

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – September 3	Next Sunday – September 10		
Coffee/Juice Servers	Jerry & Lora De Vries Darren & Steph Raih Trayle & Brianna Kats	Ron & Kathy De Groot Steve & Deanne De Jong Doug & Lorie De Stigter		
Greeters AM	Roger & Bonnie Fedders Lisa Miedema	Chad & Cathy Feenstra Tyler & Mel Knobloch At Covenant CRC		
PM	Jason & Tami Koelewyn Keith & Brittney Kooistra Denny & Carla Nibbelink	Jim Mouw		
Upstairs				
Sound	Matt Van Roekel	Trent Geleynse		
Video	Tim Klein	Brian Vander Berg		
Power Point	Wayne Klein	Sam Fopma		
Ushers	Tyler Knobloch, Rich & Stacy Koele, David Vander Tuin	Tyler Knobloch, Rich & Stacy Koele, David Vander Tuin		
Children & Worship		Teacher: Sarah Sj Helpers: Hailey K, Elsie VT		
Rover	Denny De Kruyf	Eric Eekhoff		
Nursery	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
	Janice B	Brittney K	Bonnie DS	at Covenant CRC
	Darlene R	Eileen B	Stacy K	
	Miles O	Bentley K	Mille B	
	Omar A	Dylan K		
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.				
Bus Driver/Asst	Phil De Stigter / Denny De Kruyf	Wes Kroeze / Derick Roos		
Weekend Janitors	Dean & Darlene Reichert	Tim & Mel Klein		

Thank You

Thank you so much for your wonderful gift and your faithfulness in your giving and your prayers. Thank you for sponsoring Leanne. We are so thankful for all you do! Please continue to pray for all of our students, their families and our staff as we continue our 120th year. Praise God from whom all Blessings flow! Thank you again.
~Dave Sytsma, Rehoboth Christian School



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

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

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Welcome to First CRC as we celebrate what God has done for us in Jesus Christ!

If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join with us regularly. Please join us for coffee, juice, and fellowship after our morning service in the fellowship hall. Two tables are set up near the fireplace in the fellowship hall for senior members who would like to sit during their fellowship time.

Worship Notes ~ Sunday, September 3, 2023

Today our worship services will be led by Rev. Kurt Monroe. This evening we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Members will go forward to receive each element from an elder and will partake of the elements there. Please leave your cup in a basket at the front. A gluten free option will be available at the front as well. For those unable to come forward, an elder will bring the elements to you. We invite all who have been ingrafted into Christ's church by baptism and who seek the nourishment and sustenance of our Lord's Supper to join us in our celebration of the sacrament.

Our offerings for September 3 are designated for the Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Tuition Aid.

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

Everyone, including guests and college students, are invited to join us today for a Back to School BRUNCH, following the morning service. Work groups 3 and 5 will assist. Egg bakes, rolls, muffins, French toast bakes, fruit, sausage links, beverages, a gluten free dish, and tableware will also be provided.

Come support our First CRC Youth Group who will be hosting a **Labor Day Pancake Breakfast** tomorrow, September 4, in our fellowship hall with serving from 7:30 - 9:30am.

Mark your calendars - Sept. 13 - Wednesday night meals will begin, 5:00 - 6:30 pm.
- **Sept. 13** - Council vs. Youth Group Olympics - 6:30pm, north lawn.

Helping Sunday School - Please prayerfully consider volunteering as a substitute teacher or a weekly helper in our Sunday school classes this year. We are currently looking for 5 substitute teachers and 4 or more helpers. Helpers can be flexible and alternate weeks if necessary. If interested, please contact Nicole Roghair, nikkimulder@yahoo.com.

HOST COLLEGE STUDENTS: Our congregation is encouraged to invite college students to their homes. Members/college students may sign up at our information center today.

Women of all ages are invited to join JOY Bible Study starting this Wednesday, September 6. We will be studying "Animals of the Bible," a series of lessons written by Barb Top about how animals in the Bible are not only part of His amazing creation but how they also play very important roles throughout God's Word. This Bible study will meet every other Wednesday from 12:30-2:00 pm. For more information or if planning on attending, please contact Kathy Klein: 722-1550 or klein@mtcnet.net. Study material will be provided.

GLEANERS FORUM will begin the fall season with an Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. New members are cordially invited to join the "Social" and learn more about this Bible study. The group is studying the book of Genesis with Wayne Kobes leading the lessons. GLEANERS meets the first and third Wednesday each month. Please join us on September 6 for an evening of review, fellowship, and refreshments.

Our Children & Worship program and our Church Education classes for 3-year-olds through high school will begin next Sunday, September 10.

Adult choir will resume on September 10th! All interested singers, 9th grade and older, are invited to join the choir at 8:30 on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary.

Covenant CRC will host the next joint worship service on Sunday, September 10 at 6 PM. Pastor Kurt will be preaching. All are welcome. Offering will be for World Renew. We would like to put together an intergenerational orchestra to play during this service. All strings players from 6th grade-adult are invited to participate. Rehearsal will be at 4:30 Sunday afternoon, September 10. Please email Rebecca De Vries (rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com) if you plan to participate. You can contact Jill Friend if you have any questions: jfriend@siouxcenterchristian.com.

Cover Silage Piles for Christian Education: Please let Melissa Klein know if you would be willing to **volunteer to work** on the piles. We also need people to **donate food** for the workers. If you are willing to help with either of these requests, please contact Mel Klein (mlsskln@hotmail.com or 712-541-8694). Let her know your preferred method of contact (email or text message). All ages from junior high on up are welcome to help. Sign-up sheets are also at the information center.

Ladies, do you have a burden for your grandchildren or college-age to adult children during these uncertain times? Isn't it comforting that we can bring them and all our concerns for them and their schools to our heavenly Father who hears and answers our prayers? Come and join with like-minded sisters in Christ from area churches as we gather each week to pray for our young-adult/adult children, grandchildren and schools. Beginning Tuesday, **September 12, two Moms in Prayer groups** will begin meeting in our upstairs Fireside Room: a grandmother's group will be meeting from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. and a second group that prays for our grandchildren/college-age children and adult children will be meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Come and join us and invite your friends to come with you!

Men of all ages are welcome and encouraged to join one of the three Fall & Spring Men's Life Bible studies. The meeting times are Tuesday at 6:00am., Wednesday at 6:00am, and Wednesday at noon. New members are welcome in each group. If you are interested in joining with other men for a time of Bible study and prayer, please sign up on the sheet at the information center. You can also contact Will Maas (712-441-6971) with any questions regarding the groups and current study material being used by each.

Join a Women's Thursday evening Bible study on ABIDE, the study of 1, 2, and 3 John by Jen Wilkin, beginning on Sept. 14 at 6:30 in the Council Room. Sign up at the info center!

FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY: URGENT! Because of an increase in numbers and the illness of one of our mentors, Friendship Ministry is in immediate need of 3 mentors (one man and two women). Join us for an exciting ministry with very little preparation. For more information contact Pastor Kurt (kurt.a.monroe@zoho.com) or Ron Rynders, 449-5010.

Bible League - Join us on September 12 at Bethel CRC in Sioux Center for the **Growing Inward-Reaching Outward** conference for men and women with best-selling author, Carol Kent, whose life turned upside down when their only child was sentenced for murder. Carol shares from God's Word and her family's life experience in growing an enduring faith and impacting the world for Christ. Register at Bibleleague.org/tickets

Have you ever dreamed of learning to play organ? The Worship Committee encourages you to take lessons! The Foundation Committee is eager to support the cost of beginning organ lessons by providing Foundation funds. Please contact Emily Sybesma (sybm@mtcnet.net) for details.

Prayer Volunteers: Our prayer committee is looking for additional Sunday evening prayer leaders. Please sign up at the information center if you are willing to assist in this way.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following homebound members this week: Henrietta Den Besten, Hazel Nibbelink, George Veenendahl, and Mayme Walburg.

Members to pray for the week of September 3: Isaiah & Sarah deRegt; Dana De Stigter; Doug, Lorie & Natalie De Stigter; Naomi De Stigter.

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

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on the Hope Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Interim Pastor Jay Denne.

Family Visiting Schedule for Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023

Elder Wes Kroeze	6:30pm	Dave & Phyllis Netz
	7:30pm	Kevin & Karen Timmer
	8:30pm	Harlan & Maria Muilenburg
Elder Keith Bonnema	6:30pm	John & Kendra Thompson
	7:30pm	Sally Kruger
	8:30pm	Joel & Krista Sikkema
Elder Garret Visser	6:30pm	Cody Bultman
	7:30pm	Nelvin & Janice Brons
	8:30pm	Jerry & Sandy De Groot
Elder Wayne Klein	6:30pm	Ron & Kathy De Groot
	7:30pm	Adam & Angelina Kraayenbrink
	8:30pm	Kevin & Deb Hulstein
<i>Church members are encouraged to contact their care group elder any time they have a need.</i>		

Youth Group

Monday, Sept. 4 – Pancake Breakfast
 Wednesday, Sept. 6 – Connexions
 Wednesday, Sept. 13 – Olympics

ETM (Early Teen Ministry) ~ 7th and 8th Grades

Come to our first meeting on Sunday, September 17, at 7:30pm in our ministry building.

What's Happening This Week {September 3 – September 10}

Today	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund.
	10:45am	All-Church Back to School Brunch – Fellowship Hall
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper, with an offering for Tuition Aid.
Monday	7:30am	Youth Group's Pancake Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:30pm	Family Visiting
Wednesday	12:30pm	JOY Society – Fireside Room
	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
	6:00pm	Gleaners Forum Ice Cream Social – Fellowship Hall
	7:00pm	Youth Group – Connexions – Upper Level
	7:00pm	Friendship Bible Class – Fellowship Hall
Thursday	8:30am	Adult Choir rehearsal – Sanctuary
	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund.
Next Sunday	10:45am	Fellowship & Member Care Committee Meeting – Nursery
	10:45am	Church Education
	10:45am	Women's Sermon Discussion – Room 3
	4:30pm	String Orchestra rehearsal – Covenant CRC
	6:00pm	Combined evening worship service at Covenant CRC with Rev. Kurt Monroe bringing the message, with an offering for World Renew.