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NEWSLETTER

October 22, 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. These are due by noon on Wednesday.

FAREWELL SERVICE: The Farewell Service to honor Rev. Hoogendoorn's 18 years of ministry in our Church will be held on Sunday, October 31. The single service will be held at 9:30 am. The service will also be live-streamed.

BACK TO SCHOOL IN TOGO: Thank you for your generous support for Simplice & Delphine and family in providing education support in Togo, West Africa. The goal was to support 50 students. Your generosity has reached well beyond that goal — both through the physical supplies collected and the financial support received. The supplies will be shipped to Togo on Saturday, October 16, and your financial contribution of \$7,571.79 will be sent later next week. We praise the Lord for the privilege to support His global Christian family. The Mission Team

FAITH TALK FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS: The Church Doctrine class for high school students (Grades 9-12) will continue to meet. 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. Megan Schouten will be leading the discussion.

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 PERKS COFFEE: Want to learn how to make a great cup of joe? Coffee baristas needed for the First Perks coffee shop to serve coffee between church services on Sundays. Contact Megan or Al if you're interested - training available!

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

Dear Congregation –

Please join us at 9:30am on Sunday, October 31 for a time of worship, gratitude, and fellowship as we come together to express our appreciation to Pastor Cal and Carla Hoogendoorn for their 17 ½ years of ministry to First CRC. While it is with great sadness that we accepted Pastor Cal's resignation, we want to celebrate the remarkable impact that the Hoogendoorn's have had among our church family.

Pastor Cal will bring his farewell message that morning, followed by representatives of our congregation who will reflect on the many blessings that God has showered on our church through Pastor Cal and Carla. We will conclude with a time of fellowship with lunch to be provided.

The congregation is invited to participate in this farewell service in the following ways:

- Bring a card or note for Pastor Cal and Carla with a personal memory and/or expression of gratitude and encouragement
- Provide photo(s) of Pastor Cal or Carla from a baptism, wedding, or other special occasion within your family. Please send these to Heather Buys via email at heather@firstchristianreformed.org by Wednesday, Oct 27.

We hope to see you on the 31st! Thank you.

Dan Heard

President, First CRC Sioux Falls Administrative Board

CULTIVATING HEARTS OF GRATITUDE: Scripture tells us to give thanks in all circumstances: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). This year, leading up to our Thanksgiving service, we will be focusing on cultivating hearts of gratitude, regardless of our circumstances. As a staff, we hope to provide many opportunities over the next month to help encourage you as you cultivate a heart of gratitude in your own life.

Our first opportunity is to participate in the CAP meals program. Out of thanksgiving for what God has given us, we reach out and bless those around us. Please pick up and fill a bag with the requested items and bring them back to church by November 14.

CAP MEALS: It's that time of year again! We will be providing Thanksgiving meals to Cleveland and Rosa Parks Elementary schools again this year, it is such a great privilege to provide a nice meal to families within our city. Below are some key dates:

October 17: By this date there will be a list provided for items that are needed to be purchased for the thanksgiving meals. The lists will be on a table set up in the activity center (gym). The bags will also be provided for you and will be on the table in the narthex

November 14: By this date items purchased need to be brought back and returned with the bag that was provided. Items can be dropped off at the church on or near the table in the narthex

November 21: By this date we will be distributing the meals to the families that have asked for a meal. Care Groups/Care Teams will be helping with the delivery. If others would like to help deliver the meals contact Cole.

If anyone has any questions feel free to contact our Director of Outreach Cole Pleggenkuhle cole@firstchristianreformed.org OR Holly Burns at mjdburns@gmail.com

FIRST STUDENTS

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

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY: Time for our first testimony night of the year! Senior Carina Dix will be sharing her testimony with HSM this Wednesday night. See you at church at 7pm!

SAVE THE DATE The 2021 Taco Feed is on the books for **November 3, 2021 from 5-7pm!**

SERVE 2022: Make sure you turn in your SERVE interest forms by October 31st!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Oct. 22-Oct.28 2021

FRIDAY	10:30 am Sr. Circuit
SATURDAY	7:30 am Men of Integrity 9:30 am Sr & Friends
SUNDAY	8:30 am Worship, Nursery & Children's Church 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Vocal Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship, Nursery & Children's Church 1:30 pm Faith Talk for High Schoolers 6:30 pm Sacred Marriage Small Group
MONDAY	10:30 am Sr. Circuit 6:45 pm Men's Life
TUESDAY	10:30 am Sr. Circuit 2:00 pm Women's Bible Study 55+ 6:30 pm Pickleball
WEDNESDAY	6:30 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm GEMS 7:00 pm High School Ministry
THURSDAY	5:45 pm ReFit

DEACON'S MINISTRY

Offering Totals: October 17

General Fund	11,217.19
Building Fund	1,326.48
Faith Promise	632.07
Ministry Shares	1,592.55
Tuition Support	4,567.97
Togo School Project	381.60
Total	\$18,809.07

October 24 Offering of the Day is for Justice For All . For over 30 years, Justice for All has ministered near and far, focusing primarily on helping others through a trucking and warehouse ministry, service trips, and youth development. The Justice for All Foundation exists to offer supporters an opportunity to help provide for the long-term financial stability of the ministry, so those who are underserved have the opportunity to serve God and neighbors in all aspects of life.

October 31 Offering of the Day is for International Theological Education Ministries (ITEM) I.T.E.M is a religious and educational non-profit corporation serving in the countries of the former Soviet Union, as well as Central and Eastern Europe. It assists denominations by offering training to equip local pastors to accomplish their God-given callings and bring the gospel to their own people

BULLETIN BOARD

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 <https://crosscon.com>.

ALPHA CENTER: The Alpha Center invites you to support their ministry by participating in a "Baby Items Needs List." Items can be purchases 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.

CORNERSTONE PRISON CHURCH: We are inviting any interested individuals who wish to learn more about a new way of getting involved in prison ministry by becoming a commissioned member of Cornerstone Prison Church. More information is available in this month's newsletter.

SHALOM CRC: You are invited to Shalom CRC for their annual GEMS Pancake Supper fundraiser on **Wednesday, October 27 from 5-7 pm**. Tickets are able to be bought at the door and adults are \$6 and children ages 3-12 are \$3.50. Thank you for supporting the future generation of disciples!

ALL NATIONS CITY CHURCH All Nations City Church **REUNION-event---Saturday, October 30, 6:30PM**, at Ransom Church downtown, 700 N Main Ave, Sioux Falls, SD. All are welcomed to this time of fellowship of Jesus-followers of many nations and languages, as well as worship, testimony, and music. Enjoy a variety of refreshments from many ethnic backgrounds. Questions---text or call (605)376-6330.

FUNDRAISER EVENT: Jayme and Beth Lohrenz,(Care Group 2), are hosting a Taco food truck fundraiser to generate funds for the adoption process. Come and support them on **October 30 from 4-6pm** at First CRC in the activity center. Meals will be approximately \$12 per plate.

HILLS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: We invite you to join us at Hills Christian School for our Annual Fall Sale and Auction on **Friday, November 5**. The doors will open at 6:30PM and the Sale will start at 7PM. We look forward to a night of fun and fellowship.

SENIORS AND FRIENDS will meet October 23 at 9:30 am. Our speaker will be Shirley Jones, author of the book “Remembering the Ride.” There will be a free will offering to cover expenses.

CENTER OF HOPE: On **Saturday November 13 from 5pm to 8pm**, the Center of Hope will be having their annual Fall Benefit at Sioux Falls Christian. There will be a buffet meal, many silent auction items, desserts, testimonies of Center of Hope guests, and a chance to win a \$500 gift card to Scheels. Unlike previous years, the silent auction will be in person and online through ClickBid. All profit will benefit the ministries of the Center of Hope. Register today (<https://centerofhopesf.cbo.io>) if you would like to participate in the Fall Benefit. We would love to have you come!

CENTER OF HOPE is looking for eight additional volunteers to help with check-in, bidding, and check-out at their Fall Benefit on Saturday November 13. If you are interested in serving that evening, please contact Adam Hofer via email at adam@centerofhopesf.org.

THE LUKE SOCIETY invites you to share in an open house at our central office (3409 S. Gateway Blvd.) in Sioux Falls, S.D., **from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, October 30**. The open house is a chance to wish Dr. Wrede Vogel well in his retirement, while also providing an opportunity to meet our new executive director, Dr. Brent Van Andel. Regional coordinators from Mexico, Ghana and Indonesia will also be in attendance. There is no formal program, so come and go as you please.

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 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!