

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – October 5	Next Sunday – October 12
Coffee/Juice Servers	Mike & Heidi Ochsner Cheney & Mikayla Vander Berg Glen & Anita Van Bruggen	Alex & Kailee Davelaar Andy & Kim Davelaar Matt & Kelli Van Roekel
Greeters AM	Tanya Alvarez	David & Christina Brommer
PM	Steve & Deanne De Jong	Andrew & Jessica Hummel
Upstairs	Garret & Betty Visser	Carl & Ellen Klompier
Sound	Lynn & Kathy Bleeker	Brian & Sheila Davelaar
Video	Jim & Glenda Bos	Kirsten Buitert
Power Point	Ross Vander Berg	Dale Vander Berg
Ushers	Isaiah deRegt	Levi Groenewold
Rover	Wayne Klein	Jim Bos
Children & Worship	Keith Bonnema, David Brommer, Millie Brommer, Jerry De Groot	Keith Bonnema, David Brommer, Millie Brommer, Jerry De Groot
Nursery	Eric Eekhoff	Drew De Vries
	Teacher: Liz VM Helpers: Avery F, Brenna VR	No Children & Worship
	A.M. P.M.	A.M. P.M.
	Adlemi V Glenda B	Carla P Brittney K
	Darlene R Jessica H	Tanya A Tami K
	Kyler K Kaelyn S	Malia K Colin R
	Terran S Anastasia F	
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.		
Bus Driver/Asst	Rich Koele Denny De Kruijff	Wes Kroeze Will Maas
Weekend Janitors	Dean & Darlene Reichert	Tim & Mel Klein
PM Prayer Leader	Wes Kroeze	Wayne Kobes
Wednesday Night Meals	Oct 8 - Servers: Tami K, Stacy K, Joyce M, Maria M Clean-up: Joel VO, Dale VB, Will M, Kurt M	Oct 15 - Servers: Rose K, Rachel R, Heidi O, Rich H Clean-up: Duane K, Jeff H, Jason K, Mark Sj



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 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, October 5, 2025

Our worship services today will be led by Rev. Kurt Monroe. This morning's service will include the baptism of Isaiah Thomas Finley, son of Daniel & Abby Finley, and little brother to Elliot.



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 October 5 are designated for the Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Samaritan's Purse.

Next Sunday morning, October 12, 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

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

Applications for EMOC (External Ministry Oversight Committee) grants are due tomorrow, 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.

Don't miss our Wednesday night meal this week! Our menu includes: Spaghetti Bake, Chicken Alfredo, Olive Garden lettuce salad, garlic bread, and cake. If you are willing to bring a cake 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.

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!

Saturday, 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.

Saturday, 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.

An Adult Sunday School class will be meeting on Sunday mornings, beginning October 12, from 11:00 to 11:30am in the council room to study the book, *Christian Faith in Focus*, by Gordon Spykman and led by John Wesselius. Please contact the church office (office@firstcrc.com) by October 10 to receive study materials.

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.**

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

We extend our condolences to the Sherm Wissink family as Goldene passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 30. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Emily Sybesma will have shoulder surgery on Friday, October 10, in Sioux Center.

At her request, Emily Meyer has transferred her membership to First CRC of Sioux Falls.

Prayer Requests

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

Members to pray for the week of October 5: Mark & Carol Bandstra; Lynn & Kathy Bleeker; Keith & Mary Bonnema; Jim & Glenda Bos; Paul & Kim Brenner.

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Shelley Hernandez.

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on the Church of Christ congregation and the ministry of Dustin Bolks.

Youth Group Oct 8- Connexions | Oct 15- Mission Activity

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

Additional Announcement

CALLED: Full time ministry is an extraordinary calling and great privilege, and critical for the purposes of God in this world. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. But “how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?” If you have ever wondered if God is calling you to serve Him vocationally, whether as a pastor, missionary, chaplain, or something else; if you have questions about what ministry is like; if you wonder if it is worth it; if you don’t know the next steps or process – please join us at **Dordt University on November 22 from 10am-3pm** for ‘CALLED’. Stephen Terpstra, John Klompier, and John Lee, along with missions and candidacy experts, will encourage you, talk with you, answer your questions, and explore if God is calling you. The event is free of charge and is for people of all ages, from high school to those nearing retirement, who are exploring full or part time ministry. For more information and to register, go to: <https://forms.gle/Sq6Zh4Jx6cbPDiE9A> or follow the QR code on the poster in your church. Questions? Email pastor@firstcrcoc.org.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Learning God's Story - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Want to grow strong in your faith like you grow strong in your muscles? Learn how prayer, Bible reading, and small daily habits can help you become a stronger follower of Jesus! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like our video Bible study “God’s Big Story”.

Groundwork: Discipleship During Life's Tragedies - What happens to our discipleship while we experience grief, pain, frustration, anger, and the many other emotions we experience during these times? Join Groundwork as we study Job 1:13-22, Psalm 56:8, 1

Peter 5:7, and Job 42:10-11 to stay the course of discipleship during life’s tragedies. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

What’s Happening This Week {October 5 – October 12}

Today	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.
	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.
Monday	6:30pm	Family Visiting
	9:30am	Grandmother’s Moms in Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	12:00pm	College/Career Moms In Prayer Group – Fireside Room
Tuesday	7:00pm	Education Committee Meeting – Fireside Room
	6:30am	Wednesday Men’s Life – Council Room
	12:30pm	JOY Society – Fireside Room
Wednesday	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
	5:00pm	Wednesday Night Meal – Fellowship Hall
	6:00pm	Adult Bible Study – Fireside Room
Thursday	6:45pm	Cadets – Lower Level Ministry Building
	7:00pm	GEMS at Bethel CRC
	7:00pm	Youth Group – Connexions
Saturday	6:30pm	Women’s Bible Conversations – Fireside Room
	7:00pm	Friendship Bible Class – Fellowship Hall
	8:00am	Cadets make sub sandwiches – Kitchen/Fellowship Hall
Next Sunday	10:30am	Singing in the Face of Death: How the Psalms model and shape our congregational singing – Sanctuary
	8:30am	Adult Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, including the celebration of the Lord’ Supper, with an offering for Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Benevolent Fund.
	10:45am	Church Education
	10:45am	Fellowship & Member Care Committee Meeting – Nursery
	11:00am	Women’s Sermon Discussion – Room 3
	11:00am	College Sermon Discussion – Upper South Min Building
	11:00am	Adult Sunday School – Council Room
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Wycliffe Bible Translators.