

# Hillcrest CHURCH

## Today's Gathering

April 19th, 2015

## View from the Hill

Brian Stroh

## Singing

Aimee VanderWeide & Jesse VanderWeide



## Our Need to be Affirmed

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](http://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

### Hillcrest Business Meeting

Hillcrest will have its semi-annual business meeting and lunch on Sunday, May 3rd after the second service. The cost for lunch is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and children, with a family max of \$12. The agenda includes vacant elder positions and the 2015-16 fiscal budget. Full agendas and reports will be available at the Welcome Center the week before the meeting. Sign up information will be available next week.

### Hillcrest Amazing Race

On Sunday, April 26th from 5-7 PM, all Hillcresters are invited to participate in our version of the "Amazing Race"! Similar to the TV show, you'll race throughout Sioux Falls, use clues to figure out where to go, and complete simple challenges with the goal of being the first to cross the finish line! Cost is \$2 per person with a family max of \$10. Sign up at the Welcome Center or mark your connection card if you are interested in participating.

### Graduation

Hillcrest would like to recognize its graduates of 2015, during our church services on May 17th! Whether you are graduating from High School, College, or other post-secondary school, please send your name, school, graduation date, and future plans to Jennifer Simons at [jennifersimons@siouxfallschurch.com](mailto:jennifersimons@siouxfallschurch.com). Please send in information by May 1st. We will also be recognizing 5th graders, who will be "graduating" from Children's Ministry Club House into 180 Student Ministry in the fall.

### Craft Night

Procraftinators will get together on April 24th. We'll meet in the Family Life Center at 6:30pm and work until 11pm. Bring your unfinished crafts, sewing, scrapbooking, etc. to work on, as well as a drink and snack for yourself. Feel free to invite your friends! Contact Marti Lusk at 605-261-7753 to RSVP or for information.

## Summer with Hillcrest

As you are making your summer plans, make sure to mark these dates on your calendars!

- May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup> Agency D3 VBS
- June 6<sup>th</sup> Potluck Picnic, Games, and Campfire at Newton Hills
- June 17<sup>th</sup> Family Night at Thunder Road
- June 27<sup>th</sup> Rummage Sale
- July 15<sup>th</sup> Family Fun at Wild Water West
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> Picnic & Bean Bag Tournament

Remember that Hillcrest Children and Student Ministries also run programs all summer!

## Serve

### April Mission Focus – Furniture Mission

Hillcrest's mission focus for April is the Furniture Mission. The Furniture Mission collects donations of gently used furniture and distributes the furniture to those in need, who have been referred to them from other organizations, such as Community Outreach, churches, schools, etc.

On Saturday morning, April 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday evening, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Hillcresters will be delivering furniture for the Furniture Mission. Please sign up at the Welcome Center for one of these dates, or contact Pastor Brian if you are interested in volunteering.

### Facility Work Day

Hillcrest's Spring Facility Work Day will be Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8am. There are several projects both inside the facility and outside. We hope to be done by around noon, but if you can only come for an hour or two, please let us know by signing up at the Welcome Center or marking the back of your Connection Card.

## 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

### "Agency D3" VBS

Save the Date! VBS will be held May 31st - June 3rd from 6pm-8pm. Registration will begin May 1st. If you would like to volunteer for VBS on these days or on any of the work days (May 2nd 10am-12pm, May 13th 6pm-8pm, May 16th 9am-12pm, May 30th 9am-1pm), please contact Tarina. Later this month, we will start a sign up for all the open volunteer spots.

## 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!

### Thrift Store Formal

May 20th is our First Annual Thrift Store Formal End of Year Bash! Middle School and High School will meet in the gym at 7pm for food, music, and to show off their awesome clothes. Invite your friends and celebrate the coming of summer! Come in your classy thrift store finds. Prizes will be awarded for most thrifty guy and gal.

Looking for Parents who are willing to make desserts or snacks and help with serving.

# Message Notes:

Title: Our Need to be Affirmed

Scripture: Romans 3:21-26

**For those going deeper:**

This week's memory verse

*Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT) <sup>24</sup>Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup>And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.*

# Monday

Subject: Be Humble

Scripture: Luke 14:11

## Commentary:

Even in the common actions of life, Christ marks what we do, not only in our religious assemblies, but at our tables. We see in many cases, that a man's pride will bring him low, and before honour is humility. Our Saviour here teaches that works of charity are better than works of show. But our Lord did not mean that a proud and unbelieving liberality should be rewarded, but that his precept of doing good to the poor and afflicted should be observed from love to him. (Henry Commentary)

## Questions for further thought:

1. Do you give unconditionally?
2. Does your Love include the poor and afflicted?

## Challenge:

Give this week with nobody knowing you did.

# Tuesday

Subject: Live Life Fully

Scripture: John 10:10

## Commentary:

Christ came into this world in human nature, to give his flesh, his body, his whole human nature, soul and body, for the life of these persons, or that they might live spiritually here, and eternally hereafter; and so the Arabic version renders it, "that they might have eternal life"; Nonnus calls it, "a life to come"; which is in Christ, and the gift of God through him; and which he gives to all his sheep, and has a power to give to as many as the Father has given him:

## Questions for further thought:

1. Are you living your life to the full extent spiritually?

## Challenge:

Identify the thing in your life that is trying to rob you spiritually.



# Wednesday

Subject: Self-esteem

Scripture: Matthew 10:29-31

## Commentary:

Two of them were worth no more than a farthing; there must be a great multitude of them to be mentioned with any man: and indeed there is no comparison between the whole species of them and the life of a single man, and much less between them and the apostles of the Lamb. Any man is more valuable, as a man, than many sparrows, and much more a Christian man, and still more an apostle: the argument then is, that if God takes care of sparrows and is concerned for their lives, much more will he take care of his faithful ministers, and not suffer their lives to be taken away, till they have done the will and work of their Lord.

## Questions for further thought:

1. Do you consider yourself valuable in God's eyes?
2. Do you value your Church Leadership?

## Challenge:

This week express your appreciation and value to a close brother/sister in Christ.

# Thursday

Subject: What is Success?

Scripture: Psalm 1:3

## Commentary:

To meditate in God's word, is to discourse with ourselves concerning the great things contained in it, with close application of mind and fixedness of thought. We must have constant regard to the word of God, as the rule of our actions, and the spring of our comforts; and have it in our thoughts night and day. For this purpose no time is amiss.

## Questions for further thought:

1. Does your prosperity reflect God's will?
2. Does your constant regard continue after Church Sunday?

## Challenge:

Meditate in God's word this week.

# Friday

Subject: Lord if Thou Wilt

Scripture: Mark 1:40-45

## Commentary:

We have here Christ's cleansing of a leper. It teaches us to apply to the Savior with great humility, and with full submission to his will, saying, "Lord, if thou wilt," without any doubt of Christ's readiness to help the distressed. See also what to expect from Christ; that according to our faith it shall be to us. The poor leper said, If thou wilt. Christ readily wills favors to those who readily refer themselves to his will. Christ would have nothing done that looked like seeking praise of the people. But no reasons now exist why we should hesitate to spread the praises of Christ.

## Questions for further thought:

1. Do you doubt God's readiness to heal?
2. Are you readily referring yourself to God's will?

## Challenge:

Give it to God's will!

# Saturday

(Looking to Sunday)

Message Series: Thrive  
Message Title: Our Need to Be Blessed  
Scripture: Matthew 3:17; Jeremiah 29:11;  
Ephesians 3:1; Genesis 12:1-20  
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.

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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.

# Staff Contact Information



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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**

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My next step today is to:

- Read and study the scriptures and devotionals, provided on pages 6-12.
- Participate in the Facility Work Day on April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Participate in Hillcrest's Amazing Race on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Attend Dinner with Doug on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Attend Business Meeting on May 3rd.

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
- 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.*

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

**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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