

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – April 5	Next Sunday – April 12
Coffee/Juice/Tea Servers	Brad & Laura De Kruyf Andy & Kim Davelaar Drew & Ambra De Vries	Ron & Kathy De Groot Brian & Sheila Davelaar Steve & Deanne De Jong
Greeters AM	Justin & Rachel Byars Rich & Linda Haan At Faith CRC	Mark & Carol Bandstra Brad & Laura De Kruyf Isaiah & Sarah deRegt Denny & Sharon De Kruyf
PM	At Faith CRC	Eric & Tracy Eekhoff
Upstairs	Tim & Mel Klein	
Sound	Ross Vander Berg	Dale Vander Berg
Video	Levi Groenewold	Brian Vander Berg
Power Point	Wayne Klein	Jim Bos
Ushers	Elijah Rose, Colin Rose, Darrel Raih, Tom De Vries	Elijah Rose, Colin Rose, Darrel Raih, Tom De Vries
Rover	Dan Van Schouwen	Denny De Kruyf
Children & Worship	No Children & Worship	Teacher: Liz VM Helpers: Hailey K, Millie B
Nursery	A.M. P.M.	A.M. P.M.
	Tracy E At Faith CRC	Jana L Bonnie DS
	Katherine F Millie B	Jan B Eileen B William VB Ava VM
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.		
Bus Driver/Asst	Phil De Stigter Denny De Kruyf	Rich Koele Garret Visser
Weekend Janitors	Dean & Darlene Reichert	Tim & Mel Klein
PM Prayer Leader	At Faith CRC	Jerry De Groot



SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD
Sunday Worship: 9:30am and 6:00pm

Rev. Kurt Monroe, Pastor

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Welcome to all who have joined us for worship on this Easter Sunday! 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, April 5, 2026

This morning our worship service will be led by Rev. Kurt Monroe.

The morning service will include the celebration of 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.

Our members residing at Crown Pointe Estates will also be served communion there this morning as they livestream our service.

This evening we are invited to Faith CRC for a combined evening worship service at 5:00pm. Trevor Mouw will bring the message and an offering will be taken for JFA.

Please note that Pastor Kurt will be on a study leave this week.

Our offerings for April 5 are designated for the Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Love INC.



The banners in our church represent the liturgical season of Easter when the Church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Crown of Thorns has been changed to a Crown of Glory. *"To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever!"* Revelation 5:13



Hearing Assistance: Please ask someone at the sound booth 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/>.

Announcements

There will be **no children and worship and no church education classes today.**

Let's celebrate Jesus' resurrection together! All are invited to join in a brunch potluck following our Easter Sunday service in the upper level of our ministry building at approximately 11:30am.

Applications for **EMOC (External Ministry Oversight Committee) grants** are due Monday, April 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.

From the Council: Due to changes in personal circumstances, Ron De Groot and Jan van Vliet will be stepping down from their roles as elder, in good standing with the church council. We are grateful for their faithful service to God's kingdom and for their willingness to serve our congregation. We ask the congregation to keep the council in prayer as we begin the process of discerning and calling two new elders.

Care Group 3A (Eekhoff/De Stigter) will gather for a time of fellowship upstairs in the Fireside Room on April 12 after the evening service. Snacks and drink will be provided.

Crossroads Prison Ministries Mentor Gathering - Join us Tuesday, April 14, from 6:30 to 8:00pm in our fellowship hall. Whether you're a current mentor or interested in learning more about Crossroads, this event is a great opportunity to connect, hear inspiring stories, and learn how God is working through Crossroads to transform lives. You'll receive valuable insights into the role of a mentor and the impact you're making in the lives of incarcerated men and women.

A shower at 1st CRC will be held with a social following the morning service on April 19, in honor of the upcoming wedding of Kaeley Meyer & Adam Brown on May 29. Gifts may be placed on the table in the Fellowship Hall by May 29. If anyone would like to go in on a shower gift card, please bring your contribution to the church office by 12:00pm on Wednesday, April 15. Your pastoral assistant can also be contacted to pick up your donation if you are unable to bring it to church.

We'd love to have help making pigs in the blanket on Saturday, April 11. The link to sign up is at firstcrc.com or go here: <https://signup.com/go/QpxQcVf> . 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).

GRADUATES: If you are graduating from grade school, high school, technical school, college, or beyond in May, we would like to acknowledge your accomplishments in the May issue of our *Fellowship* newsletter. Please submit your information of where you are graduating from, your future plans, and a photo to Ron.Rynders@dordt.edu by Sunday April 19.

Church Family

Remember Cliff Soodsma as he has neck surgery at Dakota Dunes tomorrow, Monday, April 6. Pray for a smooth recovery.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following homebound members: Henrietta Den Besten, Derold De Kock, George Veenendahl, and Mayme Walburg.

Members to pray for the week of April 5: Ron & Karen Rynders; Joel, Krista, Kaelyn, Terran, Lochlan & Aubryn Sikkema; Mark, Sarah, Caleb & Zoe Sjoerdsma; Cliff & Joanne Soodsma; Rose Soodsma.

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

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on our congregation and the ministry of Pastor Kurt Monroe.

Youth Group

April 8- Connexions
April 15- Rock Climbing

Early Teen Ministry

April 5- End of the year party tonight at 7:30 at First CRC.

Thank You

On behalf of our Winter Warm Up Outreach, I would like to thank you for your donations of winter items in the past! The need is ongoing, so if you have any new or gently used, clean warm winter coats, snowpants, snow boots, hats, mittens, and gloves, we would love to gift them to those in need. Thank you! -Denise Kroeze

What's Happening This Week (April 5 – April 12)

Today 9:30am Easter morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper, with an offering for Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Love INC.
 11:30am Easter Brunch Potluck – Upper Level Ministry Building
5:00pm Combined evening worship service at Faith CRC, led by Mr. Trevor Mouw, with an offering for Justice For All.

Monday 7:30pm ETM – Upper level ministry building
 6:30pm Family Visiting

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
 12:00pm JOY Society Party – Fireside Room
 1:30pm Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
 6:00pm Adult Bible Study – Fireside Room
 6:45pm Cadets – Lower Level Ministry Building
 7:00pm GEMS at Bethel CRC
 7:00pm Youth Group – Connexions – Upper Level Ministry Bldg

Next Sunday 9:30am Morning worship service led by Rev. Todd Zuidema, with an offering for Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund
 10:45am Fellowship & Member Care Committee Meeting – Nursery
 10:45am Church Education
 11:00am Women's Sermon Discussion – Room 3
 11:00am College Sermon Discussion – Upper South Ministry Bldg
 6:00pm Evening worship service led by Dr. Kyle Dieleman, with an offering for Hope Haven (Wheelchair Ministry).
 7:00pm Care Group 3A Gathering – Fireside Room

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.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Check out "Resurrection People" at www.kidscorner.net. Early on a Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene felt very sad; in fact, she felt hopeless. Her teacher and friend had been crucified on Friday, and now, mysteriously, his tomb was empty. Read what happens next. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: Jesus' Death, Burial, and Resurrection - We've reached the pinnacle moments of salvation history in our Stations of the Cross journey. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 15:33-16:8, Luke 23:44-49, John 19:28-42, and Matthew 27:62-28:10 to witness the thirteenth and fourteenth Stations of the Cross, which invite us to remember Jesus' suffering, death, and burial. Then linger at the tomb to witness the glory of his resurrection and celebrate his Easter victory over death. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Family Visiting for Monday, April 6, 2026

Elder Denny Nibbelink	6:30pm	Alan & Brenda Kempers
	7:30pm	Shirley Klein
	8:30pm	Onsby & Jessi Rose
Elder Tom De Vries	6:30pm	Geoffrey & Katherine Fulkerson
	7:30pm	Ken & Kathy Klein
	8:30pm	Jerry & Lora De Vries
Elder Todd Zuidema	6:30pm	Derold De Kock
	7:30pm	Jerry & Shirley Isakson
	8:30pm	Rich & Linda Haan
Elder Kevin Timmer	6:30pm	Jon & Jana Lammers
	7:30pm	Jolene De Stigter
	8:30pm	Sheila De Stigter
<i>Church members are encouraged to contact their care group elder anytime they have a need.</i>		