

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

November 17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Service November 23 at 9:30am

Congregational Meeting Dec. 11 at 7:00pm

Pulpit Supply- November & December

Nov 19- Luke Vander Leest
Nov 23- Bernie Haan-Thanksgiving
Nov 26- Bernie Haan
Dec 3- Carl Zylstra
Dec 10- Carl Zylstra
Dec 17- Carl Zylstra
Dec 24- Carl Zylstra
Dec 31- Bernie Haan

Thanksgiving Meal

Nowhere to go for Thanksgiving? Come join us at church for a meal on November 23 at 11:30am. Call or email Holly Burns for more information: 605-201-4723

Dominican Republic Trip

We are in need of 1 more volunteer to join us in the Dominican Republic to help with our next church build project with tentative dates for the trip being set for Feb 2-10, 2024. The volunteers are responsible for paying for their airfare. First CRC covers the rest of the expenses. Please contact Rick Vander Haar. 605-366-2794.

Custodial

We would like to welcome Dawn Bonnema, a member of our church, and new to our staff. Dawn will be filling the custodial position on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We are blessed to have her and ask that you take a minute to welcome her to the staff.

First CRC is actively looking for Daytime Custodial Help between the hours of 7:30 and noon. Mon, Wednesday and Friday. This position could be as few as 10 hours a week or as many as 20 hours a week. For more information contact Al vanDonkersgoed at al@firstchristianreformed.org or in person at First CRC.

Seniors & Friends

We will have a catered Thanksgiving Dinner at 11:30 AM on Saturday, November 18, 2023. Ron and Simplice will share about their recent trip to Africa and remind us of this season of thankfulness. There will be a \$15.00 charge per person for the meal. Pre-registration is required by November 10. Please contact Bonnie Gorter at 605-214-4914, Luella Schaap at 605-366-6688 or Marcene Struiksma at 605-376-1316.

Thank You

Thank You for all the prayer, phone calls, cards and visits during my recent heart problems. God's grace is sufficient every day!

Everett (& Jeanette) Vande Voort

Thank You, Care Group 9!

A big thank you to Care Group 9 for all their hard work raking my leaves and cleaning up my yard!

Bertha Vos

Meal Train

Patty Veurink: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/ekqzw1>

OUR MISSIONARIES

Missions Team

November Missionary Spotlight



Stephen & Sandra Brauning- Dominican Republic Resonate Global Mission

This week, we will show a video from Stephen and Sandra Brauning about them and the work they're doing to spread the light of Jesus Christ in the Dominican Republic.

There is an opportunity to join the team going to the Dominican Republic in early 2024 and we hope you will prayerfully consider that. We would like to thank each of you for prayerfully and financially supporting God's call to witness and serve in God's Kingdom.

CAP MEALS

Holly Burns

Cap Meal Delivery

Please head to activity center at 9:30 on Sunday if you will be helping out with delivery of CAP meals.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

1st & 2nd Wednesdays- 5:30-6:30pm

December 6: Menu TBD

December 13: Menu TBD

***Menu Subject to change**

All meals are Free Will Donation

Gluten Free options always available

CENTENNIAL

1923-2023

Last Week's Trivia:

Q: From what church did the Sioux Falls Christian Reformed Church purchase the church building at 6th & Spring Ave.?

A: Augustana Lutheran Church

This Week's Trivia:

Q: What does the acronym CAP stand for as we prepare to make and deliver CAP Meals?

FIRST KIDS MINISTRY

Jill Smith

Christmas Program

K-3rd will begin Christmas Program is Dec.10th at 3pm. Christmas Program Practice will continue this week Sunday from 9:30-9:45 in the GEMS room.

Children's Church Teachers Needed!

We need more children's church teachers! This is a great opportunity for anyone who enjoys working with preschoolers. We have had some amazing high schoolers come help out and love it.

JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Al Van Donkersgoed

No 8th Grade Sunday School This Week

JHM

Our next meeting will be Nov. 26th. Since it is Thanksgiving weekend we will do a game night from 6-8pm. We will have pickle ball set up in the gym, with ball tag, poof soccer and beanbags downstairs. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend. Snacks and drinks served!

Next meeting Dec. 10. We will meet at Suburban Lanes for a night of bowling.

CATALYST YOUTH MINISTRY

Will Grisham

Serve Coordinators Still Needed!

Preparations for Sioux Falls SERVE 2024 are already underway and we want YOU to join the coordinator team! The coordinator team helps lead every aspect of SERVE from the kitchen to the worksites. We have a few specific positions that need to be filled before November 10th.

2 Worksite Coordinators: The Worksite Coordinators help decide and plan all of our service projects. They connect with the people we are serving, finding out exactly what service they require and what jobs our students will be doing. During the actual week of SERVE, they will go to all of the different worksites and stay in communication with the community to make sure the job is getting done.

1 Food Coordinators: The food coordinator leads the kitchen team in ensuring every student and leader receives a good breakfast, lunch, and dinner during the week of SERVE.

HOSPITALITY

Denae Matherly

First Perks Training

Do you want to learn how to Barista?

We are hosting a training and social night for ANYONE interested in learning how to sling coffee for Jesus.

Who: Current baristas AND those who want to learn the art of coffee

When: Monday, November 27, 7-8:30 p.m. (Snacks and coffee provided)

Email Denae with questions -denae@firstchristianreformed.org

Family Photo?

Taking that Christmas card photo soon? Got a great snap from a summer vacation? You can email us any family or church related photos at (connect@firstchristianreformed.org), text photos to (605-321-8363), or upload it to the Church center app on your profile page. Photos don't need to be professional. They can even be selfies with your cat, dog or favorite houseplant. We just want to be able to put a name to a face!

WORSHIP

Gabby Friez

Advent Wreath Readers/Candlelighters NEEDED

It's hard to believe that Advent begins just a little over a month from now. We are in need of families or friends that would like to help lead the congregation in the Advent wreath candle lighting and reading for either service on December 3, 10, 17, and 24. People of all ages are invited to help out. Reach out to Gabby at gabby@firstchristianreformed.org for more information or to volunteer.

Candlelight Service Readers NEEDED!

We are in need of readers for our candlelight service this year. The service is at 7 pm on Sunday, December 17. Practice for the readers will be before the service (time tbd). Anyone 7th grade and above is invited to participate. If your interested in helping out with this or have questions please reach out to Gabby at gabby@firstchristianreformed.org

Attention 5th and 6th graders!

We are once again looking for 5th and 6th graders to help light the candles for our candlelight service. The service is Sunday December 17 at 7 pm. If you are interested in helping out, please reach out to Gabby at gabby@firstchristianreformed.org.

Christmas Hymn Sing

Do you wish you could sing your favorite Christmas hymns more often during the Christmas season? Here's your chance! Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Hymn Sing on Sunday December 3 at 5 pm in the Sanctuary. Come for a fun night of Christmas hymns and festive fellowship. We hope to see you there!

Song of the Month

Our November song of the month for the 10:30 service is "I Speak Jesus" performed by Charity Gayle. This song, published in 2019, has more recently taken the Christian community by storm for its exaltation of the name of Jesus while also focusing on healing and declaration. Naming hardships such as mental health and addictions, this song elevates our Lord over all the struggles that we have, exalting Him alone as the provider of healing and help in troubled times.

Hymn of the Month

Our November Centennial Song of the Month is "We Receive Your Blessing". This song, written by Grace and Natasha Moes in 2003, is a great addition to the doxology section of our repertoire for the 8:30 service. Combining a new melody with both new and familiar words, this song gives us both a freshness and familiarity that I hope you will enjoy.

DEACON'S MINISTRY

November 19: Offering of the Day – Hope Haven

Hope Haven nurtures independence through a broad range of services for children, adults, and families with unique challenges. The Hope Haven staff values and equips individuals according to their strengths and abilities. Over 55 years, Hope Haven also has delivered over 125,000 wheelchairs to those in need around the globe.

Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes

We give Thanksgiving offerings to share the blessings that God has given us with others. This year there are nine different areas that you can support. You can give the envelopes during the collection on Sunday or drop them in the box near the back of the Fellowship Hall. There are extra envelopes and a description of each cause that you can give to on the information wall. Please return by the end of the month.

November 26: Offering of the Day – 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.

Offering Totals- Week of Nov 12

General Fund: \$ 10,640
Ministry Shares: \$ 2,299
Faith Promise: \$ 420
Building Fund: \$ 87
Tuition Assistance: \$ 495

Weekly Total: \$ 13,941

CALENDAR

FRIDAY 11/17

10:30am Senior Circuit

SATURDAY 11/18

7:30am Men of Integrity
11:30am Seniors & Friends

SUNDAY 11/19

8:30am & 10:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
9:45am Choir Practice
9:45am CAP Meal Distribution
6:00pm Catalyst Book Study

MONDAY 11/20

10:30am Senior Circuit
6:45pm Men's Life Bible Study

TUESDAY 11/21

10:30am Senior Circuit
7:00pm Cadet Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY 11/22

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:45am Coffee Break
6:30pm GEMS
7:00pm Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY 11/23

9:30am Thanksgiving Service
11:30am Thanksgiving Meal

FRIDAY 11/24

Church and Office Closed

Sunday Worship Folder

Watch Sermons

Submit Prayer Request

Email First CRC Office

Registrations

Room Reservation Request