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NEWSLETTER

September 16, 2022

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 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.**

First CRC is actively seeking a full-time front desk/staff assistant to begin immediately. Persons seeking this job should be highly organized, and comfortable with a variety of software programs for producing weekly communication. As well, they must be willing to learn Planning Center, our frontline program, and work alongside our Director of communications in keeping this data base updated. This person should also possess a desire to serve the church community including its members and staff to provide an exceptional experience for all who need help navigating at First CRC. Resume's and questions can be directed to al@firstchristianreformed.org

FIRST CRC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

First CRC Vocal Choir- High School students to adults of all ages are invited to join our vocal choir ministry. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:15 a.m in the Choir Room, located downstairs. We sing once a month at both worship services. The time commitment is minimal the the blessing of blending our voices together to glorify our Lord is immeasurable. Questions, contact Lex DeWit, lexron416@aol.com, 605-261-7189.

Instrumentalists- We are looking for more instrumentalist to help lead worship for the 10:30 service. If you play bass guitar, drums, acoustic guitar, or electric guitar, we need YOU! Training is available for anyone who has interest in further developing their skills. Please contact Gabby at gabby@firstchristianreformed.org for more information.

Vocalists- We are looking for a few more vocalist to help lead worship for the 10:30 service. If you like to sing and are confident enough to sing with one or two other voices, we need YOU! Please contact Gabby at gabby@firstchristianreformed.org for more information.

Special Music- We are looking for people who would like to be involved in a special music in an upcoming service. If you play an instrument or sing and would like to be involved in a small group of other instrumentalists or vocalists, we would love to have you! Please contact Gabby at gabby@firstchristianreformed.org for more information.

Hymn Sing- Please plan to join us for an old-fashioned hymn-sing, Sunday September 25 at 5 pm in the Fireside Room. We will be singing some favorites from the Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal and asking for suggestions. Come and sing with us as we seek to bring honor and glory to God! Please reach out to gabby@firstchristianreformed.org with any questions.

FIRST STUDENTS & KIDS MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL for grades K-8 has begun! Classes are held each week between services, from 9:45-10:15am. Kids can check-in downstairs before going to their classrooms. It's never too late to join, just [register here!](#)

Registration is open for all of our children and student ministries! All registration links and start dates can be found [HERE](#).

Children's Church is offered each week for preschool kids ages 3-5. Kids can check-in downstairs at the beginning of either service and need to be picked up promptly when the service is finished. Please email heather@firstchristianreformed.org with any questions.

Junior High Ministry- Junior High meets every other Sunday throughout the year from 6:15 to 7:45pm. All students in 7th and 8th grade are welcome to come and enjoy a time learning the Word, playing games and connecting to their peers. Be sure to sign up for Remind by going to this link rmd.at/1crcjhm or entering it into your browser.

Catalyst Youth Ministry- Catalyst Youth Ministry (formerly HSM) meets every Wednesday from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for games, fellowship and Christ-centered relationship building. It's open to all 9th-12 graders. Invite your friends! Questions? Email Will Grisham at will@firstchristianreformed.org.

Cadet Counselors- Regional Cadet Counselor meeting this Tuesday Sept 20 at 1st CRC in the cadet room at 7:30. Future dates: November 15, January 17, February 21, March 21 & April 18.

Faith Talk for High school students in 9-12 grade will be offered on Sunday mornings beginning September 25th, from 9:45-10:15am. If your student plans to attend, please let us know by registering [here](#).

Children's Education Ministry- On behalf of the children and families of Togo, West Africa we want to thank you for the generous financial and prayer support provided by the members of First CRC to SIMDEL Children's Education Ministry, Inc. Through last year's Children's ministry offerings, the offerings provided during this Summer's VBS program and the designated offering taken earlier this year, \$12,053.34 of our \$25,000 goal was received. We ask your ongoing prayer support for Simplicite Noutsougan and his family. Simplicite, founder of this ministry will be leaving for Togo on October 9th to oversee this year's distribution of funds and resources. For more information and to keep updated on this ministry, we encourage you to visit our website at www.simdel.org On-going personal donations may also be made through this website.

MOPS Culver's Fundraiser- On Tuesday, September 20th from 4:00-8:00pm the Culver's on Minnesota Ave will donate 10% of all sales (dine-in and drive thru) to the MOPS group of First CRC! No flyer or coupon is needed. All you have to do is go out and enjoy a delicious meal. Thank you for your support!

SMALL GROUP NEWS

Women's Bible Study sessions based on The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) beginning with the beatitudes and how each is important in our Christian life, then continuing with Jesus' teachings about witnessing anger, lust, divorce, prayer, fasting, money, worry and being critical begin as follows:

45 + meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday's at 6:45 pm beginning September 19, 2022.

55 + meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's at 2:00 p.m.

Come and join us for a great discussion on the word of God. Study guides can be picked up in Sharon Buwalda's mailbox

Men's Life, a time of fellowship and study, digging deep into the words of Genesis, will meet Mondays from 6:45-7:45 pm. We begin with chapter 12, God's call to Abraham and to us all. All men are welcome to join us in room 2 on the lower level. Pastor Jack Gray will initiate and facilitate discussion. Hope to see there!

Men of Integrity- Bible Study will meet Saturdays at 7:30am starting this Saturday, September 17. We are studying the book titled, "Where Do We Go From Here: Strategic Living for Stressful Times", by Dr. David Jeremiah. We encourage men of all ages to consider joining us. For more information please call Stan TerHorst at 605-941-3374.

BULLETIN BOARD

100 Years! Hattie Van Heerde is celebrating her 100th birthday with an open house on Saturday Sept. 24 from 1-4pm in the Fireside Room at First CRC in Sioux Falls. You are invited to share in this celebration with Hattie by joining her at the open house and/or sending her a card to: 4504 Prince of Peace Place, #12, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

Senior and Friends will meet on Saturday morning September 17, 2022 in the Fireside Room at 9:30 AM. Coffee and Doughnuts will be served. Gil Blankespoor will share a presentation on the Establishment of the Christian Reformed Church in North America with an emphasis on the Midwest. This is Gil's personal research and it will certainly be an interesting topic. All seniors and friends are welcome.

Seeing Christ in the Old Testament-The Tri-State Bible Conference welcomes Dr. Michael Barrett to Dordt University on September 26 and 27 at 7:00 pm to speak from God's word on the topic of Seeing Christ in the Old Testament. The goal of this conference is to strengthen and encourage the people of God. 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.

Office Bearer Luncheon- There will be an office bearer luncheon with Dr. Barrett (for pastors, elders, and deacons) at the Pizza Ranch in Sioux Center at noon on September 27. We will hear more about how we can reveal Christ's work to our people.

Classis Meeting-Classis Iokota will be meeting this Tuesday in Rock Rapids, IA.

OFFERING TOTALS: Sept 4, 2022

General Fund	15,779.43
Building Fund	595.02
Faith Promise	660.02
Ministry Shares	2597.54
Tuition Assistance	550.00
Memorial Fund	100.00
Bible League International	760.36
Togo School Project	2000.00
Missionary Fund (Heysti)	1151.66
GRAND TOTAL	24,867.48

DEACON'S MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER 18 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 2022-2023 academic school year.

SEPTEMBER 25 Offering of the Day is for the Building Fund. The Building Fund serves to provide resources for the improvement of the facilities and property at First CRC.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

September 16 - September 22, 2022

<u>FRIDAY</u>	10:30am Senior Circuit
<u>SATURDAY</u>	7:30am Men of Integrity 9:30am Seniors and Friends
<u>SUNDAY</u>	8:30 and 10:30am Worship and Nursery 8:30 and 10:30am Children's Church 9:45-10:15 am Choir Practice 9:45-10:15am Sunday School K-8 12:00 pm Potluck for Care Group 9 (GEMS Room)
<u>MONDAY</u>	10:30am Senior Circuit 6:45pm Mens Life Bible Study 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study (45+)
<u>TUESDAY</u>	10:30 am Senior Circuit 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 am Mens Bible Study (office) 10:30 am Collision Meal Ministry 6:30 pm Cadet Kickoff Meeting 7:00 pm Catalyst Youth Ministry (formerly HSM)
<u>THURSDAY</u>	5:45 pm ReFit 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice