



FIRST CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 21st, 2023

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30-4:00pm

Friday 8:30am-12:00pm

Please send newsletter announcements, general inquiries, photos, as well as requests for membership, baptism, or profession to: office@firstchristianreformed.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting

Please plan to attend the **Spring Congregational Meeting at 5:00pm on Sunday June 11th.**

Memorial Day Weekend Service- Next Sunday May 28

We will be having **one combined service on Sunday May 28th, at 9:30am** with Pastor Bernie Haan giving the message.

Congratulations Graduates!

We will be having a graduation reception (with cake!) on this Sunday, May 21 between services for everyone the Activity Center. We invite our Grads to come and be celebrated by the congregation for all their hard work. Graduates, please come to the Activity Center at 9:30am.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness and mercy shown to us, now with my surgery for cancer and over the past several months with Lloyd's health concerns. A multitude of prayers, words of encouragement and other creative acts of assistance. We are so blessed by God through you. Ps 136:3 Give thanks to the Lord of Lords his love endures forever.

Lloyd and Deb Albers

CENTENNIAL

1923-2023

First CRC Centennial Celebration Weekend

Join us for First CRC's Centennial Celebration Weekend on September 9th & 10th, 2023!

Check out the link below for a full list of the weekend events and you can also register for our Softball Tournament, Catered Meal and Sunday Worship. There is no cost to participate! We hope to see you there!

<https://FirstCRC100years.eventbrite.com>

Banners

Throughout our Centennial year, on the North side of the pulpit we will be hanging historic banners used in our church during earlier years. The banners may not necessarily line align with an event or holiday at church as there are, for instance, wedding banners or several Thanksgiving banners to display. Regardless, we wish to show these historic banners to serve as reminders that we worship today as part of a century of worship and praise here at First CRC.

Last Week's Trivia:

Q: In what year was our present church building constructed?

A: 1967

This Week's Trivia:

Q: From what church did we purchase the building at 12th & Dakota Ave.?

HOSPITALITY

Denae Matherly



Spring Cleaning Schedule- Starts Monday!

Monday, May 22, 9:00-11:30am: CG4
Tuesday, May 23, 6:30-8:30pm: CG7
Wednesday, May 24, 9:00-11:30am CG9
Wednesday, May 24, 6:30-8:30pm: HS Youth Group
Thursday, May 25, 6:30-8:30pm: CG1
Monday, June 19, 9:00-11:30am: CG10
Monday, June 19, 6:30-8:30pm: CG3
Tuesday, June 20, 9:00-11:30am: CG5, CG8
Wednesday, June 21 9:00-11:30am: CG2
Wednesday, June 21 6:30-8:30pm: CG6

If your Care Group date does not work for you, please feel free to jump in on any of the dates.



Block Party

Wednesday
June 21, 2023
6:00-8:00 P.M.

Food | Fun | Praise
*Bring Your Lawn Chair

SAVE the DATE

Who: Everyone! (Invite your friends!)
What: First Annual Block Party
When: Wednesday, June 21, 2023
Where: First CRC Parking Lot
Why: Eat, Play, Praise, Fellowship

Happy The Dog (Local Praise Team lead by Troy Kooima, with young members from our church) will be coming to jam out in our parking lot while we eat, play, praise and fellowship. More details will come in the weeks ahead. We will be looking for volunteers in the following areas: set-up, grilling, organized games and races, and clean-up. If you are interested in helping, contact Denae at denae@firstchristianreformed.org

In Search Of:

We are looking for a large bed-over-wheels flatbed trailer (22'+) for our first-ever Block Praise Party on the evening of June 21. We will host Happy the Dog (Troy Kooima and gang) as they lead us in praise and worship in the parking lot. If you have a flatbed trailer or know of someone who does, please contact Denae at denae@firstchristianreformed.org.

WORSHIP

Gabby Friez

The Centennial hymn of the month (traditional service) is O Jesus, We Adore You, published in 1851. The tune was written by William Lloyd in 1840. The text was written by Arthur T. Russell in 1851. This hymn celebrates the redemptive work of Jesus Christ our King and our response of adoration. You can listen to this song here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAbLJOKrkKQ>

The Song of the month (blended contemporary service) is Monument. This song was written in 2020 by Andrea Olson, McKendree Tucker, and Meredith Andrews. This song, chosen for its connection to our Centennial year, celebrates God's faithfulness through generations. You can listen to this song here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ouo4ioX>

FIRST KIDS MINISTRY

Heather Buys

It's Time for VBS Decorating!

We will be working on building on VBS decorations on this coming **Tuesday, May 23rd from 4-8pm at our church!** You do not need any special artistic skills and can even come for just an hour or two. Food and drinks will be provided. Please let heather@firstchristianreformed.org know if you have any questions!

Children's Church

This is the final Sunday for Children's Church. Thanks to all of our volunteers who have helped this year!

Stellar VBS- June 4-8

VBS Registration is still open! Kids ages 4 through current 3rd graders are invited to join us June 4-8 from 6:00-8:15pm each night. Kids will launch on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Crew leaders and helpers are needed and can also register online!

[Sign me up for Stellar VBS!](#)

JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Al Van Donkersgoed

CATALYST YOUTH MINISTRY

Will Grisham

Catalyst Spring Cleaning

This **Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30PM**, Catalyst will be helping out with church spring cleaning! Food will be provided. Come join the fun as we help serve our church.

Want to take a Free Trip to Grand Rapids, MI or Crown Point, IN?

We are **urgently** looking for **two more adults** to chaperone our students on our Grand Rapids SERVE Trip from 6/24-7/1 plus travel days or Crown Point, IN SERVE Trip from 7/15-7/22 plus travel days. This is an amazing opportunity to get to know our youth and be blessed through the great experience that is SERVE. Email will@firstchristianreformed.org for more details.

Catalyst Team Members Wanted:

Looking for a opportunity to have an impact? Catalyst team members are needed for next fall. Come hang out with our high schoolers, play games, lead small group discussions, and eat like a teenager! Wednesday nights, 7-9pm during the school year, with a few other events here and there. Interested? Contact Will at will@firstchristianreformed.org

PASTORAL CARE

Cole Pleggenkuhle

TECHNOLOGY

Paul Mobley

Don't Miss It Check-It-Out Sundays!

Here's your opportunity to get a tour and description of technical ministries; audio, video, lighting, livestream, software and hardware, that we use every week here at First CRC. You'll have a chance to ask questions, see how things operate, and even get hands-on if you want to! Open to all ages, you need no experience, just a healthy sense of curiosity. We will meet at 11:30, after the second service, on selected Sundays in June. And if you'd like a chance to sit in and shadow one of our experienced volunteers for a more in depth look at this part of ministry, we will make that happen! Call Paul at the church office, 605-339-6904, or email Paul@FirstChristianReformed.org, for more details, or to save your spot to shadow on a Sunday morning.

DEACON'S MINISTRY

May 21: Offering: Tuition Support Fund

The Tuition Assistance Fund provides financial support for families in need of help with the cost of Christian school tuition for the academic school year.

May 21: Communion Offering: Cornerstone Prison Church

Cornerstone Prison Church is a ministry inside the South Dakota State Penitentiary. As in the outside world, the church setting is instrumental to helping men grow as mature and faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

May 28: Offering of the Day – General Fund

The General Fund supports the local ministry programs, including evangelism, youth, children, adult, worship, small group, and health ministries, as well as the operational expenses of the property, office, and personnel expenses. God has blessed First CRC with the opportunity to minister through these programs.

Offering Totals- Week Ending May 14

General Fund: \$17,311
Ministry Shares: \$3,075
Faith Promise: \$395
Building Fund: \$445
Tuition Assistance: \$378
Missions-Heysis: \$325

Weekly Total: \$21,929

CALENDAR

SUNDAY

8:30 & 10:30am Worship & Communion

MONDAY

9:00am Spring Cleaning CG4

10:30am Senior Circuit

TUESDAY

10:30am Senior Circuit

4:00pm VBS Decorating

6:30pm Spring Cleaning CG7

WEDNESDAY

9:00am Spring Cleaning CG9

6:30pm Spring Cleaning Catalyst

7:00pm Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

6:30pm Spring Cleaning CG1

FRIDAY

10:30am Senior Circuit

SATURDAY

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