Emmanuel Reformed Church



Sunday, August 27, 2023

DIGITAL VERSION

Worship

Prelude

God Gathers Us

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

"I Surrender All" #366

Prayers of the People

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

God Speaks to Us

Prayer for Illumination

"A Work in Progress"

Guest Pastor Joel Westra

Prayer for Blessing on the Word

God Sends Us

- * "Doxology" (#625)
- * Prayer for Blessing
 - * Benediction
 - * We stand, as able, to worship our great God!

This Week @ERC

August 27 - September 3

Sunday, August 27, 2023

10AM Worship Service

6PM Praise Team practice

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

5-7PM Church Office Open

Sunday, September 3, 2023

9AM Praise Team practice

10AM Worship Service with Communion

Discipleship

<u>Sunday School</u> — we meet together at 9:00AM, before the worship service, in the church basement!

Music — Krystal Williams, Linda Tjeerdsma, Jill Tolsma

PreK-Kindergarten — Hillary Tjeerdsma

1st-3rd — Amy Vanderlei

4th-5th — Pastor Cody

Jr. High+ — Matt DenHerder, Connie Tjeerdsma

Adults (New!) — Mel & Danielle Wallinga (see below)

Youth Room Wish List — The students of the LIT youth group express our overflowing thanks to those of you who have purchased from our Amazon wishlist and contributed to our new space and our gatherings. Thank you for your continued support and generosity in the new year!

If you'd like to help equip our space for ministry, search the Amazon gift list "LIT" to view our ideas.

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Mission

The BH Food Pantry asks for the following: gravies, shampoos, soups, cereals, canned or dried fruit, canned vegetables, taco fixings. As always, any and all donations are greatly appreciated. The pantry is seeing an increase in the number of folks visiting the pantry!

Bon Homme County Food Pantry

105 E 17th Ave Tyndall, SD 57066

Open Wednesdays 8-12PM (2nd Wednesdays open 2-6PM)

Our Mission Partners

Living Stone Prison Church, Springfield SD Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY Bon Homme & Avon Fellowship of Christian Athletes Dakota Senior Meals Northwestern College, Orange City, IA Center of Hope, Sioux Falls, SD Words of Hope

The Mission Team and Deacons are reviewing our support of mission partners, and looking to increase our participation in local mission efforts. If you have any input or ideas, please contact the deacons or Beth Namminga!

Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

It's easy to overlook, but Jesus taught his disciples to pray *together*. Even when you pray on your own, pray with an awareness that you are not praying alone. We pray to "*our* Father." Who are you praying with? Name the ones on your heart and mind as you come to God.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

We pray together, but prayer is not about us. Invite God to show how He is working in your life, and in the lives of your loved ones. As God shows you His will, surrender yourself and those close to you to God's way, God's will.

Give us today our daily bread.

Again, we ask for "**our** daily bread." Acknowledge your needs to God, and lift up the needs of others. As you pray, ask God to show you what your neighbors need today, and ask how you might be the answer to this prayer.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

As you pray for God to "forgive *us our* sins," consider: what sins do we all commit? How are we all guilty of sin, "fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23)? Confess these shared sins to God.

Next, consider how others have sinned against you, hurting you or betraying you. As you pray with them, too, ask God to help you forgive as he forgives (Colossians 3:13).

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

Read Ephesians 6:10-18, mindful that you don't fight your battle alone. Pray for the full armor of God for you, and for others.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Repeat: "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!" (*Ps 115:1*)

Love the Ones Who Jesus Loves

- Matthew 25:31-40-

Jesus narrates what it will be like at the final judgment. There will be a sorting, a judging; and Jesus, the judge, will commend those who loved "the least of these" (Matthew 25:40). The command for us is implied: Love "the least," which is how we love Jesus.

In the same way, Paul tells Titus to train the church "to be ready for every good work" (3:1), and "to devote themselves to good works," acts of love that "are excellent and profitable for people" (3:8). Consider the following acts of love, and do one or two this week:

Feeding the Hungry and Thirsty: Donate money or pantry items to the Bon Homme County Food Pantry.

Go further: Join the Food Pantry Board for the next year by attending the September 12 board meeting in Tyndall at 1pm. Talk to Pastor Cody for the details.

Welcoming the Stranger: Look for an outsider. Instead of judging or avoiding them, reach out and include them in what you're up to.

Go further: Don't do this one time and then forget. Make a friend!

Clothing the Naked: As seasons change, and you rotate your wardrobe, set aside clothes you didn't wear this spring or summer and donate them to the Bargain Shoppe in Tyndall.

Go further: Give something you're still using, but can do without. And give it personally to someone you know would use it more than you.

Visiting the Sick: Bring a meal or a care package to someone who is going through illness or recovering from surgery.

Go further: Offer to help clean, do laundry, or drive. Continue to care!

Visiting the Prisoner: The process for worshiping with Living Stone Prison Church now requires watching a few training videos online. Talk with Pastor Cody or Ernie Namminga for the necessary forms and other instructions.

Emmanuel's Mission

"To serve God and share the message of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Emmanuel Staff

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