

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – March 15	Next Sunday – March 22
Coffee/Juice/Tea Servers	Eric & Tracy Eekhoff Roger & Bonnie Fedders Tim & Reba Klein	DJ & Taylor Droog Sheila De Stigter Doug & Lorie De Stigter Marlene Broek
Greeters AM	Jan & Joan van Vliet Tanya Alvarez	Kyle & Marissa Westra David & Christina Brommer
PM	Joel & Jen Van Otterloo Garret & Betty Visser	Lynn & Kathy Bleeker Scott Visser
Upstairs	Alex & Kailee Davelaar	John & Janna Wesselius
Sound	Dale Vander Berg	Matt Van Roekel
Video	Brian Vander Berg	Cheney Vander Berg
Power Point	Darlene Reichert	Darlene Reichert
Ushers	Denny De Kruyf, Aaron Floen, Cody Vander Berg, Cliff Soodsma	Denny De Kruyf, Aaron Floen, Cody Vander Berg, Cliff Soodsma
Rover	Eric Eekhoff	Drew De Vries
Children & Worship	Teacher: Megan F Helpers: Malia K, Brylee K	Teacher: Sarah S Helpers: Kaelyn S, Brenna VR
Nursery	A.M. P.M.	A.M. P.M.
	Rhonda P Amy VB	Heidi O Karen T
	Adlemi V Glenda B	Kelli VR Kim D
	Alex E Cora VT	Andi T Caleb S
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.		
Bus Driver/Asst	Loren De Stigter Joe Van Schouwen	Rich Koele Keith Bonnema
Weekend Janitors	Dean & Darlene Reichert	Dean & Darlene Reichert
PM Prayer Leader	Sarah deRegt	Rich & Stacy Koele
Wednesday Night Meals	March 18- Serving: Rose K, Wilma VB, Julie G, Liz VM Cleanup: Andy D, Eldon VB, Kurt M, Mark Sj	March 25- Serving: Jan B, Shirley K, Cathy F, Rich H Cleanup: Nelvin B, Geoffrey F, Mike O, Dan VS

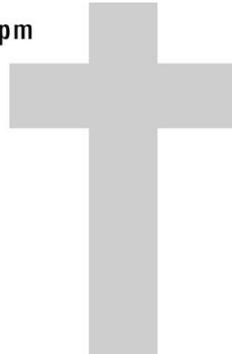


Hearing Assistance: Please ask a sound booth operator for a receiver device.

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



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



and FOLLOW the LORD



Welcome to First CRC on this 4th Sunday of Lent! 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 15, 2026

Our worship service this morning will be led by Rev. Kurt Monroe. This evening we welcome Rev. Todd Zuidema as he opens God's Word for us.

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 15 are designated for the Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Crossroads Prison Ministries.



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.

Announcements

There will be **no church education classes for 3-year-olds through 8th grade today** due to spring break.

College students are welcome to join in a Sermon Discussion group which meets in the upper level of our south ministry building from 11am to 11:45am on Sundays during our church education season. College students are also **invited to a lunch today** served after the sermon discussion.

We are encouraged to refrain from handshaking for a time due to this cold/ flu season.

Don't miss our Wednesday Night Meal this week! Our menu includes: Chicken Fajita, Chili, Pea, Baked Potato, and Vegetable Beef Soup; Sloppy Joe, Smoked Pork Loin, and Chicken Sandwiches; Fruit Salad, and Pudding Parfaits. A suggested donation of \$3/person or \$12/family is appreciated. Serving is from 5-6:30pm.

Our Women's Prayer Group will meet at 6:30pm this Wednesday, March 18, in Room 9.

Guys' Night on Thursday, March 19 at 7pm will be March Madness at RJs in Sioux Center. Text Cheney Vander Berg (712-578-9116) if you plan to attend. Food, drink, mini golf, and simulators will be available for individual purchase. All ages are invited to watch basketball, play, and enjoy fellowship as your time allows.

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!!

We'd love to have help making pigs in the blanket on Saturday, March 21. The link to sign up is at [firstcrc.com](https://signup.com/go/WoSSwBx) or go here: <https://signup.com/go/WoSSwBx>. We make over 240 dozen pigs each time we gather to work at Casey's Bakery - and the more people who help, the faster it goes. Proceeds from sales go to our church capital project. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie De Stigter (bonnieds@hotmail.com; 712-441-0245).

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.

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 tomorrow, March 16, 2026.

Turn your empty recyclables into a blessing for our Christian Education Committee!

First Christian Reformed Church is continuing our ongoing fundraising efforts for Christian education, and you can help by donating your redeemable cans, plastic bottles, and glass. If you paid a nickel deposit, they are eligible for redemption. Sports drinks, water bottles, and juices are not redeemable. For your convenience, there are two easy ways to contribute: you can drop them directly into the designated redemption container located right outside our Ministry Building, or you can take them to Brommer Sanitation. If you drop them off at Brommer's, please ensure they are in clear plastic bags (bags are available for purchase at Brommer Sanitation) and simply let the staff know you would like the proceeds donated to First CRC.



Look for Crossroads Prison Ministries information in your mailbox. Then mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30pm in our fellowship hall to learn more about the mission of Crossroads from their representatives. Please talk to our current mentors, Ellen Klompien and Cliff Soodsma, as more mentors are needed to correspond with inmates through Bible lessons in the mail.

OASIS Women's Gathering: Save the evening of Thursday, April 2 for a Creative Canvas guided painting event! Details will be revealed within the next week along with a sign-up link!

Church Family

We extend our condolences to the family and special friends of former member, Daryl Kruid, who passed away on Monday, March 9, from a heart attack.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following homebound members this week: Cody Bultman, Dorothy Nibbelink, Shirley Sybesma, and Dinah Ter Horst.

Members to pray for the week of March 15: Carla Peterson; Kathy Peterson; Rhonda Peterson; Darrel & Rachel Raih; Darren, Steph, Brody, Jordan, Aubrey & Jocelyn Raih.

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for the INSHEV ministry through Partners Worldwide in Ivory Coast.

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

Youth Group

March 18- Connexions
March 25- Werewolf Game Night

Early Teen Ministry

Come tonight at 7:30 as Minn-I-Kota will have a lesson with us.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Jesus Cried - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Everyone has big feelings, and learning to notice how others feel helps us be kinder friends. Just like Jesus, we can listen, care, and show love when someone is sad or happy. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

Groundwork: Carrying Jesus' Cross on the Road to Golgotha - When we reach stations seven and eight of the Stations of the Cross, we reflect on the movement of Jesus and the cross toward Golgotha. Join Groundwork as we study John 19:6-17, Matthew 27:19-31, and Mark 15:21 to consider the symbolism of the cross beam placed on Jesus, the significance of Simon of Cyrene carrying Jesus' cross, and what it means to bear the cross with Jesus in our lives. 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.

What's Happening This Week (March 15 – March 22)

Today	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
Monday	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Todd Zuidema, with an offering for Crossroads Prison Ministries.
	7:30pm	ETM – Upper Level Ministry Building
	7:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting – Fireside Room
	Tuesday	9:30am
Wednesday	12:00pm	College/Career Moms in Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	6:30am	Men's Life Bible Study – Council Room
Thursday	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
	5:00pm	Wednesday Night Meal – Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Women's Prayer Group – Room 9
	7:00pm	Youth Group – Connexions – Upper Level Ministry Bldg
Saturday	7:00pm	Friendship Bible Class – Fellowship Hall
	7:00pm	Guys' Night at RJ's Indoor Golf
Next Sunday	7:00am	Make Pigs in the Blanket
	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
	11:00am	Adult Sunday School – Council Room
	11:00am	College Sermon Discussion – Upper South Ministry Bldg
	11:45am	Care Group 3B Lunch – Lower Level Ministry Building
6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Mission India.	