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NEWSLETTER

January 15, 2023

The Church & Office will be CLOSED Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

OFFICE HOURS: The Church Office hours are: Monday-Thursday (8:30 am - 4:00 pm) and Friday (8:30 am-12:00 pm). 1st CRC Newsletter announcements may be sent to office@firstchristianreformed.org. **These are due by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.**

Search Committee- Please keep the Lead Pastor Search Committee in your daily prayers as they seek to follow HIS leading for our Lead Pastor. The Committee includes: Mike Davelaar, Amber VanderWal, Pam Koelewyn, Caleb Veldhouse, Sara Koole, Josh Soodsma, Lisa VandeKamp, Justin Snyder, Rev. Van Rathbun, Brad Van Kalsbeek-Chairperson, Rev. Adam Eisenga-Classical Church Counselor

Centennial Year Worship: Congregational singing has always been an important part of worship at First CRC. As we enter our centennial year, we will include a hymn of the month during our traditional service (8:30 am) to give us a taste of our worshipping church through the decades.

We'll begin with 3 months of psalms, since in the early years we only sang psalms, first in Dutch and then in English after the denomination published a hymnal with English translations of the psalms (1934 Psalter Hymnal). In April, as part of our Easter celebrations, we'll sing "Glory to God/Ehre Sei Gott in English and in Dutch.

In the following 3 months, we'll sing favorites that were added to our hymnals as the Christian Reformed Church became less Dutch and culturally isolated, and more like the Protestant churches around us.

In the months after our celebration in September, which will include many of our favorite hymns, we'll also sing some of our favorite praise songs that have now become an important part of our church's worship.

What we sing in worship truly says who we are- a body of believers who glorify God.

Centennial Update: Sunday services will include the first in a series of Centennial Videos that will lead up to our Centennial Celebration weekend on September 9 and 10. Thanks to all who participated in filming interviews and volunteering to help with the voice overs. Although the production company has not utilized all the interviews and volunteer voices, the overwhelming cooperation of so many in the congregation in submitting voice samples and interviews has made this project a success.

CENTENNIAL TRIVIA

Be sure to note the Centennial Trivia screen during the pre-service announcements each Sunday this year. The answer to the current week's trivia will be given the following week.

Centennial Trivia Q&A from Last Week:

Q: How many worship locations has First CRC had over the last 100 years, including before incorporation?

A: Five total. Two before incorporation (Personal Homes, West Sioux Baptist Church), and three since being incorporated (6th & Spring, 12th & Dakota, and 2901 E 26th Street).

Centennial Trivia Question of the Week:

Match the following missionaries with the location where they serve:

Sadee Van Ruler
Steve & Sandra Brauning
Micah Schuurman
Vasya and Miranda Heytsi
LaVeryl and Max Voss
Rev. Bernie Haan
Rev. Sarah Hoogendoorn

Tyachiv, Ukraine
Avera McKennan Hospital
Papua New Guinea
Bloomington, IN
VA Hospital, Saint Cloud, MN
Dominican Republic
Costa Rica

FIRST STUDENTS & KIDS MINISTRY

Cadets will have the opportunity to work on their Pinewood Derby cars on Saturday, Jan 14 from 8:30am-12:00pm in the Cadet Room. If you did not receive your kit, there will be some available on those work days. The Pinewood Derby will take place on Saturday, January 28.

Junior High Ministry will meet at Great Bear from 2-4pm on Sunday Jan. 22. We ask that you bring \$10 to help cover the cost of tickets. We will serve hot chocolate and cookies at one of the picnic tables outside at 3pm. Some of you have passes for snowboarding and skiing, if you plan on staying to do that after tubing let me know ahead of time, but we would like to stay as a group on the tubing hill between 2 and 4. See you then!

Catalyst Youth Ministry- Catalyst Youth Ministry (formerly HSM) meets every Wednesday from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for games, fellowship and Christ-centered relationship building. It's open to all 9th-12 graders. Invite your friends! Questions? Email Will Grisham at will@firstchristianreformed.org.

Big Soo Coupon books are once again for sale! 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! Questions? Email: will@firstchristianreformed.org

Inspiration Hills Summer Camps open for registration Feb 1. Various camps are available for kids entering 1st to 12th grade. Information is available across from the mailboxes or check it out online at inspirationhills.org

BULLETIN BOARD

Cornerstone Prison Church: Faith Fellowship Weekend

Friday, February 24 – 6:00-7:45pm - Kick Off Worship Service

Saturday, February 25 and Sunday, February 26 – 8:00am-4:00pm each day.

The theme for the weekend is Perseverance. Scripture text comes from James 1:4: “4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, February 2. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. If you would like more information or to sign up, Please contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call 507-215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

Cornerstone Church: As a church we will have the privilege and another great opportunity to worship with our brothers in Christ at the state penitentiary here in Sioux Falls on Friday, February 17. You must be 18 years old and will need to complete the clearance and waiver form prior to entering. These forms must be filled out and returned to Cole no later than January 27. Also, you may need to complete a new waiver since it is the new year. We can have no more than 12 people in our group. If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Cole at the office for further details, regarding forms to fill out and expectations. cole@firstchristianreformed.org

Justice For All is planning a KENTUCKY BUS TOUR, focusing on our 4 major ministry partners: Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY; Helping Hands, Hyden KY, Appalachia Reach Out Inez, KY; and Appalachian Mission of Hope, Berea, KY. The dates are April 12-18, 2023. Join us, learn, and see how God is using beautiful ministries to share HIS love and hope to those who live in very poor communities throughout Kentucky. We’ll be exploring the rich history, culture and stories of the mountain ‘hollers’, coal, and horses! And God’s amazing creation will also be on display! If you are interested or want more information, please contact Pat Vander Pol at JFA (patvp@jfa-nwiowa.org – 712-476-2804).

Justice for All is having a meeting with information about Service & Learning Trips at Justice for All ministry center on Tuesday January 10, 2023 at 6:30pm. Address is for the ministry center is 1335 Valley Drive Rock Valley, IA 51247. There will be light refreshments available. With questions please contact Nick at Justice for All 712-476-2804. Consider going on a trip this year to work alongside others in a different community.

Middle School Bible Teacher: Sioux Falls Christian is seeking a passionate and qualified Middle School Bible Teacher with enthusiasm for the Lord, and for leading middle school-aged students. Primary responsibilities for this position include teaching the Middle School Bible classes. A bachelor's degree is required. A valid teaching certificate/license is preferred but not required. This is currently a Full-time position that would start in August. Please email any questions to:
Jake Pettengill @ jpettengill@siouxfallschristian.org

OFFERING TOTALS: JAN 8, 2023

General Fund	25,567.71
Building Fund	759.12
Faith Promise	1725.02
Ministry Shares	5314.02
Tuition Assistance	1625.00
Inspiration Hills	1349.00
GRAND TOTAL	36,339.87

DEACON'S MINISTRY

JANUARY 15: Offering of the Day is for Tuition Assistance. The Tuition Assistance Fund provides financial support for the families in need of help with the cost of Christian School tuition for the 2022-2023 academic school year.

JANUARY 22: Offering of the Day is for ITEM. International Theological Education Ministries (ITEM) is a religious and educational non-profit corporation serving in the countries of the former Soviet Union, as well as Central and Eastern Europe. It assists denominations by offering training to equip local pastors to accomplish their God-given callings and bring the gospel to their own people.

JANUARY 29: Offering of the Day is for Saint Francis House. The St. Francis House is a transitional housing program in Sioux Falls for the homeless that provides hospitality, fellowship and support to men, women, and families in need. The organization also offers special services for reaching long-term goals, including employment, independent housing, addiction recovery, and money management.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

January 15- January 21, 2023

SUNDAY	8:30 and 10:30am Worship & Nursery 8:30 and 10:30am Children's Church 9:45am Sunday School & Faith Talk 9:45am Choir Practice
MONDAY	Church and Office Closed
TUESDAY	10:30am Senior Circuit 6:30pm Pickleball
WEDNESDAY	6:30am Mens Bible Study (office) 10:30am Collision Meal Ministry 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