BETH MOORE SIMULCAST: Join First CRC and Shalom CRC as we team up to offer a Lifeway Beth Moore Simulcast on Saturday, September 24. Doors will open at 8:15am with the event beginning at 9:00am and concluding at 3:00pm. Tickets are $20 before September 11 and $25 after that date. This simulcast will both challenge and encourage women to grow deeply in their faith. Join 150,000 women around the world for this live, global, internet streaming event. The simulcast gives you a front-row seat to one-of-a-kind Bible teaching and life-changing worship. For more information, visit www.firstchristianreformed.org or for a ticket, contact melissa@firstchristianreformed.org.

POVERTY SIMULATION: Many Care Groups have already been able to experience a little of what poverty looks and feels like, and we want everyone to have the chance to be part of this experience. If you were unable to attend when your care group participated, please be encouraged to come and join another session. We will have sessions on September 12, 19, and 26 at 6:30pm in the evening. Please RSVP to kari@firstchristianreformed.org if you would like to come to one of these alternative sessions. The care group members scheduled to meet those nights should RSVP to their care group leaders. Childcare is provided.

HUNGER ACTION MONTH: September is Hunger Action Month! Check out the calendars in your church mailbox from Feeding South Dakota and learn the many ways that you can help fight hunger. We encourage you to collect the suggested donation items on the calendar and bring them to the produce table in the Activity Center. We will bring them to the Feeding South Dakota office. Contact kari@firstchristianreformed.org if you have questions.

WORSHIP: We will have one worship service at 8:30am on Sunday, September 4. You are encouraged to join the Sioux Falls Community of Faith for worship at the annual Life Light Festival at 12:00pm.

ROAD TO MEMBERSHIP: Would you like to become a member or are considering membership at First CRC? The Fall “Road to Membership Class” will begin on Sunday, September 25, 2016 and continues through October 16. This 4-week class is from 3:45-4:45pm each Sunday. Sign-up at www.firstchristianreformed.org or at the Welcome Center.

CHOIR: Choir rehearsals will be begin Sunday, September 11. We meet between the morning services in the choir room downstairs. On December 18, we will be performing the Christmas musical O Night Divine with Shalom CRC choir! Looking forward to another season of praising God through His gift of vocal music! See you on the 11th!
SENIOR & FRIENDS: We will be our usual monthly gathering for food, fun and fellowship on Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 pm. Cost of the meal is $10/person and will consist of Swiss steak and more from Tony’s Catering in Brandon. The entertainment will be by “Hallelujah Hooligans” from the Baltic and Dell Rapids area. The group’s theme is “Making a Joyful Noise in Christian Music” Please RSVP to Karen Koole at 595-3299; or Jan Blankespoor at 201-6291 by September 12.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We are looking for one part time teacher for 1st grade Sunday School. We still have openings at the 8:30am service for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade and 1st, 2nd, 7th, and 8th grade at the 10am service. These positions can be shared for a more flexible schedule. Please contact katy@firstchristianreformed.org if you are interested in serving this Sunday School season. SONG LEADER: If you enjoy singing and working with children, the Sunday School Ministry is looking for someone to lead worship and singing during the 10:00am service. Please contact katy@firstchristianreformed.org if you would like to join this ministry.

SURVEY: Parents of children in Sunday School, please make sure you are checking you email for a survey regarding our Sunday School curriculum and ministry. We will be putting together an advisory board to evaluate the goals of the ministry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Reminder there will be a Sunday School teacher meeting at 9:30am in Room #2. Sunday School classes begin meeting September 18th!

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Check out these Small Group opportunities starting this fall. Sign up at www.firstchristianreformed.org or the Welcome Center. If you have any questions contact melissa@firstchristianreformed.org.

- **BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY:** September 14 @ 8:30am and 6:30pm Studying “Entrusted” (II Timothy).

- **PRISCILLA SHIRER BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN:** September 19 @7:00pm and will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. Studying “Gideon - Your weakness; God’s strength.”

- “I AM N” BY THE VOICE OF THE MARTYRS. September 18 - October 30, 2016 @ 5:00-6:30pm. Childcare provided.

- **COFFEE BREAK-WEDNESDAY MORNING:** September 14 @ 9:45-11:00am. Childcare provided.

- **COFFEE BREAK-CENTER OF HOPE:** September 14th @ 9:30am at Center Of Hope. Studying the “Book of Nehemiah”.

- **COFFEE BREAK-MONDAY NIGHT:** September 12 @ 6:45-8:00pm. Studying Kay Warren’s, “Choosing Joy”.

- **MEN’S LIFE-MONDAY NIGHT:** September 12 @ 6:45-8:00pm. Studying Revelations led by Pastor Gray. Discover the unique connection to what we are studying and our Sunday evening “I Am N” small groups.

- **NEW MEN’S BIBLE STUDY-THURSDAY:** September 8 @noon for 12 sessions. “Every Good Endeavor: Connecting your Work to God’s Plan for the World” by Tim Keller led by Pastor Cal.

- **MEN OF INTEGRITY-WEDNESDAY:** September 14 @ 6:15am.

- **MEN OF INTEGRITY--SATURDAY:** September 10 @ 7:30am.

- **MOPS:** Mothers of Preschoolers. September 1st @ 9-11am the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Childcare provided.
**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**  
**Sept 4-10, 2016**

**SUNDAY:**  8:30am Worship

**MONDAY:**  Church Office Closed

**TUESDAY:**  
- 10:30 am Senior Circuit
- 6:30 pm Pickleball
- 6:30 pm NAMI
- 7:00 pm Shepherding Meeting

**WEDNESDAY:**  
- 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry
- 7:00 pm Catechism

**THURSDAY:**  
- 9:00 am MOPS Steering Meeting
- 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice

**FRIDAY:**  
- 10:30 am Senior Circuit
- Wedding of Sharla Kroese & Loren Dkyshorn

**SATURDAY:**  
- 7:30 am Men of Integrity

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**CHILDREN’S CHURCH:** Children’s Church will begin on Sunday, September 11th during both morning services. All children ages 3-5 are invited to join us downstairs for a time of singing, Bible stories and activities! Contact heather@firstchristianreformed.org with any questions.

**SINGING:** We are looking for someone to lead our Children’s Church singing during the 8:30 service. If you are willing to help, contact heather@firstchristianreformed.org.

**GEMS:** The first GEMS meeting will be on Wednesday, September 28. This ministry is open to all girls in grades 2nd though 8th grade.

**CADETS:** The first Cadets meeting will be on Wednesday, September 21. This ministry is open to all boys in grades 3rd through 8th grade.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING COFFEE BREAK:** Nursery helpers from 8:30-9:30am and two Story Hour teachers still needed! Contact Darcy at 605-323-7518 if you are interested or have questions.

**MOPS:** (Mothers of Preschoolers) is looking for adult and youth childcare helpers for the Moppets program starting in September. MOPS meets two Thursday mornings each month at the church. Helpers will be paid and will be responsible for teaching children ages 0-5 years old. Please contact Ann Van Stedum at johnandann@sio.midco.net or at (605) 940-4222 if you are interested.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Drivers Still Needed. We are still in need of drivers for the upcoming GEMS and Cadets ministry season. This could be a great fit for you if you are planning on attending Wednesday evening catechism or Bible studies at church. Pick-up begins at 5:30 and kids are usually dropped off by 9:15. Please contact Kari Davelaar kari@firstchristianreformed.org if you can fill this need.
DEACON’S MINISTRY

August 28, 2016

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September 4: 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.

September 11: 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

**JHM (JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY):** We will have our kickoff meeting on Monday, September 12. JHM is for anyone in 7th and 8th grade. Plan to meet in the Activity Center at church at 7:00pm.

**HSM (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):** Parents of students in 9th-12th grade are invited to a parent informational meeting on Wednesday, September 7 after Intergenerational Catechism at 8:00pm in the Fireside Room.

**HSM** will kickoff on Sunday evening, September 11. We will meet at Doug & Linda Tinklenberg’s house (27598 479th Ave Harrisburg, SD) at 6:30 pm. Be sure to wear clothes you can get wet/dirty and bring a change of clothes, a towel, and a bag to put your wet clothes in.

**INTERGENERATIONAL CATECHISM:** Catechism at First CRC is not just for High School students. Intergenerational Catechism is for anyone High School age and above and we encourage anyone to join us. We will meet at 7:00pm in the Fireside Room on Wednesdays for 10 weeks beginning on September 7. Consider joining us for these classes.

**BIG SOO COUPON BOOKS:** The new Coupon Books are here! Our youth group is selling Big Soo Coupon books again this year and they are available for $40 at the church office. The youth group keeps $10 for every book sold. There are coupons for 76 different restaurants in and around Sioux Falls, Golf Courses, Great Bear, Great Plains Zoo, Thunder Road, Wild Water West, car washes, oil changes, and many other household and auto goods and services.
**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 you for your faithful support. We are encouraged to know that you trust us to do our work. We’ve been having a very good rainy season this far. It’s actually raining as I write this. People are busy in their garden plots and fields and make positive comments about the harvest they hope to have. Gene has been working on publishing two new Pulaar books and spends lots of hours at the book room talking with folks who come by. I teach English and develop lessons. We’re happy to be doing what we came to do – introducing Fulani people to Jesus. Thank you for your part in making that possible. Dawn and Gene Michelson

**FRIENDSHIP CLASS:** The purpose of the Friendship program is to nurture the spiritual growth of people with intellectual disabilities. Our class runs September 26th–April 10th from 7–8pm on Monday evenings three times a month at Shalom CRC. If you are high school age to adult, we are looking for additional mentors for the upcoming year. Please contact Lori Meyer at 940-5268 or calbmeyer@midco.net if you are interested in volunteering as a mentor for this program.

**LUKE SOCIETY:** Mark your calendars for Monday, Oct. 10, as we celebrate God’s faithfulness to the Luke Society with an open house and ice cream social from 6-8 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and open hearts as we share more about what the Lord is doing across the world through the Luke Society. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved inside the Luke Society office building.

**MINN-IA-KOTA BIBLE LEAGUE:** Even if you can’t attend the annual Minn-Ia-Kota Bible League Retreat, you won’t want to miss an amazing concert featuring the Captivating Keyboards. The retreat will be held at the Carmel Iowa Reformed Church on September 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. This duo comes highly acclaimed and both performers have been playing piano since childhood. Concert tickets will be available at the door for $10. Bring your friends and family! If you are interested in carpooling to this event, please contact Carla Kooiman at 605-370-4675. We will meet at church to depart at 8:00am and return after the 7:00pm concert.

**CORNERSTONE PRISON CHURCH:** Faith Fellowship Weekend-Friday, Sept 23 – 6:00-8:00pm & Sept 24 & 25 – 7:15am-4:00pm each day. The theme for the weekend is “Being a Man of God.” Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, September 8. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call 605-496-8152.