

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – March 17	Next Sunday – March 24
Coffee/Juice Servers	Phil & Bonnie De Stigter Dave & Lisa Dykstra Isaiah & Sarah deRegt	Denny & Sharon De Kruyf Brad & Laura De Kruyf Kevin & Deb Hulstein
Greeters AM	Rhonda & Carla Peterson Darren & Steph Raih Cornie Rylaarsdam Marv Hooyer Ron & Karen Rynders	Donna & Karissa Roghair Matt & Nicole Roghair Joel & Krista Sikkema Ted & Rachel Hengeveld Mark & Sarah Sjoerdsma
PM		
Upstairs		
Sound	Trent Geleynse	Phil De Stigter
Video	Brian Vander Berg	Cheney Vander Berg
Power Point	Sam Fopma	Jim Bos
Ushers	Dennis De Kruyf, Aaron Floen, Dylan Koelewyn, Derick Roos	Dennis De Kruyf, Aaron Floen, Dylan Koelewyn, Derick Roos
Children & Worship	Teacher: Sarah S Helpers: Hailey K, Millie B	Teacher: Liz VM Helpers: Ana M, Brenna VR
Rover	Drew De Vries	Denny De Kruyf
Nursery	A.M. P.M. Justean TH Krista S Kailee D Millie B Miles O Taryn K Levi G	A.M. P.M. Lindsey F Marissa W Sally VT Nicole R Cora VT Brenna VR Rowan H
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.		
Bus Driver/Asst	Drew De Vries Garret Visser	Rich Koele Joe Van Schouwen
Weekend Janitors	Tim & Mel Klein	Tim & Mel Klein
Wednesday Night Meals	Mar. 20: Servers: Shirley K, Mel Kl, Jennifer M, Ana M Cleanup: Fulkerson family, Lucy B	Mar. 27: Servers: Deanne DJ, Marsha M, Kathy B, Sandy DG Cleanup: Randy M, Cliff S, TBD, TBD
PM Prayer Leader	Jennifer Monroe	Jason Koelewyn



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



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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 5<sup>th</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 17, 2024

Our worship service this morning will be led by Pastor Kurt Monroe. This evening we welcome Rev. Todd Zuidema as he opens God’s Word to us.

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 17 are designated for our Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, Denominational Pledge, and Mission India.



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.

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

## *Announcements*

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

**Don't miss our Wednesday night Soup Supper this week!** The menu includes: Chicken Enchilada soup, Pea soup, Chili soup, Vegetable Beef soup, sandwiches/sweet rolls, fruit cup, chips, and bars. Serving is from 5-6:30pm. A suggested donation of \$3/person or \$12/family is appreciated. **More clean-up helpers are needed for our March 27 meal.** Sign up at the information center if you can assist.

**The congregation is invited to join the Cadets and GEMS** in the sanctuary at 7pm on March 20 for the annual Pinewood Derby car races. The GEMS will be serving snacks after the races. Come and cheer on your favorite car! The races will also be livestreamed on the church website.

**The Fellowship and Member Care Committee will be hosting a March Madness Game Night on Friday, March 22 in our Ministry Building from 6:00-8:30pm!** Come and watch some of the March Madness basketball games on the TV's, or find a table and play your favorite card or board game with fellow church members! There will be games and activities for all ages! Popcorn and lemonade will be provided, but we encourage you to also bring your favorite snack to share! A sign-up sheet will be at the information center if you would like to join in on the fun!

**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 has **valet parking available on Sundays at the west carport** area by church. If anyone is willing to assist with valet parking, please contact Wes Kroeze at 712-541-5740.

**The Winter Warm Up outreach team** will gladly accept winter apparel (coats, snow pants, hats, mittens, and gloves, especially waterproof ones, for all sizes, infant to adult) as winter is ending and spring cleaning is starting. All sizes of blankets are much needed. There is a tub for donations in the Fellowship Hall. Also, Denise Kroeze can pick up from your home, call 722-2996. Thank you for helping to be the hands and feet of Jesus by keeping many in the community warm.

**Crossroads Prison Ministries** - Bethel CRC in Sioux Center will host a volunteer training workshop for all Crossroads Prison Ministries mentors and anyone who is interested in learning more about the ministry. You will hear from Crossroads' president, Joe Pryor, and director of church mobilization, Douglas Cupery. Please consider bringing a friend with you! Date: April 9, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Register for the event at [forms.office.com/r/t8FfKaX83d](https://forms.office.com/r/t8FfKaX83d).

## *Church Family*

We wish Evelyn Vis a smooth transition in her move to assisted living at Crown Pointe Estates (Maple #1103).

Lew Arkema continues in the Sioux Center hospital recovering from sepsis and pneumonia.

Bill De Stigter hopes to return home from the hospital on Friday, March 22.

We are grateful and thankful that Curt Moerman's scans were stable and allowed for a decrease in the dosage of his chemo drug. Pray for wisdom for his doctors as they adjust his medication and introduce new medicines to combat side effects. Pray that God will continue to heal Curt and give both Curt and LeeAnn peace.

## *Prayer Requests*

Please pray for the following homebound members this week: Cody Bultman, Dorothy Nibbelink, Dinah Ter Horst, and Phyllis Wood.

Members to pray for the week of March 17: Ross Vander Berg; Kryn Vander Berg; Eldon & Wilma Vander Berg; Nick & Shannon Vander Kooi; David, Sally, Elsie & Cora Vander Tuin.

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Steve & Tara Dekkers.

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on the New Life Church congregation and the ministry of Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo & Dan Kruse.

## *Youth Group*

March 20- Connexions

March 27- Rock Climbing – leave church at 6 pm

## *ETM for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders*

March 17 – Meet for a lesson and games at First CRC tonight at 7:30 pm.

## *What's Happening This Week {March 17 – March 24}*

<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, Christian Education Fund, and Denominational Pledge.
	10:45am	Church Education
	10:45am	Women's Sermon Discussion – Room 3
	11:30am	Care Groups 3A/3B Lunch – Upper Level Ministry Bldg
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Todd Zuidema, with an offering for Mission India.
<b>Monday</b>	7:30pm	ETM – Upper Level Ministry Building
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30pm	Worship Committee Meeting – Fireside Room
	6:00am	Men's Life Bible Study – Council Room
	9:00am	SCCS's Moms in Prayer – Nursery
	9:30am	Grandmother's Moms in Prayer – Fireside Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00pm	College/Career Moms in Prayer – 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
	6:00pm	Gleaners Forum – Fireside Room
	7:00pm	Cadets & GEMS Pinewood Derby – Sanctuary
	7:00pm	Youth Group – Connexions – Upper Level Ministry Bldg
	7:00pm	Choir rehearsal at Bethel CRC
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00pm	Friendship Bible Class – Fellowship Hall
	7:00pm	Outreach Committee Meeting – Fireside Room
<b>Friday</b>	6:00pm	All-Church Game Night – Upper Level Ministry Bldg
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:30am	Adult Choir – Sanctuary
	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund.
	10:45am	Bridal Shower Social – Fellowship Hall
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Mississippi Christian Family Services, Inc.

## *Thrive Faith Formation Tip from the CRC*

What would happen if we all listened to others just as deeply and lovingly as God listens to us? How would that change our family life, our work life, our interactions with our neighbor, or our online presence? Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)