

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – August 31	Next Sunday – September 7
Coffee/Juice Servers	None – All Church Brunch	Marlene Broek Jerry & Sandy De Groot Tanya Alvarez Jon & Eileen Buiters
Greeters AM	Glen & Anita Van Bruggen	Onsby & Jessi Rose
PM	Brian & Kim Vander Berg	Duane & Rose Koele
Upstairs	Barb Top	At Covenant CRC
Sound	Cliff & Joanne Soodsma	
Video	Ana & Katy Timmer	Ross Vander Berg
Power Point	Trent Geleynse	Dale Vander Berg
Ushers	Isaiah deRegt	Levi Groenewold
Rover	Jim Bos	Wayne Klein
Nursery	Darren Raih, Joe & Shar Van Schouwen, Garret Visser	Tyler Knobloch, Rich & Stacy Koele, Will Maas
	Eric Eekhoff	Drew De Vries
	A.M. P.M.	A.M. P.M.
	Sheila D Bonnie DS	Jana L At Covenant CRC
	Lisa M Eileen B	Cathy F
	Reuben G Hailey K	Elsie VT
	Millie B	Sofia A
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.		
Bus Driver/Asst	Phil De Stigter Tom De Vries	Wes Kroeze Garret Visser
Weekend Janitors	Tim & Mel Klein	Tim & Mel Klein
PM Prayer Leader	Jevon Groenewold	At Covenant CRC

Youth Group

Sept 1- Pancake Breakfast
Sept 3- No Youth Group Meeting
Sept 10- Olympics with Council



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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We extend a special welcome to all who are joining us for worship today! 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 31, 2025

This morning our worship service will be led by Rev. Kurt Monroe. This evening we welcome Mr. Trevor Mouw, theology instructor at Unity Christian High School.

Our offerings for August 31 are designated for the Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Building and Mission Funds.

This morning we continue 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. 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL still needs a teacher for a 3rd/4th grade class. Please reach out soon to Nicole Roghair or Katherine Fulkerson if you can help.

Our Children & Worship program and all Church Education classes will begin next Sunday, September 7.

You are invited to a BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR BRUNCH CELEBRATION today following the morning service. Work groups 5 & 8 will assist. Enjoy some egg bakes, rolls, muffins, French toast bakes, and fruit! Sausage links, beverages, a gluten free dish, and tableware will also be provided. All guests and college students are welcome!

Don't miss our First CRC Youth Group Labor Day Pancake Breakfast tomorrow, September 1, at our church fellowship hall with serving from 7:30-9:30 am. Come enjoy some pancakes with toppings (strawberries/chocolate chips), sausages, juice, and coffee. Freewill donations will be received for their 2026 mission trip.

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!

ADULT CHOIR: All interested singers ages high school and up are invited to join the new season of choir, beginning next Sunday, September 7. The choir will be directed by Dordt student, Zach Bivens, and Jessica Hummel will be the accompanist. We will meet in the sanctuary at 8:30 am. We would love to have you join us!

A wedding shower social at 1st CRC will be held for an upcoming wedding after the morning service next Sunday, 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.

Next Sunday, September 7, we will meet for **the last of our summer joint evening worship services at Covenant CRC with Rev. John Lee** bringing the message.

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 pm in the upstairs Fireside Room! Questions?? Please contact Joyce Maas (712-441-0989; wmaas@mtcnet.net) by September 5 for the study material.

Adult Bible Study: Our study of Revelation will resume on Wednesday, **September 10**, at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room upstairs. Wayne Kobes will lead us in a review of lesson 4.

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.

Our nursery is looking for more adult volunteers. If you are willing to serve, please contact Megan Fopma (mqndgrt@gmail.com). Thank you!

Church Family

Keith Kooistra's digestive surgery in Sioux Falls on August 26 went well. Pray for a smooth recovery and relief from pain on his return home soon.

Congratulations to Daniel & Abby Finley on the birth of Isaiah Thomas on August 26! Isaiah joins Elliot at home.

Prayer Requests

Members to pray for the week of August 31: 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 Mark & JinHee Klompfen.

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on the Carmel Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Ron Boersema.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Praying for Someone Else - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Prayer is a special way to show love to others. When you pray for someone, you're helping them and growing closer to God at the same time! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the classic "Liz and Friends" podcast!

Groundwork: Jesus' Kingdom Parables - Jesus often used parables to teach his followers about the kingdom of God. Join Groundwork as we dig into Matthew 13, Matthew 20:1-16, Matthew 22:1-14, Luke 17:20-21, and Matthew 25:1-13 to learn from Jesus what God's kingdom looks like, what its values are, and how the people of his kingdom behave. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

What’s Happening This Week {August 31 – September 7}

Today	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.
Monday	7:30am	Labor Day Youth Group Pancake Breakfast – Fell. Hall
Tuesday	9:30am	Grandmother’s Moms In Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	12:00pm	College/Career Moms In Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	6:30pm	Family Visiting
Wednesday	7:00pm	Education Committee Meeting – Fireside Room
	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
	7:00pm	Community Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Thursday	6:30pm	Women’s Bible Conversations – Fireside Room
	7:00pm	Friendship Bible Class – Fellowship Hall
	7:00pm	Outreach Committee Meeting – Council Room
Next Sunday	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.
	10:30am	Wedding Shower Social – Fellowship Hall
	10:45am	Fellowship & Member Care Committee Meeting – Nursery
	10:45am	Church Education
	10:45am	Christian Education Committee Meeting – Office
	11:00am	Women’s Sermon Discussion – Room 3
	6:00pm	Joint evening worship service at Covenant CRC, with message by Rev. John Lee.

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