

# Hillcrest CHURCH

## Today's Gathering

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

## View from the Hill

Pastor Brian Stroh

## Singing

Tarina Stroh, Cindy Cummins, and Jesse VanderWeide



## Ask Like Moses

Pastor Doug Bartel

## For the Kids

From 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

*Parents can go to the Children's Welcome Center to find out about our Sunday morning options and check their children in. The Children's Welcome Center is located on the east side of the main foyer. See page 5 of the bulletin for more information about opportunities for Children and Students.*

# Welcome to Hillcrest

## New to Hillcrest?

If you are new to Hillcrest, we'd like to say "Welcome!" We're glad you're here this morning. Please stop by the Welcome Center, following the worship service to meet one of our pastors and receive a **free gift**.

## Ready to Take the Next Step?

Hillcrest provides many opportunities to get involved with others in the church and the community. If you would like to find out more about classes, Bible studies, and small groups that are offered, stop by the Welcome Center, check out the Ministries section on our web site at [www.sioxfordchurch.com](http://www.sioxfordchurch.com), or call the church office at 371-0546.

## Our Weekly Bulletin and Devotional

Hillcrest provides this weekly bulletin/devotional to help you connect, serve others and study the Bible throughout the week.

On pages 3-5, you will discover connecting and serving opportunities as well as information regarding Children's and Student's Ministries.

On page 6, you have a place to take notes from the message. Also on page 6 is a memory verse, selected each week by Hillcrest leaders.

On pages 7-12, you will find a short devotional for each day. You will read a new text, some commentary and consider some questions to further your growth, as well as a challenge to help you take what you have studied and start to live it!

On page 13, you will find a Prayer Page, where you can keep track of your daily prayers. On page 14, you will find staff contact info.

Our prayer is that God will speak to you as you study His Word and as a result, it will impact the people in your life.

Want information on even more events happening at Hillcrest? Sign up for our weekly e-mail by marking your connection card and turning it in. Don't forget to include your e-mail address!

# Connect

## Baptism & Membership

Our next baptism service will be on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Christ asked all of his followers to be baptized, in fact the Apostle Paul said, "Why wait? Get up and be baptized." Baptism is available for any person that has accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. If you are interested in baptism, contact Pastor Doug or Pastor Brian to reserve a spot.

Interested in joining Hillcrest as a member? Please check the box on the connection card on the back of the program or talk with Pastor Doug or Brian.

## Ask Anything

In November, we will be starting a series called "Ask Anything", in which Pastor Doug will answer any question that you have. To submit a question, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SKBQM6H> or write it on your comment card in the bulletin. You can submit it anonymously, or you can provide your name.

## Connection Group

Join us in November, the 14<sup>th</sup> at Shane and Jessi Copeland's house at 6:30pm. We'll have a fire and smores, or play games and drink hot cider depending on the weather! All are welcome to join us! The address is 46206 Weis Circle, Hartford, SD. Let us know if you can make or email Jessi (JLCopeland85@gmail.com) if you have questions!

## Women's Ministries

You are invited to participate in Hillcrest's first annual Cookie Exchange to be held on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Sign-up in the front foyer at our cookie table. Sign-up will END on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Once the sign-up closes, you will be notified as to the quantity of cookies you need to bring to the exchange.

Questions can be asked at the table when you sign-up or directed to Marti Lusk, Vicki Tigner or Deanna Moser.

### November Mission Focus – Safe Families

Safe Families is a bridge between under-resourced families and the foster care system. A Safe Family would take in children to allow a mom or dad time to locate work, locate housing, complete treatment, etc. without the child having to move into the foster care system.

During the month of November, Hillcrest will be collecting diapers, wipes, and WalMart gift cards for Safe Families. (Reminder that you can order WalMart cards from SCRIP! We will have some available to pick up at the Welcome Center, too!)

Last week, Tracy Folkerts, Safe Families Coordinator, was at Hillcrest for both services to present some information and answer questions.

There are many other ways to get involved with Safe Families for Children. If you would like more information about how you can volunteer, please visit their web site at <http://www.safe-families.org/default.aspx> or contact Pastor Brian.

### SCRIP Program

Now is the time when many of us start thinking about Christmas shopping! If you like to give gift cards, check out Hillcrest's SCRIP program on our web site under "About Us", then "Online Giving"! Each gift card you buy gives a percent of the purchase back to Hillcrest's Student Ministries. It may not seem like a lot, but it adds up fast! You can designate the money to go to a specific student or to the general fund. Right now, students are saving for their Winter Retreat in February. To get your cards before Christmas, you will need to order them no later than December 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions or need help getting signed up, contact Jennifer Simons or Brian Stroh for assistance.

## Children's Ministry

*All children should stop at the Children's Check-In, located on the north side of the front foyer, before going to their classroom.*

### 9 AM Children's Program

Building Blocks: Infants and 1 year olds  
Bird House: 2-4 year olds

### 10:30 AM Children's Program

Building Blocks: Infants & 1 year olds  
Bird House: 2 year olds  
Tree House: 3 year olds  
Dog House: 4 year olds  
Club House: K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **"Christmas in Black & White"**

On Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, during both services, Hillcrest Children's Ministries will be performing their Christmas Program, "Christmas in Black & White." All children in pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will participate. The children will be practicing their songs during our normal worship time at 10:30am, each Sunday in November. We will also have a special dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

## Student Ministry

### **180 Sunday Classes**

Middle School and High School students are invited to meet in the Youth Room during the 10:30am service. Students will then break into small groups.

### **180 Wednesday Nights**

Middle School students meet from 6-7:30pm and High School students meet from 7:30-9pm. Includes lesson, small group time, snack, and games!

### **180 Events**

On Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, High School and Middle School Girls are invited to the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Girls Sleepover at Hillcrest. There will be games, crafts, snacks, and movies. Invite your friends! Cost is only \$8. Pick up a registration form at the Student Ministries table in the back foyer.

# Message Notes:

Title: Ask Like Moses

Scripture: Exodus 5:22-23

## Notes

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For those going deeper:

This week's memory verse

*Proverbs 16:9 (NLT) We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.*

# Monday

Subject: Seek God

Scripture: Hebrews 11:6

## Commentary:

God wants us to seek Him in every aspect of life. He created this world so that we could understand His mighty and awesome power. He gave us science so we could study His creation. He gave us relationships so that we can better understand His love. God gave us a mind so that we can pursue Him. We need to use these gifts to seek Him in everything.

## Questions for further thought:

1. How can you seek Him?
2. Why does God want us to seek Him?

## Challenge:

Find something that interests you and see how you can use this interest to build your faith in Christ.

# Tuesday

Subject: Is it ok to question God?

Scripture: Job 7:20-21

## Commentary:

God wants us to trust in Him. He is the Father of all and if we cannot question Him who could we ask for answers? God knows our anguish and our pleasure; He knows everything about us because He made us. He wants us to lay our troubles on Him and He will comfort us.

## Questions for further thought:

1. Have you ever questioned God and then He responded in a way you did not expect?
2. Does questioning God mean lack of faith?

## Challenge:

This week speak with God in a place of solitude and then wait in silence for an answer.



# Wednesday

Subject: What does God require of us?

Scripture: Deuteronomy 10:12-13

## Commentary:

The passage gives us an answer to what God wants from us. What if we do not meet all these requirements? Is God going to abandon us? He knows we cannot meet these requirements entirely but He is asking us to do the best we can. He is more concerned with where our heart is at than He is with our mess ups.

## Questions for further thought:

1. Would God ever not accept our prayers for forgiveness?
2. What is one way you can improve your heart for God?

## Challenge:

Think of a sin that is causing a barrier between you and God. Ask a close friend to pray with you for this weakness.

# Thursday

Subject: Friends

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

## Commentary:

God intended for us to do life together. Friendship is one of many gifts He has blessed us with. We all have times where we need a close friend for comfort, wisdom, guidance and love. We all need someone we can trust and someone needs each one of us for friendship.

## Questions for further thought:

1. Do you have a close friend that you can share your life with?
2. What is holding you back from committing to a friend?

## Challenge:

Pray that God will bring you a close friend that will walk through life with you.

# Friday

Subject: Serving

Scripture: Galatians 5:13

## Commentary:

Jesus served us by coming to this earth to die on the cross for our sins. He was our perfect example on how to do life. God wants us to serve others because it is an act of love. It also teaches compassion for others.

## Questions for further thought:

1. How does the act of serving others make you feel?
2. What do the un-churched think when we serve Christians and non-Christians?

## Challenge:

Serve a Christian and non-Christian person this week.

# Saturday

(Looking to Sunday)

Message Series: Ask Anything  
Message Title: Ask Like Abraham  
Scripture: Genesis 18:16-33  
Speaker: Pastor Doug Bartel

What do these passages say to you?

## Prayer Page:

Write down the prayer concerns and praises you want to remember throughout the week. Pray every day!

If you would like to receive the email prayer chain, check the box on the Connection Card. You can also submit prayer requests through the church web site or by calling the church office.

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James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

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# Connection Card

Please fill out, tear at perforation and place in collection plate or drop off at Welcome Center as you leave.

PRAYER REQUESTS

☐ Keep confidential (Pastoral staff) or ☐ Put on the Prayer Chain

☐ I would like to sign up for Hillcrest's upcoming event. (Please specify.)

My next step today is to:

- ☐ Read and study the scriptures and devotionals, provided on pages 6-12.
- ☐ Find out more information about baptism and/or membership.

Additional Comments:



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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:

☐ 1<sup>st</sup> Visit --- How did you hear about Hilcrest? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 2<sup>nd</sup> Visit \_\_\_\_\_  
(web site, newspaper, radio, name of person who invited you, etc.)

☐ Returning Guest

☐ Regular Attender

☐ Members

*I am interested in:*

☐ beginning a relationship with Jesus      ☐ being baptized

☐ receiving the Hilcrest Informational E-mail.

☐ joining a small group      ☐ becoming a member of Hilcrest

☐ volunteering      ☐ praying for my Hilcrest family (received via e-mail)

*One of the pastors will contact you with information on these subjects.*

**Your Age Group:**

☐ 18-24      ☐ 25-35

☐ 36-45      ☐ 46-55

☐ 56-65      ☐ over 65

☐ Single      ☐ Married

☐ Divorced

☐ Widowed

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Names & Birthdays of  
members of your  
household**

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