

Opportunities to Serve

|  | Today – March 3   | Next Sunday – March 10  |
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| Coffee/Juice Servers   | Andrew & Cassandra Eckert<br>Dave & Lisa Dykstra<br>Tom & Myrna De Vries                                    | Jerry & Lora De Vries<br>Drew De Vries<br>Phil & Bonnie De Stigter<br>Loren De Stigter                                      |
| Greeters AM  | Harlan & Maria Muilenburg<br>Dave & Phyllis Netz<br>Gladyce Nyhof<br>Kathy Peterson<br>Mike & Heidi Ochsner | Jerry & Shirley Isakson<br>Lauren & Barb Ochsner<br>Darrel & Rachel Raih<br>Dean & Darlene Reichert<br>Derick & Arnola Roos |
| PM   |   |   |
| Upstairs   |   |   |
| Sound  | Dale Vander Berg  | Matt Van Roekel   |
| Video  | Phil Van Maanen   | Tim Klein   |
| Power Point  | Darlene Reichert  | Sam Fopma   |
| Ushers   | Dennis De Kruyf, Aaron Floen,<br>Dylan Koelewyn, Derick Roos  | Dennis De Kruyf, Aaron Floen,<br>Dylan Koelewyn, Derick Roos  |
| Children & Worship   | Teacher: Megan F<br>Helpers: Elsie VT, Kaden K  | Teacher: Sarah S<br>Helpers: Hailey K, Millie B   |
| Rover  | Eric Eekhoff  | Derick Roos   |
| Nursery  | A.M. P.M.<br>Carla P Eileen B<br>Heidi O Dana DS<br>Addie G Dylan K<br>Brylee K                             | A.M. P.M.<br>Jan B Jen VO<br>Janna W Hailey K<br>Omar A Sydney F<br>Parker VR   |
| INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery. |   |   |
| Bus Driver/Asst  | Phil De Stigter/Keith Bonnema   | Wes Kroeze/Denny De Kruyf   |
| Weekend Janitors   | Dean & Darlene Reichert   | Tim & Mel Klein   |
| Wednesday Night Meals  | Mar. 6: Servers: Shar VS,<br>Katie H, TBD, TBD<br>Cleanup: Kevin T, Mark Sj,<br>Jason K, David B            | Mar. 13: Servers: Caleb O,<br>Jessi R, TBD, TBD<br>Cleanup: Joel VO, Mark Sy,<br>Trent G, Dan VS                            |
| PM Prayer Leader   | Sarah deRegt  | Jon Buiter  |



**Hearing Assistance:** Please ask a sound booth operator for a receiver device.



FIRST  
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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 on this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent!** 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, March 3, 2024

Our worship services today will be led by Pastor Kurt Monroe.

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 March 3 are designated for our Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Hope Haven (Wheelchair Ministry).



The banners in our church represent the liturgical season of Lent when the Church remembers the suffering and death of Jesus. We are reminded of our progress through Lent by lighting one fewer pulpit candle each week. The primary color this season is purple, and the symbol in the middle is the Crown of Thorns. “They clothed Jesus in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him.” Mark 15:17.

Announcements

**Our March Fellowship and new church directory** are in your mailboxes today.

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

On Tuesday, March 5, the spring **Classis lakota meeting** will be held at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley with Pastor Kurt, Elder Jerry De Groot, and Deacon David Vander Tuin attending.

**Don’t miss our Wednesday night meal this week!** The menu includes: Smoked pulled pork on buns, cheesy potatoes, fresh fruit salad, and brownies. Serving is from 5-6:30pm. A suggested donation of \$3/person or \$12/family is appreciated. If anyone is willing to bring a pan of brownies for this meal, please contact the church office or sign up at the information center. **More servers and clean-up helpers are urgently needed for our meals!** Please sign up at the information center if you can assist.

**Wednesday Evening Adult Education:** Following the meal at 6:30 p.m. on this Wednesday, March 6, Pastor Kurt will give a report on the Classis lakota's spring meeting and discuss the upcoming issues of synod 2024. His classis report will focus especially on two overtures that First's council sent to Classis lakota to be sent on to synod.

**Care Groups 3A (Davelaar/Eekhoff/Vander Berg/) & 3B (De Groot/Groenewold/Vander Tuin/De Groot)** will have a lunch social on Sunday, March 17, at 11:30am in the upper level of our ministry building. Visitors and college students are welcome!

**A Shower at First CRC** will be held with a social following the morning service on Sunday, **March 24**, in honor of the upcoming weddings of Cody Vander Berg & Erika Brower on June 8, and Jori Brons & Robert Madden on May 31 (For Jori, gift cards only). Anyone wishing to go in on a **shower gift card** should bring their **contribution to the church office no later than 12:00 pm, Wednesday, March 20**.

The Fellowship and Member Care Committee will again be making **valet parking available**. If anyone is willing to assist with valet parking, please contact Wes Kroeze at 712-541-5740.

*Church Family*

We extend our sympathy to Garret and Betty Visser on the passing of Betty's mother, Vera Brouwer, on February 23. The funeral was held at Maurice Reformed on February 27.

Bill De Stigter is at the Sioux Center hospital being treated for pneumonia.

Carol Koekkoek has returned home after her gall bladder surgery on February 23.

*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 March 3: Phil, Liz, Ava, Leah & Isaac Van Maanen; Joel, Jen, Amelia, Abbie, Marcie & Riley Van Otterloo; Matt, Kelli, Parker, Brenna & Mason Van Roekel; Dan, Laurie, Makiah, Isabel, Eli & Zack Van Schouwen; Joe & Shar Van Schouwen.

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Jon Keyzer.

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on the Maria Magdalena Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastors Jason Lief & Martha Draayer.

*Youth Group*

March 6- Connexions  
March 13- Puzzle Night

*Thank You*

We are so thankful for you. On behalf of Family Crisis Centers, I want to thank you for your kind support and generous donation of \$76.12 in support of victims of abuse and crime in our communities. Your support helps ensure the safety and wellness of our friends, family and neighbors who are hurting.  
~Tara Raman, Family Crisis Centers

*Family Visiting Schedule for Monday, March 4, 2024*

|                      |        |                           |
|----------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| Elder Wes Kroeze     | 6:30pm | Matt & Kelli Van Roekel   |
|                      | 7:30pm | Allen & Bev Hooyer        |
|                      | 8:30pm | Jerome De Stigter         |
|                      |        |                           |
| Elder Jason Koelewyn | 6:30pm | Andrew & Justean Ter Haar |
|                      | 7:30pm | Ron & Bruce Roghair       |
|                      | 8:30pm | Darrel & Rachel Raih      |
|                      |        |                           |
| Elder Brian Davelaar | 6:30pm | Helen De Stigter          |
|                      | 7:30pm | Eric & Tracy Eekhoff      |
|                      | 8:30pm | Phil & Bonnie De Stigter  |
|                      |        |                           |
| Elder Rich Koele     | 6:30pm | David & Christina Brommer |
|                      | 7:30pm | Daniel & Abby Finley      |
|                      | 8:30pm | Wayne & Pam Klein         |

Thank you for your congregation’s recent gift of \$535. The Calvinist Cadet Corps relies on the financial support of churches to develop our ministry materials, which are then used in over 450 churches across North America, and around the world. We are an independent ministry and do not receive funding from any denomination. We are thankful for the moneys and prayers your congregation has offered for us, and we pray that God allows us to use these in ways which will further His kingdom.  
~Steve Bootsma, Calvinist Cadet Corps

*What’s Happening This Week {March 3 – March 10}*

|                    |         |   |
|--------------------|---------|---|
| <b>Today</b>       | 8:30am  | Adult Choir – Fireside Room   |
|                    | 9:30am  | Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund. |
|                    | 10:45am | Church Education  |
|                    | 10:45am | Women’s Sermon Discussion – Room 3  |
|                    | 10:45am | Fellowship & Member Care Committee Meeting – Nursery  |
|                    | 6:00pm  | Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Hope Haven (Wheelchair Ministry).           |
| <b>Monday</b>      | 6:30pm  | Family Visiting   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>     | 6:00am  | Men’s Life Bible Study – Council Room   |
|                    | 9:00am  | Classis Iakota meets at Trinity CRC, Rock Valley  |
|                    | 9:00am  | SCCS’s Moms in Prayer – Nursery   |
|                    | 9:30am  | Grandmother’s Moms in Prayer – Fireside Room  |
|                    | 12:00pm | College/Career Moms in Prayer – Fireside Room   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>   | 6:30pm  | Education Committee Meeting – Fireside Room   |
|                    | 6:00am  | Men’s Life Bible Study – Council Room   |
|                    | 12:00pm | Men’s Life Bible Study – Upper Level Ministry Bldg  |
|                    | 12:30pm | JOY Society – Fireside Room   |
|                    | 1:30pm  | Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12   |
|                    | 5:00pm  | Wednesday Night Meal – Fellowship Hall  |
|                    | 6:30pm  | Adult Education – Sanctuary   |
|                    | 7:00pm  | Youth Group – Connexions – Upper Level Ministry Bldg  |
|                    | 7:00pm  | GEMS at Bethel CRC  |
|                    | 7:00pm  | Friendship Bible Class – Fellowship Hall  |
|                    | 9:30am  | Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund. |
| <b>Thursday</b>    | 10:45am | Church Education  |
| <b>Next Sunday</b> | 10:45am | Women’s Sermon Discussion – Room 3  |
|                    | 6:00pm  | Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for ATLAS.                                      |