

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – September 10	Next Sunday – September 17
Coffee/Juice Servers	Ron & Kathy De Groot Steve & Deanne De Jong Doug & Lorie De Stigter	Mark & Carol Bandstra Nelvin & Janice Brons Jon & Eileen Buitter
Greeters AM	Chad & Cathy Feenstra Tyler & Mel Knobloch At Covenant CRC	Jerry & Shirley Isakson Jon & Jana Lammers Duane & Rose Koele Wes & Denise Kroeze
PM		Harlan & Maria Muilenburg
Upstairs	Jim Mouw	
Sound	Trent Geleynse	Phil De Stigter
Video	Brian Vander Berg	Cheney Vander Berg
Power Point	Sam Fopma	Darlene Reichert
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	Teacher: Sarah Sj Helpers: Hailey K, Elsie VT
Rover	Eric Eekhoff	Derick Roos
Nursery	A.M. P.M.	A.M. P.M.
	Bonnie DS at Covenant CRC Stacy K Mille B Dylan K	Justean TH Sally VT Nicole R Arnola R Sydney F Elsie VT Taryn Kn
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.		
Bus Driver/Asst	Wes Kroeze / Derick Roos	Loren De Stigter / Garret Visser
Weekend Janitors	Tim & Mel Klein	Dean & Darlene Reichert
Wednesday Night Meals	Sept. 13 - Servers: TBD Clean-up: TBD	Sept. 20 - Servers: TBD Clean-up: TBD

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~Shayla Becker, Executive Director for Siouxland Habitat for Humanity

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~Bob Vryhof, President/CEO for Partners Worldwide



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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 all who have joined us for worship as we glorify our Triune God! 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 10, 2023

This morning our worship service will be led by Rev. Kurt Monroe. This evening, Covenant CRC will host the final summer combined worship service at 6 PM, with Rev. Kurt Monroe preaching. The offering will be for World Renew. There is an opportunity to participate in an intergenerational orchestra for this service. All strings players from 6th grade - adult are invited to rehearse at 4:30pm today at Covenant.

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.

Our offerings for September 10 are designated for our Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund.

This morning the Christian Education Committee will give a brief presentation on ESA's.

Next Sunday, September 17, our morning service will include the baptism of Lucas Klein, son of Tim & Reba Klein.

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

Our Children & Worship program for 3-5 year olds and our Church Education classes for 3-year-olds through high school will begin today. 7th & 8th graders will meet in the lower level of our ministry building. High school classes will be here in Rooms 4, 5, & 6 upstairs.

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.

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

Women's Sermon Discussion Group – Join with Steph Raih and Kendra Thompson today at 10:45am in Room 3 upstairs and each morning when Sunday school is meeting.

Don't miss our first Wednesday night meal this week! Our menu includes: Pork loin sandwiches, hotdogs, macaroni salad, fruit, chips, and bars. Serving is from 5-6:30pm. A suggested donation of \$3/person or \$12/family is appreciated.

Following our Wednesday night meal this week, there will be the **council vs. youth group Olympics at 6:30pm on our north lawn**. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Care Group 3B (De Groot/Groenewold/Vander Tuin/Eekhoff) will gather on the north lawn of our church this Saturday, September 16 from 6:30pm until dark, weather permitting. We plan to play some outdoor games and have ice cream sundaes.

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

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 (mlskln@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.

FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY: Every position for a weekly mentor has been filled, except for one male mentor. Additional substitutes are always welcome. Join us for an exciting ministry with very little preparation for one hour on Thursday evenings. For more information contact Pastor Kurt (kurt.a.monroe@zoho.com) or Ron Rynders, 449-5010.

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.

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 (The Wednesday noon group begins September 13 in the upper level of our ministry building.). 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.

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 Requests

Please pray for the following homebound members this week: Alyce De Groot, Sally Koldenhoven, and Jo Vander Werf.

Members to pray for the week of September 10: Helen De Stigter; Jerome De Stigter; Jolene De Stigter; Loren De Stigter; Phil & Bonnie De Stigter.

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

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on the Good Shepherd congregation and the ministry of Pastor Travis Else.

Youth Group Sept. 13 – Olympics | Sept. 20 – Scavenger Hunt

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 10 – September 17}

Today	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.
	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. The offering will be for World Renew.
Monday	7:00pm	King's Daughters – Room 9
	7:00pm	Special Council Meeting – Fireside Room
	7:30pm	Elders' Meeting – Council Room
	7:30pm	Deacons' Meeting – Fireside Room
Tuesday	8:30am	JFA Volunteering
	9:30am	Grandmother's Moms in Prayer – Fireside Room
	12:00pm	College/Career Moms in Prayer – Fireside Room
Wednesday	7:00pm	Education Committee Meeting – Fireside Room
	12:00pm	Men's Life Bible Study – Upper Level Ministry Building
	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
	5:00pm	Wednesday Night Meal – Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Council vs Youth Group Olympics – North Lawn
	7:00pm	Cadet Counselors deliver materials to Cadets' homes
	7:00pm	GEMS Kick-off at Fields of Fun
Thursday	6:30pm	Women's Bible Conversations – Council Room
	7:00pm	Friendship Bible Class – Fellowship Hall
Saturday	6:30pm	Care Group 3B Gathering – North Lawn
Next Sunday	8:30am	Adult Choir rehearsal – Sanctuary
	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, including the baptism of Lucas Klein, with an offering for Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund.
	10:45am	Church Education
	10:45am	Women's Sermon Discussion – Room 3
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Duane Tinklenberg, with an offering for ReFrame Ministries.
	7:30pm	ETM – Upper Level Ministry Building