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NEWSLETTER

October 8, 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.

OFFICE CLOSED : The Church Office will be closed on Monday, October 11 in observance of Columbus Day.

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 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. 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 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!

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: Small Groups this week! Meet at church at 7pm!

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.

FIRST KIDS

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We will not be having Sunday School on October 10th due to many of our families and volunteers being gone over the long weekend. Children's Church and nursery will still be offered during both morning services.

MOPS: MOPS of First CRC would like to thank everyone who participated in our Culver's fundraiser! You really helped to make the fundraiser a success! We are so grateful to be partnered with such a supportive church family!!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Oct. 8-Oct.14 2021

FRIDAY	10:30 am Sr. Circuit
SATURDAY	7:30 am Men of Integrity
SUNDAY	8:30 am Worship, Nursery & Children's Church 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	Church & Church Office Closed
TUESDAY	10:30 am Sr. Circuit 2:00 pm Women's Bible Study 55+ 6:30 pm Pickleball
WEDNESDAY	5:30 pm Meal Ministry 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 3

General Fund	21,128.75
Building Fund	104.00
Faith Promise	1,245.06
Ministry Shares	805.07
Tuition Support	195.28
Togo School Project	1,673.29
Furniture Mission	105.28
KNWC	366.03
Heartland Community Church	30.50
Stephen Ministry	70.00
Resonate Global Missions	3,500.00
Total	\$29,223.26

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.

October 17 Offering of the Day is for Tuition Assistance. The Tuition Assistance Fund provides financial support for families in need of help with the cost of Christian school tuition for the 2020-2021 academic school year.

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!

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>. Please contact Pastor Hoogendoorn if you have questions.

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.

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.

INSPIRATION HILLS: Join us on October 22 for a fun evening of gathering together to support the ministry that God is doing at Inspiration Hills! The live and online auction will have a wide variety of items available, with Zomer Realty and Auction leading the auction.

The focus of the auction is to highlight the ministry of Inspiration Hills and raise funds for major projects. This year, the proceeds will go towards replacing the fire suppression system in the kitchen. Everything that happens at Inspiration Hills, whether it's summer camp, retreats, family reunions, or any other gatherings, involves food! Please join us for a fun evening of gathering together to support the ministry that God is doing at Inspiration Hills! Refreshments will be provided.

Please visit our website at inspirationhills.org to view auction items and instructions how to pre-register for online bidding.

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.