

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – Aug. 2 AM / PM	Next Sunday - Aug. 9 AM / PM
Sound	Dale Vander Berg	Matt Van Roekel
Video	Brian Vander Berg	Tim Klein
Power Point	Sam Fopma	Carl Fictorie
Broadcast	Wes Kroeze	Wes Kroeze

Additional Announcements

Love INC's Fall session of Love & Learn classes are starting Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. They will be offering the following classes

- Faith & Finance
- GriefShare-support group
- Parenting
- Affirming Potential
- Redemptive Compassion

Love INC is looking for volunteers who are willing to serve in various capacities - greeting, making a snack for class nights, childcare and Faith & Finance mentors. If you would like to volunteer or register for these classes, please contact Love INC at 712-476-5990. For more information on classes, please visit our website at <http://loveincsiouxcounty.org/site/our-ministries/>.

The Dordt University football program is seeking hosts for incoming football players. This year the need is great again due to another large class of incoming freshmen. Have you hosted before and could take on another student or two? Have you considered hosting but just not sure? Either way, this is a great opportunity to be a blessing to a student athlete. Hosts typically love on these guys with meals, church invitations, support at games, birthday well-wishes, care packages, a home away from home, or any other way you feel led to host. An opportunity for you to have an initial meeting with your student will be provided. If interested, please respond by emailing assistant football coach Devin Eekhoff, devin.eekhoff@dordt.edu by August 5.

Thank You

We as a family have been overwhelmed with your concerns and prayers during Lawrence's long duration of health issues and more in his passing. Thank you for your many cards and expressions of comfort. A big THANK YOU goes out to our care group and Darlene Reichert in organizing the delicious meal after the funeral.

-Marjorie Meendering and family

Reminder! You can give a one-time gift or set up recurring giving anytime at <https://www.firstcrc.com/give-online/>.



SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD
Sunday Worship: 9:30am and 6:00pm

Rev. Kurt Monroe, Pastor
Rev. Carl Klompfen, Service Pastor

321 2nd Street SE | Sioux Center, Iowa | 712.722.0717 | office@firstcrc.com | www.firstcrc.com

*Welcome to all who have joined us for worship
as we celebrate what God has done for us in Jesus Christ!*

Worship Notes, August 2, 2020

Our worship today will be led by Pastor Kurt Monroe and will include both a morning and evening service with our entire congregation in person with livestreaming available.

This morning we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together with pre-filled communion cups with juice/wafers. Gluten free options will also be available. If you are visiting with us and profess your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, then we invite you to join us.

The banners in our church represent the liturgical season known as "Trinity Season" or "Ordinary Time." The focus of this season is the work of the Holy Spirit in and through the Church. Our banners feature green for growth and red and gold for vibrancy and hope.

Announcements

The deacons encourage you to continue giving financially during this time as an act of worship and confident hope and trust in the provision of our sovereign God. You can give in person or online at <https://www.firstcrc.com/give-online/>. Or you can mail your offerings to the church at 321 2nd Street SE, Sioux Center, IA 51250. **The offerings for August 2 are designated for the First CRC Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and the Benevolent Fund.**

Please note that the church office will be closed this coming Friday, August 7.

Our Church Education program is looking for a pianist for youth choir and some **substitute teachers**. Please contact Sally Vander Tuin (s.vandertuin@hotmail.com) or Tanya Alvarez (t_de_stigter@hotmail.com) soon if you can help in leading our children.

Elder and Deacon Nominations: It is now time to prayerfully begin the process of securing elders and deacons for 2021. The Council invites members of the congregation to nominate men who are qualified to serve as elder or deacon. Please place your potential nominee names in the box at the Information Center by August 9.

GEMS: Bethel/First CRC GEMS is seeking one 4th grade counselor and two 6th grade counselors. GEMS is a program for girls in 4th-8th grades who learn and discover who God created them to be. Counselors are women who team lead with 1-2 other counselors and GEMS meets twice a month on Wednesday evenings, September-April. If you are interested, please contact Shawn Meyers (meyers@mtcnet.net), Amy Ross (amyjross7@gmail.com) or any current counselor.

THANK YOU TO ALL for your generosity in donating clothing for Love INC's "Clothe-A-Child for School" project! Please pray for the 10 children who will receive the clothing.

From the Prayer Committee: In the past, we had monthly Care Group prayer times. We would like to try something new. Over the next few months, you will be able to pray for each member of our congregation by name. Every week there will be five families or individuals to pray for. We encourage you to use this during your daily prayer time.

Members to pray for the week of August 2: Fernando & Tanya Alvarez (Omar, Eva, & Sophia), Lew & Jean Arkema, Paul Baker, Dorothy Bakker, Mark & Carol Bandstra

Pastor Keo Phommarath informed us that due to the coronavirus, Siouxland Unity CRC will not be having their egg roll fundraiser this summer.

Budget Update: The Deacons gratefully acknowledge the following receipts from June 2020: Ministry Fund: \$28,537 received; Mission Fund: \$3,807 received; Building Fund: \$4,009 received. Note the Mission fund has slipped each of the past 3 months and would be a great place to contribute additional support if you are able. Thank you for your continued giving to our ministry!

Church Family

Barb Ochsner returned home on July 24 after being hospitalized for cellulitis. Additional testing was done which showed a slight infection in her heart valves which is being treated daily with antibiotics at the local hospital.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Diane Marra and Charlie Niemeyer who were united in marriage on Thursday, July 30!

Also, congratulations and best wishes to Erika Buitter and Daniel Ver Steeg who were united in marriage on Saturday, August 1!

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following shut-ins this week: Henrietta Den Besten, Bernie & Hazel Nibbelink, George Veenendahl, and Mayme Walburg.

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Guillermo & Shelley Hernandez.

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on the Covenant CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Joel Kok.

Prayer Line

The weekly prayer requests that are emailed to our congregation every Thursday can also be heard by calling 712-722-4949. If you have a prayer request to be included in the bulletin, please contact Pastor Kurt Monroe (kurt.a.monroe@zoho.com) or our church office (office@firstcrc.com).

What's Happening This Week {August 2 – August 9, 2020}

Today	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Offerings will be taken for First CRC Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund.
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe. An offering will be taken for the Benevolent Fund.
Tuesday	6:30pm	Education Committee Meeting – Fireside Room
Wednesday	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
Next Sunday	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Carl Klompfen. An offering will be taken for First CRC Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund.
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Dave Heilman. An offering will be taken for the Hope Haven (Wheelchair Ministry).