

Sunday, August 18, 2024

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

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Paul and Darlene Bruns, who will be observing their 56th anniversary on August 23.

Dennis Schipper returned home from the hospital on Friday. Please continue to pray for him as he recovers.

Please remember those of our congregation who live alone and those alone in care facilities through a phone call or a card.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited for coffee and fellowship following the worship service this morning. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter for volunteers to serve.

The second offering next Sunday will be for Faith Promise.

We welcome Randel Ponce to our pulpit this morning.

There will be a “Back to School” prayer night at the elementary school on Sunday, August 18 at 7:30 PM.

Have you *had* a birthday this year? Or do you *anticipate* having a birthday yet in 2024? If you can answer "yes" to either of these questions, then our meal on Sunday, August 25, is for you! This is your invitation to a birthday party, complete with pizza, cake, and ice cream! Oh yes, and there will be balloons, party hats and maybe even presents! The best part is since we're celebrating your birthday, you don't even need to bring anything. Just come and enjoy the fun! We look forward to seeing all you birthday boys and girls next week!

If you need someone to perform pastoral duties, please contact one of the Elders:

Ken Mehmen – (319) 269-1184

Dale Meester – (319) 239-5490

Pat Prier – (641) 640-4080

The General Fund collection for August 11 was \$3,248.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,248.10. The collection for Building Improvement totaled \$190.00.

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 9:

Q: But doesn't God do us an injustice by requiring in His law what we are unable to do?

A: No. God created humans with the ability to keep the law. They, however, tempted by the devil in reckless disobedience, robbed themselves and all their descendants of these gifts.

-HC and ME: The Heidelberg Catechism for Christian Living (2006), Faith Alive Christian Resources

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

August 18, 2024 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Hymn: TCH 207 **We Have Come to Join in Worship**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Song: TCH 446 **We've a Story to Tell to the Nations**
(verses 1, 3 & 4)

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund
2) Student Connection

*Hymn: TCH 602 **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **James 1:1-27** (pg. 1880)

Message: **NEVER GIVE UP**

Prayer of Dedication

**RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND
SERVICE**

*Hymn: TCH 707 **He Giveth More Grace**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 815 **Doxology**

*Postlude

Council Notes of July 8, 2024

The Council meeting of July 8, 2024, was opened by the reading of Jeremiah 29:11-13. Prayer was given by Ken Mehmen.

Article 1: Minutes of the June 10, 2024, Council meeting were read and approved. Minutes of the congregational meeting of June 23, 2024, were also read and approved.

Article 2: Correspondence was reviewed.

Article 3: Election of officers was held.

Vice President – Ken Mehmen

Vicar – Pat Prier

Clerk – Dale Meester

Secretary of Deacons – Amy Swanson Haan

Article 4: Ministry Reports and Concerns

- Pastor's Report: No report.
- Elders' Report: Elders reported on a request to act as church visitors.
- Pulpit Committee (Kevin Meester): Speakers filling pulpit supply are:
 - July 14, 2024 Ron Bartlett
 - July 21, 2024 Pastor Stewart DeJong
 - July 28, 2024 David Harms
 - August 4, 2024 Community Service at the Veterans' Building
- Worship Committee (Dale Meester): No report.
- Attendance Report (Clayton Groeneveld):
 - There was an average attendance of 50 people with 12 live streaming for the month of June.
 - There was an attendance of 62 at the patriotic service on June 30, 2024.
- Outreach Committee (Ken Mehmen, Rollyn DeGroot): No report.
- Discipleship Committee (Joel Reints): Vacation Bible School is being held at the Methodist Church from July 8-11, 2024.
- Building and Grounds Committee (Ryan Edeker, Kevin Meester): No report.

Article 5: Financial Reports and Concerns (Deacons)

Budget amount needed for the month of June was \$11,240.50 as there were five Sundays. The actual amount taken in was \$9,370.00,

leaving us with a shortfall for the month of \$1,870.50, and year-to-date shortfall of \$9,575.76 for the proposed budget.

Article 6: Old Business

- A motion was made and supported to replace some of the bushes that have died on the south side of the church with new bushes. Motion passed.
- AED that we received from the county still needs batteries.
- Church sign was brought up for discussion to get options to replace or fix it. Tabled for now to look into different options.
- Search Committee: Amy Swanson Haan provided an update from the Search Committee.

Article 7: New Business

- Sunday, August 4, we will be joining the community service at the Veterans' Building for Parkersburg Days, to be held at 10:00 a.m.
- Our church is to host the Classis meeting in September.

Article 8: Mutual censure was held.

Article 9: Motion to adjourn was made and supported.

Article 10: Concept minutes were read and approved.

Article 11: Closing prayer was given by Joel Reints.

Respectfully submitted:

Vice President: Ken Mehmen

Clerk: Dale Meester

Members Present:

Rollyn DeGroot

Dale Meester

Kevin Meester

Ken Mehmen

Pat Prier

Joel Reints

Amy Swanson Haan

Members Absent:

Next meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.