

Sunday Worship
September 1, 2019 – 9AM

Prelude “*How Excellent Is Your Name*” Julie Ver Velde

Welcome

*Congregational Worship Song # 293
“*Rise Up, O Church of God*”

*Prayer of Praise

Music Ministry “*The Lord Is My Salvation*” Sammy Berndt

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Offering “*Song of My Father*” Sammy Berndt

*Congregational Song “*Build My Life*”

Message **MARKS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH:**
MISSION FIRST

Scripture: Matthew 22:37-40 (page 1536);
Matthew 28:19-20 (page 1550)

*Benediction

*Parting Congregational Song “*We All Are One in Mission*”

*Postlude

(*Those who are able are invited to stand.
Please stand as the hymn introduction begins.)

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Church Family Bible Reading Plan. September 1, 2019.

We must recognize our weakness to experience God’s strength. **Read 1 Samuel 21-24** “Is there an authority figure in your life whom you have a difficult time submitting to?”

We’re starting a new series today called “**Six Marks of a Healthy Church.**” I believe that if we will own and live out these 6 marks, we will be a strong and healthy church, ready to begin a new and fruitful chapter of ministry. Here they are:

1. **Mission first** (we’ll unpack that this morning)
2. **Scripture central** (preferring the voice of God over the voice of culture and tradition)
3. **Prayer always** (a healthy church is saturated in prayer)
4. **Gift-based ministry** (releasing and empowering people to use their gifts for God’s glory)
5. **Function over form** (what we do is more important than how we do it)
6. **Everybody in** (mobilizing the entire body of Christ)

Six Marks of a Healthy Church: #1 - Mission First

A healthy church keeps its mission first!

Matthew 22:34-40: Love God, love people

Matthew 28:18-20: Make disciples

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT AND SMALL GROUP STUDY:

1. What is “mission creep”? Describe how it develops. Have you ever experienced “mission creep” in any organization you’ve been a part of? How does it set into a church? What are its symptoms? What can be done about it?
2. In Mt 22:34-40, Jesus answered the expert in the law by quoting the *shema* (Deuteronomy 6:4-5), which Jews would repeat daily. Why would Jesus tell him something he already knew by heart? How do we grow in our love for God?

3. Jesus also quoted Leviticus 19:18, which tells us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Why is our love for self to be the standard in our love for others? See Ephesians 5:28-29 to see this principle applied to marriage.
4. Whenever Scripture commands us to love, it’s not talking about feelings (you can’t command feelings). Agape love is centered in the will. How does that help you in your love for God and others?
5. There’s only one imperative verb (command) in Mt 28:18-20 (though in some versions there may seem to be more). What is it? Why is that important? What is a disciple? How many of the existing programs of the church are geared toward making disciples? Can you think of other things we could be doing?
6. How would you put the Great Commandment (Mt 22:34-40) and the Great Commission (Mt 28:18-20) together into a statement of mission? Can you come up with a clear and memorable statement that you could share with the Elders? Be sure to include the Elders and the Pastoral Search Team in your prayers.

TODAY AT HINGHAM CHURCH
September 1, 2019

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY!

*If you are a guest, we are glad you have joined us. We pray that you will be blessed as we worship together. The following are made available for your assistance: restrooms (available in the south entry or in the hallway north of the sanctuary); elevator to all levels; nursery care for infants and toddlers on the main level. **In an emergency, an AED portable device and a first-aid kit are located on the right side of the mailboxes in the north narthex.** If you have any*

about some events throughout the year and also some new fundraisers.

Hingham Church is having a Fall Carnival on Wednesday, September 18th to kick off our 2019-2020 education year! Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy the games and food. Invite your neighbors and friends. We are in need of people to help run some of the games for our kids. If you are able and willing to help that night, please see the sign-up sheet at the welcome booth.



It's not too early to start making plans for our Wednesday Fellowship Dinners, which will begin on September 18. We have a fun group of people who plan the menus and head the cooking crews. If you are interested in being a part of that, please talk to Joe or Em Dolfin. There are sign-up sheets at the welcome center for anyone willing to help prepare and serve meals and make desserts. Fellowship, outreach, serving together – the Wednesday meal program is a valuable ministry of Hingham Church!

College Student and Military Addresses Needed: If you have a member of your family attending college or a technical school or serving in the military please give the information of school, address, email address and birth date to the secretary by September 3rd.

The year was 2015, and the church was celebrating its Quasiquicentennial Anniversary--(125 years)--and coffee mugs were available for purchase. Well we found some that are left over, and if you would like one they will be in the North Narthex on Sunday, September 15th---Free, so please help yourself to them.

Special Sunday school class coming: The **Transition Team** has completed its final report, and the Consistory has now approved it. A special series of Sunday school classes will be offered from **Sept 15 to Oct 6**, to go through the document and hear from the Transition Team. The class will meet in the Choir Room.

Tech Serving Opportunities for Middle School age and up: Church is in need of a few more video and media operators. Training is included. Would you be willing to serve approximately once a month? Please contact Julie Ver Velde if you can help, juliehinghamrca@yahoo.com.

Would anyone be willing to help the Bell Choir? We need a full-time ringer and a substitute. We generally rehearse at 6:30 pm mid-September until December and then again from March through mid-May. Please talk to Marilyn Rauwerdink.

Oostburg Christian School would like to invite everyone to our First Day of School Chapel scheduled for Tuesday, September 3 beginning at 9 a.m. Join us as we praise God for all of His blessings already as we prepare for this school year and as we set our hearts on Him for all that happens during the 2019-20 year!

ANYONE interested in PRAYING for our children and our schools can contact Vicki Swart or Karen Leitzke or our prayer chain at praying4Rschools@juno.com. Please include name & phone number with email request.

Pine Haven Upcoming Events:

- September 7, 1:30-6 PM **Pine Haven Women's Auxiliary Autumn Festival.** Brat Fry, Autumn Festival, Craft & Bake Sale.
- September 16, 6 PM **You are invited to Pine Haven's Annual Meeting of the Corporation & Dinner** at the Haven Drive campus. Though there is no cost for the meal, donations will be accepted. Complimentary tickets will be needed to attend. To obtain tickets, please contact Karen Perronne at 920-550-5256 or kperronne@pinehaven.org by Monday, September 9, 2019.

Calling all women! Coffee Break ministry will begin it's 2019-2020 season on September 11! Coffee Break is a ministry run through the Christian Reformed Church for ALL women of ALL walks of life and of ALL levels of biblical knowledge and faith experience. During our time together we are able to deeply study God's word together. Have kids? No problem! A nursery is provided for children under two-and-a-half, and children aged two-and-a-half through school age attend Little Lambs to learn about God's love through play, song, and story. Join us on Wednesday, September 11 from 9:30am-11am at First Christian Reformed Church, 216 S 7th St, Oostburg.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 9 – 6:30 PM **Facilities Oversight Team Meeting**
- September 11 – 7 PM **Middle & High School Youth Group**
- Parent Meeting**
- 7 PM **Worship Choir Meeting**
- 8 PM **Ministry Team Meetings**

September 12 – 9 AM-3 PM **“Patchwork & Prayers” Quilting Bee** and Potluck
Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
September 16 – 6:30 PM **Consistory**
- 7:30 PM **Elders’ Meeting**
- 7:30 PM **Deacons’ Meeting**
September 18 – 5:45 PM **Fall Carnival at Hingham Church**
September 19 – 10:30 AM **Bible Study-Study Lesson #8**

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS MORNING AND DURING THE COMING WEEK:

Castle Senior Living-Emerald Castle - Helen Arentsen
Cedar Grove Gardens – Jean Hoftiezer
Harvest Home – Donna Arentsen
Heritage Senior Living – Laverne Joose
Pine Haven – Residential: Marion Johnston,
Ralph Dykstra, Mildred Rauwerdink
Pine Haven Christian Communities/Oostburg –
Bea Wilterdink, Audrey Dolfin

Our **Sunday morning worship service** is broadcast on Time Warner Cable channel 14.

Times are as follows:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
2:30 pm	2:30 pm	5:30 am
10:00 pm		2:30 pm
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
5:30 am	8:30 am	8:30 am
2:30 pm		
10:00 pm		

You can also watch messages, find the bulletin and calendar and get caught up on what is happening in the life of HRC.