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NEWSLETTER

March 2, 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 Resources 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.

CLASSIS IAKOTA: Classis Iakota will meet in regular session on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at Inspiration Hills, beginning at 9:00 am. Pastor Calvin Hoogendoorn, Elder Virg DeJongh, and Deacon Phil Bonnema will serve as the delegates from First CRC. Please pray for God’s wisdom and guidance for the proceedings.

DEACONS REVERSE OFFERING: This Sunday, March 4, the Deacons will be conducting a reverse offering in order to give support to the the [St. Francis House](#). 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. Please give prayerful consideration to this great opportunity to demonstrate the care of Christ.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TEAM: The First CRC Mission Team will return home on Saturday, March 3, The team consists of Kari Davelaar, Mike Davelaar, Arlyn Slagter, Caeden Tinklenberg, Doug Tinklenberg, Al van Donkersgoed, Bill Van Horssen, Craig Van Peurse, Lori Van Peurse, and Rick Vander Haar. For updates on their work, visit their [blog](#) or go to www.firstchristianreform.org. We praise the Lord for their work.

PROFESSION OF FAITH CLASS: The second class will be held on Sunday, March 4, with the focus on *Christian Beliefs*. The class will begin at 2:00 pm and end by approximately 3:30 pm. The class will be held in the Church Office building and led by Pastor Hoogendoorn.

TUITION ASSISTANCE: The Tuition Assistance Ministry Committee is now accepting applications for financial aid for Christian day school grades K-12. Once again we will use the the third party organization TADS to process applications. All information is strictly confidential. The application for the 2018-2019 school year can be found under the “resources” tab on First CRC’s website. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2018. To be eligible to receive assistance you must be a current attending and participating member of First CRC. Please contact a committee member if you have any questions. The committee members are Nathan Engbers, John Sjaarda, Mark Veurink, Brad Van Surksun and Tim Ackerman.

KELLY VAN ENGELENHOVEN: For those of you who currently send cards and notes of encouragement to Kelly using the United States Postal Services, we want to make you aware of some recent changes that the Department of Corrections has implemented. All mail must adhere to the following guidelines: It must be sent in a standard white envelope, mailing and return addresses must be filled out in writing as the only stick-on item permitted is the stamp. Postcards, commercial cards and handmade cards are Not Permitted. Correspondence must be on a piece of white copy or commercial paper. As previously communicated, a new messaging system has been developed to make the sending and receipt of messages between inmates and family/friends a more automated system. The system is called ConnectNetwork. If you are interested in learning more about this option please contact Ron DeWit at ron@firstchristianreformed.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CADET SNOW DERBY: The Snow Derby is this Saturday, March 3rd. We will meet at church at 8:45 am and return around 3:00 pm. Each Cadet should take a can of soup; backpacks are recommended and any other snacks/drinks are optional. This is an outdoor event so Cadets should make sure to wear appropriate clothing. An extra change of clothes can also be brought along if you choose. Contact Chad Kooiman (605-360-4738) or Kris Anderson (605-731-9817) with any questions.

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!

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.

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. Tickets are available [here](#) or on our [website](#). Check out this [video](#) for more information!

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. Check out this [video](#) for more information!

DEACON'S MINISTRY

February 25, 2017

OFFERING AMOUNT

General Fund	13,791.00
Building Fund	565.00
Faith Promise	530.00
Hope Haven	3,931.45
Ministry Shares	865.00
Tuition Support	2,780.00
TOTAL	22,462.45

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.

March 11th: Offering of the Day is for Ministry Shares. Ministry Shares proves the power of shared resources by helping the Christian Reformed Church's individual congregations participate in regional and global ministries. The program provides everyone at First CRC the opportunity to fund ministry efforts around our region and all over the world, while operating at very high efficiency. With very little overhead costs, this important part of the Christian Reformed Church can continue to thrive if every active member donates their part.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

March 3-8, 2018

FRIDAY:	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
MONDAY:	10:30 am Senior Circuit 6:45 pm Men's Life 6:45 pm Women's 45+ Bible Study
TUESDAY:	10:30 am Senior Circuit 6:30 pm NAMI Connections 6:30 pm Pickleball 7:00 pm Shepherding Meeting
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 Cadets 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study-Discover Easter 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study- Jonah 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Bloodlines Bible Study 7:00 pm HSM
THURSDAY:	8:45 pm MOPS 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.

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](#).

THANK YOU: Milt and Sandi Schonewill would like to thank everyone for their prayers and caring words of support during and following their granddaughter Abby Boogerd's brain surgery and recovery. She is doing very well. They praise and thank God for this gift of healing. Prayers are appreciated for her upcoming MRI on March 28. "Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 106:1

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.

DORDT COLLEGE: On Wednesday, March 21, all are invited to a spaghetti dinner at First CRC in Sioux Center from 5:00-7:00 pm. Hosted by the Dordt College Concert Band, freewill donations will be accepted to support the band's upcoming tour to Europe in May.

