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NEWSLETTER

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October 1, 2021

**OFFICE HOURS:** The Church Office hours are: Monday-Thursday (8:30 am - 4:00 pm) and Friday (8:30 am-12:00 pm). 1st CRC Newsletter announcements may be sent to [office@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:office@firstchristianreformed.org). These are due by noon on Wednesday.

**DOOR KEEPERS NEEDED** - we are looking two more people to join our door keepers team for the Wednesday night ministries! Contact Megan for details!

**BACK TO SCHOOL IN TOGO:** The Mission Team invites you to partner with Simplice & Delphine Noutsougan, members of our Church, to support the return of children to school in Togo, West Africa. Informational Flyers have been placed in your mailboxes outline the details. The congregation is invited to provide clothing and schools supplies (new only), financial contributions (tuition is approximately \$10.00 to \$40.00 per year and checks should be made out to: First Christian Reformed Church). We hope to support a minimum of 50 families. Supplies and donations can be dropped off at a specially designated table in the Narthex beginning September 19, 2021.

**FAITH TALK FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS:** The Church Doctrine class for high school students (Grades 9-12) will meet for 6 consecutive weeks, beginning on Sunday, October 3, and ending on Sunday, November 7, 2021. The class will meet in the Fireside Room from 1:30-2:30 pm. The theme will continue to be “What We Believe,” a 24 week video study on the Belgic Confession. The fall topics are: Jesus Christ (1), Jesus Christ (2), The Church (1), The Church (2), Baptism, and the Lord’s Supper. Pastor Hoogendoorn will facilitate the class. You can register by clicking [Here](#)

**MINI BUS DRIVERS:** We are in need of 3-4 drivers to pick up a few of our members for the 8:30 Service. A once a month commitment would be ideal, but we are happy to work with your schedule. No CDL needed! Contact Al Van Donkersgoed if interested.

# FIRST STUDENTS

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**Big SOO Coupon Books!** Big SOO Coupon books are back and available for purchase at the church office for \$42.

**JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY:** Junior High Ministry will meet at the Heartland County Corn Maze (27455 SD Hwy 11, Harrisburg, SD 57032) this Sunday at 6:30 pm, with pick up at 7:45 pm. Hot Chocolate and Cookies will be served. Please bring \$5 to cover costs if you are able.

**HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY- Air Madness!** It's an early night of jumping fun at Air Madness (310 Industrials Rd, Harrisburg, SD 57032) from 6:30pm-8:00pm. If you have not already done so for 2021, students and leaders must fill out the online waiver prior to the night, in order to jump. The waiver can be found [here](#). The cost is \$15, socks are an additional \$3 if needed. See you there!!

# FIRST KIDS

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**KID'S MINISTRY REGISTRATION:** Registration for our fall ministries is now online! Check out the [Events page](#) or Events on the Church Center app to get your kids registered for Sunday School and Children's Church, GEMS and Cadets! You can find an overview of all the Kids Ministry opportunities that will begin this fall.

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE Oct. 1-Oct.7 2021

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FRIDAY	10:30 am Sr. Circuit
SATURDAY	7:30 am Men of Integrity
SUNDAY	8:30 am Worship, Nursery & Children's Church 9:30 am Vocal Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship, Nursery & Children's Church 1:30 pm Faith Talk for High Schoolers 6:15 pm JHM @ the corn maze 6:30 pm Sacred Marriage Small Group
MONDAY	10:30 am Sr. Circuit 6:30 pm Heidelberg Catechism (All Ages) 6:45 pm Men's Life 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study 45+
TUESDAY	10:30 am Sr. Circuit 6:30 pm Pickleball
WEDNESDAY	5:30 pm Meal Ministry 6:30 pm Cadets 6:30 pm HSM @ Air Madness
THURSDAY	5:45 pm ReFit 6:30 pm Missional Living Book Study

# DEACON'S MINISTRY

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## Offering Totals: September 26

General Fund	13,793.71
Building Fund	1,355.00
Faith Promise	376.64
Ministry Shares	2,005.78
Tuition Support	1,176.21
Togo School Project	300.00
Furniture Mission	2,432.08
KNWC	85.86
Total	\$21,525.28

October 3 Offering of the Day is for the 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.

October 10 Offering of the Day is for 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.

**CHURCH CENTER APP:** Use the Church Center app to register for fall events! You'll find: Calendar, Groups, Events, Giving, Online Connection Card and the Directory. After you've downloaded the app, email [connect@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:connect@firstchristianreformed.org) if you would like to be part of the directory on the new app.

Here's how you can download the app and start using it today:

1. Open your app store and search for "Church Center."
2. Download and open the app.
3. Search and select "First Christian Reformed".
4. Enter your phone number.
5. Follow the on-screen prompts.
6. Directory- Request access under the Directory tab.

You are officially on the Church Center app!

# BULLETIN BOARD

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**MAGNIFIED COUPLE'S RETREAT:** Are you looking to grow your marriage? Then join Tony Boer and Jason Van Ruler October 1-3, 2021, for a couples retreat at the Hilton Garden Inn Downtown, Sioux Falls, SD. The cost is \$995.00 per couple. The retreat is designed for those who desire to grow their marriage. It is not intended for couples in crisis. For more information visit [www.jasonvr.com](http://www.jasonvr.com)

**THANK YOU:** The family of Harry and Gladys Link would like to thank you for all of your cards and expressions of sympathy for our parents. Their church family in Sioux Falls has been so gracious and thoughtful and we are thankful for your love and kindness during this time. Chery, Mark, Todd and Chad Link

**CROSS CON21:** From December 29, 2021, through January 1, 2022, join other 18-25 year-olds in Louisville, KY, to learn more about the beauty of the gospel, the centrality of the local Church, and God's heart for the nations. The Conference is entitled: "Make His Name Known" and is led by Kevin De Young, Garrett Kell, Trip Lee, John Piper, and David Platt. More information can be found at [www.crosscon.com](http://www.crosscon.com). Please contact Pastor Hoogendoorn if you have questions.

**DEPRESSION: THE HIDDEN AFFLICTION:** The 2021 Tri-State Bible Conference invites you to learn from Dr. David Murray how depression impacts us. The goal of the conference is to strengthen and encourage the people of God with the Word of God in these particularly unsettling times. The event will be held in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt University on Thursday, October 7, at 7:00 pm, and Friday, October 8, at 7:00 pm. For more information on this free conference go to: [www.tristatebibleconference.com](http://www.tristatebibleconference.com).

**ALPHA CENTER:** The Alpha Center invites you to support their ministry by participating in a "Baby Items Needs List." Items can be purchased on their Amazon Wish List and sent directly to the Alpha Center. For more information on how you can participate, send an email to: [info@alphacenter.org](mailto:info@alphacenter.org).