



FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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JANUARY 22, 2023

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.**

ROOM CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT: The old conference/council room (across from the library) is now a family room/nursing mother's room. If you need a place to hang out with your kids during or between services, come on in! The service will be played on a large monitor so you can still participate. This room is open to all as a place of fellowship, whether you have kids or not.

The conference room/council room is now where the old visitor center was (next to the mailboxes). It is an excellent place for meetings, prayer, and Bible studies. New signage will be in place soon!

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.

Church Center App: If you don't already have it on your phone, download the Church Center App today! Once set up, you will have access to the church calendar, groups you are in, events, online giving, the directory and more all at your fingertips! Just follow the steps and give permissions for the directory. Try it out! If you need assistance stop into the office or email info@firstchristianreformed.org

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:

Question: Match the following missionaries with the location where they serve:

Answer:

Sadee Van Ruler	Bloomington, IN
Steve & Sandra Brauning	Dominican Republic
Micah Schuurman	Costa Rica
Vasya and Miranda Heytsi	Tyachiv, Ukraine
LaVeryl and Max Voss	Papua New Guinea
Rev. Bernie Haan	Avera McKennan Hospital
Rev. Sarah Hoogendoorn	VA Hospital, Saint Cloud, MN

Centennial Trivia Q&A for This Week:

Q: What 2 figures make up the denominational symbol?



FIRST STUDENTS & KIDS MINISTRY

Cadets Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, January 28 in the First CRC Activity Center. Weigh-ins are at 8:30am and racing will begin at 9:30am. Concessions are available for snacks and lunch. Make plans to join us and cheer on your favorite Cadet!

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: SERVE registration is now open! We will be going to two separate sites: Grand Rapids, MI (June 24-July 1) and Crown Point, IN (July 15-July 22). 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.

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).

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 15, 2023

General Fund	16,956.32
Building Fund	1,144.57
Faith Promise	964.59
Needs of the Family	120.00
Ministry Shares	1660.95
Tuition Assistance	4109.36
Cornerstone Prison Ministry	575.00
Heytsi Missionary Fund	575.03
GRAND TOTAL	26,105.82

DEACON'S MINISTRY

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 22- January 28, 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	10:30am Senior Circuit 6:45pm Men's Life Bible Study
TUESDAY	10:30am Senior Circuit 2:00pm Women's Bible Study 55+ 6:30pm Pickleball
WEDNESDAY	6:30am Mens Bible Study (office) 10:30am Collision Meals 6:30pm GEMS 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Catalyst Youth Ministry
THURSDAY	5:45pm ReFit
FRIDAY	10:30am Senior Circuit
SATURDAY	7:30am Men of Integrity 9:00am Cadet Pinewood Derby

