

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – April 14	Next Sunday – April 21
Coffee/Juice Servers	Carl & Kathy Fictorie Paul & Avonda Fessler Daniel & Abby Finley	Tim & Mel Klein Sam & Megan Fopma Paula Haan
Greeters	Dave & Lisa Dykstra Sean & Rikki Brons	Allen & Bev Hooyer Diana Gonzalez
PM	Jason & Tami Koelewyn Adam & Whitney Jeninga	Trent & Julie Geleynse Arnie & Carol Koekkoek
Upstairs	Jeff Heldt	Tyler & Mel Knobloch
Roving Greet	Brian & Sheila Davelaar	Ted & Rachel Hengeveld
Sound	Nick Vander Kooi	Dale Vander Berg
Video	Tim Klein	Brian Vander Berg
Power Point	Sam Fopma	Darlene Reichert
Broadcast	Wes Kroeze	Wes Kroeze
Children & Worship	Teacher: Krista Sikkema Helpers: Brittney K / Shay M	No Children & Worship
Nursery	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	A.M. Infant P.M. Krista S Libby VB Amy VB Karen T Shay M Sarah Sj Brielle M Kryn VB Naomi L Adalade O
Bus Driver / Asst	Phil De Stigter / Keith Bonnema	Rich Koele / Denny De Kruyf
Valet Parking	Dave Dykstra	Scott Visser
Ushers	Marv Hooyer, Darrel Raih, Joe & Shar Van Schouwen	Marv Hooyer, Darrel Raih, Joe & Shar Van Schouwen
Good Friday, April 19 – 7pm	Greeters: Matt & Kelli Van Roekel, Leendert & Soyen van Beek Sound: Phil De Stigter Video: Phil Van Maanen Power Point: Jim Bos Nursery: Tanya Alvarez, Eileen Buiter, Alyssa Koelewyn, Hannah Culpepper Bus Driver / Asst: Drew De Vries / Garret Visser Valet Parking: Wayne Klein Ushers: Marv Hooyer, Darrel Raih, Joe & Shar Van Schouwen	

Youth Group

April 17- Amazing Race
April 24- Carnival



Psalm 51

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

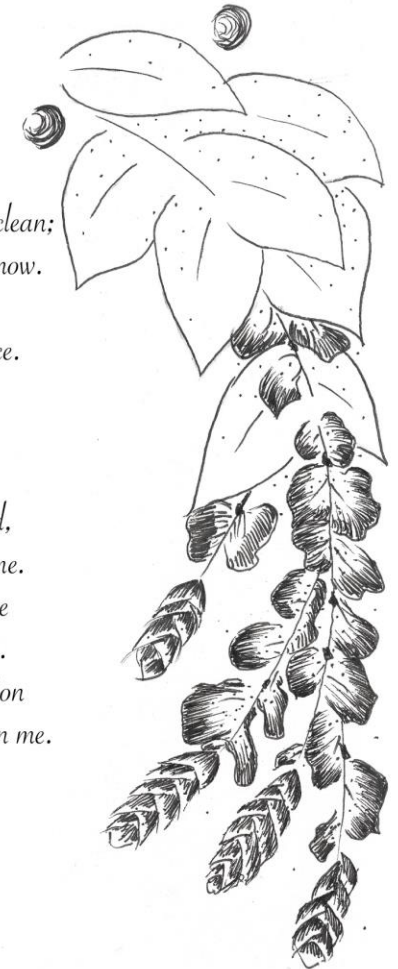
8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

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 14, 2019

Welcome to First CRC on this Palm Sunday as we remember Christ's triumphal entry.
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.

Next Sunday, April 21, our Easter morning service will include the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

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.



Palm Sunday, the 6th and last Sunday of Lent, begins our week with great rejoicing but ends with the sorrow of crucifixion. "Reflection on how great are our sins and miseries sharpens our sense of the need for the grace of our Savior.

Sorrow for sin, honest confession of it, and deliberate amendment of our sinful lives is the basic drama of everyday Christian life at the intersection of sin and grace. Lent is a time to get very thoughtful at that intersection, taking to heart our plight and God's mercy."*

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! *Quote from an article by Cornelius Plantinga Jr.

(<https://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/introducing-lent-a-season-of-preparation-and-repentance/>)

Announcements

Preschool – 3rd Grade Sunday School Students will be singing in our morning worship service today. Students will meet upstairs at 9:15 and will return to their parents or go to Children and Worship when they are finished singing.

Our Good Friday worship service will be held this coming Friday, April 19, at 7:00pm and will be led by Dr. Jason Lief. An offering will be taken for Love INC.

There will not be an Easter sunrise service at Faith CRC this year.

Our Wednesday night meals are over for this spring season. THANK YOU to all who volunteered or contributed in any way to help with our meals!

Pre-Profession of Faith class: All individuals thinking of making public profession of their faith are encouraged to attend this four week class, beginning on Sunday, April 28, after the morning service in the council room. Please let John Wesselius know if you are interested.

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 Wednesday, April 24.

Care Group 2A (Hulstein/Van Otterloo/Haan) will have a social time with a light meal on Sunday, April 28, at 4:30pm in the Fireside Room. Sandwiches will be provided. If you wish to bring something along to share with the group, you are welcome to do so.

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), by April 21.

The Bible League International Spring Salad Luncheon will be on Monday, May 6, at 11:30am at the Alton Reformed Church at 305 8th St, Alton, IA. Come and enjoy a fashion show featuring clothes from the Bible for Missions Thrift Center. John Scafe, the national director of Bibles for Missions Thrift Centers will also be at the luncheon. You are asked to bring a salad for every two people to share. Drinks will be provided. Please give this prayerful consideration as attendance has been down, and it would be so GREAT to have a large group come together to support the work of Bible League International.

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@bethelisc.org.

Church Family

We wish Lou Kuiper a good transition as he moves to the Christian Retirement Home in Sheldon, Iowa.

Prayer Requests

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Arbin & Bimala Pokharel.

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings for the Bridge of Hope congregation and the ministry of Pastor Joel De Boer.

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.

What's Happening This Week {April 14 – April 21, 2019}

Today	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.
Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Committee Meeting
Tuesday	6:00am	Tuesday Men's Life – Council Room
	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
Wednesday	6:00am	Wednesday Men's Life – Council Room
	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of Worship Service on Channel 12
	6:15pm	Three Rivers Cadet-O-Rama in Rock Valley
	7:00pm	Gleaners Forum – Fireside Room
Friday	7:00pm	Youth Group – Amazing Race
	7:00pm	Good Friday worship service led by Dr. Jason Lief. An offering will be taken for Love INC.
Next Sunday	8:30am	Adult Choir
	9:30am	Easter morning worship service led by Dr. Jason Lief, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper, with an additional offering for the Benevolent Fund.
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Dr. Nevada DeLapp. An offering will be taken for Resonate Global Mission.

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