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NEWSLETTER

September 9, 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: 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, 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 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 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 for more information

FIRST STUDENTS & KIDS MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL for grades K-8 starts this Sunday, September 11th! We meet each week between services, from 9:45-10:15am and use curriculum from The Gospel Project. Kids can check-in downstairs before going to their classrooms. Make sure to [register](#) if you haven't already!

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

Children's Church begins this Sunday, September 11th. Kids can check-in at the beginning of either service and need to be picked up promptly when the service is finished. We are still in need of 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.

Junior High Ministry begins this Saturday Sept. 10. We will meet at Tuthill Park in the upper parking lot at 6pm. Disc Golf, drinks, snacks will be provided and we will finish up with an evening fire at the Rietsema's. You can pick your student up here at 9pm they are located on 3520 S. Spencer Blvd. Be sure to sign up for Remind by going to this link 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.

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 Simplicie Noutsougan and his family. Simplicie, 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.

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

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 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.

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.

Reminder Senior and Friends: Registration for the Christmas Carol presentation on December 17, at 2:00 PM at the Orpheum Theater has been extended and must be made by September 12. We will go as a group and leave from church. Payment of \$45.00 per person must be made by September 25 payable to Senior and Friends. Please call **Marcene Brands at 605-376-1316** to register and place payment in her mail box. Friends are Welcome!

OFFERING TOTALS: Sept 4, 2022

General Fund	13799.69
Building Fund	272.05
Faith Promise	400.04
Ministry Shares	1010.04
Tuition Assistance	1211.84
The Banquet	961.88
Missionary: Heytsi	50.00
GRAND TOTAL	17,705.54

Correction Aug. 28 Total *23,970.78*

DEACON'S MINISTRY

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 11 Communion Offering is for The Bible League. The Bible League serves the under-resourced Church with Bibles and training to transform lives worldwide through God's Word.

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 9 - September 15, 2022

<u>FRIDAY</u>	Senior Circuit
<u>SATURDAY</u>	Junior High Ministry 6pm Tuthill Park
<u>SUNDAY</u>	8:30 and 10:30am Worship 8:30 and 10:30am Children's Church 9:45-10:15am Sunday School K-8
<u>MONDAY</u>	10:30am Senior Circuit 6:45pm Mens Life Bible Study
<u>TUESDAY</u>	10:30 am Senior Circuit 2:00pm Women's Bible Study
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30am Mens Bible Study (office) 10:30 am Collision Meal Ministry 5:30pm Wednesday Night Meal Ministry 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm Gems Counsellor Meeting 7:00pm Catalyst Youth Ministry
<u>THURSDAY</u>	5:45 pm ReFit