

Hillcrest CHURCH

Today's Gathering
July 19th, 2015

View from the Hill
Brian Stroh

Singing
Aimee VanderWeide and Jesse VanderWeide



What to Do with Sunday
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

Hillcrest Picnic & Bean Bag Tournament

Hillcrest invites everyone to a picnic and bean bag tournament on Sunday, August 23rd at Laurel Oaks Park, following services. The cost is \$2 per person with a family max of \$10. Sign up at the Welcome Center to RSVP for the picnic. Mark on the sign up if you plan to participate in the bean bag tournament (if you have a partner you want to play with, make sure to sign them up as well). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Brian.

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: 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

For those going deeper:

This week's memory verse

Exodus 20:8 (NLT) "Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."

Monday

Subject: Power over the deep

Scripture: Matthew 8:27

Commentary:

The men marveled - Every part of the creation (man excepted) hears and obeys the Creator's voice. Sinners have an ear for the world, the devil, and the flesh: till this ear is shut, God's voice is not discerned; for when it is shut to its enemies it is open to its friends.

Question for further thought:

1. Who are you listening to?

Challenge:

Open your ears and listen to the one who calms the seas and silent the wind.

Tuesday

Subject: My Love will not be removed

Scripture: Isaiah 54:10

Commentary:

The mountains shall depart, the emblems of eternity shall crumble and change and pass, and the hills be removed; but this immortal, impalpable, and, in some men's minds, fantastic and unreal something, 'My loving kindness and the covenant of My peace,' shall outlast them all. And this great promise is stamped with the sign manual of Heaven, being spoken by the Lord that hath mercy on thee. McLaren
Commentary

Question for further thought:

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

Challenge:

Do you believe that God's love for you will never falter?

Wednesday

Subject: Family

Scripture: Deuteronomy 11:19

Commentary:

Having kids does not make a man a father! A real father according to God is one who knows the Bible, one who teaches those precepts to his children, and one who lives by its standards!

Questions for further thought:

1. Do you relay other's to teach your children?
2. Do you relay on others to teach you the Word?

Challenge:

Find time to teach yourself so you may teach your children.

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: X Commandments for Today
Message Title: Tough Times with Mom and Dad
Scripture: Deut 5:16; Prov 30:11-14; Rom 13:1-2;
Eph 6:7; Prov 1:8-9, 6:20-22, 19:26,
20:20, 30:17; Eph 6:1-3; Matt 15:4-9;
Prov 23:22
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.
- Attend picnic on Sunday, August 23rd.
- 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 (web site, newspaper, radio, name of person who invited you, etc.)
- 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.

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
