

Sunday, March 1, 2026 Bulletin

The Weekly Calendar

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10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

6:00 p.m. – Evening Worship Service

7:15 p.m. – Coffee Fellowship

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study

(Leader: Donna O.; Snack: Marlene D.)

6:30 p.m. – Lent Service

7:00 p.m. – GEMS

Saturday, March 7, 2026

8:30 a.m. – Classis @ Hospers CRC

Offering:

March 1: AM, Denominational Shares

PM, Love INC

March 8: AM, Hope Haven

PM, Ireton Christian School

Music:

March 1: Donna O. Song Leader, Dave N.

March 8: AM, Lisa D. PM, Tricia B.

Song Leader, Brian C.

Greeters:

March 1: Dan & Sharon B., Chad & Jerrienne A.

March 8: Bill & Nancy K., Brian & Donna O.

Sound: Randy

Coffee Fellowship: (March 1, 2026)

3 dozen cookies & serve: Gene & Cheryl B.

3 dozen cookies: Gloria K., Glenda V.W.

WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all who enter this place to worship the King of kings and Lord of lords. A special welcome to all visitors, may God bless you as you spend time worshiping with us today.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Continue to pray for Verlyn Z. and his family following a move to Crown Pointe last week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The March Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, March 7 at Friendship Assembly of God Church, 1700 Central Avenue, at 8:00 am.

Lent Services: To help us prepare and celebrate Jesus Christ's victory over Sin, Satan and Death, we will have special Lenten prayer services every Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2026 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. The Council strongly encourages your participation. Please visit crcna.org/survey/7521 to answer the survey questions by March 31. Paper copies are also available on the narthex tables if you would rather fill it out that way.

Classis Heartland will be meeting at Hospers CRC on Saturday, March 7. Delegates to Classis from Hawarden CRC are Rev. Seth Atsma, Elder Dave Noteboom, and Deacon Steve Boersma. Alternate delegates are Gene Byker and Randy Van Wyhe.

Ireton Christian School Preschool and Kindergarten registration enrollment will be held on Monday, March 2 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Our preschool and kindergarten offer a warm, nurturing environment where children grow, explore and thrive. We offer a 3-day 4 year old preschool (must be 4 by September 15) and a 4-day Kindergarten class (must be 5 by September 15). Limited spots are available.

Love INC Sioux County invites the community to our **Trivia Fundraising Night** on **March 28th** at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and food will be served starting at 5:30 pm. Tickets to this event can be purchased for \$50 a piece or get a team together and reserve a table of 8 for \$360 by calling the Love INC office at (712) 476-5990 or online at www.loveincsiouxcounty.org. Deadline to purchase tickets is March 24

Morning Worship Service—10:00 a.m.

“This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” ~ Psalm 118:24

We Rejoice in God’s Presence

Prelude

* Call to Worship

* God’s Greeting

* We Greet Each Other

* Worship Team: *“Above All”*

“The Wonderful Cross”

CONFESSION OF FAITH – Canons of Dort Divine Election: Articles 1-6

Leader: Since all people have sinned in Adam and have come under the sentence of the curse and eternal death, God would have done no one an injustice if it had been his will to leave the entire human race in sin and under the curse, and to condemn them on account of their sin.

People: As the apostle says: “The whole world is liable to the condemnation of God” (Rom. 3:19), “All have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23), and “The wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23).

But this is how God showed his love:

People: He sent his only begotten Son into the world, so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life ([1 John 4:9](#); [John 3:16](#)).

In order that people may be brought to faith, God mercifully sends messengers of this very joyful message to the people and at the time he wills. By this ministry people are called to repentance and faith in Christ crucified.

People: For “how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without someone preaching? And how shall they preach unless they have been sent?” ([Rom. 10:14-15](#)).

Leader: God’s wrath remains on those who do not believe this gospel.

People: But those who do accept it and embrace Jesus the Savior with a true and living faith are delivered through him from God’s wrath and from destruction, and receive the gift of eternal life.

Leader: The cause or blame for this unbelief, as well as for all other sins, is not at all in God, but in humanity.

People: Faith in Jesus Christ, however, and salvation through him is a free gift of God.

Leader: As Scripture says, “It is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves; it is a gift of God” ([Eph. 2:8](#)).

People: Likewise: “It has been freely given to you to believe in Christ” ([Phil. 1:29](#)).

Leader: The fact that some receive from God the gift of faith within time, and that others do not, stems from his eternal decree. For “all his works are known to God from eternity” ([Acts 15:18](#); [Eph. 1:11](#)). In accordance with this decree God graciously softens the hearts, however hard, of the elect and inclines them to believe, but by a just judgment God leaves in their wickedness and hardness of heart those who have not been chosen.

People: The wicked, impure, and unstable distort this decree to their own ruin, but it provides holy and godly souls with comfort beyond words.

We Are Reconciled to God

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Thanksgiving: (LUYH #747) PH #420 “*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*” (vs. 1-3)

We Respond with Gratitude

Deacon Prayers

Offering: Denominational Ministry Shares (Collected in the back)

Guide for Grateful Living

The words of Jesus Christ: Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them.

For then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness

And all these things will be added to you

So whatever you wish that others would do to you

Do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets

Congregational Prayer

We Hear the Word of God

*Hymn of Preparation: (LUYH #769) *“Keep What You Have Believed”* (vs. 1-2)

1 Keep what you have believed, continue what you learned, because you know from whom you learned the Holy Word of God. That Word will make you wise through faith in Jesus Christ; salvation comes to those who trust in God with steadfast hope.

2 All Scripture is God-breathed, and useful for our lives to teach, rebuke, correct, and train in righteousness and faith, so that the church may grow, God’s people be equipped for all good work to serve our God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 28

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *“The End?”*

Prayer

*Hymn of Application: (LUYH #926) *“God of Grace and God of Glory”* (vs. 1-3)

1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; crown your ancient church’s story, bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour. 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3 Cure your children’s warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom’s goal, lest we miss your kingdom’s goal.

We Go Out to Serve

* God’s Benediction

* Doxology: Worship Team *“I Love You, Lord/My Jesus, I Love Thee”*

Postlude

(*Indicates Standing)

Evening Worship Service – 6:00 p.m.

“This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” ~ Psalm 118:24

Come, Let Us Worship

Prelude

* Call to Worship

* God’s Greeting

* We Greet One Another

Song Service led by Dave N.

In Prayer and Dedication

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Love INC (collected in the back)

At God's Feet

* Hymn of Preparation: PH #500 *"How Firm a Foundation"* (vs. 1-5)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Romans 8

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *"We Are God's Children"*

Prayer

* Hymn of Application: PH #522 *"Onward, Christian Soldiers"* (vs. 1-4)

With Heartfelt Dedication

* Heidelberg Catechism **Lord's Day 9**

Q & A 26 What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son. I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world. God is able to do this because he is almighty God and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

* God's Benediction

* Doxology: PH #630 *"Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"*

Postlude

