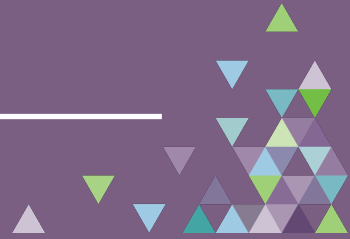




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NEWSLETTER

October 5, 2018



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

**ROAD TO MEMBERSHIP:** The next Road to Membership Class will be Wednesday, October 10, 2018. The class will meet in the Fireside Room from 6:00-8:30 pm. You are invited to attend if you are either interested in becoming a member or simply interested in learning more about First CRC. Sign up at [here](#) or at the Information Center.

**MEMBERSHIPS:** The Shepherding Elders joyfully received the following memberships: Trevor Dorhout from the Hawarden CRC, Hawarden, IA; Megan Postma from First Reformed Church, Rock Rapids, IA; and, Darrell & Shirley Ulferts from Bethel CRC, Edgerton, MN. The following memberships were sent to other Churches: Janice Lyso to Asbury United Methodist Church, Sioux Falls, SD; and, Dustin Vander Zee to Park CRC, Holland, MI. It is our prayer that each member will continue to cherish, grow, and live in grace and truth.

**SENIOR AND FRIENDS:** We will have our monthly gathering on Thursday, October 18 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.

**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](mailto:megan@firstchristianreformed.org) or [al@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto: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](mailto:ron@firstchristianreformed.org) or register directly through NAMI at [www.faihcaringformentalhealth.weebly.com](http://www.faihcaringformentalhealth.weebly.com). Registration cost is \$25 which includes lunch and materials.

## KID'S MINISTRY

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There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, October 7th. There WILL be Children's Church during both morning services.

## SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

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**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

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**HSM:** We will be going to the Corn Maze! Meet at the Heartland County Corn Maze at 7:00 pm. Parents if you are dropping off/picking up your child, please pick up your child at 8:30 pm.

**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 7, 14 and 21. (*Please bring your own Bibles.*)



# DEACON'S MINISTRY

## September 30, 2018

OFFERING AMOUNT

General Fund	8,930.00
Building Fund	220.00
Faith Promise	750.00
Ministry Shares	775.00
Tuition Support	739.00
Center of Hope	3,526.61
Rehoboth Christian School	1,483.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,424.21</b>

October 7: 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.

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.

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Oct 5 - 11, 2018

**FRIDAY:** 10:30 am Senior Circuit

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

**SUNDAY:** 8:30/10:30 am Worship/Children's Church  
9:45 am Choir  
3:30 pm Faith Talk for High School  
5:00 pm Worship  
6:15 pm JHM

**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  
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry  
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 Handbells  
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (War Room)  
6:30 pm GEMS  
7:00 pm HSM Corn Maze

**THURSDAY:** 8:50 am MOPS  
5:45 pm ReFit

# BULLETIN BOARD

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1st CRC Newsletter announcements may be sent to [office@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto: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.

**THANK YOU:** We would like to thank you for your prayers, calls, cards and many kind expressions of sympathy in the death of our sister and aunt, Harriet Pruitt. What a blessing it is to be part of the family of God! “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted” Matthew 5:4 Joyce and Norm Smeenck & Linda and Doug Tinklenberg

**MEAL TRAIN:** A meal train has been established to assist Matt Beck and his family during his cancer treatments. If you are interested in helping this young family during this difficult and busy time, please go to <https://mealtrain.com/009nn3>

A meal train has been established to assist Kim Bleyenburg and her family during her cancer treatments. If you are interested in helping with meals, please sign up here <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](#).

**CHURCH PLANT:** We give thanks to God that Classis Iakota affirmed the ongoing work of the Classical Home Missions Committee to proceed with the church plant on the west side of Sioux Falls. This includes seeking a calling church and potential church planter. Classis also affirmed further investigation into Chamberlain/Oacoma for planting.

**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](mailto:dave@inspirationhills.org).

**NAMI:** Candlelight Vigil & Walk: Sunday, October 7, 2018 NAMI Sioux Falls, an affiliate of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), is sponsoring a Candlelight Vigil and 8-block candlelight walk at First Lutheran Church, 12th & Dakota Ave. The evening begins with Prayer and Scripture in Christ the Victor Chapel at 6:00 pm. This is a free, educational event. May we as the body of Christ join to show Christ's love to our brothers and sisters, dealing with mental health issues.

**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.