



SIoux FALLS, SD

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Jan 15-21

### SERMON SERIES

#### IN ALL THINGS, CHRIST

January 19: Colossians 1:24-2:5 – Christ, the Power in all Our Sufferings

Struggle in our lives can sometimes bring out our best, and yet, sadly, sometimes our worst. When we struggle – sometimes with our faith, our in life's circumstances, or even in matters of spiritual warfare – there is a testing that taps deep inside us. The question is: what's inside us? Paul tells us clearly that in the midst of his struggles (and the same can be said of us), he struggles "with all His (that is, Christ's) energy that He powerfully works within me." (1:29). The good news is that despite our weakest moments, Christ's power works in the midst of our struggle... we can count on Him!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Sunday Bible Study- Starting up this week

We are a small group of couples of various ages that meets every 4 weeks from 10:15-11:15am, and are looking for some new members, singles or couples to expand our group! We will be starting again on January 19. The Bible study we are doing goes through the entire book of Romans. In Romans, the Apostle Paul unfolds God's way to righteousness explaining how we can be reconciled to God and transformed into the people He means us to be. Sin, salvation, grace, death, and resurrection are all discussed. If interested contact [Emily Buckmiller](#).

#### Senior & Friends

Senior and Friends will meet Saturday morning, January 18, 2025 at 9:30 AM in the Fireside room at 1st CRC. We will be treated to homemade cookies and some good morning fun. Join us for a game or two of bingo with an experienced bingo caller. There will be great prizes and even a blackout prize.

We will get off to a good start in the new year even though the timing for our fun may be a bit non-traditional. Bring your cheerful smiles and your friends too.

#### Jan 19 Care Group Gatherings

Care Group 1 will be having rolls and coffee between services downstairs in classroom 2

Care Group 3 will be having donuts and coffee between services downstairs in classroom 1

### CHURCH FAMILY

## Thank You

A note of Thanks from Dale + Lynette Bonnema. "Thanks to the congregation for cards, thoughts + prayers after the passing of Dale's mother."

A note of Thanks from Al & Deb Fransman "Thanks to the congregation for cards, gifts, thoughts and prayer after the passing of our mother."

## Baptism & Profession This Week Sunday

Please join us this week at the 10:30am service to witness the Profession of Faith of Tate Snyder (Justin & Dana Snyder) and the Baptism of Palmer Nibbelink (Dominic & Brooke Nibbelink).

## Don Kooiman- Celebration of Life

Visitation will be held from 3-5pm at First CRC on Sunday, January 19.

Celebration of Life Service will be held 10:30am Monday, January 20 at First CRC with visitation 1 hour prior to service. A private family burial will be in the South Dakota State Veteran's Cemetery in Sioux Falls.

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

### Upcoming Menu:

Jan 15: Pasta Bar with choice of Spaghetti Sauce or Italian Chicken

Jan 22: Pizza

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## FIRST KIDS

Jill Smith

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**No Sunday School or Faith Talk This Week Sunday- January 19**

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## HOSPITALITY

Denaë Matherly

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### Hospitality Meeting Tonight—Help Us Pick a Better Name!

Calling all dreamers of a more welcoming church and culture changers! If you've been waiting for the perfect way to make a difference, this is it. Our first agenda item: brainstorming a new name for this committee (because "Hospitality Committee" could use a glow-up).

We kicked things off in November, but in true hospitality fashion, our doors are always open to new members—because, well, that's what we're all about!

Tonight, we'll settle on a regular meeting schedule, prioritize projects and initiatives, and get the ball rolling. Join us at 6:00 PM in the conference room (next to the mailboxes). Feel free to bring your meal from the Meal Ministry—consider it our first act of welcoming hospitality. See you there!

### Feed the Team: Staff Lunch Opportunity!

Guess what? We've moved our staff meetings to noon on Wednesdays! And while there's nothing wrong with a brown bag lunch of slightly stale sandwiches and an overly bruised apple (a true culinary classic), we thought we'd throw out a fun idea for anyone looking to support the team.

A few of you have recently asked how you can help us out, and here's an easy one—lunch! If you'd like to provide a meal for one of our meetings, we'd love it (and we'd feel so supported). No pressure to be fancy or go full-on homemade—takeout or pizza is just as much a love language as lasagna.

If this sounds like your kind of thing, let us know! Our stomachs (and hearts) will thank you.

[Sign Up to Provide Lunch](#)

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# JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

## Al VanDonkersgoed

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### JHM

Our next meeting, on Jan 26th is at Great Bear Ski Valley for an afternoon of Tubing. We will Tube from 2:30-4:30 and serve hot chocolate and cookies. Feel free to make arrangements to stay and snowboard or ski, but during our time plan on tubing. I have attached the instructions for signing the waiver and registration. Payment is not required, but we ask that you donate \$5 to cover some of the costs.

#### PARTICIPANT INSTRUCTIONS

- Visit this link: <https://shop.greatbearpark.com/groups>
- Use Group Code: \_\_\_\_\_FIRST2025\_\_\_\_\_
- Click for Group Details and Information
- Select "Continue to Register"
- Fill out requested information > select desired group items > select "continue"
- Sign Universal Waiver by selecting red "Form/Waiver REQUIRED" button in the shopping cart
- Follow checkout process per if participant is paying or if leader is paying

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# CATALYST

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### Upcoming Meetings:

Jan 15: Catalyst @ Union Gospel Mission  
Jan 22: Worship and Senior Testimonies  
Jan 29: Catalyst @ at Great Bear

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# COMMUNITY

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### RESGEN Men's Summit

Come be part of this year's RESGEN Men's Summit on Saturday, February 1 from 8am-1pm at Central Church in Sioux Falls. RESGEN's Mission is Engaging, Equipping and Encouraging Men to become more like Jesus Every Day. For more details and tickets, visit [resgen.org](http://resgen.org)

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# DEACON'S MINISTRY

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### January 19 Building Fund

The Building Fund is designated towards the First CRC Church building and grounds maintenance in order to preserve and provide long-term care for our facilities

### Upcoming: Jan 26 GEMS

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## Offering Totals from Last Week

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General Fund: \$ 24,934  
Ministry Shares: \$ 455  
Faith Promise: \$ 2,065  
Building Fund: \$ 890  
Tuition Assistance: \$ 630  
St. Francis House: \$ 1634

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**Weekly Total: \$ 30,608**

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# CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY, JAN 15

- **Wednesday Night Meal**  
5:30–6:30pm
- **Prayer Meeting**  
6:30–7:30pm
- **Cadets**  
6:30–8:30pm
- **Banner Meeting**  
6:45–8:15pm
- **Catalyst @ UGM**

## THURSDAY, JAN 16- No Events

## FRIDAY, JAN 17

- **Young Adult Men's Study**  
6:30–7:30am
- **Senior Circuit**  
10:30–11:30am

## SATURDAY, JAN 18

- **Men of Integrity**  
7:30–8:30am
- **Seniors and Friends**  
9:30–11:30am

## SUNDAY, JAN 19

- **Worship**  
8:30– & 10:30am
- **Children's Church**  
8:30–11:30am
- **No Sunday School or Faith Talk Classes**  
9:45–10:15am
- **Vocal Choir Rehearsal**  
9:45–10:45am
- **Cornerstone Prison Ministry Meeting**  
2–4pm
- **Don Kooiman Visitation**  
3–5pm

## MONDAY, JAN 20

- **Office Closed**
- **Don Kooiman Visitation**  
9:30–10:30am
- **Don Kooiman Celebration of Life**  
10:30–11:30am with meal to follow

## TUESDAY, JAN 21

- **Senior Circuit**  
10:30–11:30am
- **Ad Board Meeting**  
6–8pm

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