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NEWSLETTER

October 12, 2018

SENIOR AND FRIENDS: We will have our monthly gathering on Thursday, October 18 at 6:00 pm in the Activity Center. There will be a catered meal and the cost will be \$10. Karen Vis will be speaking about her month long stay in Kenya, teaching Kenyan women how to sew Days For Girls Kits. Anyone 55 years of age and older are invited and encouraged to attend. For reservations and cancellations please call Grace Struiksma at 332-0725 or Karen Koole at 271-1573 by October 15.

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.

CAFE CONNECTIONS: Born to be a Barista? Love helping people with coffee orders? No experience necessary! We are in need of more people to serve the congregation their delicious caffeinated beverages. High school students welcome. Email megan@firstchristianreformed.org or al@firstchristianreformed.org



NAMI: (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will be hosting their annual Pastoral Care workshop here at First Christian Reformed Church on Tuesday, October 16, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The workshop is designed to help us, help those in need by: 1) Finding support to deal with diagnosed individuals and their families, 2) Decrease the stigmas attached to mental illness, 3) Define available Pastoral Support.

Faith and spirituality can be a very helpful component of someone's recovery from mental illness. A place of worship is a safe space for people where they can feel welcomed and have an instant sense of support and community, but how they are treated within this environment is crucial to that feeling of security.

If you would like to learn more about this workshop or if you would like to attend, please contact Ron DeWit, Director of Pastoral Ministry at 338-6904, email ron@firstchristianreformed.org or register directly through NAMI at www.faithcaringformentalhealth.weebly.com. Registration cost is \$25 which includes lunch and materials.

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: Small Groups on Wednesday, October 17 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Heads up for parents - the kids will be told what they need to bring for the Taco Feed.

FAITH TALK FOR HIGH-SCHOOLERS: Formerly known as Catechism, this class meets from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in the Fireside Room on the following dates: October 14 and 21. (*Please bring your own Bibles.*)



DEACON'S MINISTRY

October 7, 2018

OFFERING AMOUNT

General Fund	20,643.49
Building Fund	632.00
Faith Promise	925.00
Ministry Shares	815.00
Tuition Support	1,805.00
Center of Hope	50.00
TOTAL	\$24,870.49

October 14: 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 21: 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 2018-2019 academic school year.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Oct 12 - 18, 2018

FRIDAY:	10:30 am Senior Circuit
SATURDAY:	7:30 am Men of Integrity
SUNDAY:	8:30/10:30 am Worship/Children's Church/SS 9:45 am Choir 3:30 pm Faith Talk for High School 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
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 Women's Bible Study (War Room) 6:30 pm Cadets 7:00 pm HSM
THURSDAY:	8:50 am MOPS 1:00 pm Quilt Group 5:45 pm ReFit 6:00 pm Seniors & Friends

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>

Matt Beck: <https://mealtrain.com/009nn3>

Kim Bleyenburg: <https://mealtrain.com/vw0kzy>. Friends of the Bleyenburgs have also organized a t-shirt fundraiser. If you'd like to help out in this way, you can find the information [here](#). This fundraiser ends on Monday, October 15.

DORDT COLLEGE: Friday, October 26: Dordt College seniors Kourtney TeBrake, soprano, and Karissa Van Surksum, trumpet, will present a joint senior recital at 7:30 pm on Friday, October 26, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital is free and open to the public.

INSPIRATION HILLS: Inspiration Hills is having its Fall Auction on Friday, October 26th! This year's auction proceeds will go towards the kitchen remodel. Come for the fellowship, food and the amazing items! The doors open at 6:00pm where you can look over the donated auction items and enjoy soup and dessert. The auction will begin at 7:00pm. We are looking to have around 50 large ticket items to be auctioned off – anything from dinners, tickets, outings, meat baskets - whatever you can think of. Smaller items and homemade goodies are welcomed! We will combine them to make some awesome baskets. If you would like to sponsor the auction with a monetary donation or donated items, please contact Dave Heilman at Inspiration Hills at 712.360.0140 or by email at dave@inspirationhills.org.

NEW ROOTS MINISTRY: On Tuesday, October 30 at 7:00 pm, join us for a seminar hosted by New Roots Ministry and the Office of Social Justice of the Christian Reformed Church. Dr. Jason Lief of Northwestern College will speak about the history of immigration and unpack misconceptions. Hear life stories of Dreamers affected by DACA policies, and unpack, "but, what would Jesus do?" Event is held at the Sioux Falls Ministry Center, 225 E 11th Steet, Sioux Falls.