

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – September 21	Next Sunday – September 28
Coffee/Juice Servers	Jim & Glenda Bos Jan & Joan van Vliet Joe & Shar Van Schouwen	Aaron & Lindsey Floen Kel & Barb Eekhoff Dave & Lisa Dykstra
Greeters AM	Matt & Kelli Van Roekel Dan & Laurie Van Schouwen	Imelda Vargas Dione Visser
PM	David & Sally Vander Tuin Joel & Jen Van Otterloo	Eldon & Wilma Vander Berg Jan & Joan van Vliet
Upstairs	Phil & Liz Van Maanen	Scott Visser
Sound	Trent Geleynse	Phil De Stigter
Video	Brian Vander Berg	Cheney Vander Berg
Power Point	Darlene Reichert	Phil Van Maanen
Ushers	Tyler Knobloch, Rich & Stacy Koele, Will Maas	Tyler Knobloch, Rich & Stacy Koele, Will Maas
Rover	Dan Van Schouwen	Denny De Kruyf
Children & Worship	Teacher: Sarah S Helpers: Kaelyn S, Sophia F	Teacher: Liz VM Helpers: Kaelyn S, Sophia F
Nursery	A.M. P.M.	A.M. P.M.
	Cathy F Lisa D	Steph R Amy VB
	Kelli VR Mel KI	Janna W Karen T
	Cora VT Kaden K	Sophia F Levi E
Kira O Addie O		
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.		
Bus Driver/Asst	Rich Koele Keith Bonnema	Kevin Hulstein Denny De Kruyf
Weekend Janitors	Dean & Darlene Reichert	Dean & Darlene Reichert
PM Prayer Leader	Kevin Hulstein	Garret Visser
Wednesday Night Meals	Sept 24 - Servers: Sandy DG, Krista S, Mel KI, Bonnie DS Cleanup: Jerry DG, Chad F, Joel S, David VT	Oct 1 - Servers: Shirley K, Joanne S, Deb H, Katie H Cleanup: Dale VB, Cliff S, Kevin H, Phil DS



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 First CRC as we praise the Lord for all 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, September 21, 2025

Our morning worship service will be led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, and our evening worship will be led by Dr. David Westfall, associate professor of theology at Dordt University.

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 September 21 are designated for the Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, Denominational Pledge, and The Table (Denver, CO).

Next Sunday morning, September 28, we will celebrate the baptism of Leo Ter Haar, son of Andrew & Justean Ter Haar.

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 **October newsletter** items for our *Fellowship* are due today to Ron.Rynders@dordt.edu.

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

Don't miss our Wednesday night meal this week! Our menu includes: Baked potato bar, California mix vegetables, slaw salad, pudding trifles. Serving is from 5-6:30pm. A suggested donation of \$3/person or \$12/family is appreciated.

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.

College Students are welcome to join a Sermon Discussion study group which will meet now in the **upper level of our south ministry building from 11am to 12pm** on Sundays during our church education season.

Deadline for 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 **by tomorrow, September 22**. Please find an online link below to complete. This tool will help us understand how our church is doing in being a place of belonging. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey [here](#).

COLLEGE STUDENT CONNECTIONS SIGN UP: Our congregation is encouraged to connect with college students who attend our church. Members and college students may sign up at our information center.

You are invited to a **SAFARI ADVENTURE** at Green Oaks Museum and Educational Center located 3 miles south of Fairview, SD (29043 486 Ave.) on **Saturday, October 4**. The Museum is filled with 140+ taxidermized animals in natural habitats, the result of global hunting trips by the Anden Van Beek family. **Join us to tour the museum (9:00-10:00 AM) followed by refreshments, Q & A, and a Bible League presentation about global travels.** There is a suggested donation of \$15/person for admittance, cash/check; a freewill offering will also be taken for Bible League. Children are welcomed! Please contact BLI Ambassador Katie Haan at 712-722-0714 if you would like a ride to the Museum.

Winter Warm Up Outreach will be having the winter gear distribution on Sat., October 18 at Kinsey Elementary School. If you have any warm winter new or gently used coats, snowpants, snow boots, hats, mittens, gloves to donate, we would love to gift them to those who don't have winter apparel. We also collect warm blankets from infant size to king size. We have a big need for children's coats, adult smalls & mediums, waterproof kid's mittens and gloves, and new socks (all sizes), especially children's. Thank you for helping to be the

hands & feet of Jesus. Items may be placed in a bin in the Fellowship Hall or can be dropped off at Wes & Denise Kroeze' home.

Church Family

Our council acknowledges the resignation of Pastor Carl Klompien as our service pastor. We are very grateful for his 20 years of faithful dedication in calling on our members at First Church!

We extend our condolences to the family of Warren Van Otterloo of Rock Valley on his sudden passing on September 11. Warren was an uncle of Joel Van Otterloo and a cousin to Myrna De Vries.

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 September 21: Mayme Walburg; John & Janna Wesselius; Kyle, Marissa, Avery, Hannah, & Grace Westra; Sherm & Goldene Wissink; Phyllis Wood.

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Steve & Tara Dekkers.

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

Youth Group

Sept 24- Cornucopia
Oct 1- Corn Maze

ETM – 7th and 8th Graders

Sept 21 – We will meet at 7:30 tonight in our ministry building.
All 7th & 8th graders are invited to come.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Telling God's Story - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Here's a very important fact about the Bible that we need to learn: the Bible is one big story. Every Bible story points to the biggest story of all: God's plan to save the world. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the classic "Liz and Friends" podcast!

Groundwork: Grow As A Disciple Of Jesus Christ - God provides his grace and the Holy Spirit for our discipleship journey. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 4:7-15, Colossians 2:6-22, and Hebrews 6:1-12 to find out what maturing disciples of Jesus understand and recognize the signs of dynamic discipleship in your own life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

What’s Happening This Week {September 21 – September 28}

Today	8:30am	Adult Choir – Sanctuary
	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Denominational Pledge.
Monday	10:45am	Church Education
	11:00am	Women’s Sermon Discussion – Room 3
	11:00am	College Sermon Discussion – Upper South Min Building
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Dr. David Westfall, with an offering for The Table (Denver, CO).
	7:30pm	ETM – Upper Level Ministry Building
	7:00pm	King’s Daughters – Room 9
Tuesday	8:30am	JFA Volunteering
	9:30am	Grandmother’s Moms in Prayer Group – Fireside Room
Wednesday	12:00pm	College/Career Moms In Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	6:30am	Wednesday Men’s Life – Council 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
	6:45pm	Cadets – Meet at church – Pumpkins on Garfield
	7:00pm	GEMS at Bethel CRC
	7:00pm	Youth Group – Cornucopia
Thursday	7:00pm	Friendship Bible Class – Fellowship Hall
	8:30am	Adult Choir – Sanctuary
Next Sunday	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, including the baptism of Leo Ter Haar, with an offering for Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund.
	10:45am	Church Education
	10:45am	Christian Education Committee Meeting – Office
	11:00am	Women’s Sermon Discussion – Room 3
	11:00am	College Sermon Discussion – Upper South Min Building
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for the Building and Mission Funds.

Family Visiting for Monday, October 6, 2025

Elder Denny Nibbelink	6:30pm	Marvin & Esther Van Donselaar
	7:30pm	Dione Visser
	8:30pm	Glen & Anita Van Bruggen
Elder Tom De Vries	6:30pm	Dave & Donna Roghair
	7:30pm	Duane & Rose Koele
	8:30pm	Steve & Deanne De Jong
Elder Jerry De Groot	6:30pm	Andrew & Jessica Hummel
	7:30pm	Jevon & Carrie Groenewold
	8:30pm	Brian & Sheila Davelaar
Elder Kevin Timmer	6:30pm	Eldon & Wilma Vander Berg
	7:30pm	Joe & Shar Van Schouwen
	8:30pm	Katie Haan