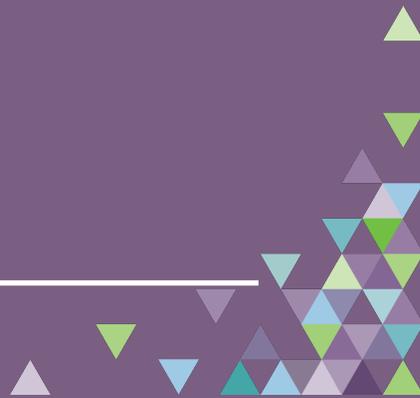




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NEWSLETTER

June 14, 2019



**RON'S RETIREMENT:** On Sunday, June 30, we will hold one morning worship service at 9:30 am in the sanctuary (overflow in the Fellowship Hall) to celebrate Ron's retirement from the role of Director of Pastoral Ministry. The service will be followed by a congregational fellowship meal. The church will provide pulled pork buns, chips and drinks. Congregational members A-Q are asked to provide a salad and R-Z a dessert to share. There will also be gluten free options available. If you are unable to bring a salad or dessert, please come anyway! We will have limited seating available, so bring a lawn chair!

**ELDERS, DEACONS & LAY SHEPHERDS:** The Congregational Meeting on June 2, 2019, resulted in the following people being selected for Elder and Deacon. Jon Oostra, Chad Pater, Josh Van Hulzen and Mark Veurink were selected as Elders. Dave Dreessen, Craig Humphreys, Scott Van Den Top and Matt Van Zee were selected as Deacons. It was also noted that Kevin Vanderwal was appointed by Council to serve a full 3-year term after serving an 8-month replacement term in 2018-19. The following have been appointed as new Lay Shepherds: Rachel Attema, Pam Bultsma, Jennie Clapp, Rachel Dyk, Pam Koelewyn, Carla Kooiman, Pam Van Engelenhoven, Stacy Van Horssen and Jodi Zylstra. The new term for our Elders, Deacons and Lay Shepherds will begin on August 1, 2019, with installation and commission to take place on Sunday, July 28, 2019 (10:30 am service). We ask that you pray for the Lord's continued grace and guidance during our leadership transition.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD:** The Council selected Elder Mark Veurink and Deacon Dave Dreessen to serve on the Council's Administrative Board. The 2019-2020 Administrative Board consists of the following members: Elders Wes Engbers, Dave Rozenboom and Mark Veurink and Deacons Dave Dreessen, Doug Koole and Seth Ver Mulm and Pastor Calvin Hoogendoorn.

**SENIOR AND FRIENDS:** \*NOTE DATE AND TIME\* On Wednesday, June 19, we will be meeting at 8:45 am for free coffee and donuts in the Activity Center. Then we hope to be loaded and leaving the church parking lot by 9:30 am for a short trip to Good Earth State Park. Admission is free and transportation will be provided at no cost to the participants. There is much history to view and read about inside the building and a short film (19 minutes) also gives more insight. If you wish, there will be an opportunity to take a guided walk with Gil Blankespoor. Reservations and/or Cancellations need to be made by June 17. Call Joyce Christians at 351-9294.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

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**SIOUX FALLS SERVE:** The SERVE host team is inviting all of you to be a part of Sioux Falls SERVE this July 13-20! 64 participants are coming from all across the US and Canada. There are SO MANY ways you can be a part of this great ministry! Stop by the SERVE table in the Activity Center for more details.

**THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO SERVE:** Reminder of our “signing party” for the *Consent to Travel* forms your child(ren) will need to cross the border. Please meet in the activity center with your documents ready between services on THIS Sunday, July 16th.

**BIBLE STUDY:** It’s not too late! Join a summer Bible Study for students Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Tyler Van Horsen will be leading the group and studying the book of Ephesians. Contact him @ 605-367-1752 if you would like to join.

# CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Thank you so much to all of you who helped to make VBS a great success this week! From leading crews, to helping with decorations and donating supplies, it took a great many people to put this together and we are so thankful for all of you! We were able to share the message of God’s goodness with almost 200 kids each night and had such a fun week!



# DEACON'S MINISTRY

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## June 9, 2019

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### OFFERING AMOUNT

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General Fund	10,550.00
Building Fund	320.00
Faith Promise	760.00
Ministry Shares	2,992.87
Tuition Support Fund	870.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,492.87</b>

June 16: Offering of the Day is for Tuition Assistance. The Tuition Assistance Fund provides financial support for families in need of help with the cost of Christian school tuition for the 2019-2020 academic school year.

June 23: Offering of the Day is for Sioux Falls SERVE. Sioux Falls SERVE is one of 23 youth mission trips in 2019 assisted by Youth Unlimited. SERVE participants work with various ministry organizations in Sioux Falls that minister to the needs of the immigrant, native, and refugee families of our community. More than just a week-long, short-term mission trip, SERVE is a faith-forming experience where the communities, congregations, and students who are involved experience lasting transformation.

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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June 14 - 20, 2019

<b>FRIDAY:</b>	Wedding of Haley Pollema & Thomas Blankespoor
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	8:30/10:30 am Worship
<b>MONDAY:</b>	10:30 am Senior Circuit
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	10:30 am Senior Circuit 6:30 pm NAMI Connections 6:30 pm Pickleball
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	8:45 am Senior and Friends 7:00 pm Student Bible Study
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	9:30 am MOPS Bible Study Wedding of Karissa Van Surksum & Brendan Miedema

# BULLETIN BOARD

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm;  
Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm.

1st CRC Newsletter announcements may be sent to [office@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:office@firstchristianreformed.org). These are due by noon on Wednesday.

**BIG SOO:** Big Soo Coupon Books for 2018-19 are here! Stop by the church office to pick yours up today for \$42! Proceeds go to Youth Ministry.

**MEAL TRAIN:** You are invited to join a Meal Train for the Van Stedum family. John and Ann's youngest daughter, Lydia is 11 years old. Lydia is a beautiful child who was born with an extremely rare chromosomal abnormality. This causes behavioral and learning problems. Lydia requires constant supervision and attention. Our goal is to provide meals twice a week to ease some family stress. You may sign up by using the following link: <https://mealtrain.com/zeqely>

**HOPE HAVEN:** Hope Haven's 24th Annual Gospel Music Festival will be held at Central Park in Sioux Center, IA on Friday, June 21 and Saturday June 22, 2019. The Gospel Music Festival will provide great continuous music from 1:00 pm to 9:30 pm on Friday and from 11:00 am to 9:30 pm on Saturday. Currently 20 different groups from five states are scheduled to sing! The Music Festival is a benefit for Hope Haven and freewill offerings will be taken each day. A lunch stand will be open both days. In case of inclement weather, the Music Festival will be held at the Rec Center on the Campus of Dordt University.

**CORNERSTONE PRISON CHURCH:** Faith Fellowship Weekend is Friday, July 12 from 6:00-7:45 pm and July 13 & 14 from 7:15 am-4:00 pm each day. The theme for the weekend is "A Closer Walk with Christ" based on Colossians 2:6-7. Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, June 23. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us at [office@cornerstonepcsd.org](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd.org) or call 507-215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

