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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 1-6

### CHURCH FAMILY

#### Meal Train

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)

#### Thank You

Thank you to the outpouring of love and support before and after Henry's passing. Your visits, cards, thoughts and prayers were sincerely appreciated. ~Adrienne De Kruif

## 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

#### SIMDEL Children's Education Ministry

Akpe! (Thank you!) Through the generous gifts of the members of our congregation, the lives of children, teachers, families and the Church in Togo have been changed eternally. We have seen the girls and boys give of themselves by hosting the GEMS/Cadets burger and bake sale event that brought in \$9,858.46. And through this year's Give Up To Give Campaign our congregation offered up \$12,244.00 to the work of SIMDEL Children's Education Ministry. It is these gifts that will allow us to expand our educational resources of uniforms, backpacks and school supplies to more children, provide the funds to offer tutoring assistance to students each week and help increase the number of

families who are able to hear the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in their homes in their native tribal language. These donations will also provide assistance to families in the development of sustainable income for this and future generations. So, on behalf of each person who is receiving assistance in Togo, we want to express a heartfelt Akpe! Thank You! to each member of this congregation. Please continue to keep the leadership of SIMDEL Children's Education Ministry and the people of Togo in your prayers.

### Memorial Day Weekend

Please Note on your calendars: There will be only **1 combined service on May 26 at 9:30am**. Church and Offices will be closed May 27.

### The Banner

Did you know that the Banner, the official magazine for the CRC is free for the asking?

If you would like to receive it, or need to change your information click on this link:

<https://www.thebanner.org/signup> where you will find a sign up for weekly email or print copies, and yes, they even have an app.

### Tuition Assistance Ministry

The tuition assistance ministry committee is currently accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year. The deadline for accepting applications is May 15. This ministry is designed to help families who desire christian education for their students by helping navigate through trying financial situations. Qualifying schools are those which hold to teaching the Biblical truth from the reformed perspective and most often members of Christian Schools International. If enrolling in Sioux Falls Christian applications can be accessed on their website. For questions or application to other schools please contact Tim Ackerman at: [acktig12@gmail.com](mailto:acktig12@gmail.com)

## OUR MISSIONARIES

### *Missions Team*

#### May Missionary Spotlight

Rev Marvin Heyboer- Northern Nigeria

African Widows and Orphans Support (AWOS)

Please read the newsletter from Rev Heyboer below to get a better sense of the work going on in Northern Nigeria with AWOS.

AWOS Newsletter

## FIRST KIDS

### *Jill Smith*

#### Christian Illusionist Matt Adams

Join us **TONIGHT- WEDNESDAY, May 1** as Christian Illusionist and Evangelist Matt Adams joins us to perform an amazing show. Great for kids, but open to all ages! Cost is \$5 person, ages 5 and under are free. Hurry! Seating is limited! Reserve your seat before tonight! **Doors open at 6:35pm!** Popcorn and

Candy available for \$1 each, cash, or by using our give butter app like you do for First Perks. Matt will also have a Mystery Shop if you would like to purchase some of the items he uses in his show.

Christian Illusionist Sign Up

### **VBS WorkDay- May 8**

Please join us on Wednesday, May 8 from 9-12 in the Cadets Room downstairs to finish up some VBS projects. Everyone welcome to join!

### **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

### **Children's Church**

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

### **Student Nursery Volunteers!**

We are looking for students to help out in the nursery! You can sign them up below!

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

## JUNIOR HIGH

### *Al Van Donkersgoed*

#### **JHM**

Our official Sunday Meetings are over, however we plan to meet for a few events this summer. This May we have two open Gym mornings from 9-12noon on May 20 and 22. Come hang out, play basketball, pass a volleyball or whatever you might like. Invite a friend to join you. We will have some snacks on hand to keep up the energy.

## CATALYST

### *Will Grisham*

#### **Female SERVE Chaperones Still 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!

# HOSPITALITY

*Danae Matherly*

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## **Name Tag Stations**

Name Tag Stations are Up and Running (mostly) Glitch Free.

Thanks to everyone trying the name tag stations. Let's aim for regular nametag use, including kids. It benefits Steve's family and the entire congregation. Your care group is listed on your tag for easy identification. We aim to have helpers at each station, but if not:

1. Enter LAST FOUR digits of your phone number
2. Hit "Search"
3. Select present household members
4. Click Done
5. Print tags from the printer next to the iPad.

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# WORSHIP

*Gabby Friez*

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## **Hymn of the Month**

The hymn of the month for the 8:30 service during May is "My Only Comfort". The tune may be familiar to you as it is most often used with the hymn "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need". The tune was composed in 1835 but the composer is unknown. The harmonization of the hymn as we sing it today was composed by Dale Grotenhuis in 1990. The text of the hymn is closely connected to Q&A 1 of the Heidelberg Catechism and arranged by Marlene Veenstra in 2003. This hymn will provide us a unique way to confess our faith using the language of the Heidelberg Catechism in song. I hope you enjoy the soaring melody and the rich lyrics as we confess our faith together!

## **Song of the Month**

The song of the month for the 10:30 service during May is "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me". This contemporary hymn was written in 2018 by CityAlight. The lyrics of this song of assurance are a celebration of the hope that we have in Christ and the strength that we have through him alone. This simple and effective melody will be sure to have you echoing, "yet not I but through Christ in me" long after we end our service on Sunday!

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# COMMUNITY

## **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.

## **We Need Bikes!**

Center of Hope: The Center of Hope Bike Ministry is needing bicycle donations for their Geared-To-Empower Bike Ministry! They currently have 200 bicycles ready to go for their guests. However, they are expecting to go through 800 this year (mostly this summer). If you have bicycles you want to donate, please bring them to the Center of Hope (1905 E 8th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57103) Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm. Any questions? Contact Adam Hofer via email at [adam@centerofhopesf.org](mailto:adam@centerofhopesf.org) or by phone at 605-334-9789.

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# DEACON'S MINISTRY

## May 5 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.

## Coming Up: May 12- Cornerstone Prison Church

### Offering Totals from Last Week

General Fund: \$ 21,163  
Ministry Shares: \$ 3,336  
Faith Promise: \$ 460  
Building Fund: \$ 305  
Tuition Assistance: \$ 995  
Ukraine-Heytsi: \$ 450  
Bible League: 3,799

**Weekly Total: \$ 30,508**

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- **Christian Illusionist --Matt Adams**  
5-8pm

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

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

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

- **Worship**  
8:30 & 10:30am
- **Care Group 3 Lunch**  
11:30-1:00

### MONDAY, MAY 6

- **Senior Circuit**  
10:30-11:30am
- **Banner Committee**  
7-8:30pm
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### TUESDAY, MAY 7

- **Senior Circuit**  
10:30-11:30am
- **Elders, Deacons, Lay Shepherds Meeting**  
7-9pm

Sunday Worship Folder

Watch Sermons

Submit Prayer Request

Email Church Office

Registrations

Room Reservation Request