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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 26, 2023

Office Hours:

Monday- Thursday: 8:30am-4:00pm
Friday 8:30am-12:00pm

Newsletter Announcements:

Send to office@firstchristianreformed.org
by 4:00pm on Wednesday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Meal

This week's Wednesday Night Meal Menu: **Creamy Chicken on Bun with bag of chips!**
Gluten-free option: Grilled chicken with GF bun and chips.
Serving: 5:30 to 6:30pm.
Free will donations are accepted to cover the cost of the food.

Communion Sunday

This Sunday, February 26, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at both the 8:30am and 10:30am services. All of the bread is gluten free.

Lent 2023: Give Up in Order to Give

This year for our Lent project, First CRC is partnering with SIMDEL Children's Education Ministry to provide Torch Audio Bibles for students and their families in Togo, Africa. The Torch combines a flashlight, lantern, and an Audio Bible into one versatile solar-powered device to share the Gospel. Many families in Togo do not have electricity so not only would the Torch Audio Bible provide light for their homes, but families would also be able to hear the Word of the Lord! During this Lenten season, we encourage the Body of Christ to continue to pray for these families in Togo and ask that the Lord might put it on our hearts to see what we can "Give Up in Order to Give". What a blessing to provide not only physical light but also the light of the gospel to these students and their families.

Dominican Republic Service Trip

Jodi Zylstra, Phil Bonnema, Doug Tinklenberg, Brad Van Surksum, Craig and Lori Van Peurse, Jeff and Cole Runia, Chase and Rick Vander Haar will be working in a rural area near Hato Mayor, Dominican Republic, helping the El Capote CRC construct a new church building from Feb 24-March 4. Pray for safe flights, safety at the work site and safe travel around the Dominican Republic. Pray that the team will be able to build relationships with the El Capote congregation and that God may bless the team's work and this congregation. This will be the 9th church that we have helped build in the Dominican Republic. Updates will be posted on the church website.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found is spilling over with lost hats, gloves, toys, mugs and sweatshirts! Please look and see if any of these items belong to you. The Lost and Found is located in the coat closet in the Fellowship Hall just to the right of the doors as you enter the church.

Senior and Friends

Seniors and Friends will meet on Saturday morning at 9:30 AM February 25, 2023. Pastor Van and his wife, Terry, will be joining us for a "Get-To-Know You" time of fellowship over coffee and doughnuts. They will be sharing their story of ministry and family with us. Let's welcome them and thank them for being our Interim Pastor team for this time as we serve the Lord together.

CENTENNIAL

1923-2023



Last Week's Trivia:

Q: In what city-wide Evangelism Event did our church participate in 1974?

A: Leighton Ford Beachfront Crusade

This Week's Trivia:

Q: What was the year that the congregational meeting notes switched from Dutch to English?

CARE & OUTREACH

Cole Pleggenkuhle

New Sermon Series:

This Sunday, we will start a sermon series entitled "Songs For A Lifelong Journey," a study of the Songs of Ascent. We have copies of Eugene Peterson's book, "A Long Obedience In The Same Direction," as an optional supplement to this series. Eugene Peterson writes in an accessible way while providing cultural connections to the Bible for a deeper understanding of God's word. Stop by the information center (across from the mailboxes) or the church office to see an example (\$13 per book and \$9 per workbook). There is a limited supply still available in the church office. If you are searching on your own for a copy, get the book, "A Long Obedience In the Same Direction, Discipleship in an Instant Society." The optional companion workbook is "A Long Obedience In The Same Direction-Bible Study." If you are interested in forming a small group for further fellowship and discussions, please contact Cole (cole@firstchristianreformed.org) to get further materials and reserve a room.

Stephen Ministry

What is Stephen Ministry? If you would like to know more about this vital ministry within our church, Cole invites you to listen to him share what it means to be listened to and understood from a distinctly Christian care perspective. This presentation is for anyone who would like to know more about this ministry. This presentation will take place this Sunday, Feb 26, between services from 9:50am-10:20am downstairs in Classroom 2.

HOSPITALITY

Denae Matherly

Pie Day

The number π (pi) is a mathematical constant that is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, approximately equal to 3.14159. People all over the world celebrate by eating pie (conveniently circle shaped) every year on March 14 (3.14).

SO, LET'S EAT PIE! We are looking for pie bakers to make about 30 pies for Sunday, March 19. Homemade or store bought pie or really any circular shaped dessert, such as cookies, cookie pie or cake is acceptable! We are celebrating a little late, but pie is so delicious that it doesn't really matter what day we eat it.

Email Denae: denae@firstchristianreformed.org to let her know how many pies, or other circle shaped desserts, you want to donate. Bring them to church by 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 19.

We are also looking for kitchen help, people to cut and serve the pie. Email Denae or call the church office to volunteer.

What: Celebrate **Pi Day** with **PIE!**

When: March 19th between Services

Why: Because PIE is yummy!

Who: All of you!

Where: Activity Center/Gym

FIRST KIDS MINISTRY

Heather Buys

GEMS Sunday

Our GEMS ministry will be highlighted during both morning services. GEMS girls and counselors, please plan to join us up front for a litany and song! Don't forget to wear your GEMS shirts.

Vacation Bible School

Save the date for Stellar VBS! VBS will be Sunday, June 4th through Thursday June 8th. This is for kids age 4 through current 3rd grade

Cadets

The Cadet Snow Derby has been postponed to Saturday, March 4. Transportation will be provided and will leave from the church parking lot at 8:45am. We will return by 3:15/3:30pm. If your son plans to attend, please let us know by signing him up [HERE](#). Once registered, you will get an email that will include all the details!

The Cadet International Camporee will be held in Dunnville, Ontario, CA on July 19-26th. Details and registration can be found at <https://camporee.calvinistcadets.org/registration/>. We will submit payment as a club, so you do not need to pay online. An email with more details will be sent to all Cadets or you may email heather@firstchristianreformed.org with other questions.

Cadets are also working on planning a local campout for those who are interested but not able to travel to Ontario. Save the dates for June 22nd-24th if your son is interested! We will communicate the details as they are planned.

JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Al Van Donkersgoed

Junior High Ministry

Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 5 at First CRC. We will learn about an opportunity to give for Lent, play Grog, and serve snacks, including Hy-Vee ice cream.

CATALYST YOUTH MINISTRY

Will Grisham

SERVE

SERVE registration is filling up fast. There are a few spots remaining for Grand Rapids (June 24-July 1) and Crowne Point (July 15-22 is full!) The total cost in order to attend is \$200. In order to register a non-refundable \$50 dollar deposit must be made to the church. The remaining \$150 has to be made to the church by March 29th.

Service and Volunteer Opportunities Wanted

Catalyst Youth Ministries is looking for ways to serve both our community and our church. If you have a project or a volunteer opportunity that you think would be perfect for the high schoolers let us know! Contact Will at: will@firstchristianreformed.org or (605)-338-6904.

Big Soo Coupon Books

Big Soo Coupon Books are still available! With over \$10,000 dollars in instant savings this book is a must have for any home. Each book is only \$42 each and all of the proceeds go directly to funding Catalyst Youth Ministries future mission work. Stop by the office to get yours today!

DEACON'S MINISTRY

FEBRUARY 26: Offering of the Day is for GEMS. The GEMS club enables girls to live radically different lives by doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God. Please help bring girls to Christ and help them grow in their relationship with Him by supporting this ministry with prayer and financial support.

FEBRUARY 26: Communion Offering is for the Union Gospel Mission. Union Gospel Mission provides nutritious meals, safe shelter from the elements, and other services for the hungry and homeless in Sioux Falls. Their purpose is to "proclaim the gospel of salvation by grace in Christ and Him crucified, for the salvation of souls and the establishing of believers

Offering Totals: February 19

General Fund	\$9,089.83
Building Fund	\$190.00
Faith Promise	\$205.00
Needs of the Family	\$300.00
Ministry Shares	\$1,653.65
Tuition Assistance	\$2,642.70

Next Week's Offering

Next week's offering 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

Grand Total
\$14,081.18

*has blessed First CRC with the
opportunity to minister through these
programs.*

CALENDAR

SUNDAY

8:30 & 10:30am Worship & Nursery
8:30 & 10:30am Children's Church
9:45 Sunday School
9:50am Stephen Ministry Presentation

MONDAY

10:30am Senior Circuit
6:45pm Men's Life
6:45pm Women's Bible Study 45+

TUESDAY

10:30am Senior Circuit
2:00pm Women's Bible Study 55+
6:30pm Pickleball

WEDNESDAY

6:30am Men's Bible Study (office)
10:30am Collision Meals
5:30pm Wednesday Night Meal
6:30pm Cadets
6:30pm Bell Choir Practice
7:00pm Catalyst Youth Ministry

THURSDAY

8:50am MOPS
5:45pm ReFit

FRIDAY

10:30am Senior Circuit

SATURDAY

7:30am Men of Integrity

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