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NEWSLETTER

February 23, 2018

SEEING NEEDS & PLANTING SEEDS: The annual “Give-Up-and-Give-Out” Lenten Ministry is here. The First CRC Mission Team has partnered with Rosa Parks School, located just a couple miles east of our Church on 26th Street, to building a Learning Garden. Please check your mailbox, the Information Center (across from mailboxes) or Resourced at www.firstchristianreformed.org for more information.

MEAL TRAIN: We as a congregation have an opportunity to minister to the Bender family, who have brought their twins boys, Austin and Jackson, home from the NICU. We plan to bring them meals 3 times a week for the next 2 months at minimum. A Meal Train has been set up <https://mealtrain.com/5n2rzt>. For questions, please call Judy Douma 359-3441 or Lora Veldhuizen 271-2180 May God bless the babies as they grow, and the parents as they care for them.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TEAM: A First CRC Mission Team will leave Friday, February 23, to begin their week long work in the Dominican Republic. The teams consists of Kari Davelaar, Mike Davelaar, Arlyn Slagter, Caeden Tinklenberg, Doug Tinklenberg, Al van Donkersgoed, Bill Van Horssen, Craig Van Peurseem, Lori Van Peurseem, and Rick Vander Haar. Please pray for safe travel, good weather for their construction work, and many opportunities for effective witness to Jesus Christ. For updates on their work, visit their [blog](#) or go to www.firstchristianreformed.org. The team will return to Sioux Falls on Saturday, March 3.

PROFESSION OF FAITH CLASS: If you desire to make Public Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, then sign-up to come to this class. Classes will be held on three (3) consecutive Sundays—this Sunday, February 25 (Christian Beginnings), March 4 (Christian Beliefs), and March 11 (Christian Behavior)—with each class beginning at 2:00 pm and lasting until approximately 3:30 pm. The classes will be held in the Church Office building and led by Pastor Hoogendoorn. Please sign-up by contacting the Church office at 338-6904 or office@firstchristianreformed.org if you plan to attend.

DEACONS REVERSE OFFERING: The Deacons will be conducting a reverse offering in order to give support to the the St. Francis House. On March 4, the needed items will be written on slips of paper that will be distributed at the end of the morning services. The items will then be collected at a table in the Activity Center on March 11 and March 18. The St. Francis House is a transitional housing program for the homeless. It offers hospitality, fellowship and support to those who are in need. It also provides guests shelter, food, case management support. Please give prayerful consideration to this great opportunity to demonstrate the care of Christ.

SIoux FALLS SERVE: Have you always dreamed of being part of the Sioux Falls Serve host team?! Now is your chance! We are looking for two more Worksite Coordinators and one more Food Coordinator-in-training to help out with this year’s Serve project! This is a great way to bless students from all over the US and Canada and have a great time doing it. Serve dates are July 14-21. Contact Carlye at carlye@firstchristianreformed.org or 605-338-6904 if interested!

YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER SERVE TRIPS: There are still plenty of spots left for Serve this summer! We have 2 more spots for Gallatin Valley, MT (July 6-14), and 9 more spots for Holland MI (June 22-30). Register online today! Cost is \$260/student! Contact carlye@firstchristianreformed.org with questions!

BIG SOO: DISCOUNTED! Big Soo coupon books have been reduced. Books are \$37 a piece and can be purchased by stopping by the church office! Contact carlye@firstchristianreformed.org with questions.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SHIPWRECKED VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SAVE THE DATE- June 10-14 from 6:00 pm - 8:15 pm. Get ready to venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Kids will be anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. Join us for incredible music, memorable Bible stories, tropical treats and exciting games! Kids ages 4-3rd grade (completed) are invited to attend! A link for registration will be posted on May 1st. Make sure to invite your friends!

GEMS: We want girls EVERYWHERE to meet the Savior and you can help!! Purchase a Papa Murphy's coupon card for \$10 (\$27 value) by emailing gems1stcrc@yahoo.com or contact Megan Vander Haar at 929-3859. All proceeds will benefit GEMS Global which strives to start GEMS clubs all over the globe. Coupon cards also make a great gift. Thanks for your support!

SMALL GROUPS

For information regarding Small Groups, go to firstchristianreformed.org or contact melissa@firstchristianreformed.org.

SAVE THE DATE: First CRC will be hosting a Priscilla Shirer Simulcast on Saturday, April 28, 2018 for women. Ticket and registration information will be coming soon!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Join us for the six-week study, Jonah by Priscilla Shirer focusing on navigating a life interrupted. "Discover that what you see as an interruption many truly be God's divine invitation to a life so much bigger than you can imagine." We'd love to have you join us on Wednesday, March 7 - April 16, 2018 from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm at the church campus. Please sign up at www.firstchristianreformed.org or at the Information Center.

DEACON'S MINISTRY

February 18, 2017

OFFERING AMOUNT

General Fund	7,606.00
Building Fund	250.00
Faith Promise	1,265.00
Ministry Shares	2,085.00
Tuition Support	4,394.72
Planning Life	1,084.59
TOTAL	16,685.31

February 25th: Offering of the Day is for Hope Haven. Hope Haven is a ministry that works with people with disabilities to reach their full potential. They achieve this by establishing various programs and services locally and internationally to help with various needs and life skills.

March 4th: Offering of the Day is for the General Fund. The General Fund supports the Local Ministry Programs including Evangelism, Youth, Children, Adult, Worship, Small Group, and Health Ministries plus the operational expenses of the property, office and personnel expenses. God has blessed First CRC with the opportunity to minister through these programs.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Feb 23-March 1, 2018

FRIDAY:	9:00 am Kids Play Group 10:30 am Senior Circuit
SATURDAY:	7:30 am Men of Integrity
SUNDAY:	8:30/10:00 am Worship/Children's Church/SS 10:00 am Sioux Falls Flourishing Worship 9:30 am Choir 2:00 pm Profession of Faith Class 5:00 pm Worship 6:15 pm JHM 6:15 pm High School Catechism
MONDAY:	10:30 am Senior Circuit 6:45 pm Men's Life
TUESDAY:	10:30 am Senior Circuit 2:00 pm Women's 55+ Bible Study 6:30 pm NAMI Connections 6:30 pm Pickleball
WEDNESDAY:	6:15 am Men of Integrity 8:30 am Women's Bible Study-Daniel 9:30 am Center of Hope Coffee Break/Men's Life 9:45 am Women's Coffee Break 6:30 pm GEMS 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study-Discover Easter 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Bloodlines Bible Study 7:00 pm HSM
THURSDAY:	5:45 pm ReFit 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice

BULLETIN BOARD

1st CRC Newsletter announcements may be sent to office@firstchristianreformed.org. These are due by noon on Wednesday.

THANK YOU: We want to thank the congregation for their many expressions of love and concern for us in the past months. Your prayers, cards, visits, food, and phone calls have helped to sustain us during difficult days. We thank the staff and elders for their encouraging and supportive visits. The family of God has been like Christ to us. Thank you! Daryl and Dorothy Baar

SIoux FALLS CHRISTIAN: Job openings include: Kindergarten Teacher, 2nd Grade Teacher, 4th Grade Teacher, Middle School Vocal Music Instructor, Middle School Learning Center Teacher/Director. If you are interested in these positions or would like more information, please visit the [Sioux Falls Christian website](#).

CORNERSTONE PRISON CHURCH: Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to the Annual Benefit Banquet Monday, April 9, 2018. Please join us at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, Rock Valley, IA at 6:30 pm. Enjoy an evening of fun, food and fellowship as we enjoy music by Valley Male Chorus and hear how the Holy Spirit is working in hearts and lives of inmates in the South Dakota State Penitentiary.

ALL NATIONS CITY CHURCH: All Nations City Church is a ministry in Sioux Falls that hosts gatherings of believers from all nations. On Sunday, February 25, we welcome you to a wonderful event at Church at the Gate, 6820 W. 26th Street, Sioux Falls! A potluck supper with various ethnic foods will be from 5:00-6:00 pm. A worship time with a variety of music and cultural expressions will be from 6:00-7:30 pm.

