

Sunday, September 20, 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

10:00 a.m. – Sunday School

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please hold the Ascher family in your prayers as Mike's father, James Ascher, passed away last Monday. The visitation and service were held this past weekend.

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 Christian Education.

Sunday School begins today. After the offertory you may go downstairs.

The Aplington Fire Department invites the congregation to their annual fundraiser pancake breakfast. Please feel free to come after church services for pancakes, sausages, and scrambled eggs. Thank you in advance.

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

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Morning Service

September 20, 2020 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1-3

*Song: TCH 153 **Worthy of Worship**

*God's Greeting

Old Testament Reading: **Exodus 16:2-15**

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

Reading from the Psalms: **Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45**

*Hymn of Response: TCH 481 **Come Just As You Are**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund
2) Faith Promise

Hymn: TCH 340 **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Matthew 20:1-16**

Message: **FAIR PAY**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 486 **Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 815 **Doxology**

*Postlude

Council Notes of September 8, 2020

Council meeting of September 8, 2020 was opened by considering issues of Justice and Righteousness from the Healthy Church materials of the CRC. Scripture readings from Matthew 25:31-40 and Isaiah 59:9-15 were read. How do we follow Jesus' mandate to "care for the least of these" in our world, which includes the poor, widow, alien, and homeless. Opening prayer by Pastor Rus.

Article 1: Minutes of the August 3, 2020 council meeting were read and approved.

Article 2: Correspondence was reviewed for information.

Article 3: Ministry Reports:

- Pastor's Report: Monthly report of visits, activities and mileage was received for information.
- Elder's Report: Discussion of the need to update the present church directory was held.
- Pulpit Committee: Marlyn Allspach reported that Pastor Frank Pott would be fill-in pastor for the October 4th Sunday in the absence of Pastor Rus.
- Worship Committee: Kenny Meester – No Report.
- Outreach Committee: Marlyn Allspach - No Report
- Discipleship Committee: Mike Ascher gave information on Sunday School and Life Plus. Sunday School will begin on September 20 and continue until December, with reconsideration of the impact of the COVID 19 virus on the Sunday School at that time. Sunday School will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Life Plus will be placed on "hold" for the present and efforts will be made to find ways to hold the lessons.
- Building Committee: Harold Coplen – No Report

Article 4: The September 2020 financial report was presented by Mike Sterling. Receipts of \$7456.49 were reported. The target monthly budget amount is \$10,351 (for 5 Sundays in a month) which resulted in a monthly shortfall of \$2894.51 and a YTD shortfall of \$6388.49.

Article 5: Old Business

Article 6: New Business

- Budget discussions for next year were started. New denominational guidelines require the budget to begin at the local church level, move on to Classical level, and then on to denominational level for final budget creation. Budget plans are due in October.
- Pastor Rus proposed that two additional items be included in the next year budget. He stated that in the present budget, he had not been given dental insurance coverage or provided a life insurance policy. Dental coverage was estimated to be \$81.88 per month for the Pastor and his wife = \$983 per year. Cost for requested Life Insurance coverage (\$100,000 policy minimum) would be investigated by the Deacons and Pastor.
- The contract for the church copier was coming due on September 28. A contract for a new machine would cost \$105 per month—which is \$4 cheaper than the present contract. Motion made and adopted to purchase the new machine with Pastor Rus given the authority to sign the new contract.
- It was noted that the parking lines on the parking lot and around the church will need to be repainted. Since winter is hard on the parking lots, a decision was made to perform this project in the Spring.

Article 7: Motion made and supported to adjourn. Carried

Article 8: Concept minutes were read and approved.

Article 9: Mike Sterling closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Pastor: Rus Boersma
Clerk: Darrell Druvenga

Members present:
Pastor Rus
Marlyn Allspach
Mike Ascher
Harold Coplen
Darrell Druvenga
Kenny Meester
Mike Sterling