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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*April 24-30*

### CHURCH FAMILY

#### **Baptism April 28**

Join us this Sunday to witness the baptism of Taya Den Dulk (Tim & Elayna) at 8:30am, and Sylvie Van Maanen (Cory & Chelsey), Kayla Kueter (Jason & Kristen), and Georgia te Velde (Carson & Morgan) at 10:30am.

#### **Meal Train- New Dates Added**

Gil & Jan Blankespoor: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/51olrz>

#### **Caring Bridge- Rylan Van Zee**

visit: [www.caringbridge.org/visit/rylanvanzee](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rylanvanzee)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Graduating?**

If you/your son or daughter are graduating High School or College this spring, we'd love to celebrate with you! We will be hosting a reception on May 19 for everyone to congratulate the graduates, and featuring them on a slideshow. Let us know all about the graduate by filling out the appropriate form below and sending a picture to [office@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:office@firstchristianreformed.org)

High School Graduates

College Graduates

#### **Ministry Partner**

At the last council meeting (April 2) the council approved Rev. Sarah Hoogendoorn's request to be released as a Minister of the Word through the CRCNA so that she might affiliate and continue her ministry with the Presbyterian Church, the PC(USA). The council offers grateful thanks to Rev. Hoogendoorn for her ministry on our behalf at the St. Cloud VA (St. Cloud, MN) and offer prayers for her continued ministry in the PC(USA).

# PASTOR'S CORNER

*Steve Zwart*

As I write this corner today, I'm sitting in a coffee shop downtown.

The morning started quiet and early, but as the morning progressed, the buzz of a full coffeeshop shattered the quiet. As I look around the room, I see a beautiful tapestry of people, personalities, nationalities, socio-economic classes, family, friends, and business colleagues.

That being said, given the way I'm wired, I look around the room and wonder: do they know Jesus? I know that sounds super spiritual and fitting for a pastor to think, but shouldn't that concern be all of ours? Just asking...

Now, I could stand on top of my chair and at the top of my lungs take a poll of the room if there are any followers of Christ in the room. I could also go table to table to discover who knows Christ. I could sit here and pray for everyone in the room. Or.... I could mind my own business and carry on with life. (Again, given the way I'm wired, the last option is not an option in my conscience.)

I share this because we live in a beautiful city surrounded by all kinds of people. I look across the room and see the gentleman in the bright red sweatshirt and dark glasses with his beautiful collie as his side. I see the group of company employees gathered for conversation and coffee. I see a family with a young child whose smile melts one's heart. I see individuals typing veraciously on their laptops, oblivious to the noise around them.

I may not know all their circumstances. I may not know if this is their last day on earth or if I ever will cross paths with them again. I may not know their names, their fears, their hopes and dreams. But this much I do know... they matter to God. The question remains: do they matter to me? To you? And what will we do about it? Kingdom impact begins when we see people as God sees them. And then we do something about it. What's on your agenda today?

(Now I better finish this corner and my cup of coffee before my vehicle gets ticketed!)

Blessings!  
Pastor Steve

## OUR MISSIONARIES

*Missions Team*

**April Missionary Spotlight**  
**Vasya and Maranda Heytsi**



**Vasya & Maranda Heytsi**  
**New Life Church, Ukraine**

Heytsi- Spring Newsletter

## New Missionary Newsletters

Brauning Newsletter- New!

Van Ruler Newsletter- New!

## FIRST KIDS

*Jill Smith*

### Student Nursery Volunteers!

We are looking for students to help out in the nursery! They are the perfect age to help in nursery as they still love to play toys, read books and give out hugs and snuggles!

You can sign them up below!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17nYXefYLGw4XyGsi-5EqNt56hYqdn7eHZxy7s6wrOgU/edit?usp=sharing>

### SCUBA VBS

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

SCUBA VBS Sign UP

### VBS Donations

#### Needed to make under the sea decorations:

Cardboard boxes of any size, Cardboard Egg cartons, Cardboard tubes (Toilet paper/paper towel/wrapping etc) and Plastic lids (pop, juice, milk etc).

**Please bring these downstairs to the marked area!**

### Children's Church

**The last day of Children's Church will be May 19th.**

### Christian Illusionist Matt Adams- Registration OPEN!

Join us **NEXT WEEK WEDNESDAY** as Christian Illusionist and Evangelist Matt Adams joins us to perform an amazing show. Great for kids, but open to all ages, Registration is open NOW. Cost is \$5 person, ages 5 and under are free. Hurry! Seating is limited!

Christian Illusionist Sign Up

## JUNIOR HIGH

*Al Van Donkersgoed*

### JHM

We meet this Sunday at Thunder Road from 6-8pm. Note the time! Bring a \$5 donation, if able, to get two hours of indoor Thunder Road fun. Bumper cars, laser tag, mini bowling, arcade and 7 D theatre.

They do offer concessions at your own expense. We plan to have a couple of summer connections so be on the lookout for those communications.

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# CATALYST

*Will Grisham*

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## **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!

## **SERVE Worksites Needed!**

Do you have a project that needs completing? We may be able to help! SERVE Sioux Falls is happening from July 20th – July 27th and we need worksites. Whether it's painting your house or pulling your weeds we have students ready and willing to help. Contact Leigh Roelofs at [lbroelofs@sio.midco.net](mailto:lbroelofs@sio.midco.net) to see if your project is right for SERVE!

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# HOSPITALITY

*Denae Matherly*

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## **New Furniture!**

Come check out the new furniture in the coffee shop! We've more than doubled our seating capacity so we hope to see lots of people hanging out in there!

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# WORSHIP

*Gabby Friez*

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## **Hymn of the Month**

April's hymn of the month for the 8:30 service is "See, What a Morning (Resurrection Hymn)" by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty. Both Townend and Getty have been on the forefront of the contemporary hymn movement. A contemporary hymn is a song written within the last 50 years with a hymn-like structure specifically to be used for corporate worship. "See, What a Morning" was written in 2003 and tells the story of the resurrection with a reoccurring declaration "Christ is risen from the dead".

## **Song of the Month**

April's song of the month for the 10:30 service is "Psalm 34 (Taste and See)" written by Joe Rigney and Shane Barnard and made popular by Shane and Shane. This is the song that Pastor Steve introduced to us during his installation service. This song is a beautiful setting of Psalm 34 that boasts a soaring chorus that has been in my head frequently over the last few weeks, "Magnify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name together. Glorify the Lord with Me. Come exalt His name forever."

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# COMMUNITY

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## **National Day of Prayer**

National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 2. We invite you to join us for an informal time of prayer downtown Sioux Falls in front of City Hall at 6 pm. Please consider coming so we can "Lift up the Word, Light up the World." Dorothy Ter Horst, National Day of Prayer South Dakota Prayer Shield leader.

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# DEACON'S MINISTRY

## April 28: Offering of the Day –Bible League International

For over 80 years, Bible League International has been equipping churches worldwide with God's Word, so they can reach their communities with the Gospel. Their ministry programs include Project Philip, a Bible study program that trains local church members in evangelism and discipleship.

## Coming Up: May 5- General Fund

### Offering Totals from Last Week

General Fund: \$ 67,228  
Ministry Shares: \$ 475  
Faith Promise: \$ 650  
Building Fund: \$ 365  
Tuition Assistance: \$ 260  
Ukraine-Heytsi \$ 260

**Weekly Total: \$ 69,238**

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, APR 24

- **GEMS**  
6:30-8:30pm
- **Prayer Meeting**  
7-8pm
- **Catalyst Youth Movement**  
7-9pm

### THURSDAY, APR 25- No Events

### FRIDAY, APR 26

- **Young Adult Men's Study**  
6:30-7:30am
- **Senior Circuit**  
10:30-11:30am

### SATURDAY, APR 27

- **Men of Integrity**  
7:30-8:30am

### SUNDAY, APR 28

- **Worship**  
8:30&10:30am
- **Junior High Ministry-@Thunder Road**  
6-8pm

### MONDAY, APR 29

- **Senior Circuit**  
10:30-11:30am

### TUESDAY, APR 30

- **Senior Circuit**  
10:30-11:30am

Sunday Worship Folder

Watch Sermons

Submit Prayer Request

Email Church Office

Registrations

Room Reservation Request