



MAKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD REAL AND VISIBLE

### The Ways of Discipleship

When we're younger we think about growing a lot. We want to grow—taller, stronger, faster, smarter. While there is a time where most of us will stop growing bigger physically (okay, weight might continue to grow), the Bible makes clear that we are never to stop growing as disciples of Jesus Christ. But what does growing in Christ look like? And how can we keep growing? This morning we're beginning a sermon series where we'll be thinking about growing in Christ.

Text: II Peter 3:18

Message by Pastor Ron Kool

Offering Today: General Fund

sermon notes

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Sunday, September 15

- 9:30 am Stepping Stones
- 10:30 am Sharing & Informational Meeting
- 11:00 am Stepping Stones
- 11:00 am Kids Rock
- 12:00 pm FALL COOK OUT
- 4:00 pm Communal Reading of Scripture
- 5:30 pm Collide (High School)

#### Monday, September 16

- 6:00 pm Council meeting

#### Tuesday, September 17

- 9:30 am Women in the Word
- 6:00 pm Single & Parenting
- 6:15 pm Skeptics Welcome
- 7:00 pm Women in the Word
- 7:00 pm Sharing & Informational Meeting

#### Wednesday, September 18

- 6:30 am Open Prayer Time
- 9:00 am Open Prayer Time
- 6:30 pm GEMS / Cadets
- 7:00 pm Take Heart Support Group

#### Thursday, September 19

- 6:30 am Men's Group Bible Study
- 9:30 am Moms Connect
- 7:00 pm Zumba

#### Friday, September 20

#### Saturday, September 21

### WELCOME!

September 15, 2019

We are so glad to have you as our guest today and would love to be able to serve you. If you have questions or would like more information, please visit our Welcome Center in the lobby.

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Hillside will increasingly become a community where the kingdom of God is real and visible in every aspect of our lives. Living out the reality of the values and priorities of the Kingdom of God means at least that.

**Baptism:** Next Sunday, September 22, we will administer the sacrament of baptism to the following infants.

9:30 service— Gabriel Michael Bott, son of Brandon & Kaylee and Reid James Buikema, son of Ben & Sarah

11:00 service— Silas J Dingman, son of Micah & Chelsea and George Henry Ringnalda, son of Adam & Megan.

**Our Fall Cook Out** begins immediately after the 11:00 service today. Join us for fellowship, good food, inflatables, and fun!

**Kids Rock** for grades 1-5 will begin this morning at the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Communal Reading of Scripture** meets on Sunday afternoons in the library from 4:00—5:00. Everyone is welcome!

**Skeptics Welcome:** Do you want to explore faith? Join Pastor Daniel on Tuesday nights from 6:15—8:00 and bring a friend! Please RSVP to Daniel (616-881-3372) or dbud@hillsidech.org for dinner count.

**Women in the Word** kicks off this Tuesday, September 17! Our morning group begins at 9:30 and includes child care. The evening service (no child care) begins at 7:00 pm. We have different study options for both the morning and evening sessions so be sure to check out all the info online through our website or app. You can also find paper forms in your mailbox or at the welcome desk. Please contact Kristin (khileman@hillsidech.org) with any questions.

**Ladies!** Join us for Zumba on Thursdays every week from 7:00—8:00 pm in the auditorium. Free class!

**Dementia Education:** Join us on September 22 after the 9:30 service (10:40 to 11:30am) for a seminar covering dementia. This will be held in the lounge and led by a social worker from Good Shepherd Home (Resthaven) and is open to everyone.

**Notice—Date Change:** An Invitation — God created us to have a relationship with him. He created us with temperaments that influence how we do life. Gary Thomas' book, Sacred Pathways, introduces the reader to nine pathways, or temperaments, that help us connect with God. Come join Shar Karsten in the lounge Sunday, Sept., 29 at 11:00 for a discussion of the nine

"spiritual" temperaments or pathways presented in Thomas' book. You will be given an opportunity to take a brief survey to help identify your pathway(s).

**Hillside Family Sharing Sessions:** The Hillside Council would like to offer some Hillside Family Sharing sessions in September. Sessions will target 30-60 minutes. We look forward to seeing you there!

Specifically, we would like to hear:

--how are we doing as a church?

--how are we doing specifically in our four maximum impact areas of children and youth ministries, worship and preaching, growing as a family, and reaching out to our community?

--what concerns or questions do you have?

--what are you thankful for at Hillside?

Council would also like to share some thoughts as well.

Optional Sharing Sessions:

Sunday, September 15 at 10:30 in Room 16

Sunday, September 15 at 5 pm in the lounge or Room 16

Tuesday, September 17 at 7 pm in Room 16 (livestreamed)

Sunday, September 22 at 10:30 in Room 16

**Our annual flu shot clinic** will be taking place after both services on Sunday, September 29. Plan to get your flu shot then!

**Save the Date** for a Hillside Euchre tournament on October 19.

**Our Safety Team** is in need of some new members to keep our children and congregation safe on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month at the 11:00 service. Training is provided. Please contact Deb at the church office for more information and/or if you are interested.

**Townline Bible Club** is in need of snacks. Donations of cookies, suckers, individual snack bags of chips or wrapped packs of cheese and crackers would be appreciated. Please mark for Bible Club and put in the church kitchen.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for **Mark Babich** as they continue to seek answers to his leg pain. A spinal tap is scheduled for Sept. 16 to help with the diagnosis.

Please keep **Mary Deppe** in your prayers as she will be having some tears in her shoulder fixed on September 19. Pray that it goes well and that her pain is manageable.

**Brent VerBurg's** white blood count was high enough for his stem cells to be collected. They will be frozen and introduced back into his body at a later date. Give thanks that this process is completed and pray for favorable PET scan results.

**Ray Klaassen's** surgery on his kidney stones was considered a complete success and his pain is manageable. They are thankful that the growth on his left kidney is almost completely gone and he is back to work..

**Norm Johnson** was released from the hospital following heart surgery and is in recovery at Raybrook.

**Bev Elzinga** has returned home and continues with therapy. Her balance is improving and her pain is under control.

**Bob Tiesma** will have one more cycle of chemo, a bone marrow biopsy, and four weeks of preparation before his stem cell transplant. Pray for continued strength and stamina for him.

**Bert Tameling** is feeling a lot better lately and received the good news that he does not need surgery.

There are many Hillside people battling on-going illnesses or recovering from recent surgeries: **Margaret Broersma, Mike Deppe, Lou Dingman, Bev Elzinga, Rich & Jane Iwema, Jan Clossen, Tom Dykema, and Dave Zylstra.**

Please continue to pray for **Ruth, Linda Schalk's mother** as she needs an aortic valve replacement. Pray for a good solution and strength for Linda as she's traveling a lot.

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