



Today's Gathering

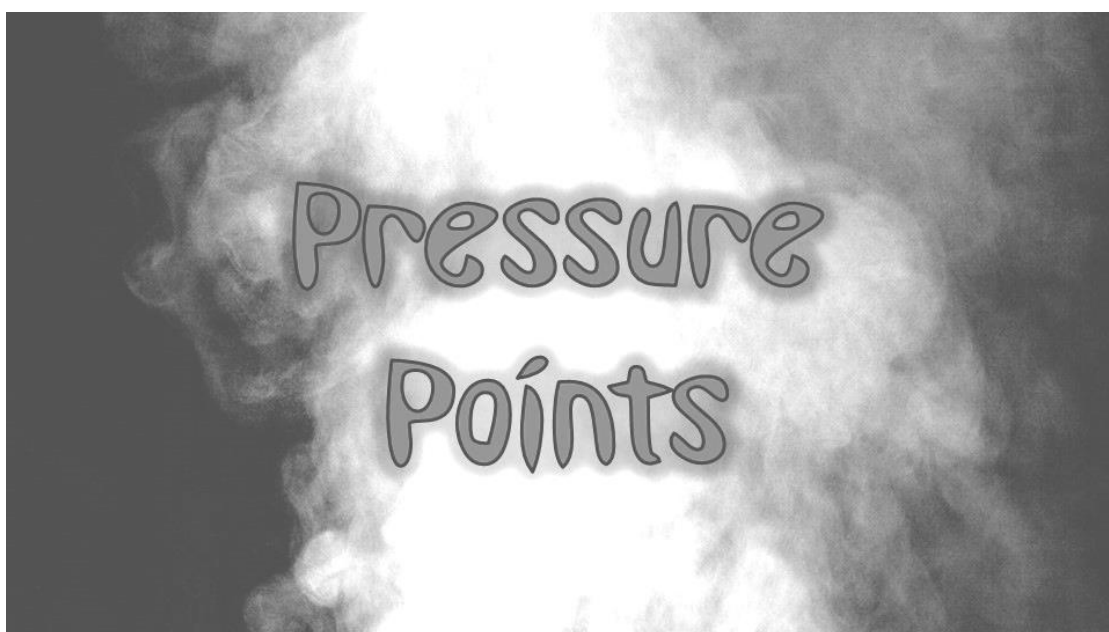
October 11th, 2015

View from the Hill

Pastor Brian Stroh

Singing

Cindy Cummins, Tarina Stroh, and Jesse VanderWeide



You've Got to Do Something

Pastor Doug Bartel

For the Kids

*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.sioxfordchurch.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.

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.

Directory

Free 8x10's are in for anyone who got their photo taken for the directory. If you did not receive yours in the mail, please stop at the Welcome Center to pick yours up. Also, if you did not have your photo taken, please stop by to double check your name, address, and phone information for the directory. If you do not check it in the next couple of weeks, it will be printed as we have it in our database.

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>

Hillcrest Business Meeting

Hillcrest will have its semi-annual business meeting on Sunday, November 8th after the second service. Food will be served. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children and students with a family max of \$12. Agendas and reports will be available the week before the meeting. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the Welcome Center, mark your connection card, or contact Pastor Brian.

Serve

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.

Hillcrest Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale

On Saturday, October 24th, 9am to 3pm, Hillcrest will be hosting a craft fair at the church. There will also be a huge bake sale and breakfast, lunch, and snack items for sale. This is a fundraising event for the Powerhouse Tutoring Center. We currently have 42 crafters and vendors registered, which will make it the biggest we've ever had! Hillcresters can help by making items for the bake sale and volunteering before, during, and after the event. Many different opportunities and shifts are available. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in helping out.

Facility Work Day

On Saturday November 7th, starting at 8am, join others for Hillcrest's Fall Facility Clean Up Day! We have lots to do both inside and outside. Come for however long you can! Sign up at the Welcome Center or mark the back of your Connection Card if you plan to volunteer.

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

Music & Movement

Sunday, October 11th from 7-8pm (please note that this is a change from the original time.) 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.

Trunk or Treat

This year's Trunk or Treat event will be held on Sunday, October 25th from 12:30 pm to 2pm at the parking lot behind the Powerhouse Tutoring Center (1708 E. 6th St.) Decorate your trunk and dress in costume with a theme, while handing out candy to the neighborhood kids. There will be food and games, provided by Wesley United Methodist Church, too! If you are unable to attend, you can also donate candy to hand out and give away as prizes on that day. Sign up for the event at the Kids Zone in the back foyer or drop off your candy donation near the Children's Check-In.

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

Skate Party - On October 28th from 6-8pm we will meet at Skate City for a night of costumes and skating! All students welcome. There will be a costume contest for Obscure Biblical Characters with prizes awarded to the winners. Come have fun! Invite Friends!

Message Notes:

Title: You've Got to Do Something

Scripture: James 1:19-27

For those going deeper:

This week's memory verse

Colossians 1:10 (NLT) Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

Monday

Subject: Anger Destroys

Scripture: James 1:19-20, Psalm 37:8,
Proverbs 14:29, Eph 4:26-28

Commentary:

Of all the things in the human heart, anger may be one of the most intense, destructive and unhealthy emotions that we can experience. If not handled in the proper way, it can have drastic consequences. Anger may be caused by the pressures of work, family or even from being an innocent victim of another's wrongdoing or slander. Left unresolved, anger creates an intense desire to destroy something or someone.

Questions for further thought:

1. Are you harboring anger today?
2. How are you attempting to deal with it?

Challenge:

Pray for God to soften your heart. Pray that you can find someone to confide in to give you direction and clarity to see the situation in a light that maybe you hadn't thought of before.

Tuesday

Subject: Purge Evil

Scripture: James 1:21, Romans 12:21,
Colossians 3:8

Commentary:

Paul tells us in the Colossians passage to rid ourselves of unsavory words and emotions. Good advice. But in the Romans passage he continues in instructing us to not only get rid of evil practices but to actively combat evil by overcoming it with good.

Questions for further thought:

1. Have you been hurt by someone and retaliated by gossiping about them or slandering them?
2. Do you have the strength to not seek revenge but to build up those who you consider enemies?

Challenge:

This is a real challenge. To not seek revenge, to truly love your enemies is really foreign to our human nature. Pray for the Spirit to help you not to seek to harm but to build up, regardless of what evil has been done to you.

Wednesday

Subject: Words are Cheap

Scripture: James 1:22-25; 2:14-26,
Matthew 15:8-9, 1 John 3:18

Commentary:

St Francis of Assisi said *"Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words."* It is relatively easy to fall into a routine of hearing and studying the Word, but putting it into action is another story. When we are asked to sacrifice our time, money or comfort we often fail in putting our faith into action.

Questions for further thought:

1. Have you recently said no to something you feel God has placed on your heart?
2. If you said no, what was the reason?

Challenge:

Personally, when I say no to the Spirit, it is usually for selfish reasons. "I don't have time", or "I don't have the finances", or "It is not in my skill set or comfort zone". We all have our reasons. But as Christians we must be a people who say "Yes" more often than we say "no".

Thursday

Subject: Watch Your Mouth

Scripture: James 1:26, Psalm 35:28; 37:30,
Proverbs 15:2; 21:23; 18:21

Commentary:

It doesn't require a lot of deep spiritual training to realize that mastering your tongue is a good thing. Yet many (most) of us fall into a pattern of wounding those around us by not being careful in what we say. The concept is stated pretty clearly in Proverbs- Wise people learn to tame their tongues and fools don't. Remember, what you say echoes throughout eternity. Make sure they are favorable echoes.

Questions for further thought:

1. Can you think of a time when you deeply wounded someone by your words?
2. What did that feel like and what did you do to remedy the situation?

Challenge:

Pray for the wisdom to be discerning in your speech. It often feels really good to get others on your side in a disagreement, but it is easy to tear others down in the process. Don't get caught up in those situations.

Friday

Subject: Transformation

Scripture: James 1:27, Matthew 6:24,
Romans 12:2, 1 John 2:15-17

Commentary:

The values of this world include pleasure, fame and wealth. The values most important to Christians include loving God and loving others in serving them out of gratitude for what Christ has done for us. While one value set doesn't necessarily exclude the other, it is usually very hard, if not impossible to remain true to Christ while pursuing the pleasures and riches of this world. The Holy Spirit convicts us of our errors in the choices we make that put us at odds with the values we are pursuing.

Questions for further thought:

1. What are the most important things you are striving for?
2. Are these things drawing you closer to Christ or pushing Him farther away?

Challenge:

Pray for the Spirit to renew and transform you into a person who seeks after those things that give glory to God. Use your time, resources and talents to bless those around you, thus displaying the fruits of the spirit.

Saturday

(Looking to Sunday)

Message Series: Pressure Points
Message Title: Looking Down on Others
Scripture: James 2:1-13
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.

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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 Men’s Chili Cookoff on October 18th.

☐ Volunteer for the Craft Bazaar & Bake Sale on October 23rd or 24th.

☐ Volunteer for Facility Work Day on November 7th.

☐ Attend Business Meeting and lunch on November 8th.

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**

