



## FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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## JANUARY 29, 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](mailto: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!

**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](mailto:info@firstchristianreformed.org)

**Wednesday Night Meal:** If you haven't tried it yet, consider joining us for this week's Wednesday night meal: **Chili Soup and Chicken Tortilla**

**Soup served with Cinnamon Rolls.** Serving is from 5:30 to 6:30pm. All are welcome! Freewill donation to cover the cost of food. We have over 150 people come so you are sure to find someone to you haven't seen in awhile! Meals are served the 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of the month.

**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 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:** What 2 figures make up the denominational symbol?

**Answer:** Cross & Triangle

### Centennial Trivia Q&A for This Week:

**Question:** What was the proposed building cost for our present church building as presented to the congregation in 1966?

- A. \$173,472
- B. \$183,457
- C. \$196,500



## FIRST STUDENTS & KIDS MINISTRY

**VBS:** 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 students. More information to come!

**Cadets:** The Pinewood Derby is this Saturday, January 28th! Cadets need to be at church to weigh-in their cars between 8:30-9:15 am. Racing will start at 9:30 am with the 7th/8th graders, followed by the 3rd/4th graders and then 5th/6th. Concessions will be available. Please also make sure your son is wearing their Cadet shirt!

**Junior High Ministry** meets next Sunday night Feb. 5 from 6:15-7:45 We will hear a message about Perfection: The World and the Bible. We will serve some rooter floats and play a game of "Hot Shot".

**Catalyst Youth Ministry** will be having the first ever Church Lock-In on February 10-11! From 7:00 pm on Friday the 10th through 7:00 am Saturday on the 11th, we will be hanging out and having fun at the church. Bring a sleeping bag and pj's, as well as anything you may need for the night. It's going to be a blast!

**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 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!

**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](http://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. 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](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd.org) or call 507-215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

**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](mailto:jpettengill@siouxfallschristian.org)

**Dordt College Faculty Recital:** On Friday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium, the Dordt University Music Faculty will present a recital featuring compositions by Dordt Alumnus Jonathan Posthuma ('12). Performers include Stephanie Kocher on flute, Carrie Groenewold on organ, Pam De Haan on alto saxophone, MaryLou Wielenga and Lois Vander Zee on piano, and Darren Van't Hul and Pam De Haan on voice, accompanied by Rob Hobgood. You can find out more about Jonathan Posthuma at <https://www.jonathanposthuma.com/>. His musical style seeks to combine lyricism, evocative imagery, and intense emotional contrasts, yet maintains clarity in form and function at their deepest levels.

**Broadway and Desserts at Dordt!** The Dordt University Concert Choir cordially invites you to come and enjoy an enchanting evening of Broadway tunes and sweet treats on Saturday, February 11 at 7:30 pm in the Campus Center on Dordt's campus. You'll hear songs from a wide variety of well-loved musicals, and you'll be served delectable desserts by members of the choir while you listen! Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for students. Kids 5 and under are free, and childcare is available on-site. Tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, February 7 from the Music Department Office (712-722-6222 [anna.bartlett@dordt.edu](mailto:anna.bartlett@dordt.edu)) or from a Concert Choir singer. Proceeds will go toward future Concert Choir tours or other choral events.

**Thank You:** The family of Donna Sjaarda would like to thank all who supported us at this time with food, cards and visits. They were all very much appreciated. We also want to thank Rev. Buwalda for his visits to Donna at the nursing home.

## OFFERING TOTALS: JAN 22, 2023

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| General Fund        | 16,752.18        |
| Building Fund       | 771.69           |
| Faith Promise       | 1,171.60         |
| Needs of the Family | 1,330.00         |
| Ministry Shares     | 1585.53          |
| Tuition Assistance  | 3,776.93         |
| ITEM                | 2,456.99         |
| World Renew         | 600.00           |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>  | <b>28,444.92</b> |

## DEACON'S MINISTRY

**JANUARY 29:** Offering of the Day is for 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 has blessed First CRC with the opportunity to minister through these programs.

**FEBRUARY 5:** Offering of the Day is for Cadets. The Calvinist Cadet Corps is a ministry of men in our church who are dedicated to bringing boys into a living relationship with their Lord and Savior. The goal of Cadets is to help boys in 3rd-8th grade grow in all areas of life, including spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

January 29- February 4, 2023

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| SUNDAY    | 8:30 and 10:30am Worship & Nursery<br>8:30 and 10:30am Children's Church<br>9:45am Sunday School & Faith Talk<br>9:45am Choir Practice                               |
| MONDAY    | 10:30am Senior Circuit<br>6:45pm Men's Life Bible Study  |
| TUESDAY   | 10:30am Senior Circuit<br>6:30pm Pickleball  |
| WEDNESDAY | 6:30am Mens Bible Study (office)<br>10:30am Collision Meals<br>5:30pm Meal Ministry<br>6:30pm Cadets<br>6:30pm Bell Choir Practice<br>7:00pm Catalyst Youth Ministry |
| THURSDAY  | 8:50am MOPS<br>5:45pm ReFit  |
| FRIDAY    | 10:30am Senior Circuit   |
| SATURDAY  | 7:30am Men of Integrity  |

