

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – March 10	Next Sunday – March 17
Coffee/Juice Servers	Tim & Reba Klein Alan & Brenda Kempers Jon & Jana Lammers	Adam & Whitney Jeninga Duane & Rose Koele Allen & Bev Hooyer
Greeters	Loren De Stigter Gary & Sandy Draayer Jerome De Stigter Carl & Ellen Klompien Paula Haan	Jon & Dana Koele Kel & Barb Eekhoff Drew De Vries Carl & Kathy Fictorie Katie Haan
PM		
Upstairs		
Roving Greet	Jon & Eileen Buiten	Ron Rynders
Sound	Nick Vander Kooi	Phil De Stigter
Video	Phil Van Maanen	Andrew Louwerse
Power Point	Sam Fopma	Darlene Reichert
Broadcast	Wes Kroeze	Rich Haan
Children & Worship	Teacher: Sarah Sjoerdsma Helpers: Sarah T / Steph R	Teacher: Krista Sikkema Helpers: Rich K / Emma K
Nursery	A.M. Infant P.M. Tanya A Glenda B Amy VB Ginger C Kim D Sally VT Emily M Sarah T Elsie VT Hannah C Kaeley M Parker VR	A.M. Infant P.M. Sheila D Tracy E Eileen B Lisa D Cathy F Lorie DS Edwin B Shay M Kellan M Brielle M Avery F Omar A
Bus Driver / Asst	Wes Kroeze / Tom De Vries	Rich Koele / Will Maas
Valet Parking	Nelvin Brons Mark Sjoerdsma	Adam Jeninga Tyler Knobloch
Ushers	Tom De Vries, Lisa Dykstra, Eric Eekhoff, Arnola Roos	Tom De Vries, Lisa Dykstra, Eric Eekhoff, Arnola Roos
Wednesday Night Meals	March 13 No church meal	March 20 <i>Serving:</i> Tracy E, Marlene B, Rachel R, Lora DV <i>Clean-up:</i> Jerry DV, Jay B, Darrel R



Psalm 51

7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

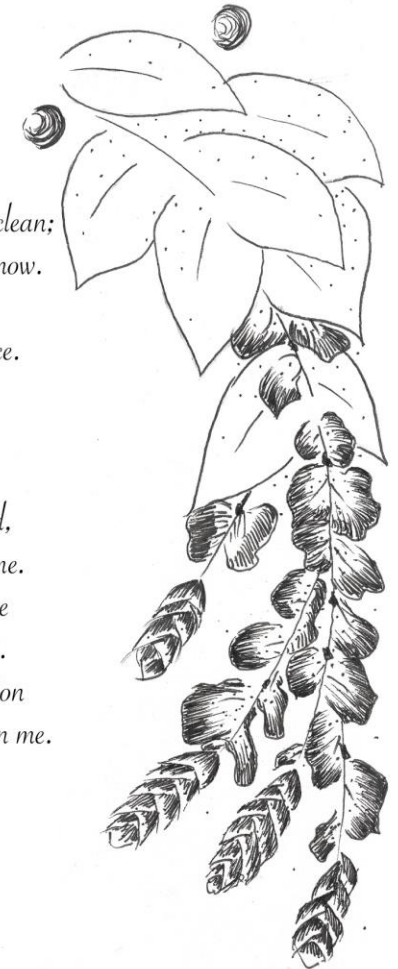
8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.

10 Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.



First Christian Reformed Church ~ Sioux Center, Iowa
March 10, 2019

Welcome to First CRC on this first Sunday of Lent as we praise the Lord for his blessing of grace! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join with us regularly. Please join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and juice in the Fellowship Hall after our morning service.

Worship Notes

Dr. Jason Lief will open God's Word for us today.

A Children and Worship program is provided for children 3-5 years of age during the morning service. Children of visiting families are welcome! Our helpers will greet the children in the back of the sanctuary and lead them to our worship center. Parents are asked to pick up their children after the service in Room 8 upstairs.

This evening our service will include an observance of the Annual CRC Day of Prayer.

Next Sunday, March 17, our evening service will include the celebration of the Lord's Supper and the participation of Unity Christian's Instruments of Praise.



Today we begin the season of Lent. As the season of Advent prepares us for Christmas, so the season of Lent prepares us for Good Friday and Easter. Advent, a season of expectation, expresses the joy that a Savior will be sent; Lent, a season of repentance and reflection remembers the suffering and death of Jesus and focuses on our need for that Savior. During Lent, our services will reflect repentance with an opening prayer and prayers of confession. The banners and cross show the crown of thorns against a backdrop of purple representative of all of Christ's suffering, which will be changed on Easter to the crown of glory. *"They clothed Jesus in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him"* Mark 15:17. Thank you to Kirsten Buiter for designing our Lenten bulletin cover!

Announcements

With thanksgiving to God, our council is pleased to announce that Rev. Kurt Monroe has accepted the call to be our next pastor. The Monroe family plans to move to Sioux Center in May with installation in June. Please keep Rev. Monroe's congregation and leadership at Valley CRC in Binghamton, New York, in your prayers as they too make transitions.

Adult Education: Everyone is welcome to join in on **Love to Pray Session 7** in the sanctuary at 10:45 this morning. There will be a handout for taking notes and for in-week reflection. We pray that the journey through this series enriches our prayer life, both individually and as a congregation.

Care Group 3A (De Kruyf/Floen/De Kruyf) will meet at the Pizza Ranch this coming Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30pm for a care group social.

Time of Prayer: Everyone is invited to a time of prayer for our congregation next week Sunday, March 17, at 5 pm in the upstairs Fireside Room. We will be highlighting Care Group 3B along with other cares and concerns of our church.

There will be no Wednesday night meal this week since our church will be serving the Community Unity Meal on Thursday, March 14, at New Life Reformed Church from 6-7:00pm. Meatloaf, seasoned mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, and a variety of desserts will be served. **As an Outreach to our community, First CRC members are asked to please consider helping with the Community Unity Meal.** Many volunteers (20-40) are needed to help set up, serve, and clean up. This year additional help is needed with preparing the meal on Wednesday night. Please sign up as soon as possible at the Information Center. Contact Libby Van Bruggen (712-441-1710) with any questions.

A Lent Devotional Series – Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook. Subscribe at TodayDevotional.com/Lent.

Church Family

Joel Van Otterloo's grandfather, Marley Grotenhuis of Sibley, passed away on February 28. The funeral was held this past Monday in Sibley. May God bring his comfort and peace to the Van Otterloo family.

We also extend our sympathy to Lew & Jean Arkema in the passing of Lew's brother-in-law, Earl Dykema, of Cedar Rapids. Funeral services were held Thursday in Cedar Rapids.

Prayer Requests

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Steve & Tara Dekkers.

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings for the New Life Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bobby Van Otterloo.

The Prayer Committee encourages everyone to submit prayer requests that can be used either in congregational prayer or in confidential prayer. You are invited to submit your prayer requests by placing them in the Information Center box (forms provided there) or by contacting an elder.

Youth Group

March 13- Connexions
March 20- Movie Night at Lisa's

ETM – 7th and 8th Graders

March 24- We will meet at our church at 7:30.

What's Happening This Week {March 10 – March 17, 2019}

Today	9:30am	Morning Lenten worship service led by Dr. Jason Lief.
	10:40am	Church Education
	10:45am	Adult Education: <i>Love to Pray</i> Session 7 – Sanctuary
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Dr. Jason Lief. An offering will be taken for Facilitators International.
Monday	12:00pm	Men's Life – Koldenhoven's home
	7:00pm	Elder/Deacon Meeting
	7:00pm	King's Daughters – Lunch: Dinah
Tuesday	6:00am	Tuesday Men's Life – Council Room
	8:30am	JFA Volunteering
	9:00am	SCCS's Moms in Prayer – Council Room
	10:00am	Grandmother's Moms in Prayer – Room 3
	12:00pm	College and Career Moms in Prayer – Room 3
	6:30pm	Care Group 3A meets at Pizza Ranch
	6:00am	Wednesday Men's Life – Council Room
Wednesday	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of Worship Service on Channel 12
	6:30pm	Women's Bible Conversations – Room 8
	6:45pm	Cadets
	7:00pm	GEMS at Bethel
	7:00pm	Youth Group – Connexions – Fireside Room
Thursday	6:00pm	Serve Community Unity Meal at New Life Reformed
	6:30pm	Friendship Bible Study – Dordt Game Room
Next Sunday	9:30am	Morning Lenten worship service led by Dr. Jason Lief, including the Profession of Faith of Cheney Vander Berg.
	10:40am	Church Education
	10:45am	Adult Education: <i>Love to Pray</i> Session 8 – Sanctuary
	5:00pm	A Time of Prayer – Fireside Room
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Dr. Jason Lief, including the celebration of the Lords' Supper by intinction and the participation of Unity Christian's Instruments of Praise. An offering will be taken for the Benevolent Fund.