

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – August 17	Next Sunday – August 24		
Coffee/Juice Servers	John & Janna Wesselius Brian & Sheila Davelaar Todd & Leah Zuidema	Ron & Kathy De Groot Justin & Rachel Byars David & Christina Brommer		
Greeters AM	Mike & Heidi Ochsner Kathy Peterson	Jon & Jana Lammers Darren & Steph Raih		
PM	Joel & Krista Sikkema Denny & Carla Nibbelink	Cornie Rylaarsdam Leendert & Soyen van Beek		
Upstairs	Dale & Amy Vander Berg	Mark & Emily Sybesma		
Sound	Ross Vander Berg	Phil De Stigter		
Video	Brian Vander Berg	Cheney Vander Berg		
Power Point	Darlene Reichert	Phil Van Maanen		
Ushers	Darren Raih, Joe & Shar Van Schouwen, Garret Visser	Darren Raih, Joe & Shar Van Schouwen, Garret Visser		
Rover	Dan Van Schouwen	Denny De Kruyf		
Nursery	A.M.	P.M.		
	Sally VT	Kathy P	Heidi O	Kim D
	Reba K	Nicole R	Julie G	Sarah S
	Mason VR	Alex E	Levi G	Caleb S
	Abbie VO		Andi T	
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.				
Bus Driver/Asst	Loren De Stigter Joe Van Schouwen	Dean Reichert Garret Visser		
Weekend Janitors	Dean & Darlene Reichert	Dean & Darlene Reichert		
PM Prayer Leader	John Wesselius	Jon Buiter		

Thank You

Your prayers and continued support (gift of \$693) for Sioux City Gospel Mission make life-transforming work possible. Thank you for standing with us in this ministry and together we are helping souls find healing in Christ.

You are doing more than you know. Thank you! The agencies and institutions of the Christian Reformed Church in North America are so grateful for your gifts to the ministry shares program. Together, we are doing what God called us to do - proclaim the gospel and disciple new believers in Christ here at home and around the world. Learn more at <https://www.crcna.org/ministryshares>.



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 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 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, August 17, 2025

This morning we welcome Rev. LeRoy Christoffels from Worthington as he opens God's Word for us. This evening we welcome Pastor Sam Ashmore from Bridge of Hope Ministries in Sioux Center. Pastor Kurt is on vacation through today.

Our offerings for August 17 are designated for the Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, Denominational Pledge, and Mid-Sioux Opportunity.

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

THANK YOU to all for your shoe, socks, and monetary donations for Love INC's Heart & Soles program! These items were distributed to families in Sioux Center on August 12.

MANY MORE VOLUNTEERS are urgently needed to serve at The Banquet in Sioux Falls this Wednesday, August 20! Sign up as soon as possible at the information center. You are also encouraged to donate school supplies and backpacks, as well as Dutch Tupperware (Cool Whip and cottage cheese size containers) and place these items in the boxes in the fellowship hall.

Please join us for an outdoor movie this Friday, August 22, at 8:15pm on the north church lawn for a showing of “Toy Story 3.” Popcorn and drink will be provided. Please bring your own chairs/blankets. If the weather becomes an issue, we will relocate to the fireside room.

SUNDAY SCHOOL needs a teacher for 3rd/4th grade, as well as few more **substitute teachers**. Classes begin on September 7 so if you have an interest or questions regarding these roles, please reach out to Nicole Roghair or Katherine Fulkerson soon.

Sioux Center Christian School invites you to celebrate the goodness of God in the completion of the Blazer Center campus addition. **Open House is Friday, August 22** from 7:30am – 1:00pm with a ribbon cutting at 10am. We also invite you to our **Dedication Chapel on Wednesday, August 27** at 8:30am. You are welcome to enter through our new Lobby entrance on the SW side of school, or our Main entrance for both events. Did you work at SCCS or serve on our board? We invite you to a **Reception Celebrating God’s Faithful Servants – Past & Present on Thursday, August 21** from 8:30am – 10:00am. RSVP is appreciated at www.siuuxcenterchristian.com

Love & Learn classes begin Tuesday, August 26, at 6:45 pm at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. This session will offer Faith & Finances, Boundaries, Grief Share, and Redemptive Compassion. For more information about the classes or to register, please contact Love INC Sioux County at 712-476-5990 or email Danica at ministries@loveincsiouxcounty.org.

The congregation is invited to a BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR BRUNCH CELEBRATION! On Sunday, August 31, a brunch will be served following the morning service. The congregation is asked to provide the following (those whose last names begin with these letters):

A-H: please bring an egg bake (pre-baked 9X13 pan)

I-R: please bring rolls, muffins, or a French toast bake (pre-baked 9x13 pan)

S-Z: please bring fruit or fruit parfaits.

All food can be brought to the kitchen prior to the morning service. Sausage links, beverages, a gluten free dish, and tableware will also be provided. We hope to see you!

Disability and Accessibility Survey - We invite the congregation to complete a disability and accessibility survey created by Thrive of the CRCNA and Disability Concerns of the RCA. Please find an online link below to complete. This tool emerged from cohorts in Northwest Iowa and British Columbia, where groups of churches worked together over a year to make their churches more welcoming and accessible for people with disabilities. This tool will help us understand how our church is doing in being a place of belonging. Questions can be directed to our church office (office@firstcrc.com). Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey [here](#).

WANTED: Two more adult counselors for **4th & 7th grade GEMS** for this fall. Contact Shawn Meyers (712-441-5518) soon. Your help is appreciated for our GEMS program!

Thursday Bible Study: On Thursday, Sept. 4, all women are invited to join with Bible Conversations for an evening Bible study on *Live Free, a Study of Galations*, by Elizabeth Woodson. Please sign up at the information center so books can be ordered.

CHOIR OPPORTUNITY: You are invited to participate in a **community choir**, involving community members and Dordt students, at Marco den Toom’s concert on Friday, **September 5, at 7:00pm** in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. We will sing the following pieces (translated to English), composed by Marco den Toom:

•“Abide with Me” (a new melody as well as the traditional hymn tune, “Eventide”)

•“All Praise Be to Our God” (The final piece from Marco’s Oratorio “Joseph”)

Rehearsals will be:

- Wednesday, August 27, 7:00 – 7:45 pm (Location TBD)

- Wednesday, September 3, 7:00 – 7:45 pm (Location TBD)

- Dress rehearsal with Marco: Friday, September 5, 5:30 – 6:15 pm, B. J. Haan Auditorium

- Performance: Friday, September 5, 7:00 pm, B. J. Haan Auditorium

Please RSVP to carrie.groenewold@dordt.edu with your preferred voice part.

A wedding shower social at 1st CRC will be held for an upcoming wedding after the morning service on September 7 in the Fellowship Hall. A table in the Fellowship Hall will be available for your gifts. If anyone would like to go in on a shower gift card, please bring your contribution to the church office by 12 pm on Wed., September 3. Your pastoral assistant can also be contacted to pick up your donation if you are unable to bring it to church. The shower is in honor of the upcoming wedding of Cole Feenstra and Jaden Van Schepen on October 24.

Women of all ages are invited to JOY Bible Study, starting Wednesday, Sept. 10. We will be studying “The Sermon on the Mount, Vol. II” written and led by Barb Top. Come join us at 12:30 p.m. in the upstairs Fireside Room! Questions?? Please contact Joyce Maas (712-441-0989; wmaas@mtcnet.net) by September 5 for the study material.

Church Family

Pray for Christina Brommer's mother, Ruth Vanzandt of Huntsville, Alabama, who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 non-smokers lung cancer.

We offer our sympathy to Derick Roos and family on the death of Derick's niece, Anna Farias, from Washington, who passed away from leukemia. Anna leaves behind her husband and three children ages 19,16, and 14. Pray for Derick as he will be traveling to Washington for the funeral.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following homebound members this week: Cody Bultman, Dorothy Nibbelink, Dinah Ter Horst, Goldene Wissink.

Members to pray for the week of August 17: Phil, Liz, Ava, Leah, and Isaac Van Maanen; Joel, Jen, Amelia, Abbie, Marcie, and Riley Van Otterloo; Matt, Kelli, Parker, Brenna, and Mason Van Roekel; Dan, Laurie, Makiah, Isabel, Eli, and Zack Van Schouwen; Joe & Shar Van Schouwen.

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Sos & Kara Maletoungou.

This week please be in prayer for God’s blessings on the Bethel Christian Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor John Lee.

What’s Happening This Week {August 17 – August 24}

Today	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. LeRoy Christoffels, with an offering for Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund.
	10:45am	Christian Education Committee Meeting – Council Room
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Pastor Sam Ashmore, with an offering for Mid-Sioux Opportunity.
Monday	7:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting – Fireside Room
Wednesday	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
	5:15pm	Serve Meal at The Banquet, downtown Sioux Falls
Friday	8:15pm	Movie Night on North Lawn
Next Sunday	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund.
	10:45am	Orientation - Sunday School Teachers/Helpers – Fireside Rm
	10:45am	Orientation - Children & Worship Helpers – Room 8
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for ReFrame Ministries.

Kids Corner: God's Grand Story: The Boy with the Supersized Supper - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In today's Bible story, a boy thought that what he had was not enough. But like him, you will be surprised by what God can do with our "not-enoughs". Thank God for being the God of abundance. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner Bible Story Podcast Series.