

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – April 7	Next Sunday – April 14
Coffee/Juice Servers	Katie Haan Aaron & Lindsey Floen Eric & Tracy Eekhoff	Carl & Kathy Fictorie Paul & Avonda Fessler Daniel & Abby Finley
Greeters	Randy & Marsha Meyer Tim & Reba Klein	Dave & Lisa Dykstra Sean & Rikki Brons
PM	Tom & Myrna De Vries Shirley Klein	Jason & Tami Koelewyn Adam & Whitney Jeninga
Upstairs	Todd & Anita Kleinwolterink	Jeff Heldt
Roving Greet	Dean & Darlene Reichert	Brian & Sheila Davelaar
Sound	Trent Geleyense	Nick Vander Kooi
Video	Andrew Louwerse	Tim Klein
Power Point	Carl Fictorie	Sam Fopma
Broadcast	Kirsten Buiters	Wes Kroeze
Children & Worship	Teacher: Sarah Sjoerdsma Helpers: Sarah T / Katy T	Teacher: Krista Sikkema Helpers: Brittney K / Shay M
Nursery	A.M. Infant P.M. Tammy L Maria M Marsha M Lisa M Naomi DS Carla N Aiden H Natalie DS Cole F Logan M	A.M. Infant P.M. Heidi Oc Kathy P Rhonda P Carla P Kaeley M Darlene R Christian L Annabelle K Kira Oc Savannah L
Bus Driver / Asst	Wes Kroeze / Drew De Vries	Phil De Stigter / Keith Bonnema
Valet Parking	Joel Van Otterloo	Dave Dykstra
Ushers	Marv Hooyer, Darrel Raih, Joe & Shar Van Schouwen	Marv Hooyer, Darrel Raih, Joe & Shar Van Schouwen
Wednesday Night Meals	April 10 - more help needed <i>Serving:</i> Sally K, Wilma VB <i>Clean-up:</i> Randy M, Al B, Tammy L	



Psalm 51

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

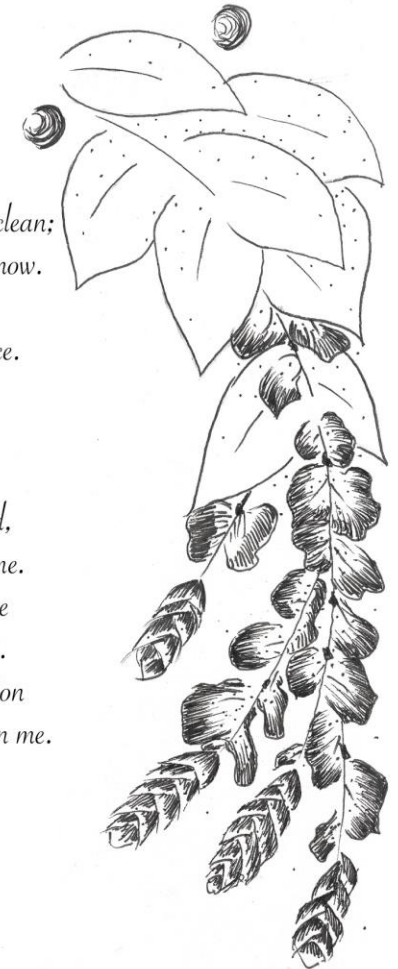
8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

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
April 7, 2019

Welcome to First CRC on this Fifth Sunday of Lent as we bring praise for God's love for us! 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

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

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.



In addition to being a time of repentance, Lent focuses on our union with Christ through baptism. In the early Church, when many baptisms were of adults, baptism was celebrated on Easter Sunday, and the 40 days before Easter were a time of preparation for those to be baptized, a time of Bible and catechism study, and spiritual disciplines such as prayer and fasting. 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 Buitter for designing our Lenten bulletin cover!

Announcements

Time of Prayer: Join us in the Fireside Room this evening at 5 pm for a time of prayer for our church. We will be praying for Care Group 4A, along with other cares and concerns for our church. All are invited.

Please notify Interim Pastor Lief or your care group elder of any joys or concerns.

Don't miss our last Wednesday night meal for this spring season! Our menu includes: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, lettuce salad, and pudding. Serving is from 5-6:30pm. A suggested donation of \$2/person is appreciated.

All Special Friends of GEMS are invited to attend the Special Friend Party at Royale Meadows this coming Wednesday, April 10, at 7:00pm.

Time of Celebration: On Sunday, April 28, everyone is invited to a time of celebration as we will have a standing reception following our morning service for those getting married soon: Jonathan Fictorie & Emily Currey on May 25, and Brendan Miedema & Karissa Van Surksun on June 20. Bars will be served along with our morning coffee/juice. Gifts may be placed on tables in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone would like to go in on a shower gift card, please bring your money to the church office by noon on April 24.

GRADUATES: If you are graduating from grade school, high school, college, or beyond in May, we would like to acknowledge your accomplishment in the May issue of our church

newsletter. Please submit your information to the newsletter editor, Ron Rynders (Ron.Rynders@dordt.edu).

Make plans to attend Trail'Raiser Night THIS Saturday, April 13! This is a debt-reduction event for Sioux Center Christian School, with a variety of donating opportunities. Ford Test Drive event starts at 1:30pm. Doors open at 3pm, freewill supper serves from 4:30-6:30, and The Price is Right game show begins at 7pm. For all the details, visit www.siouxcenterchristian.com. We hope to see you there!

Vacation Bible School is coming to Bethel CRC again July 15-18. The sign-ups will be starting soon. Currently, the VBS director is looking for a few people to help with planning, decorations, etc. Even if you aren't available the week of VBS, any help is welcome! If interested, please contact Shawn Meyers, vbs@bethelcsc.org.

Church Family

Keith Kooistra was admitted to the local hospital with digestive issues. No visitors are requested, but your prayers are appreciated.

Lynn Bleeker's sister-in-law, Sharon Bleeker, age 56, passed away on Monday after battling cancer for six years. The funeral was held Saturday in Prinsburg, MN.

Prayer Requests

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Adam & Laura Rodeheaver-Van Gelder.

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings for the Bethel Christian Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor John Lee.

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

April 10- Connexions
April 17- Amazing Race

ETM - 7th and 8th Graders

April 7- End of the year party is at 7:30 tonight in the Fellowship Hall. We will have sandwiches/chips, play some fun games, and say good-bye to our 8th graders.

Family Visiting Schedule for May 6, 2019

Elder Derick Roos	6:30pm	Sam & Megan Fopma
	7:30pm	Wes & Denise Kroeze
	8:30pm	Dave & Phyllis Netz
Elder Ron Rynders	6:30pm	Tyler & Mel Knobloch
	7:30pm	Mark & Sarah Sjoerdsma
	8:30pm	Kevin & Deb Hulstein
Elder Will Maas	6:30pm	Dennis & Sharon De Kruyf
	7:30pm	Doug & Lorie De Stigter
	8:30pm	Lynn & Kathy Bleeker
Elder Ken Klein	6:30pm	Mayme Walburg
	7:30pm	David & Sally Vander Tuin
	8:30pm	Sherm & Goldene Wissink

What's Happening This Week {April 7 – April 14, 2019}

Today	8:30am	Adult Choir	
	9:30am	Morning Lenten worship service led by Dr. Jason Lief.	
	10:40am	Church Education	
	5:00pm	A Time of Prayer – Fireside Room	
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Dr. Jason Lief. An offering will be taken for Bethany Christian Services.	
	7:30pm	ETM's end of year party – Fellowship Hall	
Monday	12:00pm	Monday Men's Life – Koldenhoven's home	
	7:00pm	Elder/Deacon Meeting	
Tuesday	7:00pm	King's Daughters – Room 8; Lunch: Goldene	
	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	
	7:00pm	Worship Committee	
	Wednesday	6:00am	Wednesday Men's Life – Council Room
	12:30pm	JOY Society Spring Social – Room 8	
	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of Worship Service on Channel 12	
	5:00pm	Wednesday Night Church Meal – Fellowship Hall	
	6:30pm	Women's Bible Conversations – Room 8	
	6:45pm	Cadets	
	7:00pm	GEMS Special Friends Party at Royale Meadows	
	7:00pm	Youth Group – Connexions – Fireside Room	
Next Sunday	8:30am	Adult Choir	
	9:30am	Morning Lenten worship service led by Dr. Jason Lief, including the participation of our Children's Choir.	
	10:40am	Church Education	
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Dr. Jason Lief. An offering will be taken for the Bible League.	