

Sunday, March 28, 2010
Morning Order of Worship

GOD GATHERS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude and Personal Meditation

*Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise: **"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"** #378 : 1 - 3

*God's Greeting

*Greeting One Another

*Hymn of Praise: **"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"** #376 : 1 - 3

Ministry in Music by the Sunday School

"Hosanna" "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" "This Is the Day"
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks"

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Preparatory for *Eucharist - A Celebration of Gratitude*

Song of Confession: **"Before the Throne of God Above"** Vs. 1 - 3

Prayers of the People

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

*Song of Preparation: **"We Fall Down"** (Sing 2X)

Scripture: Isaiah 53 : 4 - 9

Message: **Like a Lamb**

Prayer of Application

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offerings: Faith Promise, General Fund

Song of Response: **"Lamb of God"** Vs. 1 - 2

GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

*Benediction

*Doxology: **"Man of Sorrows—What a Name"** #482 : 1, 3, 5

*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor: Rev. Dave Jolman

Pianist: Kim Byker

*Congregation stands if able

MARCH 28 AT FIRST

A.M. Service: Scripture: Isaiah 53 : 4 - 9, Part 2 Message: **Like a Lamb** Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. This is the time in which Jesus suffered betrayal, mockery, torture, and finally the cross all for us and our salvation. In this message we'll continue our study of Isaiah 53 to understand why the prophet refers to Jesus as a "lamb led to slaughter."

P.M. Service: Rev. John Van Regenmorter from Bethany Christian Services will lead our evening service. Scripture: Acts 7 : 51 - 60 Message: **Stephen's Vision**
Offering: Sunset Manor

APRIL 4 AT FIRST

A.M. Service: Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15 : 12 - 20 Message: **"If..."** In this passage the Apostle Paul helps us to think about the difference Easter really makes. Join us for our celebration of history's greatest event. Consider inviting a friend!
Offering: Conference Grounds Special Needs Week, General Fund

P.M. Service: Scripture: Luke 24 : 13 - 35 Message: **Life Along the Way** Have you ever been seriously discouraged? Ever had your hopes and dreams shattered? In this message we'll look at the lives of two people who experienced that very thing and in the process encountered Jesus in a powerful way. Offering: Home Missions

CHURCH NOTES

Our Maundy Thursday service will be Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 pm. The Lord's Supper will be served at the front of the sanctuary. For those who are unable to walk to the front, please sit towards the back of the sanctuary where the elders will serve communion in the traditional way. The offering will be for Love, I.N.C.

Flower Orders must be turned in today. Easter Lilies and other spring flowers are being sold by the Cadets. If you need an order form, please contact Jeff Horstman. Thank you for supporting the Cadet Program.

RICE BAGS FOR INDIA are in your mailboxes. You are encouraged to use Mission India's Rice Bags to collect loose change to help boys and girls to attend a Children's Bible Club in India, help with church planting, and adult literacy programs. Rice bags will be collected for the next two Sundays, April 4 and April 11.

Young at Heart (Seniors) Sign up today or next Sunday for breakfast at Rainbow, 9:00 AM, Thursday, April 8.

The family of Dorothy Klammer is requesting help with bringing meals in for Dorothy so she regains her strength. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. They update it online- so if there is a conflict with the day you signed up, I will call you. Thanks, Cheri Huisman

Men's Softball - All men interested in playing softball this summer, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Are you graduating? We would like to recognize you! If you are graduating or have graduated from any post-high school in the past year, please let Beth Spoelma know as soon as possible. High school graduates - you should have already received a letter in the mail. Please be sure to turn in your forms soon. Thanks.

Dégagé Ministry Volunteer Opportunity: Friday April 9. We will leave church at 9:00AM. The sign-up sheet is on the welcome center. Contact Judy Moelker with questions - 457-8979

VBS - if you would like to help with VBS, please make sure you sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Center. The VBS information on the surveys recently taken are for a "master" list to use if needed. Any questions call Cheri 669-7892

"Membership Matters" (New Member Class) This 4 session class will begin on Sunday, April 11 after the A.M. service. This class is for new Christians, those transferring from another church, adults who wish to make profession of faith, or anyone who would like to know more about the Christian faith or First CRC. The purpose of this class is to get to know one another better, to learn about the Christian faith, discover what it means to follow Jesus, learn more about the mission and ministries of First CRC, and determine how you can make a difference here. Contact the church office or Pastor Dave to sign up for this class.

Is anyone interested is attending a White Caps game or the Berlin Races? The Rush Creek Cadet Council is having group outings for a May 15 White Caps game (\$8.50) each), and the June 5 Berlin Races (\$4.50 ages 6 - 12, \$8.00 Adults). Contact Jeff Horstman by April 4 if you would like tickets.

Would you like to join the combined service choir? During the combined service with First Hudsonville, Twelfth Avenue, and Zutphen churches, we will have a combined choir which will sing a couple songs. If you are interested in joining this combined choir, please contact Kim Persenaire. The rehearsal times and dates for the choir will be announced soon.

OUR CHURCH GIVING: Last Week - General Fund: Budget: \$5297.00 Collected: \$5030.50
Capital Improvement: Budget: \$5955.00 Collected: \$2965.55; In the Image: \$346.00

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A Birthday to Remember: *Dick Woodwyk* will celebrate his birthday on March 30.

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Ethel Steenwyk who passed away this past Thursday. Funeral services will be held in our church tomorrow at 11:00 AM. May God grant his peace and comfort in this time of loss.

Prayer and Praise....

This week's prayer focus: *To be joyful Christians.* Bless us with the spirit of joy. May we smile naturally, laugh easily, and rejoice in things large and small. Let the words of the psalmist resound in our lives: "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."
Psalm 118 : 24

Please pray for Val Krikke who will be leaving this week to serve with Youth With A Mission in Costa Rica for 9 months.

Our Sick and Shut-ins:

Irene Mesbergen underwent open heart surgery last Wednesday at the Meijer Heart Center.

Jeanette Gras is being fully cared for at Providence Health Center.

Marie Heyboer is happy with the coming of spring when she will be able to get out a little while staying at home.

Mary Ann Machiela remains limited in her activities at home because of medical needs for never-ending pain.

Wilma Van Huizen appreciates her time at home with visitors and help from her nieces.

Dick Woodwyk is thankful for his wife's care while staying at home.

Thank you for your prayers and concern for me following my recent stroke. Thank you to Pastor Jolman and Rev. Holwerda for your visits and prayers that eased my anxieties. Thank you to everyone who sent cards and brought in dinners to me. My Savior carried me through this event every step of the way. May the Lord bless you all for your kindness extended to me.

~ Dorothy Klamer

CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

NURSERY TODAY

AM - Cheri Huisman, Brooke Timmer, Joey Graveling

PM - Mindy Kooman, Kara Helms

Molly's Helper: AM - Emily Kiel

PM - Cindy Palmbos

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY

AM - Jill Thomann, Jacob Horstman, Haleigh Bos

PM - Darla DeKoster, Jennie Ponstein

Molly's Helper: AM - Barbi Schreur

PM - Ben Bouma

NURSERY MAUNDY THURSDAY

Kristin Brouwer, Cassie Helms, Joshua Horstman Molly's Helper - Kelly Caryl

USHERS

AM - Jack Vugteveen, Harold Walters, Tom Caryl, Terry DeKoster
PM - Neil DeKievit, Pete DeKievit, Dan Helms, Josh Krikke

**USHERS
FOR APRIL**

AM - Jeff Horstman, Joel Horstman, Jacob Horstman, Josh Horstman
PM - Jack Huisman, Jacob Huisman, Brian Kiel, Jay Kiel

COFFEE SERVER

TODAY Gayle Rillema
NEXT SUNDAY Judy Moelker

WEEKLY CALENDAR

**TODAY
WEDNESDAY**

10:45 Sunday School and Catechism
6:00 Cadet Pizza Dinner
7:00 Cadets - Club Meeting

THURSDAY

7:00 Maundy Thursday Service - Offering: Love, I.N.C.