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NEWSLETTER

September 24, 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.

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](#)

WORSHIP SCRIPTURE READING: for a way to get involved in our Sunday services? We are currently looking for more people who would be interested in reading a passage of scripture in a few upcoming services this fall. If you’re interested, please contact Gabby at gabby@firstchristianreformed.org

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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Are you quick to listen and slow to speak? Consider the Stephen Ministry program within our church. Enroll as a Stephen Minister and get equipped over a series of months to provide one on one confidential Christ like care to someone within our congregation. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Cole for more information. cole@firstchristianreformed.org

BIBLICAL FOCUS OF MISSIONAL LIVING (A CHURCH FOR THE CITY):

The Lord calls His Church to shine the light of His gospel locally, regionally, and globally. Would you like to be equipped to live out our adopted purpose: “We are a Church that exists for Kingdom witness and service.” If so, we will study the book, Center Church, (Tim Keller) to learn how to implement gospel-centered ministry as Christians who love our city in the name of Christ. Pastor Hoogendoorn will lead the sessions each Thursday evening in the lower level of the Church Office Building (6:30 - 7:30 pm), beginning on Thursday, September 30. Please sign up [here](#)

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!

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- “High School Me Didn’t Know” Night - See you on Wednesday at 7 for a small group night that is one of a kind! We will be looking at real life stories of how God encouraged, challenged and grew believers through situations they never expected to face.

FIRST KIDS

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 Sept. 24-Sept. 30, 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 9:30 am Vocal Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship, Nursery & Children’s Church 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
TUESDAY	10:30 am Sr. Circuit 2:00 pm Women’s Bible Study 55+ 6:30 pm Pickleball
WEDNESDAY	7 pm HSM Worship Night
THURSDAY	8:50 am MOPS 5:45 pm ReFit 6:30 pm Missional Living Book Study

DEACON'S MINISTRY

Offering Totals: September 19

General Fund	20,858.92
Building Fund	125.09
Faith Promise	375.25
Ministry Shares	3,390.56
Tuition Support	9,875.83
Center of Hope	250.00
The Banquet	200.00
CRWRC Hurricane Relief	300.00
KNWC	1,382.31
Total	\$36,768.74

September 26 Offering of the Day is for the Furniture Mission. The Furniture Mission demonstrates the love of Christ by providing those in need with gently used furniture and household items. Nearly one in six households in the Sioux Falls area makes less than \$20,000 a year, and many of these families are living without the most basic furnishings.

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.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

CHRISTIANS GET DEPRESSED TOO: The Tri-State Bible Conference welcomes Dr. David Murray to the BJ Haan Auditorium at Dordt University on October 7 and 8 at 7:00 pm to speak from God's word on the topic of Depression: The Hidden Affliction. The goal of this conference is to strengthen and encourage the people of God; we consider this to be a highly relevant topic for our times. There is no charge although there will be a free will offering to defray the cost of the event. For more information go to www.tristatebibleconference.com or contact Rev. John Vermeer at jvermeer61@hotmail.com.

SR. & FRIENDS will meet Tomorrow, (Saturday) Morning September 25 at 9:30 am. Jay Woudstra, Superintendent of Sioux Falls Christian Schools will be the speaker.