

**Sunday, September 3, 2017**

*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, Jodi DeBerg, & Angie Meester

**GREETERS.** Today – North Door – Pat & Deb Prier

South Door – Herm Everts

**Next Sunday:** North Door – Don & Annie Allspach

South Door – Henry & Kathy Heeren

**USHERS.** Today, a.m. – Ken Johnson

**Next Sunday** – Ken Kramer

**VALET PARKING.** Today – Pat Prier

**Next Sunday** – Rollyn DeGroot

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

Next week – Mike & Stacy Ascher

*Please note: If there are any differences between the schedule in the bulletin and the schedule in the Shepherd's Staff, please follow the schedule in the Shepherd's Staff.*

### **THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC**

Today 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service

6:00 p.m. – Worship Service

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. – Sunshine Circle

6:00 p.m. – Life Plus

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

6:00 p.m. – Worship Service

### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Congratulations** to Marlyn & Marcia Allspach, who will be observing their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 7.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**There will be** a second offering next Sunday.

**If you have** a prayer concern, you are welcome to post it on the prayer board located in the fellowship hall.

**In consideration** of the new carpet in the Fellowship Hall, the coffee servers are asked to refrain from serving red punch. We hope to keep the floor looking nice for as long as we can. Thank you.

**There will be** a short meeting for Life Plus staff after the service this morning to hand out teaching materials.

**Council is scheduled** to meet on Tuesday, September 5, at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sunshine Circle** will meet at 12:00 on September 6<sup>th</sup>. We will serve a nice lunch and make plans for our coming year. All ladies are welcome. Hope to see you there.

**Life Plus is in need** of your prayers. The fall season begins on September 6 and we still have 3 classes without teachers. Please pray that those being called to teach will come forward and we can complete our outreach mission. Consider team teaching – 2 people alternating or teaching together. Angie is waiting to hear from you.

**Sunday School begins** next week! Teachers' manuals will be in the fellowship hall today. **PARENTS:** How important is Sunday School? **Proverbs 22:6** Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

**The General Fund Collection** for August 20 was \$1,377.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,400.00.

**Calling all kids** ages birth to ninety-nine and a half! Would you like to design and color a bulletin cover for using in our church? Use a half sheet and color as you would like it to appear on Sunday. We hope to use several throughout the year. Give them to Chelsea or Pastor Rus when completed.

**Bible Study Books** are here. Please pick yours up in the fellowship hall. Extra books have been ordered, so if you have not signed up, no worries. Put your name down and pick up a book. Everyone is still invited to attend this informal bible study beginning September 10. Just one hour – 4:30-5:30.

**Friendship Circle** is planning a ladies' day out on Tuesday, September 19, to the Cedar Falls area. We will be meeting at church at 9:15 a.m. and stopping first at Kohl's, then to Pizza Ranch for lunch. Afterwards, we will make a stop at Walmart and then head back to be home by 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$12 which includes the noon meal and transportation. A sign-up sheet is available in the fellowship hall. Please see a Friendship Circle member if you have questions.

**Bethel Reformed Church** (29557 Hickory Avenue, Aplington) would like to invite you to join them for a night of Christian comedy and laughter as they host *321Improv*, on Sunday, September 10, beginning at 7 p.m. at the church. *321Improv* features three men who use improvisation to share messages of the kind of joy one has when they have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. No two shows are ever the same! Everyone loves comedy, so this is a great opportunity to invite an unchurched friend too! There is no charge for the show, but a free-will offering will be taken.

**“A Summer Concert Fantastique”** will be Sunday, September 10 at 3 PM at the Parkersburg United Methodist Church. It will feature piano duets performed by Anna Mae Schnucker and Amy Truax. Assisting them will be Pam Hart, Susan Sivola, Aaron Ellermann, and Stan Thompson. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

**“Understanding Grief and Loss”** is a 6 week support class for people grieving the death of someone close to them. It is a place where you can be around people who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. At our meetings you will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. Our first meeting will be Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Hope Reformed Church, 611 4<sup>th</sup> St. in Parkersburg (please use the south basement door). Cherly Reiher from Cedar Valley Hospice and Jo Schipper will be leading the class. For further information please contact Jo Schipper at 346-2831.

**Please mark your calendars** for the second annual **99 County Bible Reading Marathon** which will take place at the Butler County Courthouse on Saturday, September 16 at 9:00. All volunteers are asked to bring their own Bible (any version), a lawn chair and possible rain gear. There will be a sign-in table where

groups of two and three will be given a section of Scripture to read out loud somewhere on the courthouse grounds. If we do not finish on the 16<sup>th</sup>, we will meet again at 9:00 the following week.

**Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church**

September 3, 2017 – 9:30 AM

**WE COME NEAR TO GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: **Psalm 128:1-2**

\*Song: TCH 217 **Holy Ground**

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

Labor Day Reading: Marcia Allspach and Deb Prier

Song: TCH 786 **Count Your Blessings**

Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:9-22 (pg. 1037)

\*Hymn: TCH 670 **Make Me a Blessing**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund  
2) Life Plus

Hymn: TCH 520 **The Longer I Serve Him**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Scripture: **Ephesians 6:5-9** (pg. 1823)

Message: **AS TO THE LORD**

Prayer of Dedication

**RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE**

\*Hymn: TCH 429 **They'll Know We Are Christians**

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: TCH 236 **The Lord Bless You and Keep You**

\*Postlude

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP**  
**September 3, 2017 – 6:00 PM**

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship: **Psalm 112:1**

\*Song: TCH 589 **Here I Am, Lord**

\*God's Greeting

God's Will for Our Lives

(\*)Hymn: TCH 676 **O Jesus, I Have Promised**

Evening Prayer

Offertory & Offering for the General Fund

Hymn: TCH 657 **Cleanse Me**

Scripture: **Romans 7:7-25**(pg. 1755)  
**Lord's Day 2**

Message: **KNOWING SIN**

\*Hymn: TCH 558 **I Am Crucified with Christ**

\*God's Blessing

\*Parting Song: TCH 234 **Now Unto Him**

\*Postlude