

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – September 7	Next Sunday – September 14
Coffee/Juice Servers	Marlene Broek Jerry & Sandy De Groot Tanya Alvarez Jon & Eileen Buiters	Kyle & Marissa Westra Garret & Betty Visser Dione Visser Imelda Vargas
Greeters AM	Onsby & Jessi Rose Duane & Rose Koele At Covenant CRC	John & Kendra Thompson Brad & Libby Van Bruggen Cheney & Mikayla Vander Berg Nick & Shannon Vander Kooi Joe & Shar Van Schouwen
PM		
Upstairs	Ross Vander Berg	
Sound	Dale Vander Berg	Matt Van Roekel
Video	Levi Groenewold	Tim Klein
Power Point	Wayne Klein	Jim Bos
Ushers	Tyler Knobloch, Rich & Stacy Koele, Will Maas	Tyler Knobloch, Rich & Stacy Koele, Will Maas
Rover	Drew De Vries	Wes Kroeze
Children & Worship	Teacher: Sarah S Helpers: Hailey K, Elsie VT	Teacher: Sarah S Helpers: Hailey K, Elsie VT
Nursery	A.M. P.M. Jana L At Covenant CRC Lindsey F Elsie VT Sofia A	A.M. P.M. Krista S Liz VM Darlene R Stacy K Lochlan S Addie G Bentley K
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.		
Bus Driver/Asst	Wes Kroeze Will Maas	Loren De Stigter Garret Visser
Weekend Janitors	Tim & Mel Klein	Tim & Mel Klein
PM Prayer Leader	At Covenant CRC	Jason Koelewyn
Wednesday Night Meals	Sept 10 - Servers: Darlene R, Bonnie DS, Lindsey M, Kendra T Cleanup: Dean R, Phil DS, Dale VB, Geoffrey F	Sept 17 - Servers: LeeAnn M, Carla N, Deanne DJ, Emily S Cleanup: Eric E, Denny N, Trent G, Mark Sy



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

321 2nd Street SE | Sioux Center, Iowa | 712.722.0717 | office@firstcrc.com | www.firstcrc.com

Welcome to First CRC as we unite as the body of Christ to 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, September 7, 2025

Our morning worship service will be led by Rev. Kurt Monroe.

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.

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.

For our evening service, Covenant CRC welcomes our congregation to the final combined CRC summer worship service at 6:00pm. Pastor John Lee will be preaching, and nursery will be provided. An offering will be taken for the Center for Financial Education. Please stay for fellowship and sweet treats after the service!

Our offerings for September 7 are designated for the Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund.

Next Sunday morning, September 14, we will celebrate the sacrament of baptism of Sawyer Klein, son of Tim & Reba Klein. At our evening service on September 14, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

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

Our Children & Worship program and all Church Education classes begin today.

Following the morning service today, a wedding shower social will be held in the Fellowship Hall in honor of the upcoming wedding of Cole Feenstra and Jaden Van Schepen on October 24.

Don't miss our first fall Wednesday night meal this week! Our menu includes: Smoked pulled pork on buns, macaroni salad, baked beans, and brownies and ice cream. Serving is from 5-6:30pm. A suggested donation of \$3/person or \$12/family is appreciated. Please look for a serving/cleanup schedule in mailboxes.

Following our Wednesday night meal this week, the **council vs. youth group Olympics will be held at 6:30pm on our north lawn**. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Shepherds needed! Since 2002, we at First CRC have matched incoming 7th graders with a "shepherd" from our congregation. This professing church member will meet regularly with the student until they graduate high school to lift them up, talk with them, and pray for them. If the student is involved in extracurriculars, the shepherd could consider attending a few of those events as well. This intergenerational relationship can often turn into one that is wonderfully edifying to both parties and strengthens the church family. If interested or to learn more about the program, please contact Cody Vander Berg at cdyvndrb@gmail.com.

Cadet Sub Sales are underway. This has been our primary fundraiser each year and traditionally covers ALL program costs. We have 16 Cadets this year with many fun activities planned, including the International Camporee in Longview, Alberta, CAN. If you would like to support our Cadet program, but have not been contacted, **please get in touch with a Cadet** (4-5th grade boys) or Mark Sjoerdsma (920) 296-1669. If sub sandwiches are not on the menu, donations are also welcome! **Orders are due September 10 at Wed. Night Meal.**

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.

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](#).

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

Church Family

Lord willing, Henrietta Den Besten will turn 99 on September 9. There will be a celebration today, September 7, at the Community Room in the Crown Pointe Care Center from 2-4pm. Anyone is welcome to stop by and say hi. The easiest way to get to the Community Room will be to enter the northwest Care Center entrance. There will be family at the door to open and direct you to the party. Refreshments provided.

Pray for healing, peace, and comfort for Keith Kooistra, who was hospitalized again in Sioux Falls. Pray for wisdom for his doctors and for peace for his family as well.

We give thanks that after three consecutive weeks at home it appears that Kevin Timmer's sister, Janelle Volkers, may be on the final road to recovery. Praise the Lord! The family is grateful for your prayers and concern.

At their request, the membership of the Peter & Jennifer Kuipers family has been transferred to Calvin CRC of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following homebound members this week: Henrietta Den Besten, Gary Draayer, George Veenendahl, and Mayme Walburg.

Members to pray for the week of September 7: Jo Vander Werf; Don Vander Ziel; Imelda, Adlemi, Madeli & Melani Vargas; George Veenendahl; Charles & Marlene Veenstra.

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for the INSHEV ministry through Partners Worldwide in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast).

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on the Centerpoint Church and the ministry of Pastors Jamie Dykstra and Chris Godfredsen.

Youth Group Sept 10- Olympics with Council | Sept 17- Connexions

What’s Happening This Week {September 7 – September 14}

Today	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
Monday	6:00pm	Joint evening worship service at Covenant CRC, with sermon by Rev. John Lee, with an offering for CFE.
	7:00pm	King’s Daughters – Room 9
	7:00pm	Special Council Session – Fireside Room
	7:30pm	Elders’ Meeting – Council Room
	7:30pm	Deacons’ Meeting – Fireside Room
Tuesday	8:30am	JFA Volunteering
Wednesday	12:00pm	College/Career Moms In Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	12:30pm	JOY Society – Fireside Room
	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
	5:00pm	Wednesday Night Meal – Fellowship Hall
	6:00pm	Adult Bible Study – Fireside Room
	6:30pm	Youth Group vs. Council Olympics – North Lawn
	7:00pm	GEMS Kickoff – Fields of Fun
Thursday	7:00pm	Friendship Bible Class – Fellowship Hall
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.
	10:45am	Church Education
	11:00am	Women’s Sermon Discussion – Room 3
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, including the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, with an offering for the Benevolent Fund.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Praying for Our Enemies - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In Matthew 5, Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount. He wanted people to know how to treat one another and show love the way he loves. He even wants us to show love and kindness to those we think of as our enemies because God cares about and provides for everyone. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the classic “Liz and Friends” podcast!

Groundwork: Living as Citizens of God’s Kingdom Now - We’ve learned that Jesus brought God’s kingdom near -- so near, in fact, it’s within us. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, Romans 14:17, Micah 4:1-5, Matthew 25:35-40, Philippians 2:5-8, Acts 2:42-47, Revelation 11:15, and 1 Corinthians 15:58 to learn what it means and looks like for us to live in God’s kingdom here and now, even when we can’t fully see it. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.