

## Opportunities to Serve

	Today – April 28	Next Sunday – May 5
<b>Coffee/Juice Servers</b>	Brian & Sheila Davelaar Nelvin & Janice Brons Kevin & Karen Timmer	Kyle & Marissa Westra Jim & Glenda Bos Eldon & Wilma Vander Berg
<b>Greeters AM</b>	Dan & Laurie Van Schouwen Dione Visser	Leendert & Soyen van Beek Jan & Joan van Vliet
<b>PM</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade GEMS	Joe & Shar Van Schouwen Garret & Betty Visser
<b>Upstairs</b>	AM-Scott Visser PM-5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade GEMS	Lynn & Kathy Bleeker
<b>Sound</b>	Ross Vander Berg	Dale Vander Berg
<b>Video</b>	Isaiah deRegt	Phil Van Maanen
<b>Power Point</b>	Jim Bos	Wayne Klein
<b>Ushers</b>	AM- Brad De Kruyf, Tom De Vries, Darrel Raih, Parker Van Roekel PM- 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade GEMS	Ron Rynders, Elijah Rose, Joel Van Otterloo, Scott Visser
<b>Children &amp; Worship</b>	Teacher: Megan F Helpers: Sydney F, Kaden K	Teacher: Sarah S Helpers: Sydney F, Kaden K
<b>Rover</b>	Dan Van Schouwen	Drew De Vries
<b>Nursery</b>	A.M.                      P.M.	A.M.                      P.M.
	Heidi O                      Janna W Jan B                          Jen VO Ana M                        Taryn K Kira O	
<b>INFANTS &amp; TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.</b>		
<b>Bus Driver/Asst</b>	Wes Kroeze / Joe Van Schouwen	Phil De Stigter / Denny De Kruyf
<b>Weekend Janitors</b>	Tim & Mel Klein	
<b>PM Prayer Leader</b>	Charles Veenstra	Lucy Borkowski



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

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 Klompjen, Service Pastor

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**Welcome to First CRC as we worship our Redeemer God!** If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join 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, April 28, 2024*

Our worship service this morning will be led by Rev. Kurt Monroe. This evening we will have a combined worship service in our church with Bethel CRC at 6pm as we celebrate GEMS Sunday together with Pastor John Lee opening God's Word.

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 April 28 are designated for our Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and GEMS Girls' Club, Grand Rapids, MI.



The banners in our church represent the liturgical season of Easter when the Church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Crown of Thorns has been changed to a Crown of Glory. *"To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever!"* Revelation 5:13

### *Announcements*

**We'd love to have help making pigs in the blanket this Saturday, May 4.** The link to sign up is at firstcrc.com or go here: <https://signup.com/go/XVUDisC>. We make over 240 dozen pigs each time we gather to work at Casey's Bakery - and the more people who

help, the faster it goes. The pigs in the blanket we make are sold at Casey's Bakery and contribute to our Christian education fund. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie De Stiger ([bonnieds@hotmail.com](mailto:bonnieds@hotmail.com); 712-441-0249)

**Plan to attend Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon** with your friends on **Monday, May 6 at Ireton CRC** (301 Maple St., Ireton, IA). Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The luncheon begins at 11:30 AM; featured speaker is Lindsay Millard of Joie Floral Design in Orange City. She is a Master Gardener and will share ideas for growing your garden/plants. A freewill donation will be received for Bible League International; every \$5 raised puts a Bible in the hands of someone thirsty for God's Word!

**Trailblazer Track Meet Concession Stand - May 15 from 11am - 6pm.** Sign-up sheets are at the Information Center. Please join the Christian Education Committee with supporting this fundraiser with a donation of bars, drinks, food or working a 2-hour shift. We look forward to a great day of fellowship and working together towards our common goal of supporting Christian Education. Contact Sally Vander Tuin, Lindsey Floen, or anyone on the Christian Education Committee with questions.

**Come join the 1st CRC Fishing Trip, Saturday May 18.** Bring your own tackle if you'd like, but if you don't have a boat, pole, or license, that's ok! Sam Fopma and Onsby Rose have tackle to share, and fishing will be free in SD that weekend. Food will also be provided. If you're interested, please find the sign-up sheet at the information center. We'll plan to meet at church on Saturday, May 18 at 7AM. Please list your contact info so we can notify the group of any last-minute changes.

**Sanctuary Lighting Project** – Looking for volunteers to help with upgrading the light fixtures with work to begin on June 3 and taking one to two weeks. We will need volunteers to work in the air or on the ground, and during the day or in the evenings. There is a signup sheet at the Info Center. Talk to Joe Van Schouwen, Dan Van Schouwen, Phil De Stigter, or Phil Van Maanen with any questions.

**Project Manana** – We are planning a trip to the Dominican Republic through Project Manana next year from March 4 to 11. It really would be best to have most of the group committed, if possible, by the middle of June so that we have time to fundraise and prepare for the trip. Please contact Jason Koelewyn or Jon Buiter if you are interested.

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.

## *Church Family*

Dave Roghair will have surgery on his lower back on Thursday, May 2, in Sioux Falls. Please pray for successful surgery, smooth recovery, and relief of pain.

After a short stay in the hospital last week, Arlis Bubke will be following up with a specialist in Sioux Falls this week. She will be consulting for further treatment for what has been an ongoing intestinal illness.

## *Prayer Requests*

Please pray for the following homebound members this week: Dorothy Mouw, Dolores Rylaarsdam, Evelyn Vis, and Muriel Visser.

Members to pray for the week of April 28: Marlene Broek; David, Christina, Millie & Eliza Brommer; Jori Brons; Nelvin & Janice Brons; Randy & Arlis Bubke.

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Mark & JinHee Klompfen.

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on the Bridge of Hope congregation, and the ministry of Pastors Sam & Gail Ashmore.

## *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](mailto:kurt.a.monroe@zoho.com)) or our church office ([office@firstcrc.com](mailto:office@firstcrc.com)).

## *Youth Group*

May 1- End of the year party

## *Thank You*

I want to thank First CRC for your recent donation of \$1,644 to Hope Haven International. We have now served in 109 different countries, and to date have delivered over 137,000 wheelchairs to deserving individuals! Your partnership is appreciated.

~Rich Koele, Manager of Church Relations, Hope Haven

*What's Happening This Week {April 28 – May 5}*

<b>Today</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	Church Education
	10:45am	Women's Sermon Discussion – Room 3
	6:00pm	Combined evening worship service at First CRC led by Rev. Kurt Monroe and Rev. John Lee, including the participation of the GEMS, with an offering for GEMS, Grand Rapids, MI.
<b>Monday</b>	7:00pm	Care Group Team Meetings
	7:30pm	Pastoral Assistants' Meeting – Council Room
	7:30pm	Council Meeting – Fireside Room
<b>Tuesday</b>	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
	12:00pm	College/Career Moms in Prayer – Fireside Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00am	Men's Life Bible Study – Council Room
	12:00pm	Men's Life Bible Study – Upper Level Ministry Bldg
	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
	6:00pm	Gleaners Forum – Fireside Room
	7:00pm	Youth Group – End of the year party – Upper Level
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	10:45am	Fellowship & Member Care Committee Meeting – Nursery
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for One Body, One Hope.

*Family Visiting Schedule for May 6, 2024*

Elder Wes Kroeze	6:30pm	George Veenendahl
	7:30pm	Jeff Heldt
	8:30pm	Ashton & DeAnn Muilenburg
Elder Jason Koelewyn	7:30pm	Keith & Mary Bonnema
	8:30pm	Jerry Hubers
Elder Brian Davelaar	6:30pm	Evelyn Vis
	7:30pm	Ivan & Alice Groothuis
	8:30pm	Phil & Bonnie De Stigter
Elder Rich Koele	6:30pm	Rose Soodsma
	7:30pm	Mark & Carol Bandstra
	8:30pm	Onsby & Jessi Rose
<i>Church members are encouraged to contact their care group elder any time they have a need.</i>		

*ReFrame Ministries*

**Kids Corner: Push Pause** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Rest can take many forms. As long as we slow down, pay attention, and enjoy God's blessings, we receive the benefits of rest. Try it! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

**Groundwork: Our Hearts and God's Character in Nahum and Zephaniah** - Nahum and Zephaniah urge God's people to examine their hearts and act in ways that honor God and reflect his character. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Nahum 1-3 and Zephaniah 1-3 to remember that God longs for our repentant hearts and for us to live as his ambassadors bringing justice, transformation, and reconciliation to this world. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.