

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – September 28	Next Sunday – October 5
Coffee/Juice Servers	Aaron & Lindsey Floen Kel & Barb Eekhoff Dave & Lisa Dykstra	Mike & Heidi Ochsner Cheney & Mikayla Vander Berg Glen & Anita Van Bruggen
Greeters AM	Imelda Vargas	Tany Alvarez
PM	Dione Visser	Steve & Deanne De Jong
Upstairs	Eldon & Wilma Vander Berg	Garret & Betty Visser
Sound	Jan & Joan van Vliet	Lynn & Kathy Bleeker
Video	Scott Visser	Jim & Glenda Bos
Power Point	Phil De Stigter	Ross Vander Berg
Ushers	Cheney Vander Berg	Isaiah deRegt
Rover	Phil Van Maanen	Wayne Klein
Children & Worship	Tyler Knobloch, Rich & Stacy Koele, Will Maas	Keith Bonnema, David Brommer, Millie Brommer, Jerry De Groot
Nursery	Denny De Kruyf	Eric Eekhoff
	Teacher: Liz VM	Teacher: Liz VM
	Helpers: Kaelyn S, Sophia F	Helpers: Avery F, Brenna VR
	A.M. P.M.	A.M. P.M.
	Steph R Amy VB	Adlemi V Glenda B
	Janna W Karen T	Marissa W Jessica H
	Sophia F Levi E	Kyler K Kaelyn S
	Addie O	Terran S
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.		
Bus Driver/Asst	Kevin Hulstein Denny De Kruyf	Rich Koele Denny De Kruyf
Weekend Janitors	Dean & Darlene Reichert	Dean & Darlene Reichert
PM Prayer Leader	Garret Visser	Wes Kroeze
Wednesday Night Meals	Oct 1 - Servers: Shirley K, Joanne S, Deb H, Mel KI Cleanup: Dale VB, Cliff S, Kevin H, Phil DS	Oct 8 - Servers: Tami K, Stacy K, Joyce M, Maria M Cleanup: Joel VO, Joel S, Will M, Kurt M



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

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

Welcome to First CRC as we gather for worship, praise, and prayer. May each receive a blessing, being strengthened by the Spirit and through the Word! 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 28, 2025



Our worship services today will be led by Rev. Kurt Monroe. This morning's service will include the baptism of Leo Alan Ter Haar, son of Andrew & Justean Ter Haar, and little brother to William, Charlotte, and Olivia.

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.

From the Worship Committee: This morning we are going to practice 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. This is one moment in our service when we can acknowledge and give thanks for the "horizontal" aspect of worship (the people of God in communion with each other) in addition to the "vertical" aspect (the people of God in communion with God himself). Pastor Kurt will give a brief introduction and some words of instruction before this moment in the service and the words you are to use will be projected on the screen.

Our offerings for September 28 are designated for the Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Building and Mission Funds.

Next Sunday morning, October 5, we will celebrate the baptism of Isaiah Finley, son of Daniel & Abby Finley.

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 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: Meatloaf, roasted mini baby bakers potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, fruit salad, and assorted desserts. If you are willing to bring a dessert (any kind) for this meal, please sign up at the information center. Serving is from 5-6:30pm. A suggested donation of \$3/person or \$12/family is appreciated.

Reminder: Due to Heartland break, we will not be having Sunday School classes for 3 yr. olds - 8th grade on October 5.

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.

Applications for EMOC (External Ministry Oversight Committee) grants are due Monday, October 6. Applications are available at the Information Center or the church office. Please turn in your applications to the church office or to Chad Feenstra.

The Bethel / First CRC GEMS program is currently doing their annual fundraiser of cards, gift and home items, gourmet popcorn, and more! This helps to cover the costs of our supplies and activities. There are brochures to browse through at the information center, as well as order forms. There is also an online [link](#) you can order from. If you are interested in supporting our GEMS, please reach out to any of our 4th - 8th grade GEMS girls or counselor Ashley Wynia (712-441-5645) **by October 8.** Thank you for your support!

Calling all Singers! You are invited to join in a community choir that will perform the Christmas cantata *The Winter Rose* by Joseph Martin on Sunday, December 14th in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. The choir and a full orchestra will both be under direction of Dr. Ryan Smit, and the cantata will be performed in the context of a service of worship that will take the place of First CRC's evening worship service. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 at Covenant CRC, beginning on October 29th. Singers high school age and older are encouraged to get in touch with Jennifer Monroe so that she can give you more information and send you a link to an online signup form. **Singers need to sign up by October 13th.**

Church Family

We rejoice with Nelvin & Jan Brons on the arrival of a twin grandson and granddaughter, Elliot and Brooke Madden, born to Jori & Rob Madden and big brother Killian Madden, on September 20, in Washington state.

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 September 28: Todd & Leah Zuidema; Emily & Hendrick Vande Voort; Tanya, Fernando, Omar, Eva, and Sofia Alvarez; Jean Arkema; Dorothy Bakker.

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Ken & Jeannie Lee.

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on Christ the King Catholic Church and the ministry of Father Mauro Sanchez.

Youth Group

Oct 1- Corn Maze
Oct 8- Connexions

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Living God's Story - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Proverbs 13:20 encourages us to find wise friends. Who do you think is wise? Who can teach you about God and the Bible? Talk to your parents. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the classic “Liz and Friends” podcast!

Groundwork: When Discipleship Growth Stalls - Sometimes the things we do and say are out of sync with the faith we profess to believe. Study Acts 10:34-48, Galatians 2:11-16, James 1:22-27, 1 John 1:8-10, and Philippians 3:12-14 with Groundwork to understand what God does for us in these situations and what we need to continue growing again as Christ’s disciples today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Family Visiting for Monday, October 6, 2025

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

What’s Happening This Week {September 28 – October 5}

Today	8:30am	Adult Choir – Sanctuary
	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
Monday	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for the Building and Mission Funds.
	7:00pm	Care Group Team Meetings
	7:30pm	Pastoral Assistants’ Meeting – Council Room
Tuesday	7:30pm	Council Meeting – Fireside Room
	9:30am	Grandmother’s Moms in Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	12:00pm	College/Career Moms In Prayer Group – Fireside Room
Wednesday	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
	7:00pm	Youth Group – Corn Maze
Next Sunday	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, including the baptism of Isaiah Finley, with an offering for Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund.
	10:45am	Fellowship & Member Care Committee Meeting – Nursery
	11:00am	College Sermon Discussion – Upper South Min Building
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Samaritan’s Purse.

Additional Announcements

October 11, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM - First CRC, Sioux Center. **Singing in the Face of Death: How the Psalms model and shape our congregational singing** - You are invited to join us as we consider how the ancient book of Psalms continues to shape and form the Church’s worship, and ways that we may benefit from the historic practice of psalm singing. Hear from Dordt communication professor and organist Michael Kearney and guitarist Matthew David Montgomery as they share the ways that they’ve been able to incorporate the psalter in drastically differing stylistic church contexts.

October 11, 7:00-8:30 PM - B.J. Haan Auditorium **“Singing the Psalms: How the Psalter Speaks to All Church Music Styles”** featuring Dr. Michael Kearney & Matthew David Montgomery” Join us for an evening of instrumental and vocal music focusing on the psalter. Congregational singing will be accompanied by organist Michael Kearney and guitarist Matthew David Montgomery.