



SIoux FALLS, SD

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dec 18-24

SERMON SERIES

“MESSIAH WITH A MISSION Series for Advent:

Welcome to Advent season! What a joyous time of year as we celebrate the coming of the Messiah – our Messiah – Jesus Christ! All this month we will be commemorating His coming by taking a close look at the Mission of the Messiah and its impact not only in the years He lived on this earth, but the grand picture of the purposes of God through the Messiah throughout human history. This Mission was not only His Mission, but this Mission is embedded in the DNA of the church, His Body. As we unpack this Mission this month, we celebrate His first coming into this world, but also His daily coming into and moving through our lives, until He comes again! Joy to the World, the Lord has come!

December 22, 2024: Sanctify Theme – Isaiah 61:1-7

One of the profound joys of the Messiah’s mission was to bring radical change to the brokenness of sin and evil, and through the cross of Christ and the powerful work of the Spirit, lives would be forever changed! We celebrate the joy of Christmas knowing that our lives are being transformed day after day into the beautiful Bride of Christ, ready for His appearing! This week we will look after what the transformation looks like and how we engage Christ’s mission to bring that change to our world!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Service: Dec 24 at 5pm

Holiday Office Hours

Church Offices will be closed at noon on Dec 24, & all Christmas Day. Employees will be working from home Dec 31, and off on January 1st.

Sunday Bible Study- Open to New Members!

We are a small group of couples of various ages that meets every 4 weeks from 10:15-11:15, 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 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

College Connect Night!

Attention College Friends! Sick of hanging out with your parents already? Come hang out with Mike Davelaar in First Perks this Friday night from 7-10pm for pizza and catch up time!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Upcoming:

Dec 18: No Meal

Jan 8: Next Meal

MISSIONS

Missionary Spotlight December-Stephen & Sandra Brauning

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Van Ruler Newsletter

[Van Ruler Newsletter- NEW!](#)

FIRST KIDS

Jill Smith

No Sunday School or Faith Talk Class Dec 22 & 29

No Children's Church Dec 22 or 29

Snowtastic Event!

K-6th Grade! Come join us for a Snowtastic Event on January 2nd from 9-11am. There will be crafts, snacks, games including snowman craft, snow bingo, igloo building, snowball races and more. Parents, get those kids out of the house, and come have a coffee at First Perks while your kids have some fun!

WORSHIP

Gabby Friez

Song of the Month:

Our song of the month for the 10:30 service for the month of December is an arrangement of "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" by Meredith Andrews, written in 2017. I chose this song because the tune for the verses is similar to the hymn from the hymnal with an added bridge that builds to a soaring declaration of hope in the second coming of Christ.

Hymn of the Month:

Our hymn of the month for the 8:30 service for the month of December is "How Great Our Joy". This hymn, nestled in our Lift Up Your Heart Hymnal, is a traditional German Christmas carol. I was first introduced to this hymn at one of our hymn sings and immediately loved the celebratory nature of the hymn. I hope that you enjoy celebrating the Christmas season with this hymn!

JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Al VanDonkersgoed

JHM

Final meeting of the year at **Thunder Road from 6:00-8:00. TIME CHANGE!** They do have a snack shack available for food, so bring some \$ if you want food. Otherwise your cost will be covered. Feel free to bring a friend to join. This is an all indoor event.

Also, we have an open gym on Dec. 30 from 12:30-2:30 if your students need to get moving over break. We resume meeting on Jan 12, 2025.

CATALYST

Upcoming Meetings:

Dec 18 Study Night/ Open Gym

Dec 25 & Jan 1: No Catalyst

DEACON'S MINISTRY

December 22: Building Fund

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: Dec 24 Community Outreach

Dec 29 General Fund

Offering Totals from Last Week

General Fund: \$ 33,404
Ministry Shares: \$ 3,875
Faith Promise: \$ 925
Building Fund: \$ 970
Tuition Assistance: \$ 3,500
Union Gospel: \$ 8,465

Weekly Total: \$51,139

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DEC 18

- Prayer Meeting
6:30–7:30pm
- Cadets
6:30–8:30pm
- Catalyst Study Night/ Open Gym
7–9pm

THURSDAY, DEC 19

- MomCo
8:30–11am

FRIDAY, DEC 20

- Young Adult Men's Study
6:30–7:30am
- Senior Circuit
10:30–11:30am
- College Connect
7-10pm

SATURDAY, DEC 21

- Men of Integrity
7:30–8:30am

SUNDAY, DEC 22

- Worship
8:30 & 10:30am
- No Children's Church
8:30 & 10:30am
- No Sunday School or Faith Talk Class
9:45–10:15am
- Junior High Ministry- Thunder Road
6:15–7:45pm

MONDAY, DEC 23

- Senior Circuit
10:30–11:30am

TUESDAY, DEC 24

- Christmas Eve Service
5–6pm

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