**Delaware Reformed Church**

**“We Are Meant to Thrive”**

**Reverend Gary Hegstad**

**March 11, 2018**

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

Announcements

Call to Worship

Praise & Worship Joshua’s House

*“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”* Hymn #201 vs. 1-2

*“O, How He Loves You and Me”*  Hymn #513

Opening Prayer

Children’s Story Jerica Sieperda

Hymn *“The Solid Rock”* Hymn #404

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Ephesians 2:1-10

Message “Coming Alive in Christ!”

Worship in Tithes & Offering

Doxology & Offertory Prayer

Hymn *“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”* Hymn #405

Benediction

Closing Song *“God Be With You”* Hymn #602 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 Jo & Marilyn.

**This Week:**

**Tues:** Consistory 7:00pm

Delaware Stitchers 5:00pm

**Wed:**  Youth Group 7:00pm

**Next Sun:** Youth Sunday – the Youth will lead the service

Movie Sunday 3:00pm

**Mission opportunities!** We are in need of a **male and female to chaperone** the **Youth Group Mission trip to TN June 16-23.** If serving God with your labor is something you enjoy or want to try here is your opportunity! Our group will be traveling by charter bus so transportation to TN does not fall on the volunteers. If we cannot provide adults to take our group then unfortunately the trip can't happen. If you're interested or have questions talk to Kate by March 25th.

We are also looking for a **male chaperone** to travel with our group to **Middle School Retreat in Dayton, IA April 13-15th.** They are a great group of kids and this is an awesome weekend trip!

**Vacation Bible School will be here soon!** This year's theme is **Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus** and will run June 4-8. There are sign-up sheets on the back table of the fellowship hall. There is also an optional DVD for $15 of the music videos and Bible buddies. If you have any questions, please contact Jodi or Tara.

**Read through the Bible in a Year:** A reading guide of reading the Bible in a year has been placed in your church mailboxes and on the table in the back. You are encouraged to join Pastor Gary and others in this endeavor.

**Conversations on Biblical Sexuality and Marriage**

During Sundays in March at 11:00 AM Pastor Gary will lead conversations on this subject. We continue the conversation:

-Messy Grace implemented with Scriptural Integrity

-The RCA’s stance on sexuality and marriage

-Delaware Reformed Consistory/Dakota Classis’ overture to General Synod

-Delaware’s Bylaws Statement on sexuality and marriage

(which will be presented for congregation approval in 2018)

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| **Offering Report** | | | |
|  |  | **General Fund** | **Building Fund** |
| Offering Received | 3/4/2018 | $3,190.00 | $200.00 |
| Budgeted Average Weekly Offering | | $2,884.62 | $748.08 |
|  | Difference | $305.38 | -$548.08 |
| **Fiscal Year-To-Date Summary** | |  |  |
| Received Offerings | | $25,707.95 | $1,915.00 |
| Budgeted Offerings | | $25,961.54 | $6,732.69 |
| Difference | | -$253.59 | -$4,817.69 |

**Children's Ministry News:**

**1) Groceries for COTP.** Thank you for responding so generously to the plea for Children of the Promise! We went from $512.31 to $943.86!! Our goal of $1500 for the kids at Joy House (by April 1) is now well within reach. Keep on giving from the heart so that our missionaries, Seth and Melissa, can continue to care for little ones in Haiti.

**2) BE THE LIGHT!** at Inspiration Hills Summer Camp! Brochures are available in the fellowship hall. Delaware will pay $100 for kids going to Day or Discovery Camp. We will cover $200 for kids attending any of the other camps. As always, there is a discount for early registration! Register by April 15 to save $20 and guarantee your camp of choice!

**West Prairie Lutheran Church** is hosting a community fish fry on Friday, March 23 at the church from 5:00-7:00pm. Everyone is welcome. There will be a free will offering. “All you can eat” fish will be fried in peanut free oil.

**Fellowship lunch for Sunday, Mar 18th** is Sharon & Lynnette. **Praise and** **Worship** is the Praise Band. **Children’s Sermon** is Madeline Loewe. **Nursery** is Linda & Shannon. **Usher** is Mark Hyronemus. **Projector** is Paula Loewe.

**Fellowship lunch for Sunday, Mar 25th** is Rhonda V & Natalie. **Praise and** **Worship** is Sunday School Choir. **Children’s Sermon** is Jo Westra. **Nursery** is Stacey & Levi. **Usher** is Lynn Oltmanns. **Projector** is Brian Dangel.

**Bulletin information** should be given to Lisa Westra at 605-366-1037 or office@delawarereformed.com by Thursday at 9:00am.

**Prayer Concerns:**

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-Arlan Hagena will be having knee replacement surgery on Wed.

-Greg Fodness who is dealing with health concerns

-David Poppenga, Sandy’s brother, hospitalized in ICU

-Brady Heldt’s knee surgery was postponed

-Rhonda Ross, a rare form of shingles

-Jodi Javers, a broken leg.

-Buck Berens, battling bone cancer

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-Brent DeKok, son of Pastor Don/Sue DeKok, will have surgery Mar 15 to remove a tumor in his lung

-Bev Vande Vegte, Rock Valley, battling cancer

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**We will refrain** from our typical handshake greeting for the next several weeks on account of the flu season.

**The Inspiration Hills Women’s Auxiliary Annual Meeting** will be Thursday, March 22. Come enjoy a day of fellowship with us. Everyone is welcome. Registration and coffee time will start at 9:30am. The meeting will begin at 10:00am. Cost for the meal is $10. There will be a silent auction and entertainment provided by Judi Scherwin, Parish Nurse at Gloria Dei Lutheran in Sioux Falls. Make your reservation by March 14 by calling Inspiration Hills at 712-986-5193. Thank you from the Inspiration Hills Auxiliary!

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