

Hillcrest CHURCH

Today's Gathering
July 12th, 2015

View from the Hill
Brian Stroh

Singing
Tarina Stroh & Jesse VanderWeide



Oh My God!
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 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

Wild Water West

Join Hillcrest at Wild Water West on July 15th! We have a fantastic deal for you- \$8 for an all-day pass (the normal price for this is \$26.00 - a discount of \$18!) The pass is good from 11am-8pm and includes all the attractions at the park (except Paintball). You need to sign-up and prepay for this deal by Sunday, July 12th.

Dinner with Doug

Would you like to get to know Pastor Doug and his wife, Jenny? Are you interested in getting to know more about Hillcrest? Are you wanting to become a member? Then sign up at the Welcome Center or mark your connection card for Dinner with Doug on Wednesday, July 22nd at 6:30pm. You'll spend an evening at Pastor Doug's house, eating dinner together and learning about Hillcrest as well as asking any questions you might have.

Men's Retreat

Brian is speaking at a Men's Roundup August 28-30 at Camp Judson in Keystone, SD and invites any interested Hillcrest men (and their sons) to attend the retreat! Cost is \$95/adult, \$60/kids age 10-17, and \$45/kids 9 and under. Includes meals and lodging at Camp Judson (<http://www.campjudson.org/>). Retreat begins with supper at 6:00 on Friday the 28th and concludes Sunday morning, August 30th. For more information, contact Brian.

YouVersion

Hillcrest is going to resume using YouVersion, an online bible, which includes a mobile app that allows you to interact with Hillcrest's sermons. To get started, download the app to your smart phone or tablet at <https://www.youversion.com/mobile>. Then during Sunday's sermon, open the app, click on "Live" (blue icon in the upper left hand corner), and type our zip code - 57103 in the search area. We will also try to post each week's link on Facebook before Sunday. Once you have accessed our event, you can read the scripture, take notes, send us prayer requests, even fill out your connection card. If you miss church on Sunday, you can also check out the event later in the week to hear a recording of the message. If you use this app, please let us know what you like or don't like about it. We appreciate any and all feedback.

Baptism

Our next baptism service will be on August 30th. 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.

Serve

July Outreach Focus – Abbott House

Instead of the Urban Plunge, Hillcrest will be partnering with Life 96.5 to support their mission focus for July, which is the Abbott House in Mitchell, SD. Abbott House is a private charity that provides residential treatment services to girls between the age of 7 and 18, who have little or no family support and who have endured extreme trauma, experienced abuse, or who have been diagnosed with depression, anxiety, or ADHD. The agency provides not only intensive treatment but also foster care in a therapeutic home.

During the month of July, the radio station will be doing a drive for Abbott House and will provide drop-offs at each of their "sticker stops." They will take donations for new or gently used jeans and sweatshirts, or new packages of socks and underwear in both girls' and women's sizes. We will also collect these items here at Hillcrest and deliver them to the station.

Hillcrest Ministries

Many volunteers are needed to make Hillcrest run smoothly every week. As the ministries get ready to start working on their schedules for the new school year, we want to invite everyone to get "plugged in" to whichever area fits them best. If you want to try something out before you make a commitment, just let us know. Some of the opportunities that only require a commitment of one Sunday a month include greeting, ushering, Worship Team, or helping out with Student or Children's Ministries. You could even sign up to be a substitute for any of these areas. Lots of other volunteer opportunities are available during the week, too. If you are interested in serving in the church, please mark the back of your connection card, contact Pastor Brian, or stop by the Welcome Center to get more information.

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
Dog House: 3 & 4 year olds
Club House: K-5th Grade

Summer Fun Days – 4th & 5th Grade

Sky Zone & Kick Ball

Sunday, August 9th, 5-9pm

Cost is \$5 and children must memorize the The Lord's Prayer. If you memorized it last year, this year you will memorize Psalm 23. Parents can drop off their kids at Sky Zone and pick them up at Hillcrest. Waiver must be completed on-line prior to arrival at Sky Zone. Please bring Sky Zone socks or \$2. Pick up a brochure with more information and/or sign up in the back foyer.

Contact Tarina Stroh at tarinastroh@siouxfallschurch.com with any questions.

Student Ministry

180 Sunday Classes

This summer, Middle School and High School students will meet together in the Youth Room during the 10:30am service. Students will be watching "AD: The Bible Continues" throughout the summer.

180 Wednesday Nights

This summer, Middle School students meet from 7-8pm and High School students meet from 8-9pm. Includes lesson, small group time, snack, and games!

We will not be meeting this Wednesday, July 15th, but feel free to bring your family to Wild Water West!

180 Events

180 is heading to the Sioux Empire Fair on August 5th! Meet at Hillcrest, and we will ride down to the fair together from 6-9pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Center, mark the back of your connection card or email Meriah to RSVP, so that we have enough spots in cars. Cost of admission is \$7. Feel free to bring additional cash for rides, food, or games.

Message Notes:

Title: Oh My God!

Scripture: Exodus 20:7; Matt 15:8-9; Psalm 50:16-17;
Revelation 3:8; Psalm 139:20; Jer 29:8-9

For those going deeper:

This week's memory verse

Exodus 20:7 (NLT) "You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name."

Monday

Subject: Swearing an Oath to Others

Scripture: Matthew 5:33-38

Commentary:

Jesus understood human nature better than anyone. In this passage, He advises us not to make oaths or swear at all. We can't change or make anything happen. Therefore, make your yes, mean yes and your no mean no and say nothing else.

Questions for further thought:

1. Why are we tempted to add "I swear" or "I promise" when we respond?
2. Does saying these words make any difference to how or what you do?

Challenge:

Respond to questions/asks of you without swearing or making an oath. Simply say yes or no.

Tuesday

Subject: Swearing an Oath to God

Scripture: Numbers 30:1-2

Commentary:

How many times do you catch yourself saying "Lord, I promise never do that again"? Per these verses, vows must not be given or said rashly. Our word needs to be our word and although we mean well, we may be hard pressed to follow through when we make such vows.

Questions for further thought:

1. What promises have you made to God?
2. Have you been able to keep all of them?

Challenge:

Ask for God's forgiveness for those promises you have not been able to keep.

Wednesday

Subject: Sound Advice about Oaths

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

Commentary:

Instead of making a vow, sit still and listen to what and how God directs you. Let God tell you what to do, and how not to make the same mistake again. God doesn't need your oaths or words. He wants your heart and your obedience.

Questions for further thought:

1. What do you need to take to God today?
2. Have you taken or made an oath about this in the past?

Challenge:

Take a different approach this time; confess and then listen for God's direction.

Thursday

Subject: Benefits of God's Wisdom

Scripture: Proverbs 3:1-8

Commentary:

Some of the benefits of heeding God's wisdom are favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. God will make your paths straight and He will bring health to your body and nourishment. So, why don't we all seek His wisdom all the time?

Questions for further thought:

1. What are some reasons we don't seek God's wisdom?
2. What is typically the result when we don't seek God's wisdom?

Challenge:

For a current problem or concern, ask God for wisdom. Sit still and listen to God for wisdom and guidance.

Friday

Subject: Acting on What You Heard

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-29

Commentary:

If God gives you wisdom or instructions and you do nothing with it, you are like the man who built his house on the sands. So, if you sit still and God's gives your direction, follow or heed the instructions to ensure your house is built on solid ground.

Questions for further thought:

1. What wisdom has God given you lately?
2. Are you following it?

Challenge:

Take a step forward on the path God has asked you to follow.

Saturday

(Looking to Sunday)

Message Series: X Commandments for Today
Message Title: What to Do with Sunday
Scripture: Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Romans
14:5-6; Mark 2:27; Exodus 31:14-15;
John 5:16-18
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.
- Attend Wild Water West event on July 15th.
- Attend Dinner with Doug on July 22nd.
- Attend Men's Retreat August 28th – 30th.
- Volunteer in a Hillcrest Ministry. (Please write your interests below)

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

