



SIoux FALLS, SD

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Jan 2- Jan 7

## NEW SERMON SERIES

### **“In All Things, Christ”**

Due North. The compass orients itself based on the absolute of true north. All coordinates derive their exactness based on their relation to true north. We adhere to the absoluteness of true north to our benefit when charting our course. We ignore it to our detriment, and at worse, to our demise.

For the believer, the “true north” is the Word, and that Word incarnate, Christ. All matters of life find their true meaning, true purpose, true life course when they are oriented according to the true north of Christ. When all of life orients to Christ, it is to our benefit. When we choose not to orient to Christ, it is to our detriment, if not our demise... even eternal demise.

We are going to kick off 2025 as a church orienting to “true north” – Christ. We will be working through the book of Colossians, a letter written by Paul to the church in Colossae, that, in part, was battling a heresy that sought to undermine the true north of Christ in all things. As we seek to be a life-giving community of Christ-followers, let us seize this opportunity to align all facets of life to Christ and find our true identity and purpose in Him!

### **January 5: Colossians 1:1-14 – Christ, the Source of All Life**

This week we will look at the importance of Christ being the “source” of the “all” referenced in our series title, “In All Things, Christ.” Sourcing impacts issues of identity, capacity, and trajectory for our lives as we firmly plant our lives in Christ. We find that all we need in this life flows out of Christ, and from this we experience the “life abundant” Christ has in mind for all His followers.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **College Connect**

Come again this Friday to hang out - January 3 from 7-10 in the First Perks area!

### **Sunday Bible Study- Open to New Members!**

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

There will be no December Meeting this month. Please make your calendars for Saturday, January 18th for our next gathering!

## Giving Envelopes

Giving Envelopes will still be setting out this week. **If you indicated you did not use them last year, you will not have envelopes out.** If you have envelopes out and do not want them, toss them in the bin below the table so we can record that you do not want them. If you do want envelopes and they are not on the table, please email [office@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:office@firstchristianreformed.org)

## Thank You!

Thank you so much for your prayers and support as Jen & I traveled to the University of Iowa Hospital to visit my mom after her aneurysm. We are thankful for the time spent with my dad and sisters and for being able to see her start to recover. Please continue to pray for full recovery as she receives rehabilitation care. Isaac Lyon

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

### Upcoming Menu:

Jan 8: Chili or Chicken Tortilla Soup & Cinnamon Rolls

Jan 15: TBD

Jan 22: Pizza

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## WORSHIP

### Gabby Friez

### Choir Rehearsals

Vocal Choir rehearsals begin Sunday, January 5. New members, high school age on up, are welcome to join any time during our ministry season. Besides our vocal choir, we will have a Women's Chorus in March and a Men's Chorus in April.

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## JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

### Al VanDonkersgoed

### JHM

This month we meet Jan 12 from 6:15-7:45 at First CRC, and Jan 26th at Great Bear weather permitting. We will play some floor hockey, have some hot cocoa and cookies, and answer the question, "What does it mean to be baptized?"

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## CATALYST

### Upcoming Meetings:

Jan 8: Meeting at church

Jan 15: Catalyst goes to Union Gospel Mission

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# DEACON'S MINISTRY

## January 5 Ministry Shares

Ministry Shares proves the power of shared resources by helping the individual congregations of the Christian Reformed Church 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 while operating at very high efficiency.

**Upcoming: Jan 12 General Fund**  
**Jan 12 Communion: St Francis House**

## Offering Totals from Last Week

General Fund: \$ 38,282  
Ministry Shares: \$ 2,430  
Faith Promise: \$ 500  
Building Fund: \$ 2,260  
Tuition Assistance: \$ 690

**Weekly Total: \$ 44,162**

## CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, JAN 3

- **Young Adult Men's Bible Study**  
6:30-7:30am
- **College Connect**  
7-10pm

### SUNDAY, JAN 5

- **Worship**  
8:30 & 10:30am
- **Children's Church**  
8:30-11:30am
- **Sunday School**  
9:45-10:15am
- **Faith Talk for HS**  
9:45am-10:15pm

### MONDAY, JAN 6

- **Senior Circuit**  
10:30-11:30am
- **Men's Life Bible Study**  
6:45-8pm
- **Dominican Meeting**  
7-8pm
- **Banner Committee**  
7-8:30pm

### TUESDAY, JAN 7

- **Senior Circuit**  
10:30-11:30am
- **Elders, Deacons, Lay Shepherds**  
7-9pm

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