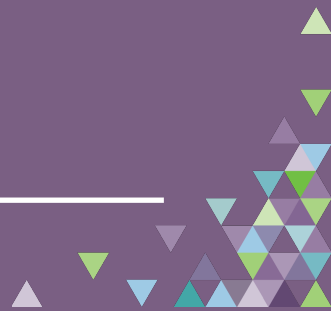




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NEWSLETTER

May 11, 2018



SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY MEETING: The annual Spring Congregational Ministry Meeting to celebrate the Lord's gift of ministry in and through First CRC will take place on Sunday, June 3, 2018, at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The Agenda as well as the Elder-Deacon Nominee profiles will be posted on the Church's website next week (Members Section).

SARAH HOOGENDOORN: Congratulations are extended to Sarah Hoogendoorn, who successfully sustained her Biblical and Theological examination with Classis Iakota on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Sarah will now be officially ordained as a Minister of the Word in the CRCNA. The ordination service will take place this Sunday, May 13, at the 5:00 pm service. The congregation is encouraged to attend.

RESIGNATION: The Administrative Board received and accepted the resignation of Kari Davelaar as the *Director of Health & Community Relations* in First CRC – effective May 31, 2018. We are grateful to the Lord for her 8 years of ministry planning and leadership, particularly as she help to make First CRC a more pronounced public presence in the Sioux Falls community. Please take time to thank Kari for her work on behalf of First CRC and, more importantly, for her commitment to the glory of the Lord in all the earth.

RESIGNATION: The Administrative Board received and accepted the resignation of Kristin Pater as the *Director of Worship Ministry* in First CRC – effective July 31, 2018. We give thanks to the Lord for Kristin's 4 years of worship planning and leadership in our Church. This fall, Kristin will begin to teach elementary music at Sioux Falls Christian School. It is our hope that the Lord will bless Kristin and Sioux Falls Christian in this new phase of the Lord's work. Please take the time to congratulate Kristin on her new position, and to engage in prayer for the Administrative Board and Council as they wisely lead us forward in ministry.

ROSA PARKS: *A couple more volunteers needed!* The plans are put together and it's time to build. Rosa Parks Elementary is excited to to get their Learning Garden started. The work day is scheduled for Saturday, May 12 starting at 9:00 am. We will be helping to build a shed, put in raised garden beds, and adding fencing. If you would like to help, please contact kari@firstchristianreformed.org.

SENIOR AND FRIENDS: There will be no Senior and Friends meeting in May. The next meeting of Senior and Friends will be on June 21st at 6:00 pm.

PRODUCE TABLE: Everyone loves fresh produce! If you are already starting to plan your garden strategies for the year, why not include an extra plant or two to share? We are again planning on having a produce exchange table available throughout the growing season, and you are invited to bring any extra produce you have to share with others from the congregation. Or maybe you have a bigger vision! Plant an extra row or two and bring your fresh fruits and veggies to the Food Pantry to share with those who are food insecure and don't have an opportunity to have their own garden. This could be a great family project! If you have any questions about the produce table or would like to volunteer to help, contact kari@firstchristianreformed.org.

MOPS: MOPS is holding a summer Bible study at First CRC this summer! We will meet on Thursdays starting May 31 from 9:30-11:00 am. Childcare will be provided for minimal cost. Also, we are in need of young women childcare workers, ages 14 and up! Ages 14/15 earn \$15 and ages 16+ earn \$20 per meeting. If interested in either, contact Summer Veurink @ 605-743-4780.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: The last day of Children's Church will be May 20th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: *VBS Decorating Nights:* Volunteers are needed to help create the VBS sets at Trinity Baptist. No special expertise required, just willingness to help! Dates are May 14, 15, 16 and 17 from 5:30-8:30 pm. Sign up will be available in the Activity Center starting May 6th between services.

VBS Volunteers and Donations: Come to the Activity Center between services to sign up as a volunteer or to donate items. We need people of all ages and skill levels: decorating, crew leader, crew helper, registration and nursery.

VBS Registration: We would love to have your kids join us this year at Shipwrecked, where kids will learn that Jesus rescues! It will be held June 10th-14th from 6:00-8:15 pm. VBS is for kids ages 4-3rd grade (completed). Online registration is now open and can be found at www.firstchristianreformed.org. Make sure to invite neighbors and friends!

Please contact heather@firstchristianreformed.org with any questions regarding VBS or to sign up to volunteer.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

BIG SOO: DISCOUNTED AGAIN! Big Soo coupon books have been reduced. Books are \$32 a piece and can be purchased by stopping by the church office! Contact carlye@firstchristianreformed.org with questions.

THANK YOU: Thank you for the many expressions of kindness during my recent surgery and recovery. Your humor, generosity and encouraging words were and are a great gift from the Lord. Pastor Calvin

Our sincere thanks for your generous Good Friday offering for Days For Girls. This will give about 158 girls an opportunity to stay in school every month. Thanks again. Sioux Falls Chapter-DFG



DEACON'S MINISTRY

May 6, 2017

OFFERING AMOUNT

General Fund	13,670.31
Building Fund	672.00
Faith Promise	620.00
Ministry Shares	860.00
Tuition Support	1,040.00
TOTAL	16,862.31

May 13: 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.

May 20: Offering of the Day is for Tuition Assistance. Tuition assistance provides financial support for families who are in need of help with the cost of Christian school tuition for the current academic school year.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

May 11-17, 2018

SATURDAY:	7:30 am Men of Integrity
SUNDAY:	8:30/10:00 am Worship/Children's Church 10:00 am Sioux Falls Flourishing Worship 5:00 pm Worship
MONDAY:	10:30 am Senior Circuit
TUESDAY:	10:30 am Senior Circuit 6:30 pm Pickleball 6:30 pm NAMI Connections
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
THURSDAY:	1:00 pm Quilt Group 5:45 pm ReFit 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice