FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

March 13, 2020

EASTER CELEBRATION: Join us as we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Savior. Good Friday Service will be help on April 10 @ 6:00 pm and Easter Sunday service on April 21 @ 9:30 am.

SANCTUARY UPDATE: We will be conducting a capital campaign feasibility study in April and then the Council will reconvene in May to make a final recommendation to the congregation in June. In the meantime, we will begin to form a building committee and various subcommittees to assist in the formal planning process. More information to follow on these committees, but feel free to contact the church office at 338-6904 if you have an interest in learning more about these opportunities to serve.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT: March 30 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Looking for a night of fun, worship and inspiration? Invite the women in your life to join you at our Ladies' Night Out featuring speaker Lenae Bultuis. We will begin with Praise and Worship and hear an inspirational message from Lenae. We're all INto something. Maybe you're IN the middle of diapers, deadlines, or despair. Maybe you're IN a season of carpool lines, waiting rooms, or a blank page—wondering what comes next. IN the middle of our messes and stresses, we can forget what matters most. It's not about *WHAT* we're IN, but W*HO* we're IN. Because remembering God's Truth changes everything! Tickets are $10 and can be purchased here. Any questions contact Melissa Prins at melissa@firstchristianreformed.org.

GIVE UP TO GIVE OUT: The "Give-Up-and Give-Out" Lenten Ministry is available here. The devotional for third Sunday of Lent is Acts 4:1-22. The five points on the Vietnamese flag represents different types of people: intellectuals, peasants, workers, traders and soldiers. Christians believe that in Christ all believers have equal dignity, value and purpose. Pray that each citizen will discover true life in Christ. You are also invited to deposit into your envelope $5.00 ($1.00 for each point on the star) so that the gospel will achieve its purpose in Vietnam

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY: We are in need of drivers for food delivery for the Center of Hope on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month. Drivers usually arrive at the Center just before noon and make a run at noon and 2:00 pm. The run includes taking the people to the food pantry, picking up food and returning them to their homes. This is a great opportunity. Please contact al@firstchristianreformed.org for more info.

OUTREACH GRANT: The First CRC Outreach Grant Ministry exists to help organizations external to First CRC bring the gospel for the local, regional and global expansion of God's Kingdom. During the past 2 ½ years, we have received 32 applications and funded 20 grants totaling $229,267. The Council is grateful to the Lord for the privilege to support these ministries. The congregation is again invited to encourage agencies and ministries to apply for support. Applications will be received through March 31, 2020, for funds distribution on July 1, 2020. The application and application requirements can be found HERE or @ firstchristianreformed.org. For further information, please contact Dave Rozenboom at 605-929-8724.

FIRST KIDS

CADET CAMPOREE: This year's International Cadet Camporee will be held July 22-29, 2020 in the UP by Rudyard, Michigan. Cadets must be 11 years old by December 31, 2020 in order to attend. The registration form can be found on our website under Cadets. Please print and return to Chad Kooiman no later than March 15th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chad Kooiman at 605-360-4738; ckooiman@aol.com or Kris Anderson at 605-731-9817; kris@marvsbodyshop.com. The Camporee Website can be visited for more information but PLEASE DO NOT REGISTER ONLINE. Doing so does not include your son on our church's roster and in turn will not secure the transportation or our Cadet club help with funding a portion of the registration.

GEMS: HOT COCOA FOR SALE! GEMS girls are ready to finish up their year and have a few more small boxes of hot cocoa for sale! Flavor choices are original, white chocolate, salted caramel, pumpkin spice, peppermint and white chocolate peppermint. Price reduced to $10 each. If you are interested in purchasing please contact Megan Vander Haar at gems1stcrc@yahoo.com or 605-929-3859. Thanks for your continued support of our ministry!

SAVE THE DATE: Make plans to join us for Vacation Bible School on June 7-11 from 6:00-8:15 pm each night. Our theme is Rocky Railway, where kids will discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's up and downs.

FIRST STUDENTS

SERVE 2020: SERVE leaders are needed! We are in need of adult leaders (21 or older) for the following SERVE trips: Muskegon, MI- 1 male and 1 female; Gallatin Valley, MT- 1 female and 1 male; Niagara, ON (passport required)- 3 leaders (at least one female).

SAVE THE DATE: We are planning to honor our High School and College graduates on Sunday, May 17, 2020 from 9:20-10:40 am with a time of cake and fellowship in the Activity Center. If you have a High School or College student who will be graduating this Spring, please complete this form and email a picture of your student to melissa@firstchristianreformed.org

DEACON'S MINISTRY

March 8, 2020

	OFFERING AMOUNT
General Fund	10,907.00
Building Fund	510.00
Faith Promise	1,455.00
Ministry Shares	4,495.11
Tuition Support Fund	655.00
Need of the Family	125.00
TOTAL	$18,147.11

March 15: Offering of the Day is for Tuition Assistance. The Tuition Assistance Fund provides financial support for families in need of help with the cost of Christian school tuition for the 2019-2020 academic school year.

March 22: Offering of the Day is for Days for Girls International. Days for Girls International increases access to feminine hygiene and education to create a world of dignity, health, and opportunity for all. Since 2008, the organization has reached over a million girls through their kits, which are hand-sewn by volunteers.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE March 13-20, 2020

FRIDAY: 10:30 am Senior Circuit

SUNDAY: 9:30 am Livestream worship @ firstchristianreformed.org

MONDAY-FRIDAY: No Activities

BULLETIN BOARD

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm; Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm.

1st CRC Newsletter announcements may be sent to office@firstchristianreformed.org. These are due by noon on Wednesday.

BIG SOO: Big Soo Coupon Books for 2019-20 are here! Contact megan@firstchristianreformed.org or stop by the church office to pick yours up today for $42. Proceeds go to high school summer mission trips.

THANK YOU: We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our church family for your support while our dear Mother and Grandma was in Hospice and after she went to her heavenly home. We appreciate everyone's love and kindness during his difficult time. We will surely miss her, but her love and memory will be with us, until we meet again on that wonderful day in Glory. Orlie and Linda Aukes and family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! The family of Lorraine Vander Maaten would like to invite the congregation to help celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house on March 21st from 1:00-5:00 pm at Sioux Valley Engery in Brandon. 108 N Heritage Rd, Brandon SD 57005.

INSPIRATION HILLS: Inspiration Hills Camp and Retreat Center invites you to attend their annual Ministry Vision Dinner on Thursday, March 19th, in the Main Lodge. Doors open at 6:00 pm with punch available. A casual meal will be served at 6:30 pm with a brief presentation about the ministry to follow. The meal is free, but reservations are required. A free will offering will be received for the ministry. Please RSVP by calling the office at (712) 986-5193 or at ihills@inspirationhills.org.

HILLS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: The Hills Christian School Spring Sale will be on Friday, March 20. The doors will open at 6:30 pm, and the sale will start at 7:00 pm. Come for an evening of fun and fellowship while supporting Hills Christian. We look forward to seeing you there!

EVENT: *Church Between Borders* is an event encouraging a fresh way to talk about immigration. It will be on Saturday, March 28, at 9:30–11:30 am, at First Reformed Church, 4800 S. Tomar Rd. It will be co-hosted by New Roots Ministry and Dr. Jason Lief, professor at Northwestern College & representative of the Office of Social Justice of the Christian Reformed Church. Be inspired by personal stories, hear lively but non-political discussion, and grow in Biblical insight, all while enjoying ethnic treats.

CORNERSTONE PRISON CHURCH: Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to the 14th Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, April 6, 2020 at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley, IA at 6:30 pm. Doors will open at 6:00 pm. RSVP by March 29 by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or www.cornerstonepcsd.org. If you are unable to attend, you can send your donations to: Cornerstone Prison Church c/o Dave Vande Kamp PO Box 88708 Sioux Falls, SD 57109 or donate online at www.cornerstone.

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE: High school students are invited to participate in the fourth annual Living Your Faith (LYF), a one-week “Christian boot camp” hosted by Northwestern College June 21–26. Students will engage in daily Bible study, worship and service under the mentorship of Northwestern biblical and theological studies professors and students. LYF participants will live on campus and have access to Northwestern facilities and amenities. Living Your Faith costs $200; the fee covers all LYF expenses, including room, board and field trips. Learn more and register at lyf.nwciowa.edu.