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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 6-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pulpit Supply

March 10- Marc De Waard, Chancellor Reformed

March 17- Mark Pluimer, River View Church, Pine River, MN

Upcoming Services:

March 10 (5pm) Rest: A Service Of Lament and Restoration

March 17 Installation of Pastor Steve Zwart

March 24: Palm Sunday

March 29 (7pm) Good Friday Service

March 31 Easter Sunday

March 17- Installation Sunday

Join us next week for Installation Sunday as Pastor Steve Zwart is installed as our new minister. Rev Mark Pluimer, a former mentee of Pastor Zwart will be delivering the message. He joins us from River View Church in Pine River, MN, an EFCA church.

The 8:30 service will proceed as normal, followed by pie and coffee between services. Installation will take place directly at the beginning of the 10:30am service. If you attend the 8:30 service, please feel free to stay around for the start of the 10:30 service for installation, after which will be short transition for you to exit.

Nominate a Layshepherd

Know someone who would make an amazing Layshepherd? Maybe it's even you! We are looking for individuals who would make great Care Team leaders starting August 2024. Click below to learn more about what a Layshepherd does, or to nominate someone for the position.

Contact Kate Bleyenburgh or speak to your layshepherd for more information.

[Nominate a Layshepherd](#)

Thank You

Brad and Kim Van Surksom wish thank the congregation for their support and prayers after the sudden passing of Brad's father. It was greatly appreciated.

GIVE UP In Order TO GIVE

SIMDEL Children's Education Ministry

To Give, place your envelopes in the marked box at the back of the Fellowship Hall, in the offering bag or give online on the Church Center App. Extra Lent Envelopes are located on the info wall across from the mailboxes.

Lent 2024: Give Up in Order to Give- Week 3

SIMDEL Children's Education Ministry – Torch Audio Bibles:

Bringing light both physically and spiritually to the families and their homes in Togo is making a present and eternal difference in the lives of the families we support. Through the Christian teachers and administrators of the public school we have been blessed to partner with a local Christian church to not only distribute the solar powered Torch Audio Bibles in their tribal Ewe language but to start a Bible study for those hearing the Word of God for the first time. The lantern portion of the Torch Audio Bibles provides a source of light in homes previously dark due to no electrical services. And for the many illiterate parents, the Audio Bibles provide a way for many to hear the Word of God in their own tribal language. The distribution of the Torch Audio Bibles went out to 110 families in the village and those residing in the bush surrounding the village.

Please join us in prayer as we give thanks for God's promise that: "so is my Word that goes out from my mouth; it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11)

OUR MISSIONARIES

Missions Team

March Missionary Spotlight

Sadee Van Ruler- Global Service Network



Aaron, Sadee and Knoxie Van Ruler
Bloomington, IN

From Sadee Van Ruler:

Global Service Network gives me the opportunity to do Incarnational Ministry with whoever God brings into my path. Each season looks a bit different - but sharing the love and truth of Jesus with people remains the same.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

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

March 6: Tater Tot Casserole with Roll

March 13 Soup and Cinnamon Rolls

*Menu Subject to change. All Meals are Free Will Donation. Gluten Free Options available.

FIRST KIDS

Jill Smith

We NEED Nursery Volunteers!

Our youngest church attendees need volunteers to help take care of them so their parents can worship free of distraction from time to time. If you are able to help out in this way, and are 10 years old or above please click on the button below to join on the church center app, or send email to jill@firstchristianreformed.org. Volunteers should only need to serve once over 2-3 months.

Volunteer For Nursery

SCUBA VBS

Scuba VBS happening June 2-6 6:00pm-8:15pm. The Summer event that helps kids dive into friendship with God!

Christian Illusionist Matt Adams

Mark your calendars for May 1st as Christian Illusionist and Evangelist Matt Adams joins us to perform an amazing show. Great for kids, but open to all ages, registration opens on April 1st! Cost is \$5 person, ages 5 and under are free.

JUNIOR HIGH

Al Van Donkersgoed

JHM

We are bowling March 17, from 6:15-7:45 at Suburban Lanes located at 2621 S Spring Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105. We will serve some Pizza and drinks. Our following meeting will be March 31 at First Christian Reformed Church.

CATALYST

Will Grisham

Coordinators Needed!

2 Worksite Coordinators still needed for SERVE Sioux Falls! Sioux Falls SERVE Dates are July 20-27. Contact Will if interested.

SERVE Chaperones Needed!

We still need female chaperones for two of our SERVE mission trips! We need one leader for Holland Michigan and one leader for Muskegon Michigan. Both trips go from July 6th to July 13th! If you love being in service and want to see firsthand the impact a summer mission trip can have reach out to Will!

Youth And Young At Heart

Once again, Catalyst Youth Movement is inviting everyone 60 years or older to join us on Wednesday, March 20th from 6:30-7:30 PM for our Youth and Young-At-Heart event! Join us for games, blanket-making, and more!

Save the Date!

Join us for a JOINT outdoor worship service at the Levitt At The Falls on Sunday, July 21, 2024 to kick off SERVE Sioux Falls. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

HOSPITALITY

Denaë Matherly

Be Seen & Known!

As we welcome Pastor Steve & family, we are excited to continue our journey toward familiarity and community. To help help us all get to know each other better, we're re-introducing name tags starting this weekend! The first two stations will be set up in the back of the fellowship hall, designed to be user-friendly and accessible to all.

In the spirit of fostering community, we'll be adding more stations in key areas like the fellowship hall and the cozy First Perks Coffee Shop Area over the next couple of weeks.

Your patience is appreciated as we iron out any kinks. Look out for magnetic name tag options in the future. We look forward to making our church community even more welcoming in the months ahead.

First Perks Perk Up

Get ready for some cozy vibes at First Perks! Over the next month, keep an eye out as our brand-new furniture and artwork starts to roll in for the Coffee Shop Area. We're thrilled to enhance one of our favorite fellowship spots with more seating, additional meeting spaces, and expanded opportunities for gathering and connecting throughout the week.

Stay tuned for updates as we create a more inviting space for our community to come together!

Pie and Installation Day

We are looking for about 28 more pies or other round desserts as we celebrate Pi Day AND the installation of Pastor Steve Zwart on Sunday, March 17. Sign up below if you want to delight us with your pie making or pie buying skills. Alternatively, you can also email, text or tell Denae if you would like to contribute. Pie + Church + Fellowship = A really good day.

🥧 Who wants to SERVE pie? 🥧

Hey there, church family!

Did you know that one of the best ways to connect with our church community is by rolling up our sleeves together, especially in the kitchen?

Sign up to lend a hand with Pie Day and discover new friendships, or simply enjoy working quietly in the corner – every contribution matters when you're serving in the way that God created you.

Let's slice some joy and share some love – one delicious pie at a time! 🥧

Sign Up to Bring a Pie!

Sign Up to Serve Pie!

WORSHIP

Gabby Friez

Readers Needed:

We are looking for people to read for our Good Friday service on March 29 at 7 pm. Anyone 7th grade and older is invited to read. Please reach out to Gabby with questions or to sign up.

Rest: A Service of Lament and Restoration

We are about to enter the season of Lent. This is a season in which we set aside special time to focus on our brokenness. Whether sin, shame, hurt, or pain, all are welcome at the foot of the cross. This year we will set aside time for a lament prayer service on **March 10 at 5 pm** in the sanctuary. The service will consist of both hymns and contemporary songs as well as songs for reflection. There will be scripture, prayer, and an opportunity to share of God's faithfulness. Regardless of where you are on your walk with the Lord, all are welcome to attend. If you know someone who could use an extra reminder of God's love, invite them to come along! If you have any questions or would like to be a prayer warrior for the service, please contact Gabby at gabby@firstchristianreformed.org.

Hymn of the Month

March's hymn of the month at the 8:30 service is Christ, the Life of All the Living. This hymn text was originally written in German by Ernst Homburg in the mid 17th Century and translated into English by Catherine

Winkworth in 1863. It wasn't until the late 18th century that the text and tune (composer unknown) were married as we see in our hymnal today. This is a Lenten hymn referencing the crucifixion and anguish in the garden while also promoting hope and thankfulness. The refrain at the end of each verse is pleasantly stored in my head from childhood and I am confident that we can join together to sing, "thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you".

Song of the Month

March's song of the month at the 10:30 service is Crowns by Hillsong Worship, published in 2016. This song, perfect for this Lenten season, is a celebration of our salvation brought to us by Christ's sacrifice on the cross. As Christians, our identity is found through Christ and his sacrifice on the cross. It is in His sacrifice that we boast. We surrender all of our wealth, achievements, and notoriety at the foot of the cross because our wealth is found through Christ alone. I pray that as a congregation we will continue to daily surrender ourselves and our worship to Christ during this season of Lent and always.

COMMUNITY

Hills Christian School Auction

You are invited to the Hills Christian School Fall Auction on Friday, March 15, 2024. 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. Thank you for your support!

Cornerstone Annual Benefit Banquet

Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to our Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, April 1, 2024 at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, Rock Valley, IA. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the banquet begins at 6:30pm. Save your spot by Sunday, March 24 by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to our website www.cornerstonepcsd.org. A free will offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry. We look forward to seeing you!

If you are unable to attend, you can send your donations to:

Cornerstone Prison Church

c/o Dave Vande Kamp

PO Box 88708

Sioux Falls, SD 57109

Or donate online at www.cornerstonepcsd.org

DEACON'S MINISTRY

March 10- Bishop Dudley Hospitality House

Located in downtown Sioux Falls, the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House offers daytime and overnight emergency shelter each day for up to 80 men, 20 women, and 7 families who are homeless or vulnerable. Statistics indicate that more than 600 men, women and children in Sioux Falls are without a home. The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House offers a safe, secure, and warm place to start the road back to a more stable, long-term way of living.

Coming Up: March 17- General Fund

Offering Totals from Last Week

General Fund: \$ 18,094

Ministry Shares: \$ 1,110

Faith Promise: \$ 610

Building Fund: \$ 230

Tuition Assistance: \$ 672

SIMDEL- Give Up to Give: \$ 2,953

Weekly Total: \$ 23,669

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAR 6

- **Wednesday Night Meal**
5:30–6:30pm
- **Cadets**
6:30–8:30pm
- **Prayer Meeting**
7–8pm
- **Catalyst Youth Movement**
7–9pm

THURSDAY, MAR 7

- **MOPS**
8:50–11am

FRIDAY, MAR 8

- **Senior Circuit**
10:30–11:30am

SATURDAY, MAR 9

- **Men of Integrity**
7:30–8:30am

SUNDAY, MAR 10

- **Worship**
8:30 & 10:30am
- **Faith Talk for HS**
9:45–10:15am
- **Vocal Choir Rehearsal**
9:45–10:15am
- **Sunday School**
9:45–10:15am
- **Rest: A Service of Lament and Restoration**
5–6pm

MONDAY, MAR 11

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

TUESDAY, MAR 12

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

Sunday Worship Folder

Watch Sermons

Submit Prayer Request

Email Church Office

Registrations

Room Reservation Request