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NEWSLETTER

November 23, 2018

WOMEN'S EVENT - SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, January 24, 2019. Women's night of inspiration, fun and laughter featuring Jennifer Dukes Lee. Additional details and ticket information coming soon!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Annual Fall Congregational meeting for the approval of the 2019 General Fund Budget will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Agendas will be sent out at a later time.

VALET: A reminder that with the winter months coming, valet is available for both morning services. Valet is available for anyone, especially the elderly and those with small children. This ministry has not been utilized in the past couple of months, and will be discontinued if there is not a need for it.

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

ADVENT-NEW YEAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

December 23: Christmas Candlelight Service- 5:00 pm

December 25: 9:30 am Christmas Day Worship

December 30: Regular Worship; No evening worship



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Children's Church and Sunday School program will be held on December 9th at 3:30 pm at First CRC. Please invite family and friends and make sure to let them know of the location change this year.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

November 18: Children's Church; K-3rd Program Practice; 4th-6th OFF

November 25: No Children's Church or Sunday School

December 2: Children's Church; K-3rd Program Practice; 4th-6th Lesson

December 9th: Children's Church; K-6th Large Group lesson; Christmas Program- 3:30 pm at First CRC.

December 16: Children's Church; No Sunday School

December 23 & 30th: No Children's Church or Sunday School

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

SMALL GROUPS/BIBLE STUDIES: Opportunities are still available for Small Groups and Bible Studies. For specific details or to sign up, please go here: <https://firstchristianreformed.churchcenter.com/groups>.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HSM: November 28 is another SERVICE night!

Freshmen - meet at church at 7:00 pm, SHARP! You will be delivering the blankets you made to the Children's Home Society.

Sophomores & Juniors - meet at the Alpha Center (3405 S Kiwanis) at 7:00 pm. You will be taking a tour and helping out with projects around their center. YOU MUST HAVE THE PHOTO RELEASE FORM SIGNED BY YOUR PARENTS AND TURNED INTO MEGAN BEFORE ARRIVING! Forms can be put in my church mailbox or scanned and emailed to me at megan@firstchristianreformed.org.

Seniors - meet at church at 7:00pm. You will be baking cookies and speaking with a representative from Tapestry International!

DEACON'S MINISTRY

Nov 18, 2018

OFFERING AMOUNT

General Fund	15,052.00
Building Fund	125.00
Faith Promise	1,565.00
Ministry Shares	3,820.00
Tuition Support	3,974.44
TOTAL	\$24,536.44

November 25: Offering of the Day is for the Alpha Center. The Alpha Center is a non-profit organization that provides a full range of services to women and men involved in an unexpected pregnancy. With the partnership of generous individuals who show compassion to those in need, the Alpha Center is able to provide practical support to many in the community who feel they have nowhere else to turn.

December 2: 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, as well as 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

Nov 23 - 29, 2018

SUNDAY: 8:30/10:30 am Worship
9:45 am Choir

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's Bible Study
8:30 am Women's Bible Study (Beth Moore)
9:30 am Center of Hope Coffee Break/Men's Life
9:45 am Coffee Break for Women
6:30 pm GEMS
6:30 pm Handbell Choir
7:00 pm HSM

THURSDAY: 5:45 pm ReFit

BULLETIN BOARD

1st CRC Newsletter announcements may be sent to 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: A meal train has been established for the following people to assist them and their families during their cancer treatments. Please consider being the hands and feet of Jesus to these families. Cindy Yoder: <https://mealtrain.com/k7q0mv> ; Kim Bleyenburg: <https://mealtrain.com/vw0kzy> ; Matt Beck: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/009nn3> .

CHURCH PLANT: Thank you for your prayers for the church planting effort of Classis Iakota in west Sioux Falls and in Chamberlain, SD. This has been a good year of seeking God's direction where to plant. Classical Home Missions has plans to make 2019 a foundational year for growing these new plants. Ask God to continue to bless our steps.

CORNERSTONE PRISON CHURCH: The annual Christmas sack newsletter is available at the Information Center. Many of the inmates do not receive any gifts during the Christmas season. Would you be willing to make a batch of fudge? We try to give every inmate 3 pieces of fudge for Christmas. All of the Christian organizations in the prisons and jails join together to make gift bags to hand out at Christmas time. That's where we need your help. Get all details on how you can help in this newsletter. Delivery for fudge is December 13-21 at various locations.