

First Church Fellowship

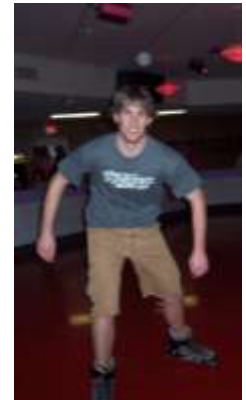
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YPS



March events included a Connexions night on March 4 with Chad Van Ginkel who spoke to us about sex and marriage. We had to cancel our other Connexions night as that was the same as the pinewood derby and some of the YPS kids wanted to attend. We also went roller skating on the 18th with all the Sioux Center CRC churches in Sheldon-fun was had by everybody.



Upcoming events for April are three Connexions, sunrise service and amazing race.

First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa
 Christian Education Fund Activity Report
 February 1, 2009 to February 28, 2009

Beginning Balance 02/01/09	472.16
Receipts	21,005.00
Disbursements	(21,134.61)
Ending Balance 2/28/09	342.55

	Total Due	Paid	Balance Due
Sioux Center Christian School	174,330.00	100,664.59	73,665.41
Unity Christian School	30,875.00	17,830.31	13,044.69
Western Christian School	1,625.00	938.44	686.56
Total Due	206,830.00	119,433.34	87,396.66

Percent 57.74% 42.26%

Percentage of Year 58.33%

We received \$8,000.00 from the Pig in the Blanket Fund.

We are approximately \$1,200.00 behind schedule

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New Members



Dustin Vanden Hull is a new member of First CRC. His membership comes to us from Faith CRC of Sioux Center.

"I am originally from Hospers, moving to Sioux Center when I was five. My dad got a job at

Dordt College. I went to Sioux Center Christian, then to Unity Christian High School and finished my education at Southeast Technical Institute of Sioux Falls with a degree in Graphic Communications. I am currently employed at ADI Products of Rock Valley, working in the IT/Graphics departments. I chose First CRC as my home church because of the style of worship, the congregation and also all my friends attend First CRC.

1166 12 Street NE

722-1302

WANTED: your used blue jean pockets (with no holes) from adult-sized jeans to be used as a small bag for a GEMS activity. Please leave at least a one-inch edge at top **and** bottom of pocket.

Please place them in the marked box in the kitchen. Thanks for your help!



APPLES OF GOLD

If you missed the explanation for the Apples of Gold program, please refer to the March issue of the Fellowship for details. 1st Church will be offering an opportunity for women to participate in the Apples of Gold mentoring program this summer for 4 weeks. As soon as dates are chosen, there will be a bulletin announcement and a sign up sheet at the information desk.

If you have any questions about the program or would like to speak with some one about it, please contact Dianne Bierma, Rachel Raih, Kathy De Groot, Barb Eekhoff or Rose Koele.

Welcome to Ivan and Alice Groothuis. Ivan and Alice's membership comes to us from Bethel CRC of Sioux Center.



Alice is from Hull, ND while Ivan is from Sumas, WA. They met at Dordt College in 1962 and married in 1965. They have served God for 40 years in six different Christian schools: Manhattan, MT; Pella Christian; Unity- Orange City; Northern Michigan, Mc Bain; Hull Christian; Dakota Christian, New Holland, SD.

Three of their four daughters were born while they were in Manhattan; Melissa joined them as a kindergartener in Pella. Their children are Dave and Denise Driesen (Drew, Darienne, Devyn, Dacey, Daelyn) of Orange City; Rod and Dawn Zomermaand (Ashtyn, Svanah, Tabitha, Emilee, Jac) of Maurice; Joel and Dara Ruisch (Jamie Allison, Brandon) of Pella; and Waylon and Melissa Pollema (Carter, Samatha, Chandler) of Hull.

Alice held various employment but mostly enjoyed the work of a nurse's assistant both in Orange City and Platte.

They moved to Sioux Center since three of their four daughters live in the immediate area. God has blessed these four to give them 16 grandchildren--all of whom they enjoy very much. Currently Ivan drives the Hospers to Spirit Lake Casey's Bakery route and does some wood-working; Alice enjoys sewing and scrapbooking.

"We are thankful to God for allowing us to enjoy the ministry and fellowship of First CRC."

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722-1013

In Loving Memory

August Kuipers, age 87, of Sioux Center, Iowa, formerly of Sibley, Iowa, passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2009, at Royal Meadows in Sioux Center.

August Kuipers was born on July 11, 1921, in Worthington, Minnesota. He was the son of Albert and Grace (Dykstra) Kuipers. He lived his youth in Worthington, where he attended school.

Gus moved to Ocheyedon, Iowa, where he worked for different farmers as a farm hand.



He was united in marriage to Ermina (Cochran) TeBrake of Sibley, Iowa, on August 23, 1975, in Sibley, Iowa. They lived in Sibley, where Gus worked for Chase Bag Company, until he retired.

Gus enjoyed vegetable gardening and riding his bike. Ermina passed away on February 6, 1999. After her death, Gus moved to Sioux Center, Iowa, to be closer to Barb and her family.

While Gus was living at the Royal Meadows in Sioux Center, he tried to be involved in all of the activities. He enjoyed playing games, going to the Tulip Festival, riding on the Queen at the lakes, and going to the circus in Sioux City. He really enjoyed celebrating birthdays with birthday cake.

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Those left to cherish his memories are his stepchildren: Theresa Steinke of Unionville, MO, Barb and Kelvin Eekhoff of Sioux Center, IA, Donna and Dan Westerhaus of Winside, NE, Jon and Bonnie TeBrake of Carroll, IA; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Ermina; his parents; two sisters and one brother.

Thank You

We thank the congregation for all their love, prayers, cards, and concerns before and after Gilmer's death. All your support and condolences were deeply appreciated. We have felt God's presence throughout Gilmer's life in answer to all your prayers. We would like to especially thank Pastor Verbruggen, Rev. Klompein, the consistory and pastoral helper, Carla Nibbelink, for all their prayers and visits. Also a huge thanks to The Care Group for the delicious meal that was served to us and our families before family visitation. Also thank you to each individual that brought food to the house. It was all very helpful and appreciated.

The Gilmer Nyhof Family

Thank you so much for the lovely basket of fruit and goodies and for your kind words of welcoming us to First CRC. We have already enjoyed the fellowship here and we are looking forward to our future together!

Ivan and Alice Groothuis

Dear Friends at First CRC, Thank you for your recent gift to the ministry of ATLAS of Sioux Center. We appreciate your partnership in the gospel. God continues to bring the hurting ones through doors of ATLAS. Pray for us as we seek to bring them truth and love.

The ATLAS Staff

Many thanks for all the cards, get well wishes, visits and food. Above all for the prayers during and after surgery. Thanks too for the visits and prayers of Pastor Klompie and Pastor Verbruggen, and Elder Jim Mouw. Also for the visits in Rochester. The Lord has performed a miracle by correcting my heart problems. I am well on my way to recovery.

Henry and Evelyn Vis

I wish to thank all who called, sent cards and wished me a happy birthday. It was nice to be remembered.

Myna De Stigter

Thank you for all of the visits, cards and especially the prayers on my behalf. The past year my journey held many twists and turns. The death of Henry last spring, surgery on my foot and the subsequent fall all presented opportunities for me to experience the **kindness of my "church family"**. I even received visits and cards from children in the congregation- what a joy they are! If I would try **to mention by name each one who ministered to me**, I'm sure I would forget someone, so I will just thank you all! May God bless each one of you!

Wilmina Kramer

April 2009 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Church Education 6:00 pm Worship	30 Council	31 Ruth Circle Outreach	1 APRIL YPS - Service Project Gleaners Golden Hour Gems - Secret Pal Party at First YPS Service Project	2 Friendship Bible Class Beth Moore Bible Study 7 pm	3	4 African Ministries Conference 8:30am - Noon
5 Palm Sunday 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Church Education 10:45 am Fellowship and Member Care 6:00 pm Worship	6 POP CAN DROP OFF WEEK	7	8 Cadets 9th Grade Catechism JOY	9 Friendship Bible Class Beth Moore Bible Study 7 pm	10 Good Friday Service 7 pm	11
12 Easter Sunday 7:00 am Sunrise Service at BJ Haan Youth Group Breakfast 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am Worship Communion 6:00 pm Worship	13 Elder/Deacon PA Meeting King's Daughters	14 Ruth Circle	15 Gleaners Golden Hour Cadets 9th Grade Catechism YPS Connexions	16 Beth Moore Bible Study 7 pm	17	18
19 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Church Education 3-4 pm Easter Hymn Fest 6:00 pm Worship	20	21 Outreach	22 YPS Amazing Race JOY GEMS (Point Auction)	23 Beth Moore Bible Study 7 pm	24	25
26 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Church Education 6:00 pm Worship	27 Council King's Daughters	28 Ruth Circle	29 Gleaners Golden Hour 9th Grade Catechism GEMS Parent/Daughter Night	30 Beth Moore Bible Study 7 pm	1 MAY	2 Bridal Shower 10 am



April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Cecelia De Stigter</i> <i>Erica Feikema</i>	2 <i>Arlyn Lamigo (ms)</i> <i>Leendert van Beek</i>	3 <i>Shaniah Geels</i> <i>Irene Roghair</i> <i>Karissa Roghair</i>	4 <i>Paul Kuiper (ms)</i> <i>Jeff Mouw</i> <i>John Wesselius</i>
5 <i>Evelyn Beimers</i> <i>Tom De Vries</i> <i>Linda Haan</i>	6 <i>Denny De Waard</i>	7 <i>Brian Davelaar</i> <i>*Leroy & Joann Walburg</i>	8 <i>Emma De Jong</i> <i>Kaylee De Jong</i>	9	10 <i>Wayne Kobes</i> <i>Melissa Van Middendorp</i>	11 <i>Lisa Dykstra</i> <i>Jim Horstman</i>
12 <i>Bimala Pokharel (ms)</i> <i>Mark Sybesma</i> <i>*Jeff & Sharon Mouw</i>	13 <i>Kelly Visser</i> <i>Jessica Wesselius</i>	14 <i>Kathy De Groot</i> <i>*Bernie & Mayme Walburg</i>	15 <i>Omar Alvarez</i>	16 <i>*Harlan & Jolene De Stigter</i>	17 <i>Sarah Timmer</i> <i>Charles Veenstra</i>	18
19 <i>Keith Bonnema</i> <i>Harold & Alyce De Groot</i> <i>Leonard De Stigter</i>	20 <i>Jennifer Kuiper (ms)</i>	21 <i>Tanya Alvarez</i> <i>Katie Haan</i>	22 <i>Peter Allen</i> <i>Jerry De Vries</i> <i>Rich Haan</i>	23 <i>Lew Arkema</i> <i>Hannah Koele</i>	24	25
26 <i>Brad De Kruyf</i>	27 <i>Lloyd Bierma</i> <i>Henrietta Ribbens</i> <i>Rose Koele</i> <i>*Rich & Stacy Koele</i> <i>*Brock & Kari Midthune</i>	28 <i>Dianne Bierma</i> <i>Alice Moerman</i>	29 <i>Sean Brons</i> <i>Grace Klein</i>	30 <i>Matt Van Roekel</i> <i>*Doug & Henrietta Ribbens</i>	* <i>Wedding Anniversary</i> <i>ms - missionary</i>	



Deacon's Digest

The Alpha Center

On April 5, 2009 our church will be taking an offering for The Alpha Center, in Sioux City, IA. Below is a brief description from their website of their purpose and services The Alpha Center provides to the community. For more information please refer to their website: <http://www.alphacenter-sc.org/aboutus.php>.

Alpha Center's Purpose

Our purpose is to promote sexual integrity by equipping individuals to make healthy, life-affirming choices.

Services the Alpha Center provides free of charge to their clients:

- Pregnancy testing
- Confidential advice
- Education about fetal development
- *Earn While You Learn* parenting curriculum through which expectant and new parents earn points that may be spent to purchase items in our baby and maternity store
- Referrals for medical care, adoption and other assistance
- Factual information about abortion alternatives, risks and procedures
- Spiritual hope and healing from the emotional scars of abortion
- Sexual integrity/abstinence-until-marriage education

Description of Services

"Many young women have little understanding about the changes occurring in their bodies. With a free pregnancy test and a compassionate client advocate, women and their partners/families learn about fetal development and the creation of life. We offer the "Earn While You Learn" parenting curriculum so clients can earn material aid such as maternity and baby clothes, diapers, formula and other baby supplies. We refer clients to other life-affirming agencies that offer additional services such as maternity homes, medical care and adoption assistance."

Please prayerfully consider giving to this worthy cause on April 5th.

Opportunities to respond to God's blessings:

- April 5: Alpha Center
- April 12: am Family Crisis Center
- April 12: pm Dordt Debt Reduction
- April 19: Sioux City Gospel Mission
- April 26: Mission and Building

Response of God's People: 1/25- 3/11

General Fund:	\$39,123.23
Mission Fund:	\$ 2,849.80
Building Fund:	\$ 2,076.00

Special Offerings:

Tuition Aid:	\$ 699.80
Cadets	\$ 436.80
Love INC	\$ 514.00
D.R. Project	\$ 1,401.50
The Bridge	\$ 614.80
CRWRC: Disaster Response	\$ 965.77

Miscellaneous Receipts:

Capital Campaign	\$29,165.00
D.R. Project - Participants	\$ 2,500.00
Foundation - D.R. Project	\$ 3000.45
Memorial Funeral Home:	\$ 175.00
Dordt- Honorarium	\$ 1,405.00
CRWRC -Kings Daughters	\$ 100.00
Higher Ground Jewelry Sales	\$ 48.00
Marriage Readiness	\$ 415.00
Misc.	\$ 383.42

First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, IA
Financial Statement Supplement
February 28, 2009

	General Fund Undesignated		Building Fund		Mission Fund		
	Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Beginning Fund Balance		(\$9,511.93)	(\$1,220.04)	\$926.85		\$1,193.22	(\$341.13)
Total Receipts	\$23,707.30	\$48,816.92	\$2,076.00	\$3,185.00	\$2,849.80	\$4,754.31	\$6,366.00
Balance Before Disb.	\$14,195.37	\$43,750.34	\$855.96	\$4,111.85	\$4,043.02	\$4,413.18	
Total Disbursements	\$29,606.46	\$59,161.43	\$408.05	\$3,663.94	\$900.00	\$1,270.16	\$6,366.00
Ending Fund Balance	(\$15,411.09)	(\$15,411.09)	\$447.91	\$447.91	\$3,143.02	\$3,143.02	
Total Budget		\$345,555.00		\$20,000.00		\$38,200.00	
Budget per Month		\$28,796.00		\$1,667.00		\$3,183.00	
Budget per Day		\$947.00		\$55.00		\$105.00	
Days Reserve Ahead / (Behind)		(16)		8		30	
		(\$29,616)		(\$1,202)			

Missionary Letters

New missionary letters have arrived from:

- **Verlyn and Carol Schaap** work at **Friendship Community Church in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa**. Their building project has met and exceeded financial goals and by March they hope to have the building enclosed with a poured concrete floor. **They are looking for Work Teams to come and volunteers to frame the walls, either for a Saturday or a whole week.**
- **Arbin and Bimala Pokharel in Kathmandu, Nepal** are in need of your prayers. Santosh a grauate of the seminary where Arbin is the principal. It is a desire that Santosh become part of the faculty in the seminary, but needs a scholarship to Kuyper College or Calvin Theological Seminary for that to happen. Pray for converts and the daily spiritual battle they face from the people around them and the prevalent belief in the spirit world. Pray for the Higher Ground Cafe and Bakery as they are operating with only 4 hours of electricity per day and a shortage of water and raw materials. Pray for a larger space for worship as the current space is very congested.

There will be a bridal/grocery shower for Kelsey Davelaar and Kim Klein on Saturday May 2 at 10:00 am in our church.

Please join us as we celebrate with them.



Kids Page

Easter Sunrise Surprise

He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 24:1-12 (NIV).



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living	tomb	rolled	risen	dead
women	first	spices	away	bowed
faces	stone	entered	ground	remember
morning	week	body	fright	day