

Baptism of the Lord

8:50 a.m. January 13, 2019

Welcome members, friends and visitors to our service this morning. We would ask you all to complete the friendship pad located in your pew. Thank you for your help. Welcome Packets for our visitors and guests are available at the Visitor Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

PRELUDE Bober
"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, children of God, rejoice in your Maker!

**People: Sing songs and hymns, old and new;
celebrate with voices and instruments, with
praise and prayers!**

Leader: Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.

**People: For God is already here, among us and within
us, bringing new life to all who believe.**

All: Let us praise God together!

* HYMN 398

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

* OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God,

**We gather together to offer You our praise and
thanksgiving for the unfailing love You have shown
toward us, generation after generation, and for the
compassion You shower upon us, day after day.**

You alone are our God. We are Your people.

**We pray that Your Holy Spirit would move among us
as we worship.**

**Open our hearts and our minds to see You at work
among us, encouraging, challenging, uplifting, and
inspiring, as each one has need.**

**May our worship bring honor and glory to You.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

* GLORIA PATRI 579

CHILDREN'S TIME Jan Bolluyt

HYMN 359

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 43:1-7
(Page 589-590 in the Pew Bibles)

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 3:7-20
(Page 833 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON Clint Loveall
Lowly Leadership

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~French Reformed Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty, our creator,
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
redeemer.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, our comforter.

**I believe in the Eternal God, in his holiness which
condemns me, in his love which redeems me, in
his presence which renews me. Amen.**

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

OFFERING

Offertory Berry
"Hiding in Thee"

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 447

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

* BENEDICTION ~~Back cover of Hymnal

"Go Now In Peace"

POSTLUDE

Hayes

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

* **Those who are able** are invited to stand.

Nursery Available for Pre-K and under

- **Large print "BULLETINS AND HYMNALS" are available from an Usher-**
- **Busy Bags available in the Narthex**
- **Coffee is served immediately following the Worship Service in Fellowship Hall.**

Participating in this morning's Reformed service are: Clint Loveall and Michael Gewecke, Pastors; Youth Sunday, Liturgist; Rachelle Gewecke, Organist; Ushers are Leo Kofoot, Jan Bowles, Edna VanderWolde & Bob Peterson; Greeters are Randy & Vonda Buchman; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers & Tom Ditsworth, Sound; Milt Nolting, Video; Kelli Kruger is in charge of the Nursery; Ron Jenkins, Ray Miller & Carol Armstrong prepared our coffee.

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Kory and Jodi Smith on the passing of Jodi's mom, Judy Arens, this past week. The Memorial Service is scheduled for Monday, January 14th at 10:30am.

Thank you to Dennis Colton, Judy Jensen, Brett Johnson, Steve Lindeberg, Jay Anderson, Sharon Ringsdorf, Vernice Wahl & Jen Watts for your service to First Presbyterian Church in the capacity of Elder or Deacon. We appreciated your time, gifts and talents given during your service.



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Thank You

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy surrounding Wilma's recent passing. We so appreciate all the acts of service, visits, cards and memorials in her name. We have chosen to direct memorials to Lakes Regional Hospice and the Presbyterian Women of our church.

Sincerely,
Don Clauson & family

Confirmation Mentorship

Mentorship has been the most loved part of our Confirmation program since its inception. It is an incredible time for each student to have a personal connection with an adult disciple of Christ who can journey with them in their final stages of Confirmation. We will need 23 Confirmation mentors this year, if you are willing to accompany a student on this incredible journey of faith, please contact Pastor Michael. All Confirmation parents, students, and mentors are asked to attend class on January 20th when mentors are assigned and the program is explained in greater detail.

Ordination/Installation of Elders & Deacons

All newly elected elders and deacons will be ordained/installed this morning during both of our Worship Services.

Sound System Training

*Today is a great day to learn
something new!*

Come see our new Sound System, learn more about it and discover the great things it offers for our church services and other activities held here!

Join us on Sunday, January 13th from 5 – 7pm. We will start in fellowship hall to watch a brief demonstration on the new screen, enjoy pizza, and then hear upstairs for demonstrations on the new equipment.

Please RSVP so we have enough food to Tom Ditsworth at 330-6553 or 336-1649.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 20th, immediately following our Reformed Service. All members are encouraged to attend.

2nd Service Ushers/Greeters Needed

We are in need of Ushers/Greeters for our 2nd Service. Responsibilities include distributing bulletins and greeting worshippers at the center sanctuary doors as well as taking a head count of worshippers (including praise and worship team and those in the nursery. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex.

PW Sewing (Quilters)

The PW Sewers meet again on Monday, February 4th. They meet once a month on the 1st Monday of the month from 9am – 4pm. If you are able to come for all or part of that time, we would love to have you join us. They will have a potluck lunch, so bring a dish to share such as sandwiches, soup, salad or dessert. Hope to see you there!

Meals-On-Wheels

In February our church will deliver meals to community shut-ins. Delivering Meals-On-Wheels takes about 30-45 minutes.

You may sign up for any amount of days. Maybe you prefer one day a week, for instance every Monday, or every day for a week or different days during the month.

Substitutes are available so don't let the fact that you are going to be gone one time stop you from signing up. You pick up the meals at the hospital kitchen at 11:00am. This usually is done with a partner to make the job fun and faster. Meals are delivered every day of the week except Sunday.

Delivering Meals-On-Wheels to our community shut-ins is a rewarding experience and you will be glad you took part in it.

A calendar is placed on an easel in the Narthex for you to sign up on, please include your cell phone number. If you have any questions please contact Milt Nolting at 336-4336.

Winter Wonderland Social at WEL-Life

January 19, 2019

1:30—3:00pm

Our Winter Wonderland social is when we showcase Snowmen. Snowmen may be brought in to display any time before January 19th and taken home after the Social. We will also have our traditional Snowman Soup and other treats for everyone to enjoy. The Alexander Boys will provide entertainment beginning at 2:00pm.

Attention Sewers

The children's and lap quilts are now in the fellowship hall and ready for completion. Please take them home and complete one or as many as you like. These quilts have been given in the past to CAASA, Dickinson County Public Health for the "New Moms" program, Lakes Regional Healthcare for the new babies, Gentiva Hospice and Hilltop Care Center. Your help with this project provides warmth to many members of our community and beyond.

Act II

Act II will resume with normal Sunday School classes on January 24th. All High School students are encouraged to join Pastor Michael for a bible study and small group during lunch in the Spirit Lake High School conference room. You are invited! Come and dig into the scriptures with us as we seek to grow in our faith and become more faithful followers of Jesus Christ in the new year. See you there!

Recharge W-Term

Recharge will begin on Jan. 23rd with our first ever "W-Term" this year. From Jan. 23rd-Feb. 27th we will be focusing on fellowship and worship and featuring numerous guest leaders, instead of our normal classes and youth programming. Come at 5:30pm for a family meal and then later join us at 6:10pm for an intergenerational worship service. Though Children's Church will be provided for Pre-K through 3rd grade, all students and families are strongly encouraged to worship together. 4th-5th grades will be offered crafts with Jill Jennings and 7th-8th grades will continue to practice bells. More information will be released in the beginning of January.

High School Youth Winter Break

High School youth group will begin again on Wednesday, January 23rd, following our winter break. We can't wait to see you then!

New Year's Zumba

Start the year off right and join Kat Grems, a licensed Zumba instructor and also a regular attendee at our second service, for a fun opportunity to dance and workout to popular Christian music. Kat will be leading the popular dance class for free every Saturday in the month of January at 10:00am in the church gym. Registration is not necessary and all you need is to come ready to dance and have fun!



NO RECHARGE

January 16th



The annual No Apologies event for 7th-12th grades will be held on January 30th and we will leave the church at 6:00pm. The No Apologies conference brings thousands of students from across northwest Iowa to hear a national speaker talk about wise choices, sexual purity, and Christian faith. All 7th-12th grade students are invited to meet at the church at 5:30pm for a free dinner and then to leave for the event no later than 6:00pm and return by 9:00pm. There is no cost to attend No Apologies.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Spirit Lake Blood Drive

Grace Lutheran Church-Spirit Lake

Monday, January 28th, 1 – 6pm

Milford Blood Drive

Milford Community Center

Wednesday, January 30, 1 – 6pm

For appointments call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

Rides to and from church for this week is June Howatt ~ (712)291-0858, next week is Jon Stover ~ 330-7215.

Hospital Deacon: June Howatt
Week of January 20

Reformed Worship Service

Liturgist: Pam DenHerder

Ushers: Leo Kofoot, Jan Bowles, Edna VanderWolde & Bob Peterson

Greeters: Jim & Jen Watts

Nursery: Grace Radcliffe & Coral Sweeney

Video: Keith Brockmeyer

Sound: J Jenkins, M Reekers & T Ditsworth

Coffee: Ron Jenkins, Edna VanderWolde & Tom Ditsworth

Reforming Worship Service

Praise Team:

Nursery: Kari Bruinsma

Usher:

Sound/Ppt:

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 13

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel

8:50am-Reformed Worship Service

10am-Coffee and fellowship

10:15am-Sunday School

No Confirmation Class

10:30am-Adult Ed

11:15am-Reforming Worship Service

2pm-Worship Service at Accura

Monday, January 14

5:15pm-Stewardship Comm Mtg

6pm-Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, January 15

1:30pm-Women's Bible Study

5:30pm-Mission Comm Mtg

7pm-Session Meeting

Wednesday, January 16

No Weekly Prayer

No Recharge

7pm-Handbell Practice

No HS Youth Group

8pm-Choir Practice

Thursday, January 17

9am-Men's Bible Study

No ACT II

Saturday, January 12

10am-Zumba Class in the Gym

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8:50am- Reformed Worship Service

10:00am-Coffee and fellowship

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**Each week we remember
First Pres families in prayer,
this week please pray for**
Jay, Laura, Austin & Josie Fagen
1202 34th St., Spirit Lake
Matt & Marty Spies
11680 240th Ave., Spirit Lake

Please pray for our members and friends of this church family who are facing various health concerns: Maddie DeWitt, Chris Koehler, Jody Ferguson, Mary Smith, Pat Dalton, Lori Johnson, Pat Kelly, Mike Wiley, Marj Roseberry, Kathy Huitink, Denice (Wiersma), Bart Duncan, Laurie Phillips, Nan Woods, Travis Sweissburger, Rod Johnson, Laura Fagen's Mom, Pat, Tomy Norman, Margaret Plunkett, Heath Huberg, Reba Williams, Kevin Grems mother, Vicki, John Knabe's nephew, Dietrich, Kathy Nygaard, Steve Thompson, Blake Smith, Jim Watts, Sr., John Heim, Jan Richards, Macy Jennings, Elaine DenHerder, Paul Ostendorf, Jennie Heathcote, Melody Peyton, Dave Fagen, Peter Knabe, Brenda Wilson, Adam Dreeszen, Kristen Martin, Marty Jenkins, Patti Meyer, Dorothy Fiala, Marcia Hill, Bill Cramer, Gary Eaton, Jack Burrell, Pauly Eaton, Jim Ellingson, Gary Hansen, Bev Quail, Keith Swancutt, Craig Cobb, Elaine Greer, Connie Rohlk, Sherry Fuhrman, Jay Anderson, Donna Rieck, Brent Kasson, Heidi Brittain, Marvin Stockdale, Mary Cornell, Kat Grems, June Goldman

Please pray for our members and friends who serve in the Armed Forces: Staff SGT **Jamie Lewis**, 1st LT **Whitney Lewis**, 7017 Arnold Ave., Unit A, JBER, AK 99506; SFC **Frederick, Jesse**; **Amy Frederick**, 134 Newburg St., Ft. Leonardwood, MO 65473; 1st Class PO **Billy Joe Travis**, 8583 Aero Drive, Apt 2043, San Diego, CA 92123; PFC; **Colton Petersen**, 1st LT **James Fliss**, , CPL **Kenten Murray**, MSG Detachment, Unit 6010, Box 10, DPO AB 09825-6010; **Dillon VanderWilt**

Missionaries

Rev. Michael and Rachel Ludwig

Michael & Rachel are PC(USA) mission coworkers in Niger. Only 30 percent of the people there can read and write. Nigerians seeking literacy skills often approach pastors, typically the most educated people in their communities. Michael Ludwig will help pastors and evangelists in the Evangelical Church in the Republic of Niger (EERN) raise their proficiency as literacy teachers. He will also build their capacity to organize literacy classes. Literacy classes help people better their economic plight, and they often opens doors for witness. Michael will also be working with students and teachers at two Bible schools. In addition, Michael will familiarize the EERN with the Community Health Evangelism model, an initiative that integrates community-based development, evangelism, and discipleship. Rachel will be open to opportunities to serve with the church and in the community as God leads. Michael and Rachel have two children.