

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – April 13	Next Sunday – April 20
Coffee/Juice Servers	Duane & Rose Koele Tim & Mel Klein Alan & Brenda Kempers	Adam & Angelina Kraayenbrink Tim & Reba Klein Ron & Karen Rynders
Greeters AM PM	Mark & Carol Bandstra Alex & Kailee Davelaar Lynn & Kathy Bleeker Marlene Broek	Brad & Laura De Kruyf Kevin & Deb Hulstein Nelvin & Jan Brons Steve & Deanne De Jong
	Upstairs Dave & Lisa Dykstra	DJ & Taylor Droog
Sound	Phil De Stigter	Dale Vander Berg
Video	Cheney Vander Berg	Tim Klein
Power Point	Sam Fopma	Darlene Reichert
Ushers	Tom De Vries, Darrel Raih, Parker Van Roekel, Madeli Vargas	Tom De Vries, Darrel Raih, Parker Van Roekel, Madeli Vargas
Rover	Denny De Kruyf	Drew De Vries
Children & Worship	Teacher: Liz VM Helpers: Brylee K, Kaden K	No Children & Worship
Nursery	A.M. P.M.	A.M. P.M.
	Jana L Tami K Liz VM Jan B Joshua H Anneke VB Brenna VR	Stacy K Amy VB Tanya A Lisa D Eva A Kaden K Dana DS
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.		
Bus Driver/Asst	Loren De Stigter Keith Bonnema	Rich Koele Denny De Kruyf
Weekend Janitors	Tim & Mel Klein	Tim & Mel Klein
PM Prayer Leader	Rich & Stacy Koele	Jim Bos

Good Friday Service on April 18 – 7:00pm	
Greeters	Jevon & Carrie Groenewold / Katie Haan
Sound	Ross Vander Berg
Video	Isaiah deRegt
Power Point	Jim Bos
Rover	Eric Eekhoff
Nursery	Steph Raih, Mel Klein, Brylee Klein
Bus Driver/Asst	Drew De Vries, Tom De Vries



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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...I will put my law within them, and ***I will write it on their hearts.*** And ***I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*** No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other ‘Know the LORD,’ for ***they shall all know Me...***

Jeremiah 31:33-34

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

Welcome to all who have joined us for worship on this Palm Sunday as we praise 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

Today our worship services will be led by Rev. Kurt Monroe.

We welcome our Children's Choir as they sing in this morning's Palm Sunday service.

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 13 are designated for our Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Siouxland Unity CRC, Sioux City.

Next Sunday, April 20, our Easter morning service will include the celebration of the Lord's Supper.



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. Thank you to Jennifer Kuipers for designing our Lenten bulletin cover!

Announcements

Pre-Profession of Faith Class – All individuals thinking of making public profession of their faith are encouraged to attend classes on Sunday, April 13, 20, & 27, after the morning service upstairs in Room 6. Please contact John Wesselius if interested. Public professions of faith will take place on Sunday morning, May 4.

OASIS Women's Gathering: Women of all ages who attend or visit First CRC are invited to GATHER and CONNECT at our gathering THIS Thursday, April 17 from 7-8:30pm in the upper level of the ministry building. We're going to work together to solve four Good Friday puzzles and enjoy some goodies. Sign up online at firstcrc.com or call/text Amy Vander Berg at 712-441-4530.

Our Good Friday service will be held here this coming Friday, April 18, at 7:00pm.

There will be **no church education classes next Sunday, April 20.**

Let's celebrate Jesus' resurrection together! All are invited to join in a brunch potluck following our Easter Sunday morning service in the upper level of our ministry building. Please contact Jennifer Monroe (kurtandjennifer@yahoo.com) for details and to let her know you're planning to come.

GRADUATES: If you are graduating from grade school, high school, technical school, college/university, or beyond in May, we would like to acknowledge your accomplishments in the May issue of our *Fellowship* newsletter. Please submit your information of where you are graduating from, your future plans, and a photo to ron.rynders@dordt.edu by April 20.

Care Groups 3A (Davelaar/Eekhoff/De Stigter) and 3B (De Groot/Vander Tuin/Floen/De Groot) will have a Care Group gathering on **Tuesday, April 22 at 6:00pm** at the Sioux Center Pizza Ranch.

MEALS: Starting April 22, the church will be arranging to have meals brought to Derick and Arnola Roos twice per week. The church office will be sending out an email this week with a link and instructions on how to sign up to bring a meal. If you have questions or would like help signing up, contact Carla Nibbelink (712-541-2053) or Karen Timmer (712-441-7601).

Adult Education Opportunity: Interested in touring the new Blazer Center at SCCS? On Wednesday, April 23 at 7:00pm, you are invited to meet in the orchestra room at Sioux Center Christian School, where head of school, Paul Brenner, will share what God is doing at SCCS and give you a personal tour of the six classrooms, gym, and lobby of the in-progress Blazer Center. This opportunity has been arranged by our Christian Education committee. We hope you will come!

A shower at 1st CRC will be held with a social following the morning service on **April 27**, in honor of the upcoming wedding of Emily Zuidema & Hendrick Vande Voort, on July 5. Gifts may be placed on the table in the back of the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, April 27. During the week, a box will be placed in the hall outside the church office door for your drop-off. **If anyone would like to go in on a shower gift card, please bring your contribution to the church office by 12:00 pm on April 24.** Your pastoral assistant can also be contacted to pick up your donation if you are unable to bring it to church.

The Christian Education Committee is excited to run the concession stand once again at **the Trailblazer Track Meet on Wednesday, May 14**. There are opportunities for everyone to volunteer with this fundraiser! We need donations of bars, drinks, food, and individuals to work 2-hour shifts during the day starting at 10:00 am. We look forward to a great day of fellowship with all the volunteers. Sign-up sheets are at the Information Center. Contact Sally Vander Tuin, Lindsey Floen, or anyone on the Christian Education committee with questions.

Church Family

Bev Hooyer is home and doing well after hip replacement surgery on April 8.

Nathan Fulkerson is also home and doing well after being hospitalized for a viral infection.

Pray for Myrna DeVries as she recovers following procedures in Omaha.

Barb Ochsner went to the local hospital on April 7 for treatment for a respiratory infection.

Prayer Requests

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

Members to pray for the week of April 13: Allen & Bev Hooyer; Marv Hooyer; Jerry Hubers; Kevin & Deb Hulstein.

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

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on the Christ Community congregation, and the ministry of Pastors Mark Johnson & Carlos Perez.

Youth Group Apr. 16- No Youth Group | Apr. 23- Amazing Race | Apr. 30- Party

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Lent: Jesus Loves Me - Check out this week's Kids Corner devotion at www.kidscorner.net. What does it mean to love like Jesus? Even while on the cross and in his deepest suffering, Jesus prayed for forgiveness for those who hurt him and extended love to a criminal who asked to be remembered (Luke 23:39-43). Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: Holy Week: The Week of Jesus' Death - Many formative events for our Christian faith occurred in the last week of Jesus' journey to the cross. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 21:1-11, John 13:1-17, 34-35, Matthew 26:26-30, and Matthew 27:32-50 to remember, meditate on, and nurture our faith by once again journeying through Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday with Jesus. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



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/>.

Thank You

We are very appreciative of everyone's generous baby shower gift cards we recently received for our daughter Alaiya. We are thankful for your thoughtfulness!
~ Logan & Tasheena Muilenburg

Dear church family at First CRC,
We want to thank you so very much for all you have done to help us remember our Mom, Grandma, and Great-grandma, Hazel Nibbelink, and to celebrate her homecoming to heaven. We are so grateful for your care for us and your service to us with her funeral. May you be blessed! ~ The Bernie and Hazel Nibbelink Family

What's Happening This Week {April 13 – April 20}

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	Church Education
	10:45am	Pre-Profession of Faith Class – Room 6
	11:00am	Women's Sermon Discussion – Room 3
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Siouxland Unity CRC.
Monday	7:00pm	Elders' Meeting – Council Room
	7:00pm	Deacons' Meeting – Fireside Room
	7:00pm	King's Daughters – Room 9
Tuesday	9:30am	Grandmother's Moms in Prayer – Fireside Room
	12:00pm	College/Career Moms in Prayer – Fireside Room
Wednesday	6:30am	Men's Life Bible Study – Council Room
	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
	6:00pm	Adult Bible Study – Fireside Room
	6:15pm	Cadet-O-Rama – Rock Valley Christian School
Thursday	7:00pm	Women's Oasis – Upper Level Ministry Building
Friday	7:00pm	Good Friday worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe
Next Sunday	8:30am	Adult Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	9:30am	Easter morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper, with an offering for Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Denominational Pledge.
	10:45am	Pre-Profession of Faith Class – Room 6
	11:00am	All Church Easter Brunch Potluck – Upper Level Min. Bldg.
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Bob Drenten, with an offering for the Benevolent Fund.