

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – April 12	Next Sunday – April 19
Coffee/Juice/Tea Servers	Ron & Kathy De Groot Brian & Sheila Davelaar Steve & Deanne De Jong	Jerry & Sandy De Groot Alex & Kailee Davelaar Jim & Glenda Bos
Greeters AM	Mark & Carol Bandstra Brad & Laura De Kruyf	Ron & Kathy De Groot Loren De Stigter
PM	Isaiah & Sarah deRegt Denny & Sharon De Kruyf	Steve & Deanne De Jong Doug & Lorie De Stigter
Upstairs	Eric & Tracy Eekhoff	Dave & Lisa Dykstra
Sound	Dale Vander Berg	Matt Van Roekel
Video	Brian Vander Berg	Cheney Vander Berg
Power Point	Darlene Reichert	Darlene Reichert
Ushers	Elijah Rose, Colin Rose, Darrel Raih, Tom De Vries	Elijah Rose, Colin Rose, Darrel Raih, Tom De Vries
Rover	Denny De Kruyf	Eric Eekhoff
Children & Worship	Teacher: Liz VM Helpers: Hailey K, Millie B	Teacher: Liz VM Helpers: Elsie VT, Malia K
Nursery	A.M. P.M. Jana L Bonnie DS Jan B Eileen B William VB Ava VM	A.M. P.M. Janna W Cathy F Kailee D Lindsey F Anastasia F Levi E
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.		
Bus Driver/Asst	Rich Koele Will Maas	Wes Kroeze Garret Visser
Weekend Janitors	Tim & Mel Klein	Dean & Darlene Reichert
PM Prayer Leader	Jerry De Groot	Wes Kroeze



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 as we worship our resurrected Lord and Savior!
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 12, 2026

Our worship service this morning will be led by Rev. Todd Zuidema. This evening we welcome Dr. Kyle Dieleman, Associate Professor of Theology and History at Dordt University, as he opens God's Word for us. Pastor Kurt had a study leave this past week.

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 April 12 are designated for the Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Hope Haven (Wheelchair Ministry).



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

Announcements

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 Sunday during our church education season.



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/>.

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

Crossroads Prison Ministries Mentor Gathering - Join us this 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.

Our church's women's prayer group will be meeting in room 9 from **6:30 to 7:30 PM this Wednesday, April 15**. Come and join us as we pray for our church.

A shower at 1st CRC will be held with a social following the morning service on Sunday, 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 April 19. 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.

Sunday School families - During the month of April, we will be collecting the Guiding Star baby bottles as our offering this year in Sunday school. Please return them to a Sunday School teacher or the designated box located upstairs in the Fireside Room.

1st CRC Family Swim & Game Night on Friday, April 24th. All are welcome to come swim at the All Seasons Center and enjoy fellowship in the reserved side room from 6:00 to 8:45pm. Please bring a drink or a snack to share. There will be a group rate discount for swimming; just ask when you come. You are also welcome to take along a game to play in the reserved room.

Care Groups 4A (van Vliet/Van Otterloo/Koele) & 4B (Timmer/Vander Berg/Raih) will gather for lunch at 11:30am on Sunday, April 26, in the upper level of our ministry building. Guests and college students are welcome!

Care Group 2B (De Vries/Vander Kooi/De Vries) will meet for lunch on Sunday, April 26, in our fellowship hall at 11:45am. Guests and college students are welcome!

Church visitors Rev. Bob Drenten and Elder Myron Gradert will meet with our council for a routine visit on April 27. The purpose of their visit is to encourage our leadership in the ministry of our church and to provide advice as requested. They are assigned to this task by Classis Iakota.

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 your photo to Ron.Rynders@dordt.edu by Sunday April 26.

The Christian Education Committee is excited to run the concession stand once again at the Trailblazer Track Meet on Wednesday, May 13. There are opportunities for everyone to volunteer with this fundraiser! We need donations of bars, drinks, food, and individuals to work 2-hour shifts during the day starting at 10:00 am. We look forward to a great day of fellowship with all the volunteers. Sign-up sheets are at the Information Center. Contact Sally Vander Tuin, Abby Finley, or anyone on the Christian Education Committee with questions.

Church Family

Remember Alyce De Groot who was admitted to the hospital with pneumonia.

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Bruce Hooyer (brother to Anita Van Bruggen, Allen Hooyer, Marv Hooyer, and uncle to Jana Lammers) who passed away on April 2. The funeral was held at Bethel CRC on Tuesday.

We also give our condolences to Kel & Barb Eekhoff on the passing of Barb's sister, Donna Westerhaus, age 68, from Wayne, Nebraska. Donna was also an aunt of Eric Eekhoff and Melissa Klein. A memorial service will be held later.

Prayer Requests

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

Members to pray for the week of April 12: Mark & Emily Sybesma; Shirley Sybesma; Andrew, Justean, William, Charlotte, Oliva & Leo Ter Haar; Dinah Ter Horst; John, Kendra, Joe & Andi Thompson.

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

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on the Middleburg Free Grace Reformed Church as they seek a new pastor.

Youth Group April 15- Rock Climbing | April 22-Connexions

What's Happening This Week (April 12 – April 19)

Today	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)
Monday	7:00pm	Care Group 3A Gathering – Fireside Room
	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
	6:30pm	Crossroads Prison Ministries Mentor Gathering – Fellowship Hall/Room 9
Wednesday	6:30am	Men's Life Bible Study – Council Room
	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
	6:00pm	Youth Group – Rock Climbing
	6:30pm	Women's Prayer Group – Room 9
Next Sunday	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Denominational Pledge
	10:45am	Church Education
	10:45am	Christian Education Committee Meeting – Office
	10:45am	Wedding Shower Social – Fellowship Hall
	11:00am	Women's Sermon Discussion – Room 3
	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 Mr. Trevor Mouw, with an offering for Building and Mission Funds.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Go Outside and Learn About God - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Come explore God's amazing world like Job did and discover how animals, plants, and stars can teach us about how wise and powerful God is! Grab a friend or family member and go on a fun outdoor adventure with snacks, games, and even a backyard campout to thank God and learn more about Him. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Earth Day collection.

Groundwork: Salvation Through Jesus Christ Alone - As the Christian faith spread, the Apostle Paul often wrote letters to churches he planted to help clarify and solidify his teachings. Join Groundwork as we begin a study of his letter to the church in Galatia by studying Galatians 1. Together, we'll study Paul's teaching about salvation and let it continue to encourage our faith and strengthen our commitment to Christ today. 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.