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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*June 5-11*

## CHURCH FAMILY

### **Caring Bridge-Darlene Walhof**

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/darwalhof>

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Summer Office Hours**

Summer office hours go into effect this Friday June 7. The office will be open Monday -Thursday 8:30-4pm, and closed on Fridays

### **Church Cleaning Starts Next Week!**

Church cleaning will happen June 10-13 and June 17-20 with various morning shifts from 9-11am and evening shifts from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Here is the basic schedule, but feel free to join any group if there a time that works better for you, or if you'd like to come twice!

June 10 6:30-8:30pm CG 9

June 11 6:30-8:30pm CG 1

June 12 9-11am CG 2

June 13 6:30-8:30pm CG 5

June 17 9-11am CG 4

June 17 6:30-8:30pm CG 3

June 18 6:30-8:30pm CG 7

June 19 9-11am CG 6

June 19 6:30-8:30pm CG 10, Catalyst

June 20 9-11am CG 8

### **Senior and Friends**

Senior and Friends will meet on Saturday, June 22. We are planning an exciting adventure to the Mike and Kari Davelaars country home. Kari, and her daughters Elizabeth and Erin are co-owners of Maker's Way Fiber Mill which is operated adjacent to the country home. They take sheared fleeces that have been sheared from sheep and alpaca and then process them through a six step mechanical process to produce yarn. This trio of owners will demonstrate the process and the end result. They will also have a tent display of products which they market.

We will meet at church at 9:00 AM and have a quick coffee and cookie break before we drive to the Davelaars. If you have special walking assistance needs or other health concerns, we would ask that you arrange to have a family mentor or friend assist you. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO DRIVE AND TAKE OTHERS, PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMITTEE.** Please contact Jerry and Bonnie Gorter at 605-214-4914, Lloyd and Luella Schaap at 605-366-6688 or Herm and Marcene Struiksma at 605-376-1316 to register by June 15.

## ELDER/DEACON VOTING

### Congregational Meeting- June 9

Please join us this Sunday, June 9 at 5:00pm in the sanctuary for the congregational meeting.

### Voting closes Sunday Noon- Vote now!

Members: Please take the time to read the bios of those nominated this year for elder and deacon. Then please fill out the online voting form to cast your vote. Paper ballots available at church on the info board or in the office. **Voting closes at noon on Sunday, June 9.** Ballots will be available at the meeting, but we encourage you to utilize the online form if possible to save time at the meeting.

#### Nominees for DEACON

Brian Aukes	Kevin Mettler
Chris De Berg	Ned Reitsma
Nick De Leeuw	Josh Sandbulte
Tim Den Dulk	Eric Traviss
Jackson Dorhout	Tim Van Vugt
John Haan	Travis Van Santen

#### Nominees for ELDER

Dan Bentaas  
Phil Bonnema  
Doug Jasper  
Scott Koelewyn  
Eric Maas  
Mike Ridder  
Steve Ver Berg

[Elder/ Deacon Vote HERE](#)

[Elder /Deacon Bios](#)

## MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

### *LaVeryl & Max Voss*

We are grateful for Voss's service with Wycliffe Bible Translations since 1991. They have served various roles throughout their time there. They are currently serving in Papua New Guinea with their youngest daughter, Mikayla. LaVeryl is a Projects Supervisor in the Construction and Maintenance Department and Max is a Staff Care Facilitator.

They will be returning to the states in June and awaiting their next assignment. Please pray for their family as they transition back to the states and leave behind so many relationships. Here is their newsletter from the end of last year:



## FIRST KIDS

*Jill Smith*

### **MomCo. (formerly MOPS)**

MomCo (formerly MOPS) registration opens for First CRC church members on May 29! MomCo is for all moms with kids aged birth to kindergarten. It's a place for friendship, support, and growth- because better moms make a better world! We get together two Thursday mornings a month from September through April at church. Register soon, spots fill quickly! Registration opens to the public on August 1, please do not share this link with non-First CRC members until then. Contact Jill Dykstra (712) 441-5534 with any questions. Register here: <https://firstchristianreformed.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2277963>

## CATALYST

*Will Grisham*

### **Free Tickets to RISE FEST! Last Chance!**

RiseFest is a two-day Christian Music Festival in Sheldon Iowa that features the nation's top Christian artists and speakers, as well as seminars, activities for kids of all ages, ministry outreach, and much more. And we want you to join us at the festival on June 8th. **ONLY 5 TICKETS REMAIN!** These are first come first serve and they are going to go fast. The tickets are good for both days but we would love to all go together on June 8th! If you're interested shoot Will an email at [will@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:will@firstchristianreformed.org) or give him a call!

### **URGENT NEED! 2 Female SERVE Chaperones!**

Time is running out and 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 and are paid for! If you love being in service and want to see firsthand the impact a summer mission trip can have reach out to Will!

### **Catalyst Spring Cleaning**

Catalyst Students & Leaders: Join us on Wednesday, June 19th as Catalyst does its part to help out the church's spring cleaning effort. Free pizza included!!!

## SERVE SIOUX FALLS

*July 20-27*

### **SERVE Host Families Needed**

We are looking for 13 families to participate in Sioux Falls SERVE by hosting 3-4 students or adults on our starting Sunday, July 21st. These families would provide breakfast and showers for their selected students in the morning, transport them to The Levitt and back, provide lunch, and then transport them back to the church around 2:00. This is an excellent way to see and get to know our visitor's first hand! If you love being a part of God's mission and want to help make SERVE a success, sign up with the link below and we will contact you! Questions? Reach out to Christa Yoder at: [canneyod@gmail.com](mailto:canneyod@gmail.com)

SERVE Host Family Sign Up

### **SERVE Food Donations**

SERVE week is coming! We are excited to host a local SERVE mission trip after five years off. We need your help! We will be serving 100 high schoolers and adults breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks for seven days. It's a privilege to give them energy and nourishment for their service projects in our community. Sign up here if you can help. Church will be open for donation drop off on Wednesday & Thursday, July 18 & 19 from 8:00 a.m.-noon, or non perishables can be brought on Sunday, July 14.

SERVE Food Donations

### **SERVE Sioux Falls- Volunteer Opportunities**

**Tech Team:** Anyone high school or older who wants to/can help with our tech needs during the week of SERVE is welcome! Don't know much about tech? Don't worry! We can teach you! Reach out to either Will or Paul if interested!

**Worksite assistants:** These are the people who will work directly with the worksites we are helping out at during SERVE. it is mainly a supervisor position, ensuring that the work is getting done at the specific worksite they are assigned to or running equipment to the worksites. Whether you can do the whole week or just one day, this is an excellent way to volunteer and show your support for the SERVE mission field. Reach out to will if interested or reach out directly to Leigh Roelofs (worksite coordinator) at: [lbroelofs@sio.midco.net](mailto:lbroelofs@sio.midco.net)

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## HOSPITALITY

**Denae Matherly**

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### **New Schedules**

Printed schedules (ushers, greeters, First Perks and kitchen coffee) can be found on the information wall across from the mailboxes or check your church center app!

### **Compassionate Care**

We're looking for a few more volunteers to help on Sunday mornings! If you'd enjoy assisting some of our members and guests with tasks like getting their coffee, retrieving sheet music, and helping during the service with music, Bible passages, and communion, please join us. You'd be scheduled about every six weeks. Thanks for considering! Sign up here if you are interested:

<https://firstchristianreformed.churchcenter.com/people/forms/752201>

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## WORSHIP

**Gabby Friez**

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### **Musicians Needed!**

We are in need of more musicians to join our worship team for the 10:30 service. This exciting opportunity is perfect for people who used to play an instrument and would like to get back into playing again or students 7th grade and up who would like to work on a new skill this summer. We offer training at all levels and would love to equip and empower you for service to our church! Please reach out to Gabby at [gabby@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:gabby@firstchristianreformed.org) if you or your child is interested or if you know someone else who might be.

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## PASTORAL CARE

### Cole Pleggenkuhle

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#### Stephen Ministry

Are you experiencing hardship? Consider a confidential Stephen Minister who is:

- A child of God who walks beside someone who is hurting.
- A congregation member who is carefully selected to serve in this role because of his or her caregiving gifts.
- A lay person with 50 hours of training in providing high-quality, distinctly Christian care.
- A caring Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages.
- Someone who meets faithfully with his or her care receiver for as long as there is a need.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. The identity of those receiving care and everything they discuss with a Stephen Minister remains private. If you are interested in a Stephen Minister please contact our Director of Pastoral Care, Cole Pleggenkuhle at [cole@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:cole@firstchristianreformed.org)

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## COMMUNITY

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#### RiseFest 2024

Mark your calendars for June 7-8 for RiseFest 2024 in Sheldon, IA. RiseFest is a two-day Christian Music Festival that features the nation's top Christian artists and speakers, as well as seminars, activities for kids of all ages, ministry outreach, camping, and much more.

In 2024, RISE is on a mission to create history, and YOU have the chance to be part of this incredible journey. We're aiming for an extraordinary feat: 25,001 strong, gathered right here in Sheldon, Iowa, breaking Sheldon's previous largest gathering attendance of 25,000 during a dark period in history. For more information check out <https://www.riseministries.com/risefest>

#### Pancake Breakfast- Center of Hope Fundraiser

You are invited to the annual Center of Hope Breakfast Fundraiser! Our breakfast fundraiser will consist of a FREEWILL DONATION Pancake Breakfast, Inflatables for children, Silent Auction, Door Prizes, Fun Activities for our whole family, and MORE. Come anytime between 8am and 11am to enjoy pancakes and time with great people! We would love to see you there.

Date: Saturday: June 15, 8:00am-11:00am, First Christian Reformed Church

#### Cornerstone Prison Church, Sioux Falls Faith Fellowship Weekend

Friday, July 26 – 1:00-3:30 pm-Kick Off Worship Service and Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28 – 7:30am-3:00pm each day. The theme for the weekend is "New Creation". Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, July 4. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us at [office@cornerstonepcsd.org](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd.org) or call 507-215-3670.

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## DEACON'S MINISTRY

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#### June 9 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. God has blessed First CRC with the opportunity to minister through these programs.

## Coming Up: June 16 Ministry Shares

### Offering Totals from Last Week

General Fund: \$ 20,052  
Ministry Shares: \$ 1,390  
Faith Promise: \$ 1,240  
Building Fund: \$ 300  
Tuition Assistance: \$ 1,277  
Furniture Mission: \$ 4,957

**Weekly Total: \$ 29,416**

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

- **VBS**  
6:00-8:15pm
- **Prayer Meeting**  
7-8pm

### THURSDAY, JUNE 6

- **Senior Circuit**  
10:30-11:30am
- **VBS**  
6:00-8:15pm

### FRIDAY, JUNE 7- OFFICES CLOSED

### SATURDAY, JUNE 8-NO EVENTS

### SUNDAY, JUNE 9

- **Worship**  
8:30am & 10:30pm
- **Congregational Meeting**  
5:00-6:00pm

### MONDAY, JUNE 10

- **Senior Circuit**  
10:30-11:30am
- **Church Cleaning CG 9**  
6:30-8:30pm

### TUESDAY, JUNE 11

- **Senior Circuit**  
10:30-11:30am
- **Church Cleaning CG 1**  
6:30-8:30pm
- **Elder/Deacon/Layshepherd Meeting**  
7-9pm

Sunday Worship Folder

Watch Sermons

Submit Prayer Request

Email Church Office

Registrations

Room Reservation Request