

# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**November 3**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Farewell to Pastor Van**

Join us for snacks on November 5 between services for a Farewell to Pastor Van. Express your appreciation or send a word of encouragement as we say goodbye to Pastor Van & Terry. There is a box for cards or notes by the Information Board (across from the mailboxes).

#### **Church and Offices Closed November 10**

The church and offices will be closed on Friday November 10 in honor of Veteran's Day.

#### **Thanksgiving Meal**

Nowhere to go for Thanksgiving? Come join us at church for a meal on November 23 at 11:30am. Sign Up below, between services on Sunday at Cap Meal Table, call or email Holly Burns for more information: 605-201-4723

Thanksgiving Meal Sign Up

#### **Card Shower**

Kelly Van Engelenhoven will be celebrating his 61st birthday on November 7. Kelly is part of Care Group 2 and they would like to sponsor a card shower for him. He resides at the South Dakota State Penitentiary. His address is: Kelly Van Engelenhoven 16977, Box 5911, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5911. We would like to encourage everyone to send Kelly a birthday card. Please be sure to include return address with name the envelope as it will not be received without one.

#### **Care Group Lunches November 5**

Care Group 1 & 6 will be having a lunch together in the Activity Center after 2nd service  
Care Group 8 will be having a lunch in the GEMS room (downstairs) after second service

#### **Care Group Lunch November 12**

Care Group 10 will be having lunch in the Activity Center after the 2nd Service on November 12th.

### **Dominican Republic Trip**

We are looking for volunteers to join us in the Dominican Republic to help with our next church build project. We are in need of 10 volunteers 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. Since 2013 First CRC has funded and built 7 church buildings and has funded 2 more church building projects in the Dominican Republic. Please contact Rick Vander Haar. 605-366-2794.

### **Custodial/Maintenance Opportunities**

First CRC is actively looking for Daytime Custodial Help between the hours of 7:30 and noon. Would you be interested in 10 hours a week or would you be willing to work a couple of Sundays a Month? Do you need a little side hustle to help take care of the amazon packages on your porch? For more information contact Al vanDonkersgoed at [al@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:al@firstchristianreformed.org) or in person at First CRC.

### **Senior & 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 Struiksmma at 605-376-1316.

### **Meal Train**

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

## **OUR MISSIONARIES**

### ***Missions Team***

#### **A Note From the Missions Committee**

The Mission Committee would like to share how we as a church support our purpose of bringing the gospel broadly throughout our community, region and the world. Our church currently supports 7 missionaries financially through our Faith Promise Fund. Our church also prayerfully supports 3 ministry partners who work to spread the gospel more locally. Over the next 12 months, our committee plans to highlight each of the missions which our church supports through Faith Promise.

Watch the pre-service slides and the newsletter for new information throughout the month as well as periodic videos during a service to learn more about the missionaries we support. Also, check out the info wall or newsletter for occasional updates from our missionaries!

### **November Missionary Spotlight**



**Stephen & Sandra Brauning- Dominican Republic**

### Resonate Global Mission

In two weeks 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.  
To learn more about Stephen & Sandra Brauning, click on the button below:

Stephen & Sandra Brauning

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 Meals

Help provide a Thanksgiving meal for a family from our community this year. Pick up a bag (or two!) and grocery list from the table in the Activity Center between services. Food is due back on or before **November 12**, and distribution will take place November 19th.

### Cap Meal Delivery- WE NEED YOU!

We need your help to deliver over 200 meals in the Sioux Falls Area on November 19 between services! Do it as a family, grab a group of friends, or your favorite elder or deacon. You'll get 6-8 meals to deliver in an area of Sioux Falls. We Still need ALOT of people to help out. Please don't wait for someone else to do it! YOU are the person we need!  
Sign up in the Activity Center at the CAP Meal table or fill out the super quick form below:

CAP Meal Delivery Sign Up

### CAP MEAL Bag Sort

We need 12 people to help sort though CAP meal bags for accuracy to ready them for delivery. Come join us on Wednesday, November 15 at 1:00pm. Sign up quick below, or contact Holli Burns 605-201-4723

CAP Meal Sorting Sign Up

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

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

November 8: **Soup (Chili or Chicken Tortilla) and Cinnamon Rolls** (CG 1-Kitchen Help)  
November 15: **Pizza and breadsticks** (CG 2 Kitchen Help)

**\*Menu Subject to change**

**All meals are Free Will Donation- Gluten Free Options available**

# CENTENNIAL

1923-2023

## **Last Week's Trivia:**

Q: What year was Calvin Christian School's first school year?

A: 1957-1958

## **This Week's Trivia:**

Q: Who was the first paid Youth Director?

Centennial Videos and Trivia

## 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. We would love to see more!

## JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

***Al Van Donkersgoed***

### **Junior High Ministry**

Our next meeting is Nov. 12, from 6:15 to 7:45 at First CRC. We learn about the importance of a commitment to truth in our lives. We'll also play a little floor hockey and top it all off with root beer floats.

Our following meeting will be Nov. 26th. Since it is Thanksgiving weekend we will do a game night from 6-8pm. We will have pickle ball in the gym, ball tag, poof soccer and beanbags downstairs. Snacks and drinks served!

# CATALYST YOUTH MINISTRY

*Will Grisham*

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## **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.

## **Faith Talk For High School**

Stay tuned for details and a start date!

## **Big Soo Coupon Books Available!**

We have Big Soo Coupon books for the 2023-2024 year in stock. On sale for \$42, the books contain over \$8000 in savings. They are available at the office during the week. Make checks payable to First Christian Reformed Church. Proceeds benefit Catalyst.

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# HOSPITALITY

*Denaë Matherly*

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## **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](mailto: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!

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# WORSHIP

*Gabby Friez*

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## **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](mailto:gabby@firstchristianreformed.org) for more information or to volunteer.

## **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.

## COMMUNITY

### Center of Hope

The Center of Hope is desperately looking for Registered Nurse volunteers for the Center of Hope Free Evening Clinic for the uninsured in our community. If you would like to volunteer as a nurse at our clinic, please contact Adam Hofer (Director of Programs) via email at [adam@centerofhopesf.org](mailto:adam@centerofhopesf.org).

Center of Hope's Fall Benefit will be held Saturday, November 11 from 5:30-8:00pm at Sioux Falls Christian School

### Hills Christian School

You are invited to the Hills Christian School Fall Auction on Friday, November 3, 2023. The doors open at 6:30 PM and the Auction starts at 7:00 PM. Refreshments will be served. Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun while supporting HCS. New and homemade donations will be accepted. Thanks for your support!

## DEACON'S MINISTRY

### November 5 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.

### November 12: Offering of the Day - 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. With little overhead costs, this important part of the Christian Reformed Church can continue to thrive if active members donate their part.

### Offering Totals- Week of Oct 29

General Fund: \$ 18,668  
Ministry Shares: \$ 320  
Faith Promise: \$ 285  
Building Fund: \$ 230  
Tuition Assistance: \$ 925  
Resonate Global: \$ 1,600

**Weekly Total: \$ 22,028**

## CALENDAR

**FRIDAY 11/3**

10:30am Senior Circuit

**SATURDAY 11/4**

7:30am Men of Integrity

**SUNDAY 11/5**

8:30am & 10:30am Worship

9:45am Sunday School

9:45am Choir Rehearsal

9:45am Care Group 1 & 6 Lunch

9:45am Care Group 8 Lunch

**MONDAY 11/6**

10:30am Senior Circuit

6:45pm Men's Life Bible Study

7:00pm Banner Committee

**TUESDAY 11/7**

10:30am Senior Circuit

7:00pm Elder/Deacon/LayShepherd Mtg

**WEDNESDAY 11/8**

6:30am Men's Bible Study

9:45am Coffee Break

10:30am Collision Meal

5:30pm Wednesday Night Meal

6:30pm Handbell Choir

6:30pm GEMS

6:30pm Women's Bible Study

7:00pm Prayer Meeting

7:00pm Catalyst

**THURSDAY 11/9**

6:45pm Book Club Study

**FRIDAY 11/10**

Church and Office Closed

Sunday Worship Folder

Watch Sermons

Submit Prayer Request

Email First CRC Office

Registrations

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