**Delaware Reformed Church**

**Reverend Gary Hegstad**

**September 24, 2017**

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Gathering Song *“We Have Come Into His House”*  Hymn #588

Announcements

Call to Worship

Praise & Worship Joshua’s House

*“Living for Jesus”* Hymn #372

*“I Love You Lord”* Hymn #80

Opening Prayer

Children’s Story Levi Andernacht

Hymn *“Lord Speak to Me”* Hymn #450

Reception of New Members

Preparatory Service

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Romans 12:1-8

Message “Present Yourselves as a Living Sacrifice”

Worship in Tithes & Offering

Doxology & Offertory Prayer

Hymn *“Jesus Is All The World To Me”*  Hymn #510

Benediction

Closing Song *“Redeemed”* Hymn #521 v.1

**Welcome to Delaware. We’re glad you are here!**

**If you are a visitor please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering.**

**Birth-4 Nursery** is available throughout the service. Serving today is Janell, Breanna & Jennifer.

**New Members:** Today we are excited to formally welcome into our membership Clint, Stephanie, Hadley and Raya Johnson. They transfer their membership to us from Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Sioux Falls.

**This Week:**

**Wednesday:** Youth Group 7:00pm

LifeTree Café (DRC) 7:00pm (Topic “Forgiving the Unforgivable”)

**Thursday:** LifeTree Café (Worthing) 7:00pm (Same Topic as DRC)

**Next Sunday** we will celebrate World Communion Sunday during our morning worship service.

**Our sympathy** is expressedto the family of the Rev. Jerry DeLoof who died this past week and whose funeral was at Chancellor Reformed Church yesterday.

**Children's Ministry Opportunities**

\* There are a few jobs left for the upcoming Sunday School year. Please decide what YOU can do to help and sign up today!

**Upcoming Sermons:**

-Oct. 1 Romans 12:9-21 "Let Love Be Genuine" World Day of Communion with the Lord's Supper and Baptism of Carolyn Rose Jongeling

-Oct. 8 Romans 13:8-14 "Let Us Live Honorably"

**Upcoming Ministries:**

**- Oct. 15 Mission Festival Sunday.** The Rev. Jason Wiersma, pastor of Living Stone Prison Church in Springfield will be our guest speaker.

*Happy Birthday!*

Sept 25: Megan Hilt; Arie Sieperda; Sara Sieperda

Sept 26: Raya Johnson

Sept 29: Jen Sweeter

*Happy Anniversary!*

Sept 28: Donald and Linda Hilt

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| **Offering Report** | | | |
|  |  | **General Fund** | **Building Fund** |
| Offering Received | 9/17/2017 | $2,882.00 | $245.00 |
| Budgeted Average Weekly Offering | | $2,884.62 | $748.08 |
|  | Difference | -$2.62 | -$503.08 |
| **Fiscal Year-To-Date Summary** | |  |  |
| Received Offerings | | $94,680.96 | $9,535.00 |
| Budgeted Offerings | | $109,615.38 | $28,426.92 |
| Difference | | -$14,934.42 | -$18,891.92 |

**Women's Ministry Service Project:** The September/October service project is Ronald McDonald House. Your donations will help families of seriously ill children living away from home. Take a list from the bulletin board and put your donations in the tub in the entry way.

**Children's Ministry Offerings:** Check the poster on the back wall and watch the bricks add up for the Inspiration Hills fund raiser, BUILDING ON 40! Bible camps at Inspiration Hills have touched the lives of kids from Delaware for many years. BUILDING ON 40 will assure that it continues far into the future!

**Prayer Concerns:**

-North Korea

-Linda Duncan, wife of Robin Duncan, being treated for cancer

**-**Rhonda Wiebers, Gladys Wiebers’ granddaughter, cancer treatments

-Brent DeKok, son of Pastor Don/Sue DeKok, has begun a new round of chemo

-Bev Vande Vegte, Rock Valley, battling cancer

-Susan Nelson, Parker, diagnosed with cancer

-Heather Giefer, Matt Loewe’s cousin, cancer treatments have resumed

**Fellowship lunch for Sunday, Oct 1st** is Paula & Lisa. **Praise and** **Worship** is the Highway 18 Praise Band. **Children’s Sermon** is Pastor Gary. **Nursery** is Jen & Mike. **Usher** is Mark Hyronemus. **Projector** is Jonathan Hagena.

**Fellowship lunch for Sunday, Oct 8th** is Lynnette & Janell. **Praise and** **Worship** is LIFE. **Children’s Sermon** is JenaLee Dykstra. **Nursery** is Jen W & Jo. **Usher** is Lynn Oltmanns. **Projector** is Matt Kruid.

**Preparatory Service: Exhortation to Self-Examination**

L: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, we propose to celebrate together, with the gracious help of God, the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper on the next Lord’s Day. Our conscience, instructed by God’s law, rightly declares us unworthy of this gift.

**C: We find we have neither loved the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

L: To examine our lives is to confirm that we deserve exclusion from this royal banquet, and, indeed, from God’s presence forevermore.

**C: Yet this is God’s feast of love, and it was in love that Christ gave himself for us. When we were unworthy, Christ made us worthy. When we should have justly died as punishment for our sins, Christ freely paid our penalty, dying in our place. Christ has become our complete righteousness.**

L: Therefore, our self-examination must not end in despair. We are called to trust God’s work on our behalf and to receive the gift of forgiveness offered us in Christ Jesus. Our reconciliation to God is found in trusting this good news—that before we chose God, God chose us.

**C: We are who God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, prepared beforehand to be our way of life.**

L: Partaking at the Lord’s Table is not an act of virtue. This table is prepared for those who humbly trust Christ alone and find in his death, resurrection, and ascension their only peace. Though they often fail in their efforts, those who thus approach this table will desire to please God, conforming their lives to God’s purposes. Rest fully assured that when God finds such contrite trust and godly intention God will forgive all our sins and make us worthy partakers of this heavenly kingdom. As we examine ourselves, let us confess our sins. Let us seek the mercy of God. Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession(Unison): Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before you that we have sinned; we have hungered for that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. Gracious God, renew our hearts. Make our spirits right and true; Let thy Spirit dwell in us, we pray. Amen. (RCA resources 2002)**

**Assurance of Pardon** (L): Our gracious God forgives you your sin, strengthens you by the Holy Spirit, and will keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5.17, 18 **Preparatory Service: Exhortation to Self-Examination**

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