



SIoux FALLS, SD

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Feb 19-25

### SERMON SERIES

#### **February 23: Colossians 4:7-18 – Christ, The Gatherer of the Church**

Christ is not only the Head of the Church, but He is the one who gathers the church, through His Word and Spirit. As the Apostle Paul closes this letter to the church in Colossae, Paul acknowledges the many God had gathered around him in the advancement of the gospel. Christ desires to use each one of us in partnership with His Word and Spirit, to come together to minister to one another, to the exaltation of Jesus Christ, in all things.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Coffee with the Dominican Team!**

Come to the Activity Center this Sunday between services to catch up with the Dominican Team! They will be available to chat with and answer any questions you may have about their recent trip to the Dominican Republic.

#### **Prayer Warriors for Our Youth! We Need MORE!**

The prayer team and youth leaders invite you to become a prayer warrior for one of our High school age students! We have over 70 High School Age Students in our church plus kids that come to attend our youth group! So we need alot of you!

This requires only a comittment to prayer. Each person to sign up will be assigned a student of the same gender. There may be an oppportunity to meet with your assigned student at some point in the future as well, but while we are working out the details, we need prayer warriors to sign up! Click on the form below to become a prayer warrior for a High school student or speak to Carol Sponk for details.

[Become A Prayer Warrior](#)

#### **Defending God's Family Class- Sunday, Feb 23, 6:30pm**

PARENTS MIGHT WANT TO COME TO THIS ONE!

Title: Cyberbullying and Digital Citizenship

A staggering 89% of North American educators identify cyberbullying as the paramount safety concern within our schools today. We will delve into the nature of cyberbullying, examine its profound impact on our children's well-being, and explore strategies to empower them as discerning digital citizens.

## Northwestern College Choir Concert - Host Homes NEEDED!

On April 3, First Christian Reformed Church will be hosting the Northwestern College Choir from Orange City, IA. We are the first stop on their spring tour! As they embark on their tour, we have the opportunity to host them, feed them, enjoy their music, and encourage them as they head out on their tour!

We need several host homes for almost 40 people, accomodating 2-4 students each. **First CRC will be providing supper that evening, then breakfast and a packed lunch the following morning, so all you need to do is give them a place to sleep!**

Host NWC Choir Students

## CARE GROUPS

### Care Group Gathering

Care Group 7 will be having a luncheon on February 23 after the 2nd service in the Activity Center. Soups and cinnamon rolls will be provided.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

### Upcoming Menu:

Feb 19: Pizza

## FIRST KIDS

### Program Practice Schedule for Sunday School-Led Easter Program (April 6th)

Feb. 23rd

5th & 6th Grade GIRLS 9:00-9:30am

5th & 6th Grade BOYS 9:30-9:45am

K & 1st 10:15-10:30am

March 2nd

4th grade 9:00-9:30am

2nd and 3rd 9:30-9:45am

EVERYONE-10:15-10:30am

**\*All practices take place in the GEMS room**

## WORSHIP

### Women's Chorus

Ladies, do you love to sing? We have the perfect opportunity for you to join other women vocalists to perform a gospel rock version of *This Little Light of Mine* to be sung at both services on Sunday, March 30! Rehearsals are March 2, 9, 16, and 23, 10:00-10:25 am in the Choir Room located downstairs. Come join us for a time of fellowship and praising our Lord through music!

## HOSPITALITY

### Order a Permanent Nametag Here!

Ready to order your shiny new nametag? Just click the link below.

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## Feed the Team: Staff Lunch Opportunity!

Please use the button below to sign up to feed the team lunch (about 12 people) on a Wednesday at noon!

Sign Up to Provide Lunch

## JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

### JHM

We meet this Sunday, February 23 from 6:15-7:45 at First CRC. We will discuss, "What is Profession of Faith", share some root beer floats, and play GROG. Our March 9 meeting will be at Air Madness from 5-7 pm (**note the time change**).

## CATALYST

### Upcoming Schedule:

Feb 19: Senior Testimonies + Worship/Games/Food/Small Groups  
Feb. 26th - Board Games and Sports Night + more  
March 5th – Guest speaker to talk about relationships  
March 12th – All church BINGO night – details to come!

## COMMUNITY

### Worship & Testimony Night at Shalom CRC

You are invited to Worship and Testimony Night at Shalom CRC on March 2 from 6-8pm. For a list of songs they will be singing, check out the Spotify Playlist:

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2V17kCuaEAKNCe7FxmhyR5?si=64f64883a3fe4d96&nd=1&dlsi=17e5968d6d394d8f>

## DEACON'S MINISTRY

### February 23- Harbor Families

Harbor Families exists to extend the hope, restoration, and love of Jesus Christ to children and families experiencing a crisis.

### Upcoming: March 2- 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 from Last Week

General Fund: \$ 8,425  
Ministry Shares: \$ 150  
Faith Promise: \$ 1,590  
Building Fund: \$ 405  
Tuition Assistance: \$ 150  
SIMDEL: \$ 18,249

**Weekly Total: \$ 28,969**

# CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY, FEB 19

- **Wednesday Night Meal**  
5:30–6:30pm
- Handbell Choir**  
6:30–7:30pm
- Prayer Meeting**  
6:30–7:30pm
- Cadets**  
6:30–8:30pm
- Banner Meeting**  
6:45–8:15pm
- Catalyst**  
7–9pm

## FRIDAY, FEB 21

- **Senior Circuit**  
10:30–11:30am

## SATURDAY, FEB 22

- **Men of Integrity**  
7:30–8:30am
- **SUNDAY, FEB 23**
  - Children's Church**  
8:30–11:30am
  - Worship**  
8:30 & 10:30am
  - Dominican Information Table**  
9:30–10:30am
  - Vocal Choir Rehearsal**  
9:45–10:15am
  - Sunday School**  
9:45–10:15am
  - Faith Talk for HS**  
9:45am–10:15pm
  - Care Group 7 Noon Meal**  
11:30am–2pm
  - Junior High Ministry**  
6:15–7:45pm
  - Defending God's Family**  
6:30–7:30pm

## MONDAY, FEB 24

### Senior Circuit

- 10:30–11:30am
- Men's Life Bible Study**  
6:45–8pm
- Monday Night Women's Bible Study**  
6:45–8pm

## TUESDAY, FEB 25

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

Sunday Worship Folder

Watch Sermons

Submit Prayer Request

Email Church Office

Registrations

Room Reservation Request

**WEDNESDAY, FEB 26**

- **Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study**  
6:30–7:30am
- Coffee Break**  
9:45–11am
- Prayer Meeting**  
6:30–7:30pm
- GEMS**  
6:30–8:30pm
- Women's Bible Study**  
6:30–8:30pm
- Catalyst**  
7–9pm