



SIOUX FALLS, SD

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

September 25- October 1

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**No Wednesday Night Meal Tonight- Meals resume Next week!**

### **Forum-Sermon Series Deep Dive TONIGHT!**

Join us tonight, Wednesday, in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm (please feel free to come in the sanctuary as the GEMS are finishing their worship)

Due to the sensitive topics of the conversations, we not be live-streaming these events to the public. We encourage you to attend, but If you are unable to attend and would like to be able to watch in the following days, please [email office@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:office@firstchristianreformed.org).

**Please Note: There will be NO DEEP DIVE Next week, October 2**

### **Pulpit Supply**

Dr Carl Zylstra will be preaching this Sunday, Sept 29 at 8:30 and 10:30am.

### **Remember to Lock Your Vehicles**

Please take care to lock your vehicles and hide any valuables out of sight when parking at church. We have had items taken out of unlocked vehicles recently, so please be vigilant in keeping your property secure. Please remind your teens as well.

### **Defending God's Family Class**

We are a monthly gathering aimed at raising awareness of social issues and taking action to support God's design for the family.

Sunday, October 13, 6:30-7:30 PM (runs alongside Jr. High ministry), Fireside room

Topic and Speaker: Call To Freedom-Exposing and healing human trafficking

All are welcome!

## CHURCH FAMILY

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

New-Meal Train- Darlene Walhof (CG 3) <https://mealtrain.com/oy2w81>

## MISSIONS

Here is the latest newsletter from Steve & Sandra Brauning:

[Brauning Newsletter](#)

## FIRST KIDS

[Jill Smith](#)

**Please Note: There will be NO Sunday School or Faith Talk October 6.  
Children's Church will still be happening.**

### Christmas Program Director(s) Wanted

Passionate about kids AND Christmas? We are looking for an individual or two or three that would love to pull together a production or program for our K-3 kids this fall leading into the Christmas season. We are open to new and creative ideas for the program and would love to hear your vision for these kids to help us celebrate the birth of our Savior! Interested? Contact [Jill@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:Jill@firstchristianreformed.org)

## WORSHIP

[Gabby Friez](#)

### Hymn of the Month

This month's hymn of the month at the 8:30 service is "The First Place" written by Matthew Westerholm in 1999. We first introduced this song three years ago but we haven't sang it much since. Because of its correlation to our fall sermon series, I've chosen to highlight it again this month. This hymn is based on Colossians 1:15-20 and helps to remind us for the supremacy of Christ. I hope you enjoy this hymn as we continue to give Christ the first place in our lives.

### Song of the Month

This month's song of the month at the 10:30 service is "The Lord is By My Side" by CityAlight, published in 2023. This was one of the songs that the SERVE team sang this summer. It is an upbeat and engaging song that reminds us of the Lord's presence with us. It is the Lord who gives us hope, peace, and joy as we commune in his presence. I hope you enjoy learning this song just like the SERVE students did!

### Fall Hymn Sing

Our annual Fall Hymn Sing will be October 20 at 5 pm in the Sanctuary. Come for a time of worship and fellowship as we gather together to bring honor and glory to our Lord and King. Come prepared to shout out your favorites from our Lift Up Your Hearts hymnals! We hope to see you there!

## Come Join the Choir!

Vocal Choir rehearsals have begun, but it's never too late to join us! High School students and older are welcome anytime during our choir season (Sept - Apr). We meet on Sundays, 9:45-10:15 a.m. in the Choir Room, located downstairs. Come on down! We'd love to have you join our vocal music ministry!!

## HOSPITALITY

Denae Matherly

### Wednesday Meals – Upcoming Dates & Deliciousness

You know those days when you pick the kids up, race home, and desperately slap together PB&Js while frantically trying to get everyone out the door for Wednesday church activities? Yeah, we've all been there. But great news! We've added a third meal each month on Wednesdays to help take at least one step out of the chaos. Let us handle dinner—no more PB&J scramble!

Upcoming Meals:

- **Wednesday, October 2:** Sloppy Joes, Fries, Hotdogs, and a Salad Bar
- **Wednesday, October 9:** Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili, Hotdogs, Salad Bar, and the always crowd-pleasing Cinnamon Rolls
- **Wednesday, October 16:** Pizza, Hotdogs, Salad Bar, and Cookies

Because nothing says "midweek survival" like pizza and cookies! Join us, take a breather, and enjoy some good eats.

## JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Al VanDonkersgoed

### JHM

We meet this Sunday at the Heartland County Cornmaze at 6:30 pm, Located at 27455 SD Hwy 11, Harrisburg, SD 57032. Bring a flashlight, dress for cooler weather as it gets chilly when the sun goes down and be ready to have some fun. We will serve hot chocolate and cookies. Feel free to bring some \$ for the snack shack if you would like.

The next meeting will take place at First CRC on October 13.

### 8th Grade Sunday School

There will be no 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school this week, Sept. 29.

## BIBLE STUDIES

Cole Pleggenkuhle

### Young Men's Bible Study Resumes

Join us for our Young Men's Bible Study, starting October 11th. Open to men ages 19-45.

- When: Every other Friday
- Time: 6:30 - 7:30 AM
- Where: Downstairs church conference room

We'll be studying "The Beatitudes for Today" book, exploring how these timeless teachings apply to the challenges and opportunities young men face in modern life.

To receive a calendar invite and a copy of the study content, please contact Albert at [albert@movetosioxfalls.com](mailto:albert@movetosioxfalls.com)

## TECHNOLOGY

Paul Mobley

### Calling all curious people of all ages! Like to know how things work?

Well do we have a deal for you!

This Fall, we are launching a variety of at-your-own-pace training that includes short video series, newsletters, and articles. You'll have access to options like 'Sound System Basics', 'Intro to Screens & Lyrics', 'Video Cameras for Worship', and 'Hearing Assistance in Church'. We'll also have progressive levels of learning and on-site training for those who want to learn more. All ages welcome! Starting in October.

Email [Paul@FirstChristianReformed.org](mailto:Paul@FirstChristianReformed.org) or sign up at the office or tech booth.

## COMMUNITY

### New Roots

Feel uneasy about sharing the Gospel with those who don't know God? Yet, you and your good news for others are so important! Everyday-Ambassadors Practicum of New Roots Ministry in Sioux Falls is a 5-hour, fun workshop during which we learn, we are well-equipped, and we experience having spiritual conversations. You will gain an "I can do that" feeling, with carryover to interactions with acquaintances. Our last session of this year is Sat., Sept. 28, 9AM---2PM. To sign-up, text (605)376-6330, email [sfnewroots@gmail.com](mailto:sfnewroots@gmail.com), or visit [www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries](http://www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries), including to learn more.

## DEACON'S MINISTRY

### September 29- 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: October 6- Union Gospel Mission of Sioux Falls

Union Gospel Mission provides nutritious meals, safe shelter from the elements, and other services for the hungry and homeless in Sioux Falls. Their purpose is to "proclaim the gospel of salvation by grace in Christ and Him crucified, for the salvation of souls and the establishing of believers." The organization was founded by Thomas F. Morse, who was convicted of a shooting death in 1893. He gave his heart and life to Jesus Christ while in prison and opened the Sioux Falls City Rescue Mission in 1900.

### Offering Totals from Last Week

General Fund: \$ 9,397  
Ministry Shares: \$ 320  
Faith Promise: \$ 185  
Building Fund: \$ 1,590  
Tuition Assistance: \$ 225

**Weekly Total: \$ 11,717**

# CALENDAR

## Wednesday, Sept 25

- **Prayer Meeting**  
6:00-6:30pm
- **GEMS**  
6:30-8:30pm
- **Women's Bible Study**  
6:30-8:30pm
- **Sermon "Deep Dive" Forum**  
7-8pm
- **Catalyst**  
7-9:30pm

## Thursday, Sep 26

- **No Events**

## Friday, Sep 27

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

## Saturday, Sep 28

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

## Sunday, Sep 29

- **Worship**  
8:30 & 10:30am
- **Children's Church**  
8:30 & 10:30am
- **Sunday School**  
9:45-10:15am
- **Choir Rehearsal**  
9:45-10:15am
- **Faith Talk for HS**  
9:45-10:15am
- **CG 1&2 Potluck**  
11:30-1pm
- **JHM@ Corn Maze**  
6:15-7:45pm

## Monday, Sep 30

- **Senior Circuit**  
10:30-11:30am
- **Men's Life Bible Study**  
6:45-8pm

## Tuesday, Oct 1

- **Senior Circuit**  
10:30-11:30am
- **Elder, Deacon, Layshepherd Meetings**  
7-9pm

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