FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

October 11, 2019

CAP MEALS - (Caring About People) We will once again be partnering with local schools and housing agencies to help provide Thanksgiving meals to families in need around Sioux Falls. Ways you can help: -Pick up CAP meal bag(s) and list of requested grocery items from the Activity Center and return the bag plus the items to the church kitchen no later than November 17; or sign up to deliver the CAP meals to families on Sunday, November 24 during either service. The list of requested grocery items can also be found here.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP: First CRC will be sending a Mission Team to the Santa Clara CRC ("Hiquey" Church) in the Dominican Republic. The team will help build a small worship center. The team will leave on February 7, 2019, and return home on February 15, 2019. If you are interested in partnering in this work, contact Rick Vander Haar @ eagle@midconetwork.com.

HOPE HAVEN INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTION TEAM: First CRC, under the guidance of Hope Haven, will send a "Wheel Chair Distribution Team" to Vietnam from May 15 through May 25. Megan Schouten will lead our team, with an additional 15 members from our Church needed. If you are in the medical field, are a physical or occupational therapist, have mechanical skills, work well with children, and have a passion to minister to the disabled, you are a perfect fit for this trip. It is our hope to assemble the First CRC team by mid-October 2019 in order to secure the proper visas. Each team participant must be willing to contribute $1,000 to the cost of the trip and must have a valid passport that does not expire prior to May 2021. Please contact Pastor Cal for more details at calvin@firstchristianreformed.org.

SENIOR AND FRIENDS: We will be meeting in the Activity Center on Thursday, October 17th @ 6:00 pm. There will be a catered meal and the cost is $10. The program will feature Torrey Babb and he will speak about the Mission Ball. This international ministry was developed as an answer to prayer and is also used to connect with people and create opportunities for evangelism. "Sports" are the world's universal language and the gospel message is proclaimed on different balls in the language of that country. The Mission Ball is available for: Soccer, Basketball, Football and Volleyball. For reservations and/or cancellations please call: Jo Klarenbeek @ 366-0681 or Marcene Brands @ 376-1316.

SMALL GROUPS

SMALL GROUPS/BIBLE STUDIES: Opportunities are available for Small Groups and Bible Studies. For specific details or to sign up for the groups listed below, please do so HERE.

You can still join a Bible Study! If you have any questions, please contact melissa@firstchristianreformed.org.

THE JOURNEY BIBLE STUDY: An uncommon, faith-deepening, and life-aligning process guided by three primary questions: Who is God? Who am I? What does God desire to do through me? Begins in September.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY: Wednesday, October 16. Small Groups @ 7:00 pm.

FAITH TALK FOR HIGH SCHOOL: High School Catechism (Freshman—Seniors) will soon begin to study God's Law as an expression of His generous grace. The text will be the Bible and The New City Catechism Devotional. The class will meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 pm on these Sundays: October 13, 20, 27; and November 3, 10. Please register HERE or sign-up at the Information Center.

DEACON'S MINISTRY

Oct 6, 2019

	OFFERING AMOUNT
General Fund	16,650.25
Building Fund	427.00
Faith Promise	465.00
Ministry Shares	765.00
Tuition Support Fund	750.00
CRWRC-World Renew	300.00
Needs of the Family	300.00
TOTAL	$19,657.25

October 13: Offering of the Day is for Ministry Shares. Ministry Shares proves the power of shared resources by helping the individual congregations of the Christian Reformed Church 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 little overhead costs, this important part of the Christian Reformed Church can continue to thrive if active members donate their part.

October 20: Offering of the Day is for Tuition Assistance. The Tuition Assistance Fund provides financial support for families in need of help with the cost of Christian school tuition for the 2019-2020 academic school year.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Oct 11-17, 2019

FRIDAY:
10:30 am Senior Circuit

SATURDAY:
7:30 am Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY:
8:30/10:30 am Worship/Children's Church
9:45 am Sunday School/7th & 8th Catechism
9:45 am Vocal Choir
5:00 pm Psalm Study Worship

MONDAY:
10:30 am Senior Circuit
6:45 pm Men's Bible Study

TUESDAY:
10:30 am Senior Circuit
6:30 pm NAMI Connections
6:30 pm Pickleball

WEDNESDAY:
6:15 am Men's Bible Study
8:30 pm Women's Bible Study
9:30 am Women's Bible Study- Center of Hope
9:45 am Women's Bible Study-Coffee Break
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm Cadets
7:00 pm HSM

THURSDAY:
5:45 pm ReFit
6:00 pm Senior & Friends

BULLETIN BOARD

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

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 2019-20 are here! Contact megan@firstchristianreformed.org or stop by the church office to pick yours up today for $42. Proceeds go to high school summer mission trips.

CLASSIS IAKOTA: The Classis Iakota Classical Ministerial Leadership Team (formerly the Student Aid Committee) provides support and encouragement, including financial aid, for individuals from Classis Iakota churches preparing for ministry in the Christian Reformed Church. For more information contact Rev. Cory Van Sloten, CMLT chair, at (712) 360-5082 or cory.vansloten@gmail.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: September 25-November 3. Go to https://www.40daysforlife.com/siouxfalls to find out how you can pray on the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood for an hour to stop abortion in Sioux Falls and get the clinic closed. You can also call Sue Peters at 605-940-1054 to find out other ways and to sign up. For additional information, there is a flyer behind the glass at the information center across from the mailboxes.

SIOUX FALLS CHRISTIAN: The Sioux Falls Christian Learning Center is taking applications for an immediate Educational Assistant opening. We are seeking a 2 day/week position in an elementary classroom. Duties include working directly with a student with disabilities in collaboration with the learning center teacher and general education teacher. More information and an application can be found here.

KINGDOM BOUNDARIES: Saturday, October 19th at 6:30 pm at Sioux Falls Christian School. Hear some great contemporary Christian music by the group "Alive" and hear testimonials from men recently released from prison. "Alive" is a Michigan based Christian music group brought together by their love for music and worship. Each member of group comes from different locations, churches, and walks of life, but meet every Wednesday because of their love for God, music, and ministry. Also learn about the Kingdom Boundaries Ministry and hear about great things happening "behind the walls" in South Dakota prisons!

INSPIRATION HILLS: Please join Inspiration Hills at their Annual Fall Auction on Friday, October 25th with doors opening at 6:00 pm for a first look at items. Soup, Sandwich & Dessert will be available for a free-will offering. Live Auction begins at 7:00 pm with Mark Zomer.

BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES: Family Changes Everything! Please come and join us for an evening of celebrating the importance of family and sharing the love of Jesus with children at the annual Bethany Christian Services fundraising dinner on Thursday, November 7 at the Holiday Inn City Centre. Governor Kristi Noem will be the keynote speaker, and Mayor Paul Ten Haken and his wife Jill will be our hosts for the evening. Dinner is complimentary, but reservations are required. Please RSVP to bethany.org/siouxfalls/events by November 4 if you would like to attend. Talk to Kari Davelaar if you would like to be seated at the table we are hosting as part of our Safe Families for Children Ministry from 1st CRC. We look forward to seeing you there.