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NEWSLETTER

September 28, 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.

HYMN FESTIVAL: First CRC will enjoy an evening of song and music on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at **6:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. The evening — Based on Psalm 145 and entitled “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise: A Hymn Festival” — will display the many gifts of music and song that bring glory to God active in First CRC. If you are unable to attend, it will be broadcast live on our website.

All individuals, ages high school on up, are invited to participate in the vocal choir for this evening of praise and worship. Rehearsals will begin Sunday, September 16, 9:45-10:15 am in the Choir Room downstairs (entrances are located in the south and middle hallways).

Important Notice Hymn Festival Choir - Please take note that women will be wearing all black and men will be wearing black slacks and a white shirt (no tie).

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 for HSM on Wednesday night from 7:00-9:00 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: September 16, 23 and 30, and October 7, 14 and 21. *(Please bring your own Bibles.)*



DEACON'S MINISTRY

September 23, 2018

OFFERING AMOUNT

General Fund	10,775.00
Building Fund	475.00
Faith Promise	435.00
Ministry Shares	745.00
Tuition Support	1,080.00
Furniture Mission	3,389.98
TOTAL	\$16,899.98

September 30: Offering of the Day is for Center of Hope. Center of Hope is an urban ministry that addresses spiritual and material needs by providing faith community nursing, winter clothing, baby supplies for new mothers, bikes to ride to work at minimal prices, as well as a full bike shop for guests. The center welcomes people to adult Bible studies, sports nights for teens and young adults, and a summer Bible camp for children. Pastoral staff engages in street ministry, offers support through a drop-in center, and visits with those in prison.

September 30: Communion Offering is for Rehoboth Christian School. Rehoboth Christian School was founded in 1903 as a ministry to the Navajo and Zuni people of the Four Corners region. Today, Rehoboth serves approximately 70% Native American students, 20% Anglo students, and 10% students of Hispanic descent and other ethnic minorities. Rehoboth is committed to helping students grow into mature Christians intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally.

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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sept 28 - Oct 4, 2018

FRIDAY:	10:30 am Senior Circuit 6:00 pm Zach's Fundraiser
SATURDAY:	7:30 am Men of Integrity
SUNDAY:	8:30/10:30 am Worship/Children's Church 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir 3:30 pm Faith Talk for High School 6:00 pm Hymn Festival (note time)
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 7:00 pm Elders/Deacons/Lay Shepherds Meeting
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 6:30 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (War Room) 6:30 pm Cadets 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 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 Bleyenbug 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 Bleyenbuggs have also organized a t-shirt fundraiser. If you'd like to help out in this way, you find the information [here](#).

AUGUST 2018 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Net Balance	General Fund	Building Fund	Tuition Support
1/1/18	\$ 81,721.49	\$62,767.56	\$61,511.29
YTD Giving	\$519,841.30	\$24,881.28	\$78,855.86
YTD Exp.	\$592,899.39	\$60,422.31	\$91,872.12
Fund Balance	\$8,563.40	\$27,226.53	\$48,495.03

The Council is grateful for your financial generosity. While our expenses continue to run below budget, our January-August giving fell behind the totals for the same time period in 2017. Since the Lord has entrusted to us His ministry, we ask that you prayerfully consider how together we can further honor the privilege of giving.

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.

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.