

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – August 16	Next Sunday – August 23
Coffee/Juice/Tea Servers	Onsby & Jessi Rose Mike & Heidi Ochsner Dale & Amy Vander Berg	Jason & Tami Koelewyn Will & Joyce Maas Cheney & Mikayla Vander Berg
Greeters AM	Mark & Emily Sybesma Ross Vander Berg	Onsby & Jessi Rose Dale & Amy Vander Berg
PM	Cornie Rylaarsdam Ron & Karen Rynders	Brian & Kim Vander Berg Leendert & Soyen van Beek
Upstairs AM/PM	John & Janna Wesselius	David & Christina Brommer
Sound	Phil De Stigter	Ross Vander Berg
Video	Tim Klein	Levi Groenewold
Power Point	Darlene Reichert	Phil Van Maanen
Ushers	David & Millie Brommer, Darren Raih, Garret Visser	David & Millie Brommer, Darren Raih, Garret Visser
Rover	Denny De Kruyf	Eric Eekhoff
Nursery	A.M. P.M. Laura DK Lindsey F Libby VB Lisa D Mason VR Miles O Natalie DS	A.M. P.M. Liz VM Maria M Lisa M Karen T Reuben G Sophia F Sofia A
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.		
Bus Driver/Asst	Kevin Hulstein Garret Visser	Loren De Stigter Joe Van Schouwen
Weekend Janitors	Dean & Darlene Reichert	Dean & Darlene Reichert
PM Prayer Leader	Kevin Hulstein	Jon Buiter



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 as we glorify our Triune 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 members who would like to sit during their fellowship time.

Worship Notes ~ Sunday, August 16, 2026

Our morning worship service will be led by Pastor Kurt Monroe. This evening we welcome Rev. Bob Drenten as he opens God’s Word for us.

Our offerings for August 16 are designated for the Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, Denominational Pledge, and Rehoboth Christian School.

The banners in our church represent the liturgical season known as "Trinity Season" or "Ordinary Time." The focus of this season is the work of the Holy Spirit in and through the Church. Our banners feature green for growth and red and gold for vibrancy and hope.

Announcements

Lost & Found Table – Today is the last chance to check if any items belong to you.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a **GEMS counselor** for our First/Bethel GEMS Girls’ Club this fall. Contact Lisa Dykstra (712-449-5599) or the church office soon for more information.

SERVING OPPORTUNITY! We are again planning to go down to serve at the **Northern Lighthouse in Lincoln, Nebraska on August 21-23**. We would likely leave Friday evening and return Sunday after church. All ages are welcome to come. The exact details of what we are doing are yet to be determined. If you are interested in going, please contact Jason Koelewyn (jason.koelewyn@gmail.com) soon.



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/>.

Please join us for an outdoor movie this coming Friday, August 21 at 8:15pm on the north church lawn for a showing of “Monsters, Inc.” Popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Please bring your own chairs/blankets. If weather becomes an issue, we will relocate to the fireside room.

Help with Silage Piles for Christian Education: Harvest season is nearing and along with that will come the opportunity to help **cover silage piles** as a fundraiser for our Christian Education Fund. Please let Cathy Feenstra know if you would be willing to **volunteer to work** on the piles. We also need people to **donate food** for the workers. If you are willing to help with either of these requests, please contact Cathy Feenstra (feenstra@mtcnet.net) or 712-441-7156). Let her know your preferred method of contact (email or text message). We want to be ready when the time comes to start covering piles. All ages from junior high on up are welcome to help. Signup also at the information center.

A group of women will start gathering on Tuesday, August 25 from 9:30 - 10:30 AM to pray for their grandchildren and their schools. If you have a burden to pray for your grandchildren, come and join us Tuesday mornings in the upstairs Fireside room during the school year. Also, if you have a burden to **pray for your college age or adult child**, come and join another group of praying women on Tuesdays from noon to 1 PM in our Fireside room upstairs. We also pray for a number of schools. Our first prayer time is Tuesday, August 25. All interested women will be warmly welcomed. For more information, contact Rachel Raih (712-441-0885).

Our Wed. Night Meal program is looking for more cooks and meal prep helpers. If interested, please contact Pam Klein (712-441-4852). Look for your Sep. - Nov. helper schedule in your mailbox. Wednesday night meals plan to begin on September 9.

The congregation is invited to a BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR BRUNCH CELEBRATION! On Sunday, September 6, a brunch will be served following the morning service. The congregation is asked to provide the following (those whose last names begin with these letters):

A-H: please bring rolls, muffins, or a French toast bake (pre-baked 9x13 pan)

I-R: please bring fruit or fruit parfaits

S-Z: please bring an egg bake (pre-baked 9X13 pan).

All food can be brought to the kitchen prior to the morning service. Sausage links, beverages, a gluten free dish, and tableware will also be provided. We hope to see you!

Women of all ages are invited to join JOY Bible Study this fall starting September 16. We will be studying "Life and Contributions of Men of the Bible", a series of lessons written by Barbara Top. We will meet every other Wednesday from 12:30 - 1:45pm in the Fireside Room. We would love to have you join us. For more information or if you are planning on

attending, please contact Barb Eekhoff at 712-541-8683 or beekhoff@firstcrc.com. Study material will be provided. We look forward to studying this series together!

Note From Elders: The elders have decided to offer a student membership that will provide an opportunity for college students to be a part of our congregation in a meaningful way. This does not replace their membership in their home church, but allows them to come under the care of the local church while away from their home church. To see more details about this type of membership, visit our church website and click on ‘Connect’ at the top, then click on ‘College Students’.

Church Family

We extend our Christian sympathy to Lisa Miedema, Trayle and Brianna Kats, and Gabrielle Miedema, on the passing away of Lisa's mother and Brianna and Gabrielle's grandmother, Audrey Van Vuuren, on August 10. Visitation will be Monday, August 17, from noon to 1pm at Memorial Funeral Home, followed by a private family service.

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 August 16: Dave & Lisa Dykstra; Eric, Tracy, Levi & Alex Eekhoff; Kel & Barb Eekhoff; Roger & Bonnie Fedders; Chad, Cathy & Avery Feenstra.

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

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on the Christ the King Catholic Church congregation and the ministry of Father Mauro Sanchez.

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 (August 16 – August 23)

Today	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Denominational Pledge.
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Bob Drenten, with an offering for Rehoboth Christian School.
Tuesday	5:30pm	Serve Dordt Football Supper – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
	7:00pm	GEMS Counselor Meeting – Bethel CRC
Wednesday	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
Friday	8:15pm	Movie Night on North Lawn
	pm	Mission trip to Northern Lighthouse
Next Sunday	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund.
	10:45am	Orientation – Sunday School Teachers/Helpers – Fireside
	10:45am	Orientation – Children & Worship Helpers – Room 8
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Building and Mission Funds.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: A New School Year: God's Power Of Love In You! Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. School is back, and that means new adventures, new challenges, and lots of chances to grow! Even in frustrating moments, you can choose kindness, patience, and love. Remember, you're never on your own, and you can make a big difference in your school every single day! Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

Groundwork: Hear God's Voice: A Warning Against Unbelief - When we feel weary and under pressure, the author of Hebrews urges us to hear God's voice and resist the temptation to drift away from our faith. Join Groundwork as we study Hebrews 3-4:13 to discover how history and community can help us hear God's voice, keep us securely anchored in our faith when we're tempted to drift, and find God's promised Sabbath rest. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.