

**WELCOME!** We're glad you're here and have decided to join us today!

Today we are planning to continue the leadership transition process. The affirmation step will happen at the beginning of the worship service; at that time, you will have the opportunity to affirm the names on a printed form that the elders will hand out.

**TEACHER:** Pastor Jason Van Wyk

**SCRIPTURE:** Deuteronomy 16:1-8  
Exodus 23:14-15  
Leviticus 23:4-8

**SERMON SUMMARY:** The holidays are coming! As we move into the holiday season, we're going to be looking at holidays from the Bible. One common theme that we'll find as we dive into these celebrations is that our response to God's goodness almost always involves the act of giving back. This morning we're beginning with Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. While this holiday is still celebrated in Jewish circles today, there is still much that Christians can learn from the Biblical call to Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- What's your favorite fall or winter holiday? Why?
- How do you struggle to hold onto the real, original meanings for all these different holidays?
- What are some things God has done in the past that would be important for you to make sure you remember?
- How can you hold on to those things in the present and make sure to carry them with you in the future?

**LIFE APPLICATION:**

- Make a list of 5 ways God has been at work in your life in the past. Make a note on your calendar or set an alarm with that list to remind you at regular intervals.
- Share a story with another person of one way God has been good to you.
- As a free response to God's goodness, consider offering something back to Him. Your gift can be money, some meaningful possession, your time, whatever comes to mind as a way you can say thank you for all that God has done.

**NOTES:**

## OUR FAMILY

**PRAY:** Pastor Jason has accepted the call from Peace Reformed Church in Sioux City to serve as their pastor. He and his family appreciate the kind words of encouragement and prayers through this discerning process. More details will be shared in the next weeks of what this transition process looks like.

**PRAISE:** We celebrate with Spencer and Lauren Groeneweg on the birth of their son, Haden Wayne, born on October 20.

**TODAY Oct 28** - 11:15-1:30 - Walking Alongside Chemical Dependency Training is intended for anyone interested in growing in how to effectively support friends or family members struggling with substance abuse. Nathan Juhl will share 2 sessions with a potluck meal in between. Topics will include background issues surrounding addiction, familiarity with the 12 steps, and a practical conversation on helpful do's and don'ts.

TODAY	THIS WEEK
<p><b>9:30am COFFEE SHOPPE</b></p> <p><b>10:00am WORSHIP LITTLE TREASURES</b> 3-5 yr olds time to worship God meets in Upper Room watch for dismissal slide <b>If you missed check-in prior to worship for Little Treasures or Sunday School, stop by the table in the lobby area with your child.</b></p> <p><b>11:00am STAY AND PRAY</b> SW corner of the Worship Center</p> <p><b>WAVE 6th-8th gr</b> Meets in large classroom in SW corner of lobby dismisses at 12:00noon</p> <p><b>11:10am JAM Praise &amp; Worship</b> 5 yrs-5th gr Meets in the JAM room next to kitchen</p> <p><b>Sunday School small groups follow</b> 5 yrs-1st gr - meets upstairs 2nd gr-5th gr - meets on main floor 12:00 dismissal <b>Parents pick up children from their classrooms</b></p> <p><b>11:15am Walking Alongside Chemical Dependency Training</b> Meets in Worship Center</p>	<p><b>Mon, Oct 29</b> MST meeting (OC) 7:00pm</p> <p><b>Wed, Oct 31</b> Overflow - combined Youth Group event 7:00pm</p> <p><b>Sat. Nov 3</b> Bean Bag Tournament (OC) Beginning at 4:00pm</p>
	<p><b><u>UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY FOR MEN OF ALL AGES</u></b></p> <p><b>WHAT:</b> a Bible Study "The Extraordinary Life"</p> <p><b>WHEN:</b> 7:00pm beginning Thurs, Nov 15 and then every other Thursday evening</p> <p><b>WHERE:</b> Scott Van De Berg home 1346 7th St NE Sioux Center</p> <p>If you're interested in attending or have questions, contact Scott at vanderbergscott@gmail.com or call/text 712-441-0142</p>

**CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK**

Wed, Nov 21 - 6:30pm - Thanksgiving Eve Service - at Trinity Ref in OC. OC Living Water, Trinity, and First Ref Church of Hospers will be leading a community Thanksgiving Eve service. Join us as we worship and give thanks for all of God's many blessings.

## INFANTS

**NURSERY:** Nursery is available throughout the service for newborns thru 2 years

The nursery is located near the Welcome Center in the front lobby area.

**INFANT CARE ROOM:** A room is available throughout the service for parents with young children. This space is designed for parents to sit with babies or small children for privacy; this room will not be supervised by volunteers.

The infant care room is located right outside the worship area near the stairway.

## CHILDREN

**Children's Church Bags** are available for younger attendees at the Welcome Center in the lobby area. Following worship, please return the bags and contents to the Welcome Center.

**LITTLE TREASURES:** A time to worship God for 3-5 year olds; meets during the worship service in the Upper Room. Watch for announcement slide for dismissal (OC)

**JAM:** "Jesus And Me" 5 yrs-5th gr - Praise and Worship meets 10 min after the morning service in the JAM room next to the kitchen; small group Sunday School follows. Dismissal 12:00pm Parents pick up children in classrooms. (OC)

## YOUTH

**WAVE:** 6th-8th grade. Meets following the Sunday morning service in the large classroom in the SW corner of the lobby. Dismisses at 12:00noon (OC)

**OVERFLOW:** 9th-12th grade. Meets from 7:00-8:30pm on Wednesday (OC)

**GEMS:** Girls 3rd-8th grade. Meets from 6:45-8:30pm @ Immanuel CRC (OC) Wednesday evenings 2x a month

**CADETS:** Boys 4th-8th grade. Meets from 6:50-8:45pm @ Calvary CRC (OC) Wednesday evenings 2x a month

## ADULTS/FAMILIES

**STAY AND PRAY:** Group of people gathering after the worship service in the SW corner of the Worship Center. For more info, contact Kim Groeneweg at skgroen@yahoo.com

**POST HIGH/COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8:30pm at Nyenhuis home - 316 Boston Ave NE Orange City. For more info contact Sandra at sandranyenhuis@live.com or 952-807-3063

**Leadership Nominees**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ELDER (1 from OC)**  
 Allan Kramer  
 Arlyn Schaap  
**CARE ELDER (3 from OC)**  
 Carol Kramer  
 Terry Mouw  
 Cameron Mulder  
 Rachel Te Grootenhuis  
 Kristin Van De Griend  
**MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM (2 from OC)**  
 Kate Aberson  
 Jake Dykstra  
 Allen Oetken  
 Chad Postma  
 Dustin Vanden Hull