

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – August 24	Next Sunday – August 31
Coffee/Juice Servers	Ron & Kathy De Groot Justin & Rachel Byars David & Christina Brommer	None – All Church Brunch
Greeters AM PM Upstairs	Jon & Jana Lammers Darren & Steph Raih Cornie Rylaarsdam Leendert & Soyen van Beek Mark & Emily Sybesma	Glen & Anita Van Bruggen Brian & Kim Vander Berg Barb Top Cliff & Joanne Soodsma Ana & Katy Timmer
Sound	Phil De Stigter	Trent Geleynse
Video	Cheney Vander Berg	Isaiah deRegt
Power Point	Phil Van Maanen	Jim Bos
Ushers	Darren Raih, Joe & Shar Van Schouwen, Garret Visser	Darren Raih, Joe & Shar Van Schouwen, Garret Visser
Rover	Denny De Kruyf	Eric Eekhoff
Nursery	A.M.	P.M.
	Heidi O	Kim D
	Julie G	Sarah S
	Levi G	Caleb S
	Andi T	Millie B
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.		
Bus Driver/Asst	Dean Reichert Joe Van Schouwen	Phil De Stigter Tom De Vries
Weekend Janitors	Dean & Darlene Reichert	Tim & Mel Klein
PM Prayer Leader	Jon Buiter	Jevon Groenewold

Thank You

On behalf of Love INC Sioux County, we wanted to say THANK YOU for your generosity in helping with our Heart & Soles Ministry. We appreciate your church displaying the shoe/sock cut outs and all who donated items or gave financially.



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 Klompier, Service Pastor

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Welcome to all as we praise the Lord for the blessings of his grace! 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 24, 2025

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

Our offerings for August 24 are designated for the Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and ReFrame Ministries.

This morning we are going to begin practicing the "passing of the peace" during our morning service. This is an ancient practice which originated in the early church and which naturally arises out of our gratitude for Christ's work on the cross for us. Because we have been reconciled to him, we have the opportunity to offer an embodied gesture of reconciliation to each other. Pastor Kurt will give a brief introduction and some words of instruction before this moment in the service and the words will be projected on the screen.

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

All Children’s Ministry Teachers and Helpers: Please gather in the fireside room today at 10:45am for an orientation meeting. If you have questions or are unable to attend, please contact Nicole Roghair, nikkimulder@yahoo.com. Teachers and helpers for our Children & Worship program should also meet this morning in Room 8.

Please submit all **September Fellowship** items by today to Ron.Rynders@dordt.edu.

SUNDAY SCHOOL needs a teacher for 3rd/4th grade, as well as **two pianists**, and a few more **substitute teachers**. Classes begin on September 7 so if you can help with these roles, please reach out to Nicole Roghair or Katherine Fulkerson.

Moms In Prayer - Ladies, you are invited to gather to pray for your children and/or grandchildren in two different Moms in Prayer groups that will begin meeting **THIS Tuesday, August 26** in our upstairs Fireside Room:

1. Grandmother's in Prayer: Tuesdays from 9:30 - 10:30 AM (Praying for grandchildren of all ages and their schools)
 2. College/Career: Tuesdays from noon - 1 PM (Praying for college age kids and up.)
- For more information, contact Rachel Raih at 712-441-0885.

Sioux Center Christian School invites you to celebrate the goodness of God in the completion of the Blazer Center campus addition. We 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.

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. Work groups 5 & 8 will assist. 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!

Don't miss our First CRC Youth Group's Labor Day Pancake Breakfast on Monday, September 1, at our church with serving from 7:30-9:30am. Come enjoy some pancakes

with toppings (strawberries/chocolate chips), sausages, juice, and coffee. Freewill donations will be received for their future mission trip.

Women's 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: First CRC)

- 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, 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.

Help with Silage Piles for Christian Education: Harvest season is nearing and along with that will come the opportunity to help **cover silage piles** as a fundraiser for our Christian Education Fund. Please let Melissa Klein know if you would be willing to **volunteer to work** on the piles. We also need people to **donate food** for the workers. If you are willing to help with either of these requests, please contact Mel Klein (mlsskln@hotmail.com or 712-541-8694). Let her know your preferred method of contact (email or text message). We want to be ready when the time comes to start covering piles. All ages from junior high on up are welcome to help. Signup also at the information center.

THANK YOU to all those who helped prepare and serve the evening meal at The Banquet in Sioux Falls this past Wednesday!

Church Family

Prayers are requested for the upcoming surgery of Keith Kooistra. He will be having digestive surgery in Sioux Falls on August 26.

Please pray for Sandy Draayer who recently had a fall and continues to recover at home.

Congratulations to Andrew & Justean Ter Haar on the birth of a son, Leo Alan, on August 14! Leo joins William, Charlotte, and Olivia at home.

Congratulations also to Tim & Reba Klein on the birth of a son, Sawyer Lee, on August 16! Sawyer joins Dawson and Lucas at home.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following homebound members this week: Dorothy Mouw, Evelyn Vis, and Phyllis Wood.

Members to pray for the week of August 24: Jan & Joan van Vliet; Brian & Kim Vander Berg; Cheney & Mikayla Vander Berg; Cody & Erika Vander Berg; Dale & Amy Vander Berg.

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Keo & Boonjun Phommarath.

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

Youth Group

Aug 27- Kick-off | Sept 1- Pancake Breakfast | Sept 3- No Youth Group

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: School - Do It With All Your Might - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, at www.kidscorner.net. A new school year can feel exciting and a little scary, and that’s okay! Whatever you do—learning, helping, or being kind—do your best like you're doing it for God, and he'll help you along the way. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner Bible Story Podcast Series.

What’s Happening This Week {August 24 – August 31}

Today	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
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	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for ReFrame Ministries.
Monday	7:00pm	King’s Daughters – Room 9
	7:00pm	Care Group Team Meetings
	7:30pm	Pastoral Assistants’ Meeting – Council Room
	7:30pm	Council Meeting – Fireside Room
Tuesday	8:30pm	JFA Volunteering
	9:30am	Grandmother’s Moms In Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	12:00pm	College/Career Moms In Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
Wednesday	7:00pm	Youth Group Kick-Off – Upper Level Ministry Building
	7:00pm	GEMS Counselor Meeting – Bethel CRC
	7-8pm	Counselors deliver materials to Cadets’ homes
	7:00pm	Community Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Thursday	7:00pm	Friendship Bible Class – Fellowship Hall
Next Sunday	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund.
	10:30am	Back to School Brunch – Fellowship Hall
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Mr. Trevor Mouw, with an offering for Building and Mission Funds.
	7:00pm	Wed. Cooks’ Meeting – Fireside Room

Family Visiting for Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Elder Phil Van Maanen	6:30pm	Ron & Karen Rynders
	7:30pm	Denny & Carla Nibbelink
	8:30pm	Harlan & Maria Muilenburg
Elder Jason Koelewyn	6:30pm	Matt & Nicole Roghair
	7:30pm	Keith & Mary Bonnema
	8:30pm	Kyle & Marissa Westra
Elder Brian Davelaar	6:30pm	Nelvin & Jan Brons
	7:30pm	Denny & Sharon De Kruyf
	8:30pm	Jim & Glenda Bos