

Hillcrest CHURCH

Today's Gathering

January 11th, 2015

View from the Hill

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Singing

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Surviving Job Stress

Pastor Brian Stroh

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.siouxfallschurch.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

Sunday Adult Class

On Sunday, January 18th, we will start a new 6 week class called, "Follow Me" about what Jesus really meant when he said those words. The class will meet each Sunday at 10:30am in the adult classroom upstairs, and will be led by Kevin Skogstad. The cost for the book is \$10. If you are interested in joining, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Men's Event

The men of Hillcrest are invited to meet at Cherry Creek at 7pm on Monday, January 12th to watch the College Football Championship Game. RSVP to Brian Stroh.

Ladies Night Out

On Tuesday, January 20th at 6:30 p.m., all Hillcrest Ladies are invited to join us at Red Lobster for a night away from cooking and the dishes. Please RSVP to Deanna Moser at 359-7203 if you are able to join us.

Women's Study

The Saturday morning Women's Study will resume on January 17th, and will be going through Lisa TerKeurst's The Best Yes. They meet from 9am-11am in the Fireside Room each Saturday.

Craft Night

If you like to scrapbook, make cards, craft, crochet, knit, whateverjoin us for a craft night on Friday, January 16th at 7pm. Bring your project and supplies, a drink and a snack to share. Call Marti to RSVP or for questions -- 261-7753.

Serve

January Mission Focus – The Banquet

The mission focus for January will be serving at the Banquet. We need approximately 35 people to serve on Friday, January 23rd from 5:15 pm to approximately 8pm. We will also need 6 to 8 volunteers to prepare the meal on Friday afternoon from 2-4pm. All children are welcome with adult supervision, but there are limited jobs for them if they are under 13 years old. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in volunteering.

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-5th Grade

Family Movie Night

Hillcrest Children's Ministry will be showing "Muppets Most Wanted" on Sunday, January 25th at 6pm. Snacks will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up in the back foyer if you plan to attend.

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

- Bedtime Bags - On Saturday, January 31st we will meet in the Youth Room at 10am to prepare bags to be donated to a domestic abuse shelter that include a blanket, stuffed animal, tooth brush, tooth paste, and hair brush.
- Super Bowl Party - February 1st we will meet at the Davis' house at 5pm for food and watching the Game. Wings and fries will be provided for food. Bring a 2 liter soda & a snack to share or \$5. There will be a group playing board games and watching the commercials in a different room if you simply want to come to hang out.

Message Notes:

Title: Surviving Job Stress

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-33; 11:28-30

Notes

For those going deeper:

This week's memory verse

Colossians 3:13 (NLT) Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Monday

Subject: Patience

Scripture: Romans 5:3

Commentary:

knowing this, that tribulation worketh patience;

Patience is a grace, of which God is the author; it is one of the fruits of the Spirit; the word of God is the means of its being first implanted; and afflictions are the means of promoting it, when they are sanctified; otherwise they produce impatience, murmurings, and repinings; there is great need of patience under them; and, by divine grace, they are the matter and occasion of exercising, and so of increasing it. (John Gill commentary)

Questions for further thought:

1. Have you in your own life, recognized Grace as a fruit of the spirit?
2. Would friends describe you as patient?

Challenge:

Understand that the Word is the implantation of God's Grace

Tuesday

Subject: Truth

Scripture: John 14:6

Commentary:

Our Lord takes the opportunity of this discourse about the place he was going to, and the way unto it, more fully to instruct his disciples concerning himself, saying, "I am the way"; Christ is not merely the way, as he goes before his people as an example; or merely as a prophet, pointing out unto them by his doctrine the way of salvation; but he is the way of salvation itself by his obedience and sacrifice; nor is there any other; he is the way of his Father's appointing, and which is entirely agreeable to the perfections of God, and suitable to the case and condition of sinners; he is the way to all the blessings of the covenant of grace; and he is the right way into a Gospel church state here; no one comes rightly into a church of Christ but by faith in him.

Questions for further thought:

1. Do you agree?

Challenge:

Share the truth with someone this week who needs to know the TRUTH

Wednesday

Subject: Temptation

Scripture: 2 Peter 2:9

Commentary:

This verse is a conclusion from the preceding instances and examples, respecting both the mercy and justice of God; the mercy of God in delivering the godly and righteous "out of temptations"; by which are meant, not the temptations of Satan to sin, distrust, and despondency, though the Lord knows how, and is both able and willing to, and does deliver them from them; but afflictions and tribulations, such as Noah and Lot were exposed to. (Gill Commentary)

Questions for further thought:

1. What is your greatest temptation?
2. Do you recognize when you are being tempted?

Challenge:

When Tempted this week pray and give it to God!

Thursday

Subject: Pride

Scripture: James 4:6

Commentary:

He giveth grace unto the humble,

who are sensible of their own vileness and meanness, and acknowledge it; who think the meanest of themselves, and the best of others; and do not envy the gifts and graces of God bestowed upon others, but rejoice at them; and ascribe all they have, and are, to the free grace of God; and ingenuously confess the deficiency of their duties, and the insufficiency of their righteousness to justify them before God; and that when they have done all they can, or are assisted to do, they are but unprofitable servants: now to these God gives grace; he not only gives grace at first, to make them humble, but he gives them more grace, or increases what he gives: grace is God's gift; he gives all the grace that is in Christ.

Questions for further thought:

1. Who is the humblest person you know?
2. Be more Humble this year!

Challenge:

Confess the willingness to give into prideful tendencies and see how God will work in His Spirit to change that.

Friday

Subject: Repentance

Scripture: 1 John 1:9

Commentary:

A man that truly confesses his sin is one that the Spirit of God has convinced of it, and has shown him it's exceeding sinfulness, and filled him with a godly sorrow for it.

Questions for further thought:

1. Do you confess your sins even when not asked to?
2. Do you listen for God?

Challenge:

Be more in tune to God's voice this year.

Saturday

(Looking to Sunday)

Message Series: Surviving
Message Title: Surviving Your Marriage
Scripture: Matthew 20:28, Matthew 7:3-5
Speaker: Doug Bartel

What do these passages say to you?

Prayer Page:

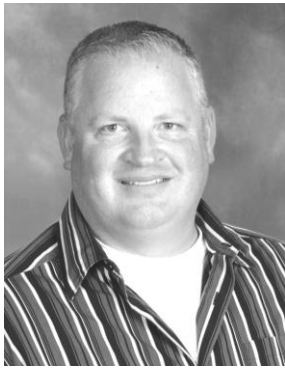
Write down the prayer concerns and praises you want to remember throughout the week. Pray every day!

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.

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.

Additional Comments:



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Name _____ Address _____

E-Mail _____ City/State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Check all that apply:

- 1st Visit --- How did you hear about Hilcrest? _____
- 2nd Visit _____
- Returning Guest
- Regular Attender
- Members

(web site, newspaper, radio, name of person who invited you, etc.)

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
