



SIoux FALLS, SD

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Jan 22-28

SERMON SERIES

IN ALL THINGS, CHRIST

January 26: Colossians 2:6-23 – Christ, the Savior

This week we revisit the core of our salvation – Jesus Christ died to save us from our sin. This core impacts more than the moment or our eternity but impacts every facet of life. It changes everything... how we view our work, our family, church life, our purpose, identity... everything. The Apostle Paul illustrates for us in our passage this week the challenge that exists to bring all things under Christ - because of Christ and for Christ - because of the ongoing battle of the “old self” dying and the “new self” coming to life. How do we keep from slipping into old patterns and walk in the salvation we have through Christ? This will be our focus this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dominican Team Service Trip

The team will be leaving Jan 24 and returning February 2. Members include: Rick & Jasmine Vander Haar, Joy & Ethan Scholten, Di Olson, Doug Tinklenberg, Jodi Zylstra, Phill Bonnema, Nate Buys, and Matt Van Zee.

Parents of College Students

We are getting ready to send out care packages to our students who are off to college. We need your help with addresses and who should still be on the list. An email went out to the list of parents that populate the College parent list recently. If you didn't receive an email, please let us know, and we will get you added.

If your student has moved on from college and should be removed from the list, let us know as well. Contact Mike Davelaar or Colin Attema for more information.

CHURCH FAMILY

Thank You From Chad & Sara Kooiman Family

To the body of Christ at First CRC – Thank you! Our family has experienced the power of the Spirit, the Healer and our Provider and prayer because of you in a whole new way because of Chad's recent cancer diagnosis and surgery! And we have been and continue to be blessed beyond measure with all the expressions of love and support in words and actions! Your support has touched our lives and hearts!

In deepest gratitude, Chad & Sara Kooiman & family – Psalm 91

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Upcoming Menu:

Jan 22: Pizza

February 5: TBD

February 12: TBD

FIRST KIDS

Jill Smith

GEMS & Cadets Sunday

GEMS Sunday will be held this Sunday January 26 and Cadets Sunday will be the following Sunday February 2.

Sioux Falls Pinewood Derby -- Shalom & First CRC

The Derby will take place at First CRC Saturday, January 25

Schedule:

- Registration will be available in advance online
- 8:30-9:30 - Car Weigh In
- 9:45 - Opening Ceremonies
- 10:00 - Races start for lower division (3rd & 4th grade)
- 11:30* - Races start for middle division (5th & 6th grade)
- 12:30* - Races start for upper division (7th & 8th grade)
- Awards will take place after each division

Concessions will be available all day (beverages, snacks, candy, nachos, sloppy joes, hot dogs, etc)

[Register - Pine Wood Derby](#)

HOSPITALITY

Denaë Matherly

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](#)

Round Two of Nametag Ordering is Here!

Good news: All the kinks have been worked out, and this round of nametags will arrive much quicker than the first batch (hallelujah!).

Side note: If your order was missed or a little off the first time around, no worries! The corrected versions will be waiting for you in your mailbox this Sunday.

Ready to order your shiny new nametag? Just click the link below and let's make it happen!

[🔗 Click here to order your nametag!](#)

Let's keep those names front and center—no more awkward, “Sorry, what's your name again?” moments!

Cookies in between services this week!

Why? Because winter is long and cold and cookies make things better.

JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Al VanDonkersgoed

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

CATALYST

Upcoming Meetings:

Jan 22: Worship and Senior Testimonies

Jan 29: Catalyst @ at Great Bear

Next week Jan 29th, Catalyst is at Great Bear Ski Valley for an evening of Tubing. We will tube starting at 5 pm until 8 pm. Come anytime from 5 pm onwards. There will **not be any vans from church** so meet out at Great Bear. Use the link below to sign the waiver and register. Bring \$5.00 cash along and Catalyst will cover the rest. Payment is NOT required upon registration but please register so we know you are coming and so we can get the group discount and have your ticket ready.

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- Visit this link: <https://shop.greatbearpark.com/groups>
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- Click for Group Details and Information
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COMMUNITY

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

New Roots

- If you have a group of 4-8 teenagers, would you all be interested in hanging out with New Roots Ministry staff for a few hours on a Saturday afternoon, eating an interesting, good meal, helping in a store owned by a former refugee or immigrant, and interacting with and hearing their life stories? To inquire, email Fred at sfnewroots@gmail.com.
- If you have a group of 2-8 adults, would you be interested in hanging out with New Roots Ministry staff for a few hours on a weekday afternoon? That would include shopping in a couple of stores owned by former refugees or immigrants, hearing their stories, and being blessed by some good interaction and some interesting foods and beverages. To inquire, email Fred at sfnewroots@gmail.com.
- New Roots Ministry offers driver training for new American adults. If you drive reasonably well and may be interested in volunteering as an instructor, let us know. (Or, if you do not live close to Sioux Falls, but may want to do this in your community, let us know.) We have braking tools and signs highlighting "student driver," to make it safer. As well, we require that students provide an insured car. Make new friends who will greatly appreciate you. Also, it's an opportunity to pray with, and share faith with, others. To inquire, email Fred at sfnewroots@gmail.com.
- Join New Roots Ministry on a Saturday between May--October for a 5-hour session of Everyday-Ambassador Practicum. Yep, it's about learning to more often, and more effectively, share what is so dear to us--God's good news. Read about this at <http://sfnewroots.com/our-ministries>.

DEACON'S MINISTRY

January 26 GEMS

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: Feb 2- Cadets

Offering Totals from Last Week

General Fund: \$ 22,670
Ministry Shares: \$ 600
Faith Promise: \$ 1,180
Building Fund: \$ 1,223
Tuition Assistance: \$ \$493
St. Francis House: \$ 1,564

Weekly Total: \$ 27,730

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JAN 22

- **Wednesday Night Meal -Pizza**
5:30–6:30pm
- **Prayer Meeting**
6:30–7:30pm
- **GEMS**
6:30–8:30pm
- **Women's Bible Study**
6:30–8:30pm
- **Catalyst**
7–9pm

THURSDAY, JAN 23

- **MomCo**
8:30–11am

FRIDAY, JAN 24

- **Senior Circuit**
10:30–11:30am

SATURDAY, JAN 25

- **Men of Integrity**
7:30–8:30am
- **Pine Wood Derby**
8am–4pm

SUNDAY, JAN 26

- **Worship**
8:30–11:30am
- **Children's Church**
8:30–11:30am
- **Sunday School & Faith Talk**
9:45–10:15am
- **Vocal Choir Rehearsal**
9:45–10:45am | Every Sunday
- **Faith Talk for HS**
9:45am–10:15pm
- **Junior High Ministry @ Great Bear**
2:30–4:30pm

MONDAY, JAN 27

- **Senior Circuit**
10:30–11:30am
- **Men's Life Bible Study**
6:45–8pm | Every Monday
- **Monday Night Women's Bible Study**
6:45–8pm

TUESDAY, JAN 28

- **Senior Circuit**
10:30–11:30am
- **Tuesday Women's Bible Study**
2–3:30pm

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