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CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

January 8, 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.**

**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 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.

**Vocal Choir:** Rehearsals resume Sunday, January 8th. We welcome new members anytime during the choir season. Please consider joining us as we praise our Lord in song during this Centennial year. Rehearsals are on Sundays, 9:45 a.m. in the Choir Room located downstairs.

**Seniors & Friends:** There will be NO January 2023 Senior and Friends meeting at First Christian Reformed Church. Stay tuned for plans as they develop for our February meeting tentatively scheduled for the third Saturday, February 18 for our 9:30 AM coffee and doughnuts with entertainment to be determined.

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

**Communion Sunday:** Communion will be celebrated this Sunday at the 8:30am and 10:30am services. All the bread is gluten free for those with food allergies.

**2023 Giving Envelopes** were placed in your mailboxes. Please pick them up and take them home to allow us to be able to put other items of mail in your boxes. If you would like giving envelopes and did not receive any please contact the office and we will get you a set. Thank you all for your financial gifts which support First CRC's ministry.

# FIRST STUDENTS & KIDS MINISTRY

**Children's Church** will start up again this week, January 8.

**Sunday School & Faith Talk** resumes this week, January 8.

**Cadets** will have the opportunity to work on their Pinewood Derby cars on Saturday, Jan 7 & Saturday, Jan 14 from 8:30-12:00 in the Cadet Room. If you did not received your kit, there will be some available on those work days. The Pinewood Derby will take place on Saturday, January 28.

**Junior High Ministry** starts up on Jan 8 from 6:15-7:45 at First CRC. We will serve ice cream, play some floor hockey, and discuss the what the Bible says about New Years resolutions.

The next time we meet will be at Great Bear on Jan 22 for tubing.

**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@firstchristianrefomed.org](mailto:will@firstchristianrefomed.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](mailto:will@firstchristianreformed.org)

**Meal Ministry** menu this week is Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Potato Bacon Soup, and Cinnamon Rolls.

# BULLETIN BOARD

**Dordt University Concert Choir** from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton. This free concert is part of a spring tour with performances scheduled in Iowa, Minnesota, and North Dakota. Directed by Dr. Rob Hobgood, the Dordt University Concert Choir will perform a wide variety of choral music including hymn arrangements, spirituals, classics from the modern choral repertoire as well as past centuries including Gabrielli, Handel, and Clausen, and several compositions written within the last decade by talented young composers. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

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

**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](mailto: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.

## OFFERING TOTALS: JAN 1, 2023

General Fund	21,272.08
Building Fund	750.00
Faith Promise	510.00
Ministry Shares	720.00
Tuition Assistance	780.00
Heytsi Missionary Fund	525.00
Needs of the Family	1060.00
Cornerstone Prison Ministry	300.00
Union Gospel Mission	100.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>26,017.08</b>

## DEACON'S MINISTRY

**JANUARY 8:** Offering of the Day is for Ministry Shares. Ministry Shares proves the power of shared resources by helping the individual congregations of the CRC participate in regional and global ministries. The program provides everyone at First CRC the opportunity to fund ministry efforts around our region and all over the world.

**JANUARY 8:** Communion Offering is for Inspiration Hills. Inspiration Hills is a year-round camp who's mission is to provide an environment for individuals to come to know and grow in Christ and be challenged for life in God's Kingdom.

**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.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

January 8 - January 14, 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 6:15pm Junior High Ministry
MONDAY	10:30am Senior Circuit 6:45pm Men's Life
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 Meal Ministry 5:30pm Meal Ministry 6:30pm GEMS 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm Women's Bible Study (office) 7:00pm Catalyst Youth Ministry
THURSDAY	5:45pm ReFit
FRIDAY	10:30am Senior Circuit
SATURDAY	7:30am Men of Integrity 8:30am Cadet Derby Car Building Day