

## Opportunities to Serve

	Today – April 19	Next Sunday – April 26
<b>Coffee/Juice/Tea Servers</b>	Jerry & Sandy De Groot Alex & Kailee Davelaar Jim & Glenda Bos	Kirsten Buitter Jon & Eileen Buitter Todd & Leah Zuidema Imelda Vargas
<b>Greeters AM</b>	Ron & Kathy De Groot Loren De Stigter	DJ & Taylor Droog Paul & Kim Brenner
<b>PM</b>	Steve & Deanne De Jong Doug & Lorie De Stigter	GEMS AM: Denny & Carla Nibbelink PM: GEMS
<b>Upstairs</b>	Dave & Lisa Dykstra	
<b>Sound</b>	Matt Van Roekel	Trent Geleynse
<b>Video</b>	Cheney Vander Berg	Isaiah deRegt
<b>Power Point</b>	Darlene Reichert	Phil Van Maanen
<b>Ushers</b>	Elijah Rose, Colin Rose, Darrel Raih, Tom De Vries	Elijah Rose, Colin Rose, Darrel Raih, Tom De Vries
<b>Rover</b>	Eric Eekhoff	Drew De Vries
<b>Children &amp; Worship</b>	Teacher: Liz VM Helpers: Elsie VT, Malia K	Teacher: Krista S Helpers: Avery F, Brylee K
<b>Nursery</b>	A.M. P.M. Janna W Cathy F Kailee D Lindsey F Anastasia F Levi E	A.M. P.M. Lisa M Brittney K Liz VM Kathy P Leah VM Natalie DS
<b>INFANTS &amp; TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.</b>		
<b>Bus Driver/Asst</b>	Wes Kroeze Garret Visser	Loren De Stigter Keith Bonnema
<b>Weekend Janitors</b>	Dean & Darlene Reichert	Tim & Mel Klein
<b>PM Prayer Leader</b>	Wes Kroeze	John Wesselius



**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 as we praise our Redeemer God!**  
If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join with 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 19, 2026*

Our worship service this morning will be led by Rev. Kurt Monroe. This evening we welcome Mr. Trevor Mouw 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 April 19 are designated for the Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, Denominational Pledge, and Building and Mission Funds.



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. College students are also invited to a lunch today served after the sermon discussion.**



**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/>.

**This morning a shower social at 1<sup>st</sup> CRC will be held** following the morning service in the fellowship hall 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.

**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.

**Adult Bible Study Social** -- We will meet in the Fireside Room on **Wednesday, April 22, at 6:30 pm**. We will discuss plans for our study for the next season and have a time of fellowship and refreshments.

**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.

The council is pleased to announce that **Sheila De Stigter has agreed to begin work as our Care Group Coordinator**, effective immediately. Sheila replaces Deb Hulstein after her work of approximately 10 years.

**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!

**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](mailto:Ron.Rynders@dordt.edu) by Sunday April 26.

**Ladies! Make plans to attend Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon with your friends on Monday, May 4 at Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City** (201 St. Paul Ave. SE). Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The luncheon begins at 11:30 AM; featured speakers will represent the Legacy Thrift and Hands Around The World ministries. Updates from Bible League International will be given, and a freewill donation will be received. Join us for this FUN event!

**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.

**Trailblazer Track Meet Concession Stand - May 13 from 10:00am - 4pm.** Sign-up sheets are at the Information Center. Please join the Christian Education Committee with supporting this fundraiser with a donation of bars, drinks, food or working a 2-hour shift. We look forward to a great day of fellowship and working together towards our common goal of supporting Christian Education. Contact Sally Vander Tuin, Abby Finley, or anyone on the Christian Education Committee with questions.

#### **MIK+ POST HIGH YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS:**

TRY SOMETHING NEW....Join us for a "Night with Bob Ross and Happy Accidents". Saturday, April 25, starting at 7pm in Hull, Iowa at Western Christian High School (Art Room). We will meet in the front parking lot and go in together. \$15/person. A light lunch will be provided. Only room for 24 people, so RSVP early to reserve your spot and so we can make sure we have enough supplies. Text Lee De Groot at 712-470-4244. And as always...Bring a Friend!

#### *Church Family*

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Alyce De Groot, and also to the family of Mayme Walburg, each passing away on Saturday, April 11. The funeral for Mayme was held on April 15 at Memorial Funeral Home and a private graveside service for Alyce was held on April 16, with Pastor Kurt Monroe officiating for both.

#### *Prayer Requests*

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

Members to pray for the week of April 19: Ana Timmer; Katy Timmer; Kevin & Karen Timmer; Barb Top; Leendert & Soyen van Beek.

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Arbin & Bimala Pokharel.

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on the Iglesia Christiana Pentecostes Jersucristo El Buen Pastor and the ministry of Pastors Rodrigo and Karina Gonzalez.

#### *Youth Group*

April 22-Connexions  
April 29- Amazing Race

*What's Happening This Week (April 19 – April 26)*

<b>Today</b>	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	Wedding Shower Social – Fellowship Hall
	10:45am	Christian Education Committee Meeting – Office
	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.
<b>Monday</b>	7:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting – Fireside Room
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30am	Grandmother's Moms in Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	12:00pm	College/Career Moms in Prayer Group – Fireside Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30am	Men's Life Bible Study – Council Room
	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
	6:30pm	Adult Bible Study Social – Fireside Room
	6:45pm	Cadets – Lower Level Ministry Building
	7:00pm	GEMS at Bethel
	7:00pm	Youth Group – Connexions – Upper Level Ministry Bldg
<b>Friday</b>	6:00pm	Family Swim & Game Night at All Seasons Center
<b>Next Sunday</b>	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	College Sermon Discussion – Lower South Ministry Bldg
	11:30am	Care Groups 4A/4B Lunch – Upper Level Ministry Bldg
	11:45am	Care Group 2B Lunch – Fellowship Hall
	6:00pm	Joint evening worship service here led by Rev. Kurt Monroe and with Rev. John Lee preaching, including the participation of the GEMS; an offering will be taken for GEMS, Grand Rapids, MI.

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

*Family Visiting for Monday, May 4, 2026*

Elder Tim Klein	6:30pm	Jeff Heldt
	7:30pm	Wes & Denise Kroeze
	8:30pm	Imelda Vargas
Elder Jason Koelewyn	6:30pm	Tyler & Mel Knobloch
	7:30pm	Jon & Eileen Buiters
	8:30pm	Kirsten Buiters
Elder Phil Van Maanen	6:30pm	Helen De Stigter
	7:30pm	Eric & Tracy Eekhoff
Elder Jan van Vliet	6:30pm	Wayne & Pam Klein
	7:30pm	Rich & Stacy Koele
	8:30pm	Ross Vander Berg
<i>Church members are encouraged to contact their care group elder anytime they have a need.</i>		

*ReFrame Ministries*

**Kids Corner Devotions: Go On a Microadventure** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Big adventures don't have to be far away—exciting discoveries are waiting right outside your door! Grab your family, explore nearby paths and places, and see how much fun a little adventure can be. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Earth Day collection.

**Groundwork: The Cross of Jesus is the Only Way** - As Galatians continues, Paul continues to emphasize that the cross of Jesus is the only way to salvation and he confronts Peter's hypocritical behavior. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Galatians 2 to explore the struggle the apostles faced as the Christian faith spread, and along the way find the courage to embody the truth of salvation in your relationships and daily life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.