

SUNDAY, November 27, 2016

1st Sunday of Advent

Pre-Worship Prayer Time 9:10 AM; Worship 9:30 AM

RRC VISION STATEMENT: Riverview Reformed Church strives to be a bonded group of believers, spreading the Word of our Lord, and showing the Love of Jesus Christ to others by: Offering dynamic Christian Education; reaching out to our community; providing facilities for ministry; Building an involved close-knit congregation; and providing excellent congregational care.

PRAISE GOD

Prelude
Welcome
Life at RRC/Please sign the FRIENDSHIP PADS
*Greet One Another

*Opening Hymn #83 Come, O Come Emmanuel+
*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #84 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus+
Scripture Lesson - Psalm 80:1-7

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HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message- The Advent Wreath
Pastoral Prayer /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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Ministry in Music - Sara Carr
Scripture - Isaiah 63:16- 64:8

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MESSAGE: "Why Hasn't God Done Something?"

GIVE TO GOD

OFFERTORY, Our response to God's Love

*Doxology (front cover of hymnbook)
*Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn #101 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne+
*Benediction

*Choral Benediction Go Now In Peace+
Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

ORGANIST: Marcie Kruse
PIANO: Teresa Gall
LAY LEADER: Larry Mettler
GREETERS: Gary & Geraldine Schnabel; Jean Prater
USHER: Rod Gall
SOUND SYSTEM: Loren Haak
POWER POINT: Matthew Tjeerdsma
VIDEO: Richard Syring

WELCOME!

THANK YOU for being here this morning!! It was a joy being with you!
Please be sure to sign the attendance pads at the end of each pew.

If you are a visitor, please be sure to include your mailing address.

A Nursery Room for pre-schoolers and infants (ages 3 and under) is available during the Worship service down the south hallway.

A Children's Worship Bulletin is on the foyer table for any younger children to use during the Worship service.

You can see RRC Church Services broadcast on your Public Access Channels in Yankton on Saturday evenings at 7:00 PM.

Hearing Assistance Aids are available for those who are hard of hearing. They are located in the cabinet on the back wall of the sanctuary.

PLEASE HELP RECYCLE BULLETINS If you do not wish to take your morning worship bulletins home with you, please place them in the white basket in the back of the church to be recycled. Please help us clean up the sanctuary following the service. Thank you

God will be speaking to you today, but it won't be by cell phone.
Please turn yours off or set to vibrate, during the service

Thank you to Sara Carr, for her Ministry in Music this morning.

Next Ladies Night Out Monday, December 12, at 5:30 PM. Eating at Minerva. There is a sign up sheet on the foyer table for those planning to attend.

Christmas Cards, Fudge needed for inmates Would you be willing to make a batch of fudge or help some kids make Christmas cards? We try to give every inmate one homemade card and 3 pieces of fudge for Christmas. All of the Christian organizations, in the prisons, and jails, join together to make gift bags to hand out at Christmas time. That's where we need your help. We need 5,000 handmade Christmas cards, and 15,000 pieces of fudge to accomplish this goal. Would you, your Bible Study, or Sunday School help us make this goal? Directions for the cards and fudge can be found on the bulletin boards in the kitchen area, and by the offices, with drop off locations included. This is for the Cornerstone Prison church

You can now make a contribution to Riverview Reformed Church with a quick text message! Simply send a text to 605-857-8115 with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. (Example \$25) Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically! (The Deacons will give an explanation of the online giving program)

The Christmas Store will be here at RRC on Saturday, December 3. Cash & gift donations are always welcome. **COOKIE DONATIONS** are also needed and appreciated, as cookies are served while the children shop. Cookies or bars can be brought to the church Friday Dec 2 between 10 AM and Noon or 1-5 PM, or Saturday between 9 and 12:30. **We have several opportunities for volunteering:** Friday December 2, from 10 AM - 12 Noon and 1-4 PM help sort and put out gifts by age and gender; Saturday, December 3 with Shift 1 at 12:15-3:00 PM- personal shoppers, gift wrappers, and returning children; Shift 2 is 2:15-5 PM for personal shoppers, gift wrappers, and returning children; Shift 3 is 4:45- 6:30 PM to help pack up leftover gifts and carry totes downstairs and put tables away with general clean up. If you are willing to help, **please contact Amy Bertsch at asbertsch@midco.net**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 39 Boxes were filled from RRC to go to the Operation Christmas Child Project.

Thank you from Danny Wolff Danny sends his thanks for prayers for his daughter Becca. Her doctor reported that he believes he got all the cancer cells. (Praise the Lord). Becca has a follow up in 3 months to re-check.

Attention Adult Choir Members: There has been some interest shown in getting a music piece worked up by the choir for Easter. If anyone is interested in singing for Easter, please contact Pam Hamberger, as she will organize a choir, if there is enough interest.

Caring Bridge Site for Sally Tjeerdsma is available at Caring Bridge.org.

"...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 ***Chronicles 7:14***

ELECTED TO CONSISTORY FOR 2017: For Elder- Kevin DeJong; For Deacon- Jon Egge, Diane Pinkelman (3 year terms) and Brian Hamberger (1 year term to fill vacated spot, eligible for re-election next year) 2017 Budgets are available on the foyer table for anyone who was not able to attend the meeting last Sunday, but interested in the budget.

New Addresses for Charlie & Carol Gauker Charlie- Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, Room 130; Carol- Pioneer Memorial Villa, Apt 203...both in Viborg, SD

KEEP THE DATE OPEN, Thursday, January 26, for the Annual Soup Kitchen here at RRC. Watch for upcoming sign ups and more information.

COMING EVENTS...This week at RRC

Today, Sunday, November 27 1st Sunday of Advent

9:10 AM Pre-Service Prayer time in Prayer Chapel
9:30 AM Worship
10:45 AM Adult Sunday School

Monday, November 28

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 29

12:15 . 12:45 PM Time of Prayer

Thursday, December 1

6:15 AM Women's Bible Study
5:30 PM Start bringing items up from the basement for the Store

Friday, December 2

10 AM- 12 Noon & 1-4 PM Set up for the Christmas Store
7:00 PM AI Anon Meeting

Saturday, December 3

1:00- 5:00 PM THE CHRISTMAS STORE

Next Sunday, December 4 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:10 AM Pre-Service Prayer time in Prayer Chapel
9:30 AM Worship with Communion
Lay Worship Leader - Doyle Guthmiller
Ministry in Music- Janet Zimmerman
Greeters. Lois Streyle & Bradwisch
Usher- Alan Egge
Sound System Manager - Terry Poelstra
Power Point- Matthew Tjeerdsma
Videographer- Alan Egge
Opening Church- Roger Larsen
Cookie Providers- Janet Zimmerman
HyVee Card Sales- Jean Prater
10:00- 11:00 AM Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal
10:45 AM Adult Sunday School

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/riverviewreformedchurch

LIFE AT RRC

EACH TUESDAY from 12:15- 12:45 PM, a time of prayer is being held in the Church Library. Everyone is invited to come and spend a time of prayer with others. If this is during your lunch time, please feel free to bring your lunch along

Sign up for **Ministry of Music** for December, and for January- April 2017 is on the foyer table. PLEASE sign up for a date that is convenient for you!! We welcome all talent/musicians...new and old

You may e-mail messages to the church office at rprc@iw.net E-mails directly to Pastor Rod may be sent to revrod@iw.net Check out our website at Riverviewreformed.org there you can submit Prayer Requests and Calendar Additions. You can also view the weekly bulletin on our web page (Minus the prayer concerns).

Offering for the month

Oct. 30: Regular Offering - \$2215.00; Building - \$140.00
Nov. 6: Regular Offering - \$3010.00; Building - \$50.00; Missions - \$30.00
Nov. 13: Regular Offering - \$3570.93; Building - \$190.00
Nov. 20: Regular Offering - \$5126.00; Building - \$125.00; Missions- \$500
Offering envelopes available in the foyer for general & building fund donations

To fully support the budget, offerings need to average \$4100 weekly

UPDATE FROM THE DEACONS: Current Church loan balance is \$134,673.

Maturity Date on Loan w/First Dakota- October 2026. We are paid ahead of the Oct. 2026 Maturity Date, however, it is not easy to specifically calculate how many months we are paid ahead, but are possibly looking at approximately September of 2024 as a pay off date. It is a 15 year loan that began in 2011 and carries a 4.25% interest rate. The monthly payment is \$1,688.

Don't forget- HyVee Cards...a fundraiser for the building fund. For each card sold, 5% comes back to RRC- an easy way to increase your giving to the building fund without increasing your cost. **Cards are available for \$50 and \$100.** Make checks payable to RRC-BF (or Riverview Reformed Church Building Fund). **\$25 cards are also available.**

RRC has a texting system, which will send out mass texts, to include prayer chain items and scheduling notifications, such as if church is cancelled due to weather in the winter. If you would like to be a part of this texting system, please indicate so when you fill out the attendance pads with the cell number you wish the text to go to and please specify %ADD to texting list+, OR you may sign up yourselves by texting **Riverview Reformed** to **781-728-9542** and it will automatically add you to the system **There is also a special "texting group" for teens & young adults**

Please utilize the following links: Please use these tools as we seek to continue the work of Christian discipleship, even when you are not physically able to attend worship, or be present for the Family Bible Adventure.

New City Catechism: <http://www.newcitycatechism.com/home.php>

Keys for Kids: <http://www.keysforkids.org/For-Kids/Keys-for-Kids/Read-Listen>
Both of these programs come with applications that run on a Smart Phone. If you want a portable version please use that style of application. It is the desire of the elders and leaders of the church to move our Christian Discipleship from the classroom to everyday life. You may access the churches wifi (belkin.14b) with the login 4e69862e.

FAMILY BIBLE ADVENTURE SCHEDULE for the remainder of 2016:

December 4- Christmas Program Rehearsal only (No FBA) from 10-11 AM

December 11 Children's Christmas Program 9:30-10:00 AM

(NO FBA stations- children will remain in church); No Adult Sunday School.

Also note: on December 11, following the Christmas program and regular worship service, at approximately **11:15 AM,** there will be a **Potluck lunch** with the Egge/Tjeerdsma service group in charge.

December 18- 10:00-11:00 AM FBA.