



# —FIRST— CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

September 2, 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](mailto: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](mailto:al@firstchristianreformed.org)

## FIRST CRC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**COLLISION:** We are still looking for a volunteer who can help co lead the meal prep for the Collision Meals that will be taking place at our church again this Fall. The co-lead would only need to help every other week from 10 AM – 1:30 PM on Wednesday's. If you are interested or have questions feel free to contact Cole at the church office at [cole@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:cole@firstchristianreformed.org)

**FIRST CRC VOCAL CHOIR:** Choir rehearsals will begin Sunday, September 11, 9:45-10:15 a.m. in the Choir Room, located downstairs. We sing once a month at both worship services and sometimes for special services. High School students to adults of all ages are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and glorifying our Lord through the gift of vocal music. Questions, contact Lex DeWit, [lexron416@aol.com](mailto:lexron416@aol.com), 605-261-7189.

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](mailto:gabby@firstchristianreformed.org) for more information.

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](mailto:gabby@firstchristianreformed.org) for more information.

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](mailto:gabby@firstchristianreformed.org) for more information

# **FIRST STUDENTS & KIDS MINISTRY**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** starts September 11th and we are in need of a few more teachers! We meet each week between services, from 9:45-10:15am and use curriculum from The Gospel Project. If you can't commit to every week, team-teaching is also a great option. Please contact [heather@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:heather@firstchristianreformed.org) if you would be willing join our teaching team.

Registration is open for all of our children and student ministries! Please take a minute to register your kids for the ministries that they will be attending this fall. This greatly helps us with planning and the check-in process. All registration links and start dates can be found [HERE](#).

Our **Cadet** program is in need of a few more counselors. If would you be willing to join and help lead the young men of our church, please contact [heather@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:heather@firstchristianreformed.org).

**Children's Church** needs a few more teachers for the year! If you would be willing to help teach our 3-5 year olds, please contact [heather@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:heather@firstchristianreformed.org). We meet between both morning services.

**Junior High Ministry** begins Saturday Sept. 10. We plan on meeting at Tuthill Park at the upper parking lot at 6pm. Disc Golf, drinks, snacks will be provided and we will finish up with an evening fire. Be sure to sign up for Remind by going to this link [rmd.at/1crcjhm](https://rmd.at/1crcjhm) or entering it into your browser.

Junior High meets every other Sunday throughout the year (except for our kick off day) 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.

## **SIMDEL 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 Simplice Noutsougan and his family. Simplice, founder of this ministry will be leaving for Togo on October 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.simdel.org) On-going personal donations may also be made through this website.

## **Children's Inn Shoe Drive**

Thanks to those of you who were able to purchase a pair of shoes for a child or mother. It is such a joy as a congregation to help in this tangible way. This will surely place a smile on many youth faces as they begin a new school year. We were able to provide Children's Inn with 100 pairs of shoes.

## 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 Christina 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.**

**55 + meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's at 2:00 pm beginning on September 13.**

These studies are available to all women of all ages. 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, begins Monday, September 12, 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!

The Saturday morning **Men of Integrity** bible study will begin meeting on September 10, at 7:30am. 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 @ 605-941-3374

## BULLETIN BOARD

**CENTER OF HOPE:** The Center of Hope is in search of Front Desk and Bike Ministry volunteers! If you are looking to volunteer at a nonprofit that works with the homeless and working-poor and are missional, you may be a good fit to become a volunteer at the Center of Hope. If you are interested in serving, please contact Adam Hofer via email at [adam@centerofhopesf.org](mailto:adam@centerofhopesf.org).

**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

**The Bible League** is hosting **The Power of the Word** conference on Tuesday September 20 from 9:30am-3pm at Centerpoint Church in Sioux Center IA. The conference includes Keynote speakers Mike and Lynn Wilder, a time of praise and worship as well as lunch. The cost is \$40 and you can register for the conference online at [bibleleague.org/tickets](http://bibleleague.org/tickets) or by calling Judy at **708-367-8545**. Registration closes at midnight Sept. 12. Those who interested in a ride to the conference, please contact Carla Kooiman at 605-370-4675. Either a church Van or church bus will be available.

Congratulations to **Josh and Gabby (Eckardt) Friez** who were married Sunday August 28 at First Christian Reformed Church. We pray that their new covenant life together will be permeated by God's richest blessings.

## OFFERING TOTALS: AUGUST 21

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| General Fund       | 6384.41          |
| Building Fund      | 385.00           |
| Faith Promise      | 845.00           |
| Ministry Shares    | 735.00           |
| Tuition Assistance | 3020.00          |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> | <b>11,369.41</b> |

## DEACON'S MINISTRY

**SEPTEMBER 4** 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.

**SEPTEMBER 11** Offering of the Day is for Ministry Shares. Ministry Shares proves the power of shared resources by helping the individual congregations of the CRC 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.

**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.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

September 1 - September 10, 2022

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| <u>FRIDAY</u>    | Office Closed  |
| <u>SATURDAY</u>  | No events  |
| <u>SUNDAY</u>    | 9:30 am Combined Worship & Nursery   |
| <u>MONDAY</u>    | Church and Office Closed   |
| <u>TUESDAY</u>   | 10:30 am Senior Circuit<br>7:00pm Elders, Deacons, Lay Shepherds   |
| <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | 10:30 am Collision Meal Ministry<br>5:00pm Wednesday Night Meal Ministry<br>6:30pm Cadet Counselor Meeting |
| <u>THURSDAY</u>  | 7:00pm Catalyst Youth Ministry<br>5:45 pm ReFit  |