School - The start of the school year can cause financial stress for some families. We have the opportunity to help our own A-P children in PreK through 8th grade receive a good start and relieve some of that stress by purchasing their school supplies. In the fellowship hall are 12 envelopes with the gender and grade of children needing assistance. Inside the envelope is a list of the supplies they will need in their classroom; you will not be purchasing their backpack. If you are able to help one or more of these kiddos, please take the envelope(s) with you and make the necessary purchases. The supplies must be returned to our church by Sunday, July 30 (a week from today) WITH THE LIST ATTACHED/INCLUDED. New this year is a sign-up page where you will add your name and phone number so we can keep track of the envelopes. Thank you for helping our community kids have a great start to the upcoming school year! If you have any questions, please talk to Angie.

On Wednesday, July 26th Rev. Dave Claassen, a former Parkersburg resident joins us at 3pm at Parkersburg Public Library for The Writer/Reader Connection program in the Library.

Mark your calendars for the Parkersburg & Aplington Summer Reading Finale on July 27th at Miracle Park in Parkersburg from 11am to 1pm. We will have a petting zoo with 10 plus animals, free face painting and a bubble station. The Lions are also providing a hot dog meal for free while supplies last from 11:30am – 1pm. This program was made possible by the Brother's Round-Up and all of those who supported the Parkersburg and Aplington Libraries. This program is for All Ages!

The General Fund Collection for July 9 was \$2,188.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,126.68.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

Morning Service

July 23, 2023 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 121:1-2

*Hymn: TCH 151 **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Song: TCH 571 **Trust and Obey**

Apostles' Creed

*Hymn: TCH 572 **Blessed Assurance**

Morning Prayer

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

*Hymn: TCH 585 **Be Still and Know**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Genesis 13:5 -14:24** (pg. 18)

Message: **BAD DECISIONS**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 575 **Leaning On the Everlasting Arms**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 573 **His Strength Is Perfect**

*Postlude

Council Notes of July 9, 2023

The Council meeting of July 9, 2023, was opened by the reading of Psalm 31. Prayer was given by Pastor Rus.

Article 1: Minutes of the June 18 congregational meeting and the June 5 Council meeting were read and approved.

Article 2: Correspondence was reviewed.

Article 3: The first three articles of church order 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): No report.
- Worship Committee (Dale Meester): Our July 2 patriotic service had good attendance.
- Attendance Report (Clayton Groeneveld): There was an average attendance of 43 people with 9 live streaming.
- Outreach Committee (Ken Meester, Joel Reints): No report.
- Discipleship Committee (Mike Asher): Set up for VBS has begun and Stacy Ascher is starting to search for new Sunday School material for this fall.
- Building and Grounds Committee (Ryan Edeker, Kevin Meester): Progress report on replacement glass for the front door was given. Discussed fixing the ends of damaged rain gutters on church building.

Article 5: Financial Reports and Concerns (Deacons)

- Receipts of \$6,999.00 were received.
- Budget amount of \$9,386.44 is needed per month, giving us a \$2,387.44 shortfall for the month of June. YTD balance is \$256.88.

Article 6: Old Business

- There was no old business.

Article 7: New Business

- Election of officers was held.
 - Ken Mehmen – Vice President
 - Kevin Meester – Vicar

- Dale Meester – Clerk
- Ryan Edeker – Secretary of Deacons
- Committee assignments were given.
 - Pulpit Committee – Kevin Meester
 - Worship Committee – Dale Meester
 - Outreach Committee – Ken Mehmen and Rollyn DeGroot
 - Discipleship Committee – Joel Reints
- Building and Grounds Committee – Kevin Meester and Ryan Edeker
Discussion was held on sending out text messages along with emails when emergency notifications are sent out.

Article 8: Mutual censure was held.

Article 9: Motion was made and supported to adjourn the meeting.

Article 10: Concept minutes were read and approved.

Article 11: Closing prayer was given by Dale Meester.

Respectfully submitted:

Pastor Rus Boersma

Clerk: Dale Meester

Members Present:

Pastor Rus Boersma
Mike Ascher
Dale Meester
Ken Meester
Kevin Meester
Ken Mehmen
Joel Reints

Members Absent:

Rollyn DeGroot
Ryan Edeker

Next meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2023.