**The Reformed Church of Steen**

Sunday, April 27, 2025

 

Phone: 507-855-2336

E-mail: steenreformed@alliancecom.net

Website: [www.steenchurch.org](http://www.steenchurch.org)



**The Consistory**

Elders: Deacons: Norm Sjaarda-Vice President Dylan Bosch

Kraig Scholten Chad Rauk

Brad Bosch Chris Harnack-Chairman

Larry Bosch Tyler DenHerder

Dave Esselink Justin Maciejack

Dale Sandbulte-Clerk Kyle VanRuler

Pastor Jeremy Wiersema (712)324-1345

**Morning Service at 9:30 a.m.**

Prelude

\*Welcome/Call to Worship ~ Romans 8:28

\*Mutual Greetings

\*Opening Songs ~ Hymn #267 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

 Hymn #354 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Congregational Prayer

Children’s Message ~ Eric Kiers

Dismiss 3 year olds to Sunday School

Ministry of Music ~ The Sandbulte Quartet

Scripture ~ Ecclesiates 4:9-12 pg 1039

Message ~ “Love Always Trusts”

Announcements

Offertory Prayer/Offering

Offertory Song ~ Hymn #358 “I Am Thine O Lord”

 Vs 1, 2, 4

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song ~ Hymn #625 “Doxology”

\*Please stand if you are able

Sunday School from 10:45-11:30

Blanket making after the morning service. Please meet in the multi-purpose room.

RCYF at 6:00

**Evening Service at 6 p.m.**

Prelude

\*Invocation

Opening Songs ~ Hymn #262 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

 Hymn #270 “Wonderful Words of Life”

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture ~ Exodus 32:1-8 pg 137

Message ~ “When Fear Causes Us to Sin”

Prayer of Blessing

Hymn #271 “Standing on the Promises” vs 1-3

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song ~ Hymn #271 “Standing on the Promises” vs 4

 \*Please stand if you are able

 **Bible Verse of the Month:**

**And we know that in all things God works**

**for the good of those who love him,**

**who have been called according to his purpose.**

**Romans 8:28**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth,

as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen.

**The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ His only son, our Lord;

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,

the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

***Activities for the Week***

 ***Monday:*** Mendistry at 5:45 a.m.-6:30 a.m.

 ***Thursday:*** Women’s Bible Study at 1:30

 ***Announcements & Events***

Pastor Jeremy will be on educational leave from April 28-May 4. Please contact an elder if a need arises.

**The Sunday School Dept.** is looking for a Pre-K teacher to teach the rest of this school year. Also, looking for a Primary Dept. leader and assistant starting in the fall. If you would be willing to fill these roles for our younger kids, please see Dale Sandbulte.

**Mission of the Month for April is Game Plan 4 Hope supporting Loren and his family.** If anyone wants to contribute, today is the last day.

There is a tote in the fellowship hall for items to be dropped off for the Christmas shoeboxes.

**Mission of the Month for May is Inspiration Hills.** Their spring clean-up day is Saturday, May 3rd from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If interested, you need to pre-register by going to the Inspiration Hills website. As a part of this mission, the committee would like to bless them by fulfilling some of their Amazon wishlist items. Go to inspirationhills.org and click on the three lines shown in the upper left corner, click on give and then select Amazon wishlist. It’s such an easy way to support our church camp and campers.

**Vacation Bible School** will be May 26-30 from

5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Please plan to attend Bible League’s Spring Salad Luncheon with your friends on Monday, May 5 at Rock Valley First Christian Reformed Church (1401 16th Street, Rock Valley, IA). Please bring one salad for every four people in your group. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.; featured speaker is Gayle Walhof who will tell of her 4-year journey in publishing her book “Songs of Naamah – A Novel of King David’s Harem”. Updates from BLI will be given, and a freewill donation will be received. Join us for this FUN event!

**Mission Opportunity:**  Anyone interested in going on the SIMBA Ministries mission trip this coming November to help with their VBS (Chase Ward spoke about this in church on Sunday, March 30th), please contact Dave Tilstra no later than June 1st.

Equipt is now accepting enrollment for students in grades Kindergarten to Fifth grade! If you have an older student interested please reach out. You can find our online application and more information at [equiptchristianschool.org](http://equiptchristianschool.org). If you have questions please email equipt2024@gmail.com or call

507-283-7875. We are hopeful to order curriculum before June 1 to qualify for great discounts. If you are considering, please reach out today.

**“Common Grounds” Coffee**: Help yourself to a self-serve coffee bar before church.

**Inspiration Hills Summer Camp** registration is currently open. Brochures are available in the fellowship hall. For more information or to register, go to inspirationhills.org. The church will pay for a student and one friend.

**VBS at PLYC -** Do you love Jesus? Do you love kids? Combine the two and help the children on the Rosebud Reservation learn more about God. We leave early Sunday, July 13 and return late Friday, July 18. Your responsibility could be as simple as leading kids from one activity to another. If you are interested or have any questions, talk to Eric Kiers.

**Lyon County Food Shelf needs:** "child friendly" items such as soup, crackers, canned fruit, fruit cups, and juice pouches.

**A Note From the Librarian:** The featured book is

"God’s Mysterious Ways". There are lots of new books to check out and still some free books on the cart. \*\*\*\*We are asking that kids be supervised as there have been repeated messes in the library.

***Opportunities to Serve the Body of Christ***

 **This Week Next Week**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Organist | Lorraine Sandbulte | Praise Team |
| Ushers | Chase BoschMarlin ElbersDave Spykerboer | Cory TilstraDennis MulderBrandon Bosch |
| Nursery | Annie BosAmber WiersemaHarper Uittenbogaard | Krista BoschKelsey BakerGrady Spykerboer |
| Greeters | Brad & Linda BoschBrandon & Jill Bosch | Dylan & Krista BoschTim & Trista Bosch |
| Children’s Message | Eric Kiers | Stephanie Roozenboom |
| Camera | Sawyer Bosch | Ryker Gehrke |
| PowerPoint | Chase Bosch | Justin Esselink |
| Sound | Tim Bosch | Joshua Wiersema |
| Coffee  |  | Norm & Donna SjaardaDave & Debbie Tilstra |
| Ministry of Music | John & Carol VanMaanen | Kyle VanRuler |

 

* Those that are homebound and in nursing homes:

Anna Mae Berghorst, John Bosch, Rich VanDerBrink and Lucy VanWyhe.

* Those in our church and community who are dealing with cancer: Marv Albers, Doug Boeve, Erwin Bonestroo, Holly Horstman, Heather Johnson, Shane McMath, Seth Rozeboom, Robert Sandbulte, Merle Sandstede, Starla Scholten, Rick Tatge, Deb VanWyhe, Sheila Vis and Ivan Wiersema.
* Lorraine Sandbulte as she heals from her stroke.
* Minnie VanBatavia as she heals from a broken ankle.
* Sophie Gehrke as she heals from her heart procedure.
* Connor VandeVoort as he heals from his heart transplant.
* The vacant churches of the Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Sermon Notes

Love is found in a trusting relationship that is:

* Humble
* Gentle
* Values community

Ecclesiates 4 teaches that when our love trusts, we will experience four benefits:

1. Return
2. Loyalty or help
3. Connection
4. Protection

If you need to contact the church secretary, Tammy Bos, you can do so by email, steenreformed@alliancecom.net, by calling the church during her posted office hours, or by calling/texting her at 605-951-8254. Thank you!

 This week’s office hours ~ Monday 6:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

 Tuesday 9:00-12:00

 Wednesday 9:00-11:00

 Friday 9:00-12:00

A youth pastor was at Wal-Mart returning 37 pool noodles (for a youth ministry project) and rather than explaining the whole story of why a grown man was returning 37 pool noodles; when asked “Reason for return?” He just said, “The shopping list said noodles, but not what kind….boy, was my wife mad.”

They say we learn from our mistakes, that’s why I am making as many as possible….I’ll soon be a genius.

 

 April 28 – Jake Hoogendoorn

 May 3 - Cena Mae Tilstra,

Lucy VanWyhe

We are updating birthdate records so if you started coming to church here in the last 5 years, please let Tammy know.

**Consistory Meeting**

**April 21, 2025 at 8:18 p.m.**

Members present were Dale Sandbulte, Larry Bosch, Brad Bosch, Dave Esselink, Norm Sjaarda, Chad Rauk, Dylan Bosch, Tyler DenHerder, Kyle VanRuler and Pastor Jeremy. Visitors were Steve, Ethan and Erica. A quorum was present.

Kyle led opening devotions from Charles Stanley – Believe God and Acts 27:25, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the March 24, 2025 regular meeting were read for information.

**Missions Committee:** Written report was given.

**Fellowship Committee:** Easter egg hunt was done. Game night upcoming.

**Christian Education:** Talked about Cadets with Steve from Volga. Christ is the focus with hands on activities. Ethan, from Luverne, also grew up with Cadets. Erica, from Luverne, grew up with Gems. Discussion on Awana and materials.

**Old Business:** MSC to start coordinating Awana program for 3 year olds thru 2nd grade. Associate pastor applicant took another position.

**Elders Report:** MSC to approveMay 27-June 2 request for vacation for Pastor Jeremy.

**Property:** Appraisal to rebrick bell tower is $22,500. Had discussion on carpet replacement, removing wall paper and painting.

**New Business:** Discussion on having an appreciation dinner for teachers of all education departments. MSC to approve Tammy’s vacation requests for July 7-13 and August 17-23.

**Financial Reports:** General Fund: $47,670.66; Benevolent Fund: $36,665.83; Building Fund: $20,144.20. MSC to approve reports.

The minutes of tonight’s meeting were read. MSC to approve minutes as read. MSC to adjourn. Prior to adjournment, Dale closed with prayer. The next consistory meeting will be May 19, 2025.

General Fund: Dylan Bosch

Building Fund: Tyler DenHerder

Benevolent Fund: Chad Rauk

Sunday School Superintendent: Dale Sandbulte

Midweek Superintendent: Rex Metzger

Organists/Pianists: Lisa Kiers, Kendra Paulsen, Lorraine

 Sandbulte, Glenda Sandstede, Debbie Tilstra

Midweek Meal Supervisor: Dolly Van Der Weerd

RCYF Sponsors: Tyler & Kala Bush, Greg & Laura Leenderts,

 Eric & Kilee Uittenbogaard

Missions Committee: Chairman-Dave Tilstra,

 Treasurer-Nicie Bosch

 Sidney Bonilla, Tyler Bush, Annette Elbers, Jodi Harnack,

 Eric Kiers, Sadie Knobloch, Kendra Paulsen,

 Eric Uittenbogaard, Dolly Van Der Weerd

Steen Women’s Ministry: President-Amanda Wiersema

 Vice President-Janice Klosterbuer

 Treasurer-Marilyn Jellema

Fellowship Committee: Annie Bos, Larry Bosch, Troy Bosch,

Stephanie Roozenboom, Dale Sandbulte

Church Decorating Committee: Vonda Klarenbeek,

 Holly Mulder, Glenda Sandstede, Donna Sjaarda

Library Supervisor: Kendra Paulsen

\*\*In case of any cancellations, you will receive a phone call from the church.