

Hillcrest CHURCH

Today's Gathering
May 10th, 2015

View from the Hill
Brian Stroh

Singing
Tarina Stroh and Jesse VanderWeide



Our Need to be Touched
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 May 31st. 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.

Hillcrest at Newton Hills

Join us for a potluck picnic at Newton Hills on Saturday, June 6th. Bring your own meat and drink and a side dish or dessert to share. You may also want to bring a lawn chair for more comfortable seating. We will meet at picnic shelter #1 near the Overlook Tower, starting at 5:30pm. Feel free to stay later for the campfire. A state park license or daily pass is required to enter the park. For directions and/or a map, visit Newton Hills' web site at <http://gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/newton-hills/>

Craft Night

Procraftinators will get together on Friday, May 15th. 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.

"Agency D3" VBS

Hillcrest's Vacation Bible School, "Agency D3" will be held Sunday, May 31st through Wednesday, June 3rd from 6pm-8pm at Hillcrest. Registration is FREE! Brochures with more details and registration forms are available at the display in the front foyer. Don't forget to pick up a music cd for each family and an iron-on badge for each child when you register. You can also register for VBS on our web site.

Graduations

Next Sunday, May 17th, Hillcrest will be recognizing our graduates during the services. In addition, Hillcrest has received the following open house invitations, which are posted on the small community bulletin board at the south end of the front foyer. Anyone from the church who would like to attend is welcome.

Brad Bartel – Saturday, 5/16, 1-4pm at 4804 S. Nathan Ave.

Nathan Lietha – Saturday, 5/16, 1:30-3:30pm at Hillcrest

Paige Waltman – Saturday, 5/16, 1-4pm at 3701 S. Kris Ave.

Serve

May Outreach Focus – VBS

Hillcrest will be hosting “Agency D3” Vacation Bible School Sunday, May 31st through Wednesday, June 3rd from 6pm to 8pm each evening.

We are still in need of volunteers in several areas, especially “Agents of Truth,” who will hang out with a small group of kids and get them where they need to go. You can volunteer as an Agent for two days or the whole week.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with set up on Saturday, May 16th from 9am-12pm; and Saturday, May 30th from 9am-1pm.

There is a sign up board near the Children’s Check-In if you are interested in helping out with VBS.

Lastly, the Outreach Bulletin Board is full of other ways you can help. Donations will be used for various expenses, including crafts supplies and snacks.

SCRIP

Great News! Burlington is now open on the East Side of Sioux Falls in the Dawley Farms shopping complex. AND you can get SCRIP cards in the amount of \$25 with a 7% rebate. Check out the SCRIP page on our web site or stop by the Welcome Center to get a complete list of vendors and to sign up for your own SCRIP account.

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

Summer Fun Days with Miss Tarina

Save the Dates! Sign up in the back foyer or on our web site.

- Kindergarten & 1st Grade - Sunday, 6/14, 2-4pm; Butterfly House & Outdoor Campus
- 2nd & 3rd Grade - Sunday, 7/12, 2-4pm; Thunder Road, Mini Golf & Laser Tag
- 4th & 5th Grade - Sunday, 8/9, 5-9pm; Sky Zone & Hillcrest

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 Touched

Scripture: Matthew 8:3; Matthew 9:20-22

For those going deeper:

This week's memory verse

Daniel 10:10 (NLT) Just then a hand touched me and lifted me, still trembling, to my hands and knees.

Monday

Subject: God's Side

Scripture: Romans 8:31-34

Commentary:

This has to be one of my favorite verses in the Bible. It gives me hope, it lifts me up, and most of all it gives me security. Just think about it, "If God is for us, who can be against us", Paul goes on to say, "Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." God, who is the creator of the Universe, the All Powerful, always was and always is, is on my side. So much so that He sent his Son to die for me and to take my place so I may have eternal life. As Christians this gives us great hope and peace no matter what our situation. Whose side are you on?

Questions for further thought:

1. How does it make you feel to know as a Christian God is on your side?
2. What will you do this week to share the good news with others?

Challenge:

If you have not made a decision to follow Christ, make it the number one priority in your life.

Tuesday

Subject: Practice What You Preach

Scripture: Jeremiah 7:4-7

Commentary:

Who do we worship? Do we simply go to church and say we worship God? Do our actions really represent who we believe in? The prophet Jeremiah is relaying Gods words telling us that we are to practice what we preach. As true believers our actions and deeds truly reveal what we believe. We are to help the refugee, be a big brother or sister, take care of the widow, and not let our words cut each other down. Our actions towards others show that we are true believers and have faith in Christ Jesus.

Questions for further thought:

1. Do your daily interactions with others show you are a true believer?
2. Are you simply going through the motions as a believer? If so what will you do to change?

Challenge:

Take extra time this week to pray and seek how God would like you to "Practice What You Believe".

Wednesday

Subject: Don't be Complacent

Scripture: Amos 6:1-3

Commentary:

Are we complacent as Christians? Do we look at unbelievers and other Christians and say we are better than them. Do we listen to Christian music, read Christian books, and go to church every Sunday, and feel like we are good to go? Amos ruled at a time of great prosperity for Israel, and he was concerned that this prosperity was corrupting Israel. We are fortunate to live in a time and a country where we have great prosperity and are free to practice our faith. We need to make sure we do not take this for granted. We need to make sure we are keeping God at the center of all we do.

Questions for further thought:

1. Do you take your faith for granted?
2. What are some ways you thank God for the great country and time we live in?

Challenge:

Make sure God is at the Center of your life, at work, home and church this week

Thursday

Subject: Don't be a Hypocrite

Scripture: Mathew 23:1-12

Commentary:

Jesus is telling us that we must be careful not to be Hypocrites. Our actions must support what we say. Are we serving at church just for the compliments, to make ourselves feel important, or are we serving because we feel it is where God wants us to be? We must be careful not to get the attitude that we are Christians so we are better than everyone else. Jesus came to earth and died so that we may receive the greatest gift of all, Salvation. We need to be careful to honor God in all we say and do. If we honor God in everything, it will keep us from being hypocrites.

Questions for further thought:

1. Do you do things at work and home just to receive the praise, or because it is what God wants you to do?
2. Is God at the center of everything that you do?

Challenge:

If you have a prideful area in your life, give it up to God this week.

Friday

Subject: Give it to God

Scripture: Mathew 6:25-34

Commentary:

Sweet, all is good!!! Okay so that is easier to say than to believe. We are faced with many trials to this verse every day. We worry about paying the bills, about our jobs, about our families, about, about, about..... Jesus commands us to: "Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness." We are to put God first and everything else is to come second. When we keep God first, the sinful part of our life that makes us worry does not go away, but we can plan ahead, get things done, and know that no matter what happens God is in control and will help us through. Hey, He Feeds the birds and clothes the flowers, just think what he will do for us!

Questions for further thought:

1. What are you worrying about this week?
2. What are you going to do to give you worries to God?

Challenge:

Share this week with someone how God has helped you through a difficult situation.

Saturday

(Looking to Sunday)

Message Series: Thrive
Message Title: Our Need to Be Chosen
Scripture: Luke 15; John 3:16
Speaker: Doug Bartel

What do these passages say to you?

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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.
- Volunteer for a VBS work day!
- Volunteer to help out with VBS May 31st-June 3rd.
- Help out with 180 Thrift Store Formal on May 20th.
- Attend picnic at Newton Hills on June 6th.

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
