

Hillcrest CHURCH

Today's Gathering
August 2nd, 2015

View from the Hill
Meriah VanderWeide

Singing
Gary Rakebrandt, Norma Dalen, and Jesse VanderWeide



The Serial Killer in All of Us
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

1st Sunday at the Pizza Ranch

Today is the first Sunday of the month. You are all invited to lunch at the 41st Street Pizza Ranch following the 10:30 service. This is an informal event, so simply show up and enjoy lunch with other Hillcresters. There is no need to RSVP and each person/family will be responsible for the cost of their own meals. Don't forget that you can also get Pizza Ranch SCRIP cards!

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 Ministries

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.

The Hillcrest **Fantasy Football League Draft** will take place on Sunday, August 23rd at 5pm in the Fireside Room and Family Life Center. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Pastor Brian if you are interested in participating.

Directory

Wednesday, September 16th through Saturday, September 19th, we will be taking photos for our new directory! Everyone who has their photo taken will receive a free 8x10 and a free copy of the new directory. Life Touch will also be selling photo packages, but you are not required to purchase anything. You do not have to be a member to be in the church directory. As long as you consider Hillcrest your church home, we want you in it! We usually only do a new directory about once every 3 years, so it is really important to make it as complete as possible. You can sign up on-line by clicking on the button-link on the home page of Hillcrest's web site. On Sundays, August 30th, September 6th, and September 13th, you will also have the opportunity to sign up for your photo appointment between services. If you have a busy schedule, it's important to sign up early, as spots will fill up quickly!

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

August Outreach Focus – Powerhouse Tutoring Center

The Powerhouse is a partnership project with Wesley United Methodist Church of Sioux Falls, SD, and continues their successful model of community relationship building and academic skill development. Powerhouse is a tutoring program that focuses on continuing academic skill development with Whittier Middle School students.

During the month of August, we will be doing a drive for some supplies needed for the Powerhouse. Check the bulletin board in the front foyer for a list of items needed. Items should be returned to Hillcrest by Sunday, August 30th.

On Saturday, August 15th from 10am to 12pm, we will be having a Work Day at the Powerhouse Tutoring Center. Jobs include painting, cleaning, organizing, and yard work. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in volunteering.

The Powerhouse Tutoring Center can always use more volunteers to help out daily from 4pm to 5:30pm. Any amount of time that you can give is truly appreciated. Please contact Melissa Simpson at msimpson@siouxfallschurch.com if you are interested.

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!

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: The Serial Killer in All of Us

Scripture: Exodus 20:13; Genesis 4:2-8; 1 John 3:12;
Matthew 5:21-22; James 3:5-6; Matt 5:21-24;
1 John 3:15; Philippians 4:8-9

Who _____

What I Will Do _____

For those going deeper:

This week's memory verse

1 John 3:15 (NLT) Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them.

Monday

Subject: Me, a Murderer?

Scripture: Genesis 4:1-8

Commentary:

It is easy to dismiss the commandment, "You must not murder," as being one that most of us will never consider breaking. It is interesting, however, that after the original sin of Adam and Eve, the next sin we see in the Bible is the murder of Abel. It appears that the impulse to take another life—and the emotions that lead up to the act—may not lie as far beneath the surface as we believe.

Questions for further thought:

1. God knew where Cain was headed and tried to turn him in another direction. What do you think drove Cain to go ahead and kill Abel anyway?
2. Honestly reflecting on your past, have you ever been so angry with someone that you imagined killing them?

Challenge:

This week, identify any people in your life who are, or have been, the object of your intense anger. When you think of them, does your anger flare again? That's a sure sign that forgiveness hasn't happened yet. Ask God to help you to truly forgive them, and release yourself from the cycle of anger that comes from unforgiveness.

Tuesday

Subject: Leave the Accounting to God

Scripture: Romans 12:19-21

Commentary:

It was true for Cain and it's often true for us. Anger overcomes us because we feel we've been wronged. Life isn't fair at home, at work, or _____ (fill in the blank). We feel the need to get back in some way at those we perceive to have wronged us. We strike out in anger, achieve our goal of revenge—and somehow don't feel any better for having taken that route. God is aware of injustice, and it's His job to square the accounts. Our job is just the opposite—to show God's love to those who treat us poorly.

Questions for further thought:

1. Have you had adversaries in life that have treated you unfairly? How have you generally reacted?
2. Speaking practically, how would you practice treating your enemy with respect in your everyday world? Think workplace, classroom, family—even church.

Challenge:

"That's not fair" says our child to us as parents. And we respond, "The world isn't fair." Yet when we don't get the job promotion we deserve, the house that we hoped for, the health we strive for, or the life we dreamed of we respond "That's not fair." Psalm 73:3: For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked." Been there? I think we all have. Read through to the end. God's got this.

Wednesday

Subject: The Killer in the Mirror

Scripture: Matthew 5:21-24

Commentary:

Jesus consistently turned matters of law into matters of the heart. In this passage, he does the same with murder. Though murder does bring judgment, so does anger—even if we never act on it. Anger is a reflection of an attitude of the heart, whether it be resentment, pride, jealousy, or any of a number of related emotions. Jesus lets no one off the hook, making the point that there is no room for anger in a heart fully in tune with God.

Questions for further thought:

1. In what situations do you most frequently become angry?
2. Do you believe that there is such a thing as harmless anger—like when we're just blowing off steam? Why or why not?

Challenge:

This week when you experience anger— at your job, in your home, driving the car— take your hands and make the heart sign. This will cause you to think about anger as a heart issue and turn it over to God.

Thursday

Subject: The Antidote to Anger

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40

Commentary:

Our natural tendency as fallen people is to become angry when wronged. Jesus, however, called on us to follow a different path when he summed up the second five commandments by saying, "Love your neighbor as yourself." It appears love is the antidote to anger, as it is hard to harbor anger against yourself. When we truly put ourselves in the place of others, and love them as we would want to be loved, anger fades away.

Questions for further thought:

1. When is it most difficult for you to put yourself in someone else's situation?
2. Can you think of someone in your life, past or present, who seems to embody this "loving your neighbor" attitude? How do they live it out?

Challenge:

My mom used to say, "Don't say what you will do until you are in the other person's shoes." This week when you encounter someone who is walking a life that is inconsistent with the life you desire for them, consider their circumstances. A soft heart is a kind heart. Be kind.

Friday

Subject: Power to Change

Scripture: Galatians 5:16-25

Commentary:

Living a life focused on loving others rather than ourselves is possible, but not easy. We can't do it in our own power, but we don't have to because Christ sent the Holy Spirit. In Galatians, Paul contrasts life lived on our own with life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. Quarreling, jealousy, and outbursts of anger are the product of a life lived apart from the Spirit's power. Contrast those with the fruit of the Spirit: peace, patience, kindness, and self-control. There is power to change when we allow the Spirit to lead us.

Questions for further thought:

1. When you read this passage in Galatians, do you see these fruit of the Spirit in your life, or are jealousy and anger more prevalent?
2. What practical steps might you take to make yourself more open to the work of the Spirit in this area of your life?

Challenge:

Identify the fruits of the spirit that are evident in your life without you even trying to produce them. Ask a friend for help if you need to. Then, identify those you struggle with. Fruit needs tending to and so do the fruits of the spirit. Feed and water these fruits, practice them on the people God brings into your life this week.

Saturday

(Looking to Sunday)

Message Series: X Commandments for Today
Message Title: Two-Timing Heart
Scripture: Matt 5:27-29; Ja 1:14-16; Rom 6:16;
Prov 4:23; Matt 19:9;
Speaker: Brian Stroh

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
- 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

