

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – March 8	Next Sunday – March 15
Coffee/Juice/Tea Servers	Daniel & Abby Finley Kel & Barb Eekhoff Dave & Lisa Dykstra	Eric & Tracy Eekhoff Roger & Bonnie Fedders Tim & Reba Klein
Greeters AM	Dan & Laurie Van Schouwen Nelvin & Jan Brons	Jan & Joan van Vliet Tanya Alvarez
PM	Joe & Shar Van Schouwen Charles & Marlene Veenstra	Joel & Jen Van Otterloo Garret & Betty Visser
Upstairs	Andy & Kim Davelaar	Alex & Kailee Davelaar
Sound	Ross Vander Berg	Dale Vander Berg
Video	Levi Groenewold	Brian Vander Berg
Power Point	Jim Bos	Darlene Reichert
Ushers	Denny De Kruyf, Aaron Floen, Cody Vander Berg, Cliff Soodsma	Denny De Kruyf, Aaron Floen, Cody Vander Berg, Cliff Soodsma
Rover	Denny De Kruyf	Eric Eekhoff
Children & Worship	Teacher: Megan F Helpers: Malia K, Brylee K	Teacher: Megan F Helpers: Malia K, Brylee K
Nursery	A.M. P.M.	A.M. P.M.
	Jessica H Libby VB Laura DK Marissa W Reuben G Abbie VO	Rhonda P Amy VB Adlemi V Glenda B Alex E Cora VT
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.		
Bus Driver/Asst	Phil De Stigter Denny De Kruyf	Loren De Stigter Joe Van Schouwen
Weekend Janitors	Tim & Mel Klein	Dean & Darlene Reichert
PM Prayer Leader	Chad & Cathy Feenstra	Sarah deRegt
Wednesday Night Meals	March 11- <i>Serving:</i> Jennifer M, Shar VS, Joan vV, Rachel R <i>Cleanup:</i> Tyler K, Joe VS, Rose Family	March 18- <i>Serving:</i> Rose K, Wilma VB, Julie G, Liz VM <i>Cleanup:</i> Andy D, Eldon VB, Kurt M, Mark Sj

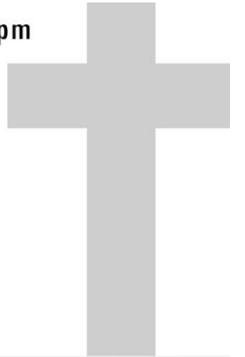


Hearing Assistance: Please ask a sound booth operator for a receiver device.

Reminder! You can give a one-time gift or set up recurring giving anytime at <https://www.firstcrc.com/give-online/>.

COME
let us **TURN**

Lenten Sunday Worship: 9:30am and 6:00pm
Rev. Kurt Monroe, Pastor



and **FOLLOW** the **LORD**

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Welcome to First CRC on this 3rd Sunday of Lent as we celebrate what God has done for us in Jesus Christ! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join us regularly. Please join us for coffee, tea, 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, March 8, 2026

Our worship services today will be led by Rev. Kurt Monroe.

This evening we will also celebrate the Lord's Supper. We invite all who have been ingrafted into Christ's church by baptism and who seek the nourishment and sustenance of our Lord's Supper to join us in our celebration of the sacrament. A gluten free option near the mailboxes is available to pick up before you enter the sanctuary.

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 March 8 are designated for the Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Benevolent Fund.



The banners in our church represent the liturgical season of Lent when the Church remembers the suffering and death of Jesus. We are reminded of our progress through Lent by lighting one fewer pulpit candle each week. The primary color this season is purple, and the symbol in the middle is the Crown of Thorns. "They clothed Jesus in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him." Mark 15:17. Thank you to Amy Vander Berg for designing our Lenten bulletin cover!

Announcements

We are encouraged to refrain from handshaking for a time due to the current cold and flu season.

Don't miss our Wednesday Night Meal this week! Our menu includes: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, tea rolls, and pie. Donations of pies are requested for this meal; please sign up at the information center. A suggested donation of \$3/person or \$12/family is appreciated. Serving is from 5-6:30pm.

Care Group Coordinator Position: The council encourages members of the congregation to prayerfully consider serving in this capacity. A description of the position is available through the church office, and any other questions can be directed to Phil Van Maanen or Kevin Timmer. Interested individuals are asked to submit their name to Glenda Bos by March 16, 2026.

Care Group 2A (Koelewyn/Van Schouwen/Reichert) will meet for a shared lunch this morning, March 8, at 11:45AM in the upper level of our ministry building. Visitors and college students are invited to join in!

Ken Lee is the missionary to Japan our church supports, and he is coming to Sioux Center on March 17! If you are willing to **host him for a coffee time or a meal**, he will be available March 18-21. Please contact Tanya Alvarez (712-441-6515) to schedule this. Thank you!!

Calling All Hobbyists! We're looking for participants to display their hobbies at our upcoming annual **Hobby Night on Wednesday, March 11, from 5:45 – 6:45 pm in the lower east entry.** This is your chance to share what you love with others—whether it's art, crafts, collections, DIY projects, sports, models, music, or anything in between.

✦ New this year: A dedicated Kids Area!

We're especially excited to welcome kid hobbies and youth participants to display what they enjoy!! It can be Legos, baking, or a photo demonstration of something you do! If you enjoy your hobby and love sharing it with others, we'd love to have you join us. Please sign up at the information center!

Care Group 3B (Zuidema/Floen/Fopma/De Groot) will meet for a shared lunch on Sunday, March 22 at 11:45 AM in the lower level of our ministry building. This will allow us to have time to dialogue with Ken Lee about his work in Japan. Look for more information in an upcoming email. Visitors and college students are invited to join us!

First CRC members - **You are invited to a Partners Worldwide luncheon in the Overlook Room in the Atrium at Dordt University on Thursday March 26 at Noon.** CEO Bob Vryhof will share a glimpse on what the future looks like at Partners Worldwide as continued growth is seen in partnership impact, especially in new countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. You will also hear from a Business Affiliate team volunteer as they share about their partnership experience and God's call to entrepreneurship for them personally. There will also be a short documentary on a partnership in Ecuador that has weathered many storms, impacting many lives over the past almost 20 years and witness their team transition from one generation to the next. Partners Worldwide is a ministry that seeks to fight poverty through business, and our church supports a partnership in Cote' d'Ivoire, West Africa. Please RSVP to Rachell@partnersworldwide.org or via [ebrite here](#) or reach out to Chad Feenstra, Jon Buiter, or Amy Vander Berg.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following homebound members this week: Alyce De Groot, Helen De Stigter, Sally Koldenhoven, and Jo Vander Werf.

Members to pray for the week of March 8: Diane Marra; Gladyce Nyhof; Lauren & Barb Ochsner; Mike, Heidi, Addie, Kira & Miles Ochsner; Ed Paulson.

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Mark & JinHee Klompfen.

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

March 11- Connexions – we will still meet for those not at State Basketball

March 18- Connexions

March 25- Werewolf Game Night

Early Teen Ministry

Come to our next meeting at 7:30 on March 15- Minn-I-Kota will be coming to do the lesson.

What's Happening This Week (March 8 – March 15)

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.
	10:45am	Church Education
	10:45am	Christian Education Committee Meeting – Office
	11:00am	Women's Sermon Discussion – Room 3
	11:00am	Adult Sunday School – Council Room
	11:45am	Care Group 2A Lunch – Upper Level Ministry Bldg
	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.
Monday	7:00pm	King's Daughters – Room 9
	7:00pm	Elders' Meeting – Council Room
	7:00pm	Deacons' Meeting – Fireside Room
Tuesday	9:30am	Grandmother's Moms in Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	12:00pm	College/Career Moms in Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	7:00pm	Education Committee Meeting – Fireside Room
Wednesday	6:30am	Men's Life Bible Study – Council Room
	12:30pm	JOY Society – Fireside Room
	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
	5:00pm	Wednesday Night Meal – Fellowship Hall
	5:45pm	Hobby Night – Lower East Entry
	6:00pm	Adult Bible Study – Fireside Room
	6:45pm	Cadets – Lower Level Ministry Building
	7:00pm	GEMS at Bethel CRC
Thursday	7:00pm	Youth Group – Connexions – Upper Level Ministry Bldg
	6:30pm	Women's Bible Conversations – Fireside Room
	7:00pm	Friendship Bible Class – Fellowship Hall
Next Sunday	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Denominational Pledge.
	11:00am	Adult Sunday School – Council Room
	11:00am	College Sermon Discussion – Upper South Ministry Bldg
	11:45am	College Student Lunch – Upper Level Ministry Building
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Todd Zuidema, with an offering for Crossroads Prison Ministries.
	7:30pm	ETM – Upper Level Ministry Building

UPDATE ON CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Goals:

- 100% Congregational Participation
- \$600,000 of congregational giving

Update:

- 60% of the congregation has turned in pledge forms
- \$449,000 pledged over 3 years
- \$175,000 cash on hand
- Members of the campaign committee will be reaching out to members who have not turned in a pledge form.
- EVERY GIFT COUNTS!!
- If a monetary gift isn't an option for a member but they would like to participate or give to the project in other ways, please contact David VanderTuin or the Building and Grounds Committee.

The first phase will be the roof which will start in April or May. The approximate cost of the roof project is \$300,000. The church would like to get this phase done without taking out a loan. If someone is able to get all or part of their 2026 pledge in soon, it would help the deacons and buildings and grounds committee navigate their budget.

Extra pledge forms can be found on the Information Center.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Lent: Washing Stinky Feet - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In John 13, Jesus washed his disciples' feet—a humble act of service that surprised everyone. He demonstrated that love isn't just about words; it's about doing for others, even in unexpected ways. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

Groundwork: Jesus: Judged, Beaten, and Crowned with Thorns - At the fifth Station of the Cross, we reflect on Jesus before Pilate, and at the sixth, we witness Jesus endure mocking and beating from Roman soldiers as they placed a crown of thorns on his head. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 15:1-15 and John 19:1-3 for a Lenten reflection on Jesus' suffering and persecution, and what it means for his followers. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Bulletin Reminder: If you have something to submit for the weekly bulletin, please send it to the church office, office@firstcrc.com, no later than 10:30AM on Thursdays.