



SIoux FALLS, SD

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 16-22

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Meal Tonight- Oct 16

Menu: Pizza, Salad Bar, Hot Dogs, Cookies

Gluten Free options always available

Tonight is a great time to bring your winter clothing donations for Center of Hope!

Fall Sermon Series Deep Dive

Make sure to join us tonight again, October 16, at 6:45pm for Deep Dive as we wrestle with the subject matter of the fall sermon series. Please come into the sanctuary at 6:45pm and join in as the GEMS are finishing their worship.

Mark your calendars for a **Special Edition of Deep Dive on Wednesday, October 30!** We will be examining the ballot initiatives, referendums, and amendment proposals that will be appearing on the South Dakota ballot this year and asking ourselves as Christians – how should we think on these matters and how would we apply the creational ordering principles to these items. Thank you to all who come on Wednesday nights for great discussion, hard questions, and careful reflection on the matters that impact us each day!

Holiday Services

This year, we will be trying out something new regarding our upcoming holiday services to allow employees and volunteers to be able to spend more time with their families.

Please join us for:

Thanksgiving Eve Service held Wednesday, Nov 27 at 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Service held on December 24 at 5:00pm.

Dominican Republic Church Build Trip

We are looking for volunteers to join us for our next church build project in the Dominican Republic. We will be working with the Iglesia Christiana Reformada Church in Villa Nizao, south of Barahona in the southwest part of the country. We will leave on Friday Jan. 24 and return on Saturday Feb 1, 2025. This is a small congregation that has been waiting for 25 years for a church building of their own. This will be our 11th church build project in the Dominican Republic. Please contact Rick Vander Haar at 605-366-2794 if you are interested or have questions.

Thank You Vern!

We want to extend a word of gratitude to Vern TenNapel as he has helped First CRC with custodial needs for the past 2 years. Vern has truly been a blessing to the staff as he has given time and effort to maintaining our facility, filling in gaps while we patiently waited for a full time hire. The Lord truly gave us Vern and his incredible attitude as a gift through this time of transition. Please take a minute to find Vern and thank him for all of his work here at First CRC.

Senior & Friends

Senior and Friends will meet on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room at 1st CRC. Join us for coffee, doughnuts and bring a friend.

Dawn Wieking, a high school English teacher at Sioux Falls Christian, will be our guest speaker. She will share with us what it means to be a Teaching for Transformation school which is a way of embedding a Biblical Worldview into every subject. Dawn brings lots of experience to this subject. She is a graduate of Northwestern College and has a Master's degree as a Reading Teacher Education K-12 from the University of Sioux Falls.

Winter Clothing Drive For Center of Hope

👶 Baby It's Cold Outside 👶...Well, it will be soon! First CRC has partnered with Center of Hope to supply winter gear for the underserved and disadvantaged in our community. **From October 9th to November 30th** we'll have 2 large bins set out at church to collect a variety of cold winter gear for Center of Hope. High-need items include Men's jeans, snowpants, gloves, mittens & blankets. However, they will accept cold weather gear for Men & Women / Boys & Girls of ALL ages. Other needs include snowboots, shoes & general clothing. Items can be new or gently used. Let's clear out those closets! Questions can be directed to Kearsen Nyenhuis (605) 929-2021 or joshandkearsen@gmail.com.

Care Group 5 & 8 Potluck

Please join us for lunch and fellowship on **October 20** following the second service in the Activity Center. The leaders will provide soup and cinnamon rolls (and hot dogs for the kids). We invite you to bring a side or dessert to share. We hope to see you there!

Care Group 6 Potluck

We'll be having a potluck on **October 27th**, following the second service, in the Activities Center. We'll have pulled pork sandwiches, provided by our Care Group leaders! Last name A-M please bring a side dish; Last name N-Z please bring a dessert. We look forward to seeing you there!
-CG6 (Matthew Davelaar, Tim Van Vugt, Di Olson & Kearsen Nyenhuis).

MISSIONS

October Mission Spotlight: Heytsi Mission in Ukraine

- Has built a farm to increase food production
- Has put up green houses to produce fruits and vegetables for added income
- The future needs for food are very uncertain
- Gave out monthly food packages to refugees



FIRST KIDS

Jill Smith

Mark Your Calendars- Christmas Program

First CRC's Christmas Program will be held Dec 15 at 4:00pm. Preschool through 3rd Grade.

Kids Sing with the Praise Team

Practice to sing with praise and worship team is 9:30-9:45, Oct 20

WORSHIP

Gabby Friez

Hymn of the Month

"All Glory Be to God on High" was written by Nikolaus Decius, a monk who studied under Martin Luther, in 1525. First written in the early part of the Reformation, we use this hymn as a celebration of The Reformation that we observe at the end of the month. As we sing this hymn, we join the voices of the believers that have gone before us as we acclaim the glory of God!

Song of the Month

Our song of the month at the 10:30 service is "Today, Tomorrow and Forever" by Sanctus Real. Written in 2020, this song helps us focus on the faithfulness of God through all of life's circumstances and our response to live and to worship him. This upbeat song is sure to add some celebration to our worship services as we recommit our lives to God each week.

Fall Hymn Sing

Our annual Fall Hymn Sing will be October 20 at 5 pm in the Sanctuary. Come for a time of worship and fellowship as we gather together to bring honor and glory to our Lord and King. Come prepared to shout out your favorites from our Lift Up Your Hearts hymnals! We hope to see you there!

HOSPITALITY

Denaë Matherly

Wednesday Meals – Upcoming Dates

- **Wednesday, October 16:** Pizza, Hotdogs, Salad Bar, and Cookies
 - **Wednesday, November 6:** Catalyst Therefore Go Eat Tacos Fundraiser
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JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Al VanDonkersgoed

JHM

We meet on October 27 at Suburban Lanes from 6:30-8pm for a night of bowling. We will provide pizza and drink as a snack. Take time this week to read Romans 8 as we grow in understanding of who Christ is.

CATALYST

NACHO ORDINARY FUNDRAISER!

Catalyst will be having its annual Taco Feed Fundraiser on Wednesday, Nov 6. They will be raising money to pay for summer mission trips to SERVE sites all over the country. Last year, we sent over 30 kids to Michigan and California. We'd love to have the ability to do that again and more! Join in the festivities for tacos and all the fixin's as we hope to raise \$10,000+ for Summer SERVE Projects!

COMMUNITY

Center of Hope

Christmas is around the corner! Plan to be a blessing this Christmas season by being a gift donor or volunteer in the Sharing Christmas program! Sharing Christmas is a collaborative effort of Center of Hope and The Community Outreach that ensures Christmas gifts are possible for struggling families in our community. Please reach out to Adam Hofer via email at adam@centerofhopesf.org, if you want to get involved!

DEACON'S MINISTRY

October 20 General Fund

The General Fund supports the local ministry programs, including evangelism, youth, children, adults, worship, small group, and health ministries, as well as the operational expenses of the property, office, and personnel expenses. God has blessed First CRC with the opportunity to minister through these programs

Coming Up: October 27- Building Fund

Offering Totals from Last Week

General Fund: \$ 11,362
Ministry Shares: \$4359
Faith Promise: \$ 471
Building Fund: \$ 1585
Tuition Assistance: \$ 430
Hope Haven: \$ 1410

Weekly Total: \$ 19,617

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCT 16

- **Wednesday Night Meal - Pizza**
5:30-6:30pm
- **Prayer Meeting**
6-6:30pm
- **Handbell Choir**
6:30-7:30pm
- **Cadets**
6:30-8:30pm
- **Forum-Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of God**
6:45-8pm
- **Catalyst**
7-9pm

THURSDAY, OCT 17

- No Events

FRIDAY, OCT 18

- **Senior Circuit**
10:30-11:30am

SATURDAY, OCT 19

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

SUNDAY, OCT 20

- **Worship**
8:30 & 10:30am
- **Children's Church**
8:30 & 10:30am
- **Vocal Choir Rehearsal**
9:30-10:30am
- **Sunday School**
9:45-10:15am
- **Faith Talk for HS**
9:45am-10:15pm
- **Care Group 8 Lunch**
11:30-1pm
- **Fall Hymn Sing**
5:00-6:00pm

MONDAY OCT 21

- **Senior Circuit**
10:30-11:30am
- **Men's Life Bible Study**
6:45-8:00pm

TUESDAY, OCT 22

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

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