

Hillcrest CHURCH

Today's Gathering

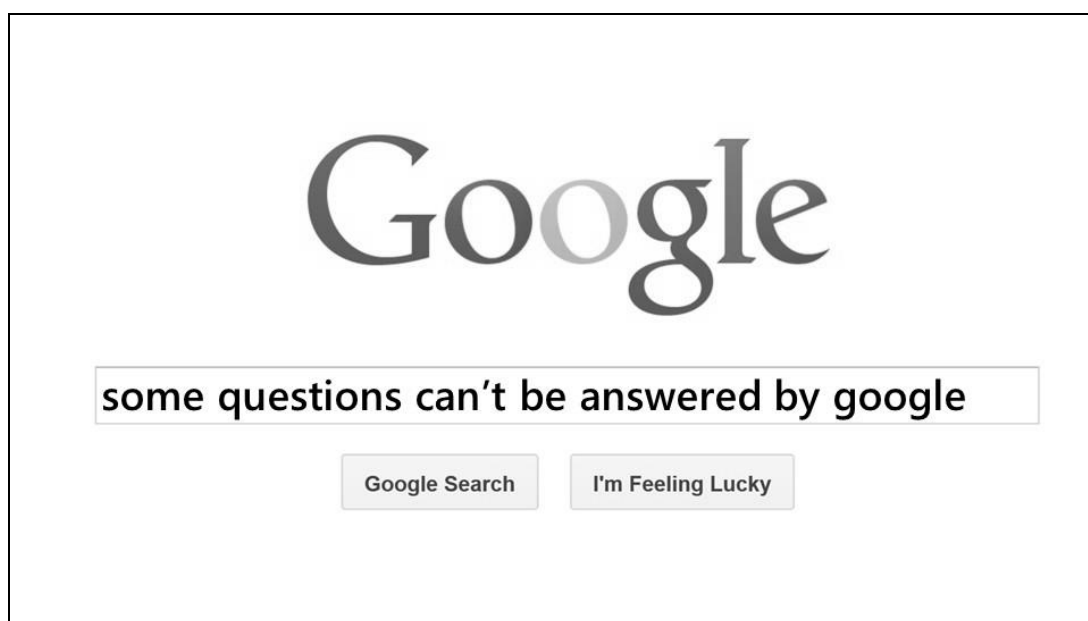
September 27th, 2015

View from the Hill

Tarina Stroh

Singing

Kelsey Moser and Jesse VanderWeide



Is Jesus the Only Way?

Pastor Brian Stroh

For the Kids

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Parents can go to the Children's Check-In to find out about our Sunday morning options and check their children in. The Children's Check-In is located on the north 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

Baptism

We will be having a special baptism service on October 18th, because sometimes 5th Sundays don't work. If you are interested in baptism, mark your connection card or contact Pastor Doug or Pastor Brian.

BBQ at the Bartels

Do you ever eat lunch after church? Well, you need to do it with Pastor Doug and his family on October 4th after 2nd service. Come on over to his house for some BBQ (fresh smoked pulled pork) and all the fix'ns. Food and drinks are provided all you need to bring is your appetite and a chair. Please mark the back of your Connection Card and turn it in if you plan to come.

Corn Maze

On Wednesday, October 7th, Hillcresters are invited to meet at the Heartland Country Corn Maze at 6pm for a family friendly event. Cost is only \$5 per person (ages 4 and under are free). Sign-up & pre-pay at the Welcome Center.

Hillcrest Basketball

Like to play basketball? Join others for basketball at Hillcrest Thursday evenings, starting October 8th from 7-8:30 in the gym. Open to men and women, all skill levels! Must be high school age and older. Sign up at the Welcome Center or mark the back of your connection card if you are interested.

Holy Land Informational Meeting

On October 11th, after services, come hear about the Holy Land trip that Pastor Doug will be leading on March 1st, 2015. Pizza will be served. The whole family is invited to the meeting. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend.

Sabbath Retreat

Pastor Doug will be leading a Sabbath Retreat at the Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton on October 16-17. The retreat is designed for adults and mature students and will include times of instruction as well as times of solitude and prayer. We will leave Hillcrest at 5pm on Friday night and return Saturday by around 5pm. Cost will be \$75 for an individual or \$100 for a couple. Scholarships are available for those that request it. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in attending.

Ladies' Night Out

All Hillcrest Ladies are invited to a night out at The Sandbar & Grill, on Marion Road on Tuesday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m. It's a night out of the kitchen for you and an opportunity to have fun with other Hillcrest ladies. Please RSVP to Deanna Moser at 359-7203 or moser@sio.midco.net or on the Hillcrest website.

Men's Chili Cook-Off

The Men of Hillcrest are invited to participate in a chili cook-off, to be held in the Family Life Center (the gym), following services on October 18th. If you would like to participate, or if you just want to eat chili (everyone's invited) please sign up at the Welcome Center or register online.

Weekend to Remember

The Weekend to Remember getaway from FamilyLife is a time to be together as a couple to invest in and strengthen the foundation of your marriage, no matter how firm or fragile it is. By getting away from the distractions of life, you can fortify your most important relationship and work toward building wonderful memories together, for decades to come.

The Getaway is held at the Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center, Friday, November 13th, starting at 7:30pm through Sunday, November 15th at 12:30pm. You can obviously stay at your home for the event but it is recommended that you get a hotel for Saturday night (date night). Many couples stay in a hotel for the whole event.

Cost is \$299. If you use the group code hillcrestsf, you will get a \$100 discount. Military families get in for free, just contact Family Life and tell them you're with hillcrestsf! Register online at <https://shop.familylife.com/p-3964-sioux-falls.aspx>

Serve

September Outreach Focus – Cleveland Elementary

During the month of September, we will be collecting items that the school has identified as needs for the children. Please check the Outreach Bulletin Board, starting September 6th, for more information on these items.

Hillcrest is also once again committing to provide mentors and reading buddies at Cleveland Elementary for the 2015-2016 school year. Please contact Pastor Brian if you are interested in either of these opportunities.

October Outreach Focus – Feeding South Dakota

Hillcrest's October Mission Focus is Feeding South Dakota. We'll be taking an offering for the Backpack Program during the services on Sunday, October 11th. It costs approximately \$150 to sponsor a backpack for the school year. Each Friday, Feeding South Dakota backpacks go out to under-resourced students throughout the region, ensuring students have food to make it through the weekend. A representative from Feeding South Dakota will also be here on Sunday, October 11th.

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

Baby Owl House: 0-4 year olds
(pre-schoolers will break off into a small learning group)

10:30 AM Children's Program

Baby Owl House: Infants & 1 yr olds
Bird House: 2 year olds
Tree House: 3 year olds
Dog House: 4 year olds
Club House: K-5th Grade

Family Game Night

Hillcrest Children's Ministries invites children and families to a good ol' fashioned game night! Join us Sunday, September 27th, from 6-7:30 for games, fun, and snacks!

Music & Movement

Sunday, October 11th from 6-7pm. Children, infant thru pre-school, are invited to join Tarina for a fun-filled hour of listening to music, singing, and dancing. Please sign up in the back foyer if your child will be attending.

Student Ministry

180 Sunday Classes

Students meet upstairs in the Youth Room at 10:30am for snacks and games, then break up into small groups for lessons and discussion time.

180 Wednesday Nights

Middle School students meet at Hillcrest from 6-7:30pm and High School students meet from 7:30-9pm. Includes lesson, small group time, snack, and games!

180 Events

Boys' Video Game Night - September 25th starting at 8pm. This year will be a sleep over. We will have video games in the sanctuary, snacks, prizes, and a root beer keg! Cost \$10. Invite friends. Pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center.

Corn Maze - On Wednesday, October 7th, we will meet at the Heartland Country Corn Maze at 6pm. Families are invited. See pg. 3 for more info. This will take the place of our regular Wednesday night activities.

Message Notes:

Title: Is Jesus the Only Way?

Scripture: Romans 1:20, 3:10, 3:23, 3:22, 5:8, 6:23;
Acts 4:11-12; John 14:6; 1 Cor 15:14-20;
Romans 10:13-15

For those going deeper:

This week's memory verse

1 John 5:11-12 (NLT) ¹¹ And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life.

Monday

Subject: Suffering produces

Scripture: Romans 5:1-5

Commentary:

Suffering can either bring a person to their knees or it can make them stronger – creating perseverance, character and hope. God doesn't enjoy His children suffering but He allows it so we become better people.

Questions for further thought:

1. Think back to a time you suffered. What good or lesson was learned?
2. Was the good or lesson recognizable during the suffering or did it take time to see?

Challenge:

Share your experience and what you learned with someone.

Tuesday

Subject: Paul's hardships

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 6:3-10

Commentary:

Paul is a perfect example of someone who suffered and rather than sulk, he rejoiced and continued to further God's plan. Paul would persevere and his faith in God would be a light to those around him and for others years later.

Questions for further thought:

1. Who in your life is a good example for handling suffering?
2. What or who do they rely on in order to handle the situations they have been dealt?

Challenge:

If you weren't able to answer #2, have a conversation with them to discover the answer.

Wednesday

Subject: Job's suffering

Scripture: Job 42:10-16

Commentary:

Job lost it all and through it all remained faithful and hopeful in the Lord. Thusly, he was rewarded. We won't all be rewarded on Earth for the suffering we endure here but we will be rewarded in Heaven for our faithfulness.

Questions for further thought:

1. What can we learn from Job's suffering that we can apply to our lives?
2. Who in your life could benefit from the same lesson?

Challenge:

Meet with the individual you identified and in a loving way, relate your story and the lesson you learned

Thursday

Subject: When suffering

Scripture: Isaiah 40:28-31

Commentary:

We all get weary of the suffering. So, when weary, we need to seek strength from God. He will renew the weary and make them strong. Rely on Him so you can persevere.

Questions for further thought:

1. What troubles or suffering are you going through?
2. What can you do differently to help you persevere?

Challenge:

If you identified something to do differently, take steps to make it happen.

Friday

Subject: Equipped to do good works

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Commentary:

As discussed earlier this week, we persevere, develop character, and strength our faith. Through His teaching in the Bible and the benefits we receive through suffering, we become better prepared to help others around us and serve as God intended.

Questions for further thought:

1. What could He be calling you to do?
2. What from your past suffering might help you in completing the work He is calling you to do?

Challenge:

Pray for guidance and then, take the steps revealed to you.

Saturday

(Looking to Sunday)

Message Series: Pressure Points
Message Title: When You Suffer
Scripture: James 1:1-18
Speaker: Pastor 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.
- Participate in the Ladies' Night Out on September 29th.
- Attend BBQ at the Bartels on October 4th.
- Play basketball with other Hillcresters on Thursdays, starting October 9th.
- Connect at the Corn Maze on October 8th.
- Attend Men's Chili Cookoff on October 18th.

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

