



FIRST
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

August 14-20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pulpit Supply August

August 18: Aaron Baart

Please Note: One Service Labor Day Weekend!

We will be having one combined service on September 1st, Labor Day Weekend, at 9:30am

Senior & Friends

We will meet on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 9:30 AM in the fireside room at 1st CRC Church. John R. Sjaarda will be our speaker and will share about his experiences in the SD House of Representatives. Join us for coffee and doughnuts and get a feeling about a typical day in Pierre, current issues, how the process for bill presentation works, etc. John and his wife, Kaye, will also talk about their involvement with Family Voice.

CHURCH FAMILY

Caring Bridge-Darlene Walhof (CG 3) <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/darwalhof>

Caring Bridge-Rylan Van Zee (CG 6) www.caringbridge.org/visit/rylanvanzee

Card Shower- Renzella Kempema

You are invited to shower Renzella Kempema with cards in honor of her 90th Birthday on August 30th! Place cards in her mailbox or send to her address in the directory.

FIRST KIDS

[Jill Smith](#)

We Need YOU! Sunday School Starts Sept 8!

The ministry season is upon us! We are looking for **2-4 more Sunday School teachers & a 2nd Grade GEMS Counselor** to teach and mentor our kids on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights! If you are someone who has a heart for kids, and a love for building relationships, contact Jill Smith jill@firstchristianreformed.org for more information!

Do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16

Keep Registering!

If you have not yet, register your kids ASAP! Use the buttons below or go to the church center app and choose the 'More' tab to find sign ups and registrations! Thanks for getting your kids signed up early so we can anticipate teacher and classroom needs!

[Register for Sunday School/Children's Church](#)

[Register for GEMS](#)

[Register for Cadets](#)

WORSHIP

Gabby Friez

Vocal Choir Ministry

It's time to begin warming up those vocal chords! Vocal Choir rehearsals will begin, Sunday, September 8, 9:45-10:15 a.m., in the Choir Room located downstairs, ages high school and older. We sing one Sunday a month for both services September-April. The time commitment is minimal and the blessings are immeasurable. Please consider being a part of our vocal choir ministry! We'd love to have you join us! For questions or more information, contact Lex DeWit, lexron416@aol.com, 605-261-7189.

CATALYST

[Will Grisham](#)

Catalyst begins September 4th. Register your 9-12 grader here:

[Register Here for Catalyst](#)

Faith Talk for HS will begin Sept 22. Register Here or on the App:

[NEW! Faith Talk for HS](#)

JUNIOR HIGH

Al VanDonkersgoed

JHM

Junior High kicks off Sunday, September 15 from 6:15pm to 7:45pm. Come & join us for Junior High Olympics as we kick off the year! Table ball, team obstacle relay, upstairs-downstairs-elevator and much more. This ministry is open to all 7th and 8th grade students and meets every other Sunday through Dec. 22 this fall, and starts up again Jan.12 through April 20 this winter and spring.

[Register for JHM](#)

Junior High Sunday School is for 7-8th graders and begins Sept 8. Register below:

[Register for Junior High Sunday School](#)

HOSPITALITY

Denae Matherly

Block Party BBQ Bash-August 28

It's almost time for the annual Ministry Season Kick Off. This year we are doing some new and exciting things, and we can't wait to share them with you and the community.

Sneak Peak:

Festival of Meats & Cookoff. If you have interest in showcasing your meat cooking skills, marinate on this: Bring your best for a chance to win a fun prize for a job well done and a shot at the title of Biblical BBQ Master (crown included). Don't be a chicken, sign up below. If you feel the steaks are too high and don't want to compete, we still need donations of meat to feed the herd! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AA5A92EA2F9C43-50502939-festival>

-First Time Ever Petting Zoo. Come for a chance to pet and snuggle some of the cutest baby animals around.

-Tattoo Station. Come and Pick Out some of the finest temporary tattoos on this side of the Missouri River

-Build Your Own Smores. S'mores stations for a build your own dessert.

BIBLE STUDIES

Cole Pleggenkuhle

Coffee Break

Coffee Break will begin our Bible study for women on Wednesday, September 18, at 9:45. We will have enrollment, opening brunch, and hand out books. We are excited to announce that we will be studying Romans this year. Come and join us for fellowship and a deeper understanding of the gospel of salvation through faith in Christ by grace! Women of all ages are welcome and do not have to be members of 1st CRC, we would love for you to invite friends and neighbors to join us

Women’s Bible Studies

Women, come for an hour of Biblical discussions and a few laughs too. It’s a time of sharing experiences and insights about how we live as Christians. This season we’ll delve into some of the issues we might deal with in our daily lives. Sample topics: hope, encouragement, relationships with believers and unbelievers, dealing with conflict, mental health issues, our calling as Christians, Christian character and integrity, etc. If you have questions, talk to the leader Sharon Buwalda. 605-929-0958 or jsbuwalda@sio.midco.net.

Choose the group that works best for you on the 2nd and 4th weeks of each month, beginning in September. Pick up the first lesson about HOPE in Sharon Buwalda’s church mailbox.

- Monday, Sept 9, 6:45 - 7:45pm;
- Tuesday, Sept 10, 2:00 - 3:15pm

COMMUNITY

Bible League

You are invited to attend the Bible League conference “ Grip, Grit & the Gospel” in Sioux Center, IA on September 9 & 10 in Sioux Center, IA. Click below for more information and to register. Talk to Carla Kooiman if you would like to know more about Bible League!

[Bible League Conference](#)

DEACON’S MINISTRY

August 18- Ministry Shares

Ministry Shares proves the power of shared resources by helping the individual congregations of the Christian Reformed Church participate in regional and global ministries. The program provides everyone at First CRC the opportunity to fund ministry efforts around our region and all over the world while operating at very high efficiency. With little overhead costs, this important part of the Christian Reformed Church can continue to thrive if active members donate their part.

Coming Up: August 25 -Needs Of The Family

Offering Totals from Last Week

General Fund: \$ 18,223
Ministry Shares: \$ 653
Faith Promise: \$ 615
Building Fund: \$ 642
Tuition Assistance: \$ 485

Weekly Total: \$ 20,618

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

- **Prayer Meeting**

7-8pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

- **MomCo Steering Meeting**

9-11am

- **Senior Circuit**

10:30-11:30am

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

- **Church Office Closed**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

- **Senior & Friends**

9:30-11:30am

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

- **Worship**

8:30 & 10:30am

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

- **Senior Circuit**

10:30am- 11:30am

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

- **Senior Circuit**

10:30am-11:30am

- **Ad Board Meeting**

6-9pm

[Sunday Worship Folder](#)

[Watch Sermons](#)

[Submit Prayer Request](#)

[Email Church Office](#)

[Registrations](#)

[Room Reservation Request](#)