

# Hillcrest CHURCH

Today's Gathering  
August 16th, 2015

View from the Hill  
Pastor Brian Stroh

Singing  
Aimee VanderWeide and Jesse VanderWeide



I Want What You've Got  
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 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

## Baptism

Our next baptism service will be on August 30th. If you are interested in baptism, contact Pastor Doug or Pastor Brian to reserve a spot.

## 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

The Friday morning men's group begins a new book on August 21 titled *How God Makes Men*. Meet at 26<sup>th</sup> Street Bagel Boy every Friday at 6am. Contact Pastor Brian or mark your connection card if you are interested in joining.

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.

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.

## Directory

Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 30<sup>th</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup>, and September 13<sup>th</sup>, 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!

### 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.

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](mailto:msimpson@siouxfallschurch.com) if you are interested.

### Hillcrest's SCRIP Program

For many of us, Back-to-School means shopping! When you head out to get new clothes and school supplies, consider using Hillcrest's SCRIP Program to give back to 180 Student Ministries. It is an easy way to help out with expenses for student events and trips without spending any extra money. The way it works is that vendors give a portion of the money that you spend on gift cards back to Hillcrest. You can choose to assign your donations to a specific student or for the money to go to the general fund to help whichever students need it. You can also use SCRIP for other Hillcrest events, like the upcoming picnic. Sign up on our web site at [siouxfallschurch.com/scrip](http://siouxfallschurch.com/scrip) or contact Jennifer Simons for 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-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Move Up Sunday

Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> is when all of the children will move into their new classrooms (if applicable), to reflect their updated ages/grades. Teachers will be available to help the children find their new classrooms.

## Baptism & Communion Class

Hillcrest Children's Ministries will be hosting a Baptism & Communion class on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, following the second service. This class is to learn about how and why we do communion and baptism. Books will also be available for \$5 on the day of the class. Bring the whole family and lunch will be served. Please sign up at the Children's Ministries booth in the back foyer if you are interested in attending.

# 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.
- ❖ Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> is when 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will move into their new groups.

## 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

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Championship will be held on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-8:00pm! Middle School students will compete against High School students for the Back to School Travelling Trophy. There will be games, food, and prizes. Wear clothes you are comfortable getting wet. This is the time when incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders join us and the last hoorah for the outgoing 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

# Message Notes:

Title: I Want What You've Got

Scripture: Deut 5:21; 1 Tim 6:17-19; 6:10; 6:5-8; Phil 4:11;  
Rom 12:1-2; Ps 37:21-27

**For those going deeper:**

This week's memory verse

*Exodus 20:17 (NLT) "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."*

# Monday

Subject: I need it!!!

Scripture: Genesis 19:16-26

## Commentary:

It seems everywhere we turn nowadays someone is telling us about the latest and greatest gadget that we all have to have. We see countless ads on TV, hear them on the radio. It is basically forcing us to want what everyone else has. We are not content with the things that we have and think that if we just had whatever that thing is, we will be happy. If we step back and look at things, we realize that it is nothing more than another form of temptation. If we give in, like Lot's wife in today's passage, we will end up getting burned in the end. We may not end up a pillar of salt, but we will end up with buyer's remorse and possibly a debt burden that we maybe can't handle. When these temptations hit us, we need to look ahead and not back in order to realize that we are fine with what we have and don't need anymore.

## Questions for further thought:

1. What is a time that you felt buyer's remorse?
2. What do you do now that helps from giving in and getting something you didn't need?

## Challenge:

Take notice of how many things the lord has blessed you with. Spend a few minutes in prayer thanking him for all he has given you and ask for strength and discernment the next time you have feelings of wanting something you don't really need.

# Tuesday

Subject: Trust in God

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 21:5

## Commentary:

Life is not always easy, sometimes things will be tough, even for believers. God knows what we are going through and will always be there for us. When it is all boiled down, stealing is an act of placing trust in something other than the Lord. It can be very tough to place our trust in God when things are falling apart around us, but that is exactly what we need to do. God will provide what we need, not necessarily what we want or think we need.

## Questions for further thought:

1. Name a time you were tempted to fall away from God's plans?
2. How did you make the decision to go your way, or God's?

## Challenge:

Take an inventory of how things are going in your life right now. Spend some time talking to God about any areas you are having trouble trusting him with? Ask him to give you strength and peace in these areas.



# Wednesday

Subject: Don't worry

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-33

## Commentary:

A byproduct of not having a content heart is worrying. We all face challenges throughout each day. God knows all that we are going through and as long as we live righteously and trust him with everything, he will keep us safe and provide for our needs. If you have anything in your life right now that is giving you worry, give it to God and trust him with the outcome. He will give you an answer to your questions if you ask faithfully. Just give up all worry and trust him.

## Questions for further thought:

1. What things in your life right now are causing you worry?
2. What is something you can do to give God control in these areas?

## Challenge:

Find someone to talk to about anything that is causing you worry in your life. Pray with them about it and ask them if you can get together in the future and if they will help give you strength to get through the tough times and relieve the worry for you.

# Thursday

Subject: I did it that was me!

Scripture: Ephesians 4:28

## Commentary:

There are many forms of stealing in today's world. There is the physical taking of property that doesn't belong to the person taking it, identity theft, electronic funds theft, and various other forms as well. While most of us haven't stolen someone's identity, there is one form that we may have experience with, stealing credit for something that we didn't do. It may not seem like much, but when we do this, how is it different than stealing anything else from someone? It is not acting in a manner that God wants us to and can lead to hurt feelings and even broken relationships.

## Questions for further thought:

1. What is a time you took credit from or didn't give credit to someone that did something to help you?
2. How did you feel after taking that credit?

## Challenge:

Take some time to ask God for forgiveness for whichever situation you came up with in question 1. If possible contact the person and thank them for the help in that situation and then ask them for forgiveness as well.

# Friday

Subject: Really hard times

Scripture: Proverbs 6:30-31; James 2:14-19

## Commentary:

There are people in this world that have nothing at all. I have never been that down on my luck in life, so don't know what they are going through. So what if someone has no food and the only way they can eat is to steal food? I can tell you that we as Christians should still love them as people and understand that they are just in a really tough situation. What can we do in a situation like this? We can live out our faith in action and help the person in need much like James implores us to.

## Questions for further thought:

1. Who do you know that is need of some help at this time?
2. What can you do to help them out?

## Challenge:

Take action for the person or people you thought of in our questions today. If they don't have food, give them some food or a Hy-Vee gift card. If they need money for something give it to them. If they don't have a car, give them a ride somewhere. Ask God to guide you to help someone in need.

# Saturday

(Looking to Sunday)

Message Series: X Commandments for Today  
Message Title: Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire  
Scripture: Ex 23:1-3; Prov 10:18-19, 11:13, 18:7,  
20:19; Ja 3:5-6; 1 Cor 15:14-17; 1 Jn  
2:21; Rom 13:9-10  
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**

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My next step today is to:

- Read and study the scriptures and devotionals, provided on pages 6-12.
- Attend picnic on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Attend Men's Retreat August 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Participate in the Men's Fantasy Football League Draft on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Join a small group (write interests below)

Additional Comments:

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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

(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**

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