

**Sunday, March 16, 2014**

***Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praise to our God; how pleasant and fitting to praise Him! Psalm 147:1***

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

**MUSICIAN:** Jan Johnson

**GREETERS.** Today –North door – Henry & Kathy Heeren

South door – Steve & Charlene Kramer

Next week – North door - Delbert & Sharon Cordes

South door – Clarence & June Karsjens

**USHERS.** Today, a.m. – Mark Kramer

Next week, a.m. – Ken Kramer

**COFFEE SERVERS.** This week – Paul & Darlene Bruns

Next week- Ken & Rhonda Meester

**THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC**

**Today** 9:30 a.m. –Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. – Sunday School and Catechism  
6:00 p.m. –Worship Service

**Tuesday** 1:30 p.m. – Knitting and Crochet Class

**Wednesday** 9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time in Fellowship Hall  
1:30 p.m. – Sunshine Circle  
6:15 p.m. – Life Plus

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**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Pastor Rus** thanks the congregation for your prayers and concern in the recent illness. It is good to be a part of such a caring family of God.

**Thank you.** To all who sent cards, gifts and the prayers from Pastor Rus and Mary, I want to say thank you. I had an ordeal. All is greatly appreciated. God bless you all. Something brought me through and I know the power was bigger than us. God bless.

Lois Mennen

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Everyone** is invited for coffee and fellowship following the worship service this morning.

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

**Knitting and Crochet Group** will meet on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

**Sunshine Circle** will meet Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.  
Study Lesson 3 on page 32.

**Council** regrets that a need to inform the congregation that a concern has come regarding our giving. When we passed our budget in December, by affirming the budget we also were pledging to support the ministry with our giving. After two months into the new budget year we are experiencing a deficit of \$9,930.28. Please prayerfully consider how we can work to meet our obligations to serving God in this place through our service as well as our giving.

**The Outreach Committee** is inviting everyone from our congregation to a movie night. We are looking to go to Grundy Center Theater to view the movie, “Son of God” as a group with an opportunity to discuss the movie on the following Sunday, March 23, during the Sunday School hour. If you are interested please meet at church, Wednesday, March 19, at 6:00 PM so we can leave no later than 6:15.

**The Sunshine Circle** wants to thank everyone who participated in our “Spring Supper”. The music and food were great and we served 89 people. We also cleared about \$1300.00 to help support our missionaries. Supporting churches are asked to raise at least 60 %of their total cost so that means Larry and Ann Vanderaa and Mike and Victoria have to raise about \$76.000 per couple. Thanks again.

**Lenten Devotionals:** The Parkersburg Ministerial Association invites you to join together for the annual Lenten Devotionals every Wednesday at 12:30 in the Parker Place. If you want to share lunch (free will offering) at noon call the Parker Place at 346-9771 by 9 a.m. The Ministerial Association will also hold the annual Easter Sunrise service at 6 30 a.m. in the Bethel Lutheran Church. The schedule is March 19th – Pastor Joe Romeo; March 2- Pastor Eileen Johnson; April 2 – Pastor Hagstrom; April 9 – Pastor Seys; Easter Sunrise – Pastor Boersma. Call 319-1076 for more information.

**Timothy Christian School** will be hosting their annual Steak Supper Fundraiser on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. The meal will be held at First CRC of rural Wellsburg. Serving times will be from 4:30-7:30 pm. Gluten free and sugar free foods will be available upon request. A free-will donation will be received for the meal. Come enjoy this all-you-can-eat delicious meal!

**Dad's Belgian Waffle Supper/Day** will be held at the First Reformed Church in Aplington on Thursday, March 20th. They will be serving from 11:a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and then from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Cost of the tickets are \$6.50 each in advance, with 5 and under eating free, Meals can be purchased at the door for \$7.00. Cost includes all you can eat waffles, sausage and drink. Carry-outs will be available and deliveries are available by calling the church that day 347-2444. The event is being sponsored by the First Reformed Women Working for Christ. Hope to see you there! .

**All ladies** are invited to the Ladies Salad Luncheon on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon at the First Congregational Church.

**The books** in the Fellowship Hall are part of Pastor Rus's library. You are welcome to take them home and read them but please do return them when finished.

**Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

March 9, 2014

**WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude:

Welcome:

Call to Worship: **Isaiah 1:18-20**

\*Song: TCH 319 **Near the Cross**

\*God's Greeting:

\*Mutual Greeting

Praise Time: Reading by Pat & Deb  
TCH 327 **The Old Rugged Cross**

God's Will for Life: **Philippians 2:1-11** (pg. 1827)

Song: TCH 324 **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **Matthew 27:27-31** (pg. 1547)

Message: **MOCKERY**

Prayer of Dedication

**SERVICE OF CONSECRATION**

Hymn of Gratitude: TCH 316

**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for (1) General Fund  
(2) Dordt College

**RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE**

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: TCH 311:1,4,5 **Hallelujah What a Savior!**

\*Postlude

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP**

March 2, 2014

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship: **Psalm 118:24**

God's Greeting

Song of Praise: TCH 707 **He Giveth More Grace**

Praise Selection: TCH 646 **Present Your Requests to God**

Hymn: TCH 536 **Have Faith in God**

Time of Prayer

Offertory & Offering for the General Fund

\*Hymn: TCH 713 **Seek Ye First**

Scripture **Luke 11:5-8** (pg. 1614)

Message: **BETTER THAN A FRIEND**

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn: TCH 539 **My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: TCH 627 **Cares Chorus**

\*Postlude