

Hillcrest CHURCH

Today's Gathering

March 22nd, 2015

View from the Hill

Brian Stroh

Singing

Kelsey Moser and Jesse VanderWeide



You Are Not in Control

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.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 pages 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

Our next baptism service will be on March 29th. 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.

Easter Schedule

- ✚ Hillcrest's Children's Ministry will be performing for both of our Palm Sunday services on March 29th. Pre-schoolers will be waving palms and grade schoolers will be ringing bells.
- ✚ Hillcrest's Good Friday Service will be held on Friday, April 3rd at 6:30pm. There will be no child care provided, but the service will be appropriate for all ages.
- ✚ On Saturday, April 4th, Hillcrest will be hosting an Easter EGG-stravaganza. Check the Children's Ministry section for more details.
- ✚ Easter Sunday services will be held on April 5th at normal times – 9:00am and 10:30am.

Easter Flowers

Hillcrest is again decorating the Worship Center with Easter flowers this year. If you are interested in purchasing a flower in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form at the Welcome Center, include \$7 to cover the cost and drop it in the purple box. You may take a flower after the 2nd service on Easter Sunday.

Men's Event

Hillcrest guys are invited to the Men's March Madness Event Thursday, March 26th from 6-9 PM. Activities include basketball in the gym, a bean bag tournament throughout the facility, March Madness tournament games displayed throughout the facility, awesome food, and door prizes. Cost is \$5/\$10 for dads who bring their son(s). Sign up at the Welcome Center, mark the back of your Connection Card, or contact Brian Stroh if you are interested in attending.

Ladies' Night Out

All ladies are invited to join us for Ladies Night Out on Tuesday, March 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the All Day Café, located next to Scheels in the Western Mall. The restaurant is requesting a number of women attending, so please RSVP to Deanna Moser at 359-7203, at moser@sio.midco.net, or in person. This event is open to all ladies – all ages – and is a great way to get to know and connect with other ladies in the church.

Parents Night Out

The 180 Chicago mission team is offering ANOTHER babysitting night on April 17th from 6pm–8pm. We will have a movie and snacks in one room, and games and activities in another. Cost is \$5 per kid, additional donations are welcome. Proceeds will go towards the cost of the 180 Chicago Mission Trip. Please sign up at the Welcome Center, mark the back of your connection card, or contact Meriah if you are interested.

Women's Pinterest Party!

Join us on Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the FLC for a Pinterest themed gathering. Jessi Copeland will lead us through basic Pinterest information including where to find it, how to join Pinterest, how to "pin", how to create boards and secret boards and how to find your pins once you've pinned them. Bring your smartphones to be able to follow along for yourself! Jessi will also be leading us in a fun Pinterest craft (see sign-up table for a sample). We will enjoy Pinterest foods/snacks, Pinterest projects that have been created will grace our tables as centerpieces. If you are interested in providing a snack, food that you have made from Pinterest, there will be a place for you to let us know on the sign-up sheet. We are also looking to secure child care if that is a need. There is a \$5.00 fee for this event to cover the cost of the craft. Please sign-up at our table located by the Welcome Center in the front foyer.

Serve

March Mission Focus – Children's Home Society

CHS cares for more than 2,000 children each year, providing a continuum of services primarily related to child abuse and domestic violence. Programs include emergency shelter, residential treatment, education, adoption and foster care, forensic interview & examination centers, and prevention services.

Throughout the month of March, we will be taking donations for the Children's Home Society. Starting next week, you can find a copy of their Wish List on the Outreach Bulletin Board next to the Welcome Center. Please drop off items by March 29th.

Empowered to Connect Adoption Conference

Empowered To Connect, together with Show Hope, hosts the Empowered To Connect Simulcast – a two-day conference designed to help adoptive and foster parents, ministry leaders, churches, and professionals better understand how to connect with "children from hard places" in order to help them heal and become all that God desires for them to be.

Cost is \$20. Register at <http://www.bethany.org/siouxfalls/events>

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

Reminder that next Sunday is the 5th Sunday of the month and Children's Ministry's Palm Sunday performance. Pre-schoolers will be waving palms and grade schoolers will be ringing bells. We ask that children arrive by 8:40am and stay for performances at the beginning of both services. There will be no other Club House that day, so that children can also participate in communion and celebrate baptisms with their families.

Easter Egg-stravaganza!

The Hillcrest annual Neighborhood Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 4th, starting at 10am. We will be inviting families from the neighborhood, and Hillcrest children are encouraged to invite their friends. The event will also include a free breakfast, crafts, singing, and a story.

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.

Reminder that next Sunday is the 5th Sunday of the month. There will be no Sunday School that day, so that students can participate in communion and celebrate baptisms with their families.

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 March 28th from 2pm-4:30pm, 180 students will meet in the Youth Room for a 2 hour session of painting. Cost is \$15, supplies are provided. Please sign up at the Welcome Center, mark your connection card, or contact Meriah, if you are interested in attending.

Message Notes:

Title: You Are Not in Control

Scripture: Isaiah 55:8; Proverbs 19:21; John 8:34;
1 John 1:9; Romans 6:18; John 8:36

For those going deeper:

This week's memory verse

Romans 6:12 (NLT) Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires.

Monday

Subject: Ananias and Sapphira

Scripture: Acts 5:1-10

Commentary:

Ananias and Sapphira's was not that they kept back part of the money for themselves but that they made it appear that they gave all of the money. Their desire to be praised by others for their supposed generosity would be their downfall.

Questions for further thought:

1. What tasks might you be doing in the name of God but in your heart, you are seeking the praise of others?
2. Assuming these are tasks God truly wants you to be doing, how can you change your intention or direct the reason back to serving God and others?

Challenge:

Make a change in your intention (e.g. make it more God-centered) towards one of the tasks God has set out for you to do.

Tuesday

Subject: Gifts to the Needed

Scripture: Matthew 6:1-4; Luke 21:1-4

Commentary:

In the 1st passage, Jesus calls out the individuals who make a big show of giving to the needy in the synagogues as hypocrites. They aren't giving out of love but for show. In the 2nd passage, Jesus sees a widow drop in two coins at the temple. She doesn't make a big show out of dropping the two coins and Jesus points us to her as an example of true giving.

Questions for further thought:

1. What gifts to God or others might you have given in the past more for show (if any)?
2. What can you do to prevent yourself from doing this in the future?

Challenge:

Ask God to give you an opportunity to give with the right heart and intentions in place with no anticipation of any glory or praise from others.

Wednesday

Subject: The Wife of Noble Character

Scripture: Proverbs 31:10-31

Commentary:

Although this passage describes a woman of noble character, I believe this is meant as a great example for men and women to follow. We should all fear the Lord and put others before our own needs.

Questions for further thought:

1. How do you identify or not identify with the wife of noble character?
2. What might you want to change about your actions/behavior as a result of reading this example?

Challenge:

Pray about the change you want to make and ask God for guidance and steps for making the change.

Thursday

Subject: The Pharaoh

Scripture: Exodus 12:29-39

Commentary:

Throughout the story of Moses in the book of Exodus, the Pharaoh believes himself to be in control—what he says goes. However, God really was and still is. God knew the choices Pharaoh would make and used them to further His plan for the Israelites.

Questions for further thought:

1. What situations or things do you believe you control?
2. What makes you think you have control over these?

Challenge:

Pray and consider how God may actually have control over these situations in your life and what His plan might be in giving you these things.

Friday

Subject: Even Jesus

Scripture: Matthew 26: 36-42

Commentary:

Even Jesus realized who was in control. Just like we do, He asked the Father to change His circumstances. So, we aren't wrong in asking God for things or to change our situations. We are wrong when we forget who is in control and take things into our own hands.

Questions for further thought:

1. What situations/things do you need to turn over to God?
2. What is an outcome of taking things into our own hands?

Challenge:

Ask God to show you situations where you aren't waiting or letting Him take control.

Saturday

(Looking to Sunday)

Message Series: Life's Great Truths
Message Title: You are Going to Die
(Palm Sunday, Baptism & Communion)
Scripture: Genesis 3:19
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**

My next step today is to:

- Read and study the scriptures and devotionals, provided on pages 6-12.
- Participate in 180 Babysitting Night Chicago Trip Fundraiser on April 17th.
- Attend Men's March Madness Event on March 26th.
- Attend 180 Students Chocolate & Canvas event on March 28th.
- Attend Women's Pinterest Party on April 21st.

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
