

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – August 23	Next Sunday – August 30
Coffee/Juice/Tea Servers	Jason & Tami Koelewyn Will & Joyce Maas Cheney & Mikayla Vander Berg	Randy & Marsha Meyer Glen & Anita Van Bruggen Darren & Steph Raih
Greeters AM	Onsby & Jessi Rose	Matt & Kelli Van Roekel
PM	Dale & Amy Vander Berg Brian & Kim Vander Berg Leendert & Soyen van Beek	Dan & Laurie Van Schouwen Charles & Marlene Veenstra Phil & Liz Van Maanen
Upstairs AM/PM	David & Christina Brommer	Jon & Eileen Buiters
Sound	Ross Vander Berg	Dale Vander Berg
Video	Levi Groenewold	Brian Vander Berg
Power Point	Phil Van Maanen	Jim Bos
Ushers	David & Millie Brommer, Darren Raih, Garret Visser	David & Millie Brommer, Darren Raih, Garret Visser
Rover	Eric Eekhoff	Drew De Vries
Nursery	A.M.	P.M.
	Liz VM	Maria M
	Lisa M	Karen T
	Reuben G	Sophia F
	Sofia A	William VB
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.		
Bus Driver/Asst	Loren De Stigter Joe Van Schouwen	Jerry De Vries Keith Bonnema
Weekend Janitors	Dean & Darlene Reichert	Tim & Mel Klein
PM Prayer Leader	Jon Buiters	Joel Sikkema



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

Rev. Kurt Monroe, Pastor

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Welcome to all as we praise the Lord for the blessings of his grace! 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 23, 2026

Today our worship services will be led by Pastor Kurt Monroe.

Our offerings for August 23 are designated for the Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Building and Mission Funds.

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

All Children’s education teachers and helpers: Please gather in the Fireside room today at 10:45am for an orientation meeting. If you have questions or are unable to attend, please contact Katherine Fulkerson or Rachel Byars. Teachers and helpers for our Children & Worship program should also meet this morning in Room 8 for orientation.

Please submit all **September Fellowship** items by today to ron.Rynders@dordt.edu.

Christian Education parents, **grade school through high school**, as well as anyone interested in learning more about our Christian Education fundraising opportunities, are invited to a brief meeting in the sanctuary following the morning worship service next **Sunday, August 30**.



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/>.

WANTED: A **GEMS counselor** for our First/Bethel GEMS Girls' Club this fall. Contact Lisa Dykstra (712-449-5599) or the church office (office@firstcrc.com) soon for more info.

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).

We'd love to have help making pigs in the blanket on Saturday, August 29. The link to sign up is at firstcrc.com or go here: <https://signup.com/go/MQjTELz>. 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)

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.

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. Work groups 6 & 7 will assist. 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!

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 Sept. - Nov. helper schedule in your mailbox. Wednesday night meals plan to begin on September 9.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Adults are welcome to join us for *Discover Elijah and Elisha – Prophets with Power* at 6 PM on Wednesdays, beginning September 9, in the Fireside room. Please sign up soon at the information center so books can be ordered.

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

Our condolences go out to John & Janna Wesselius and the Andrew & Jessica Hummel family on the passing of John's mother and Jessica's grandmother, Alida Wesselius of Whitby, Ontario, on August 19.

With dialysis making him a high risk, Ivan Groothuis will not be having bypass surgery on Tuesday August 25. We appreciate and thank you for your many prayers and concerns! "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:21

Congratulations to Isaiah & Sarah deRegt on the birth of a healthy baby boy, Gideon Drew, on August 18!

We extend our sympathy to Jerry & Lora De Vries and Steve & Tara Dekkers, on the passing away of Jerry's mother and Tara's grandmother, Joyce De Vries, on August 14 at Crown Pointe. The funeral was held this past Friday in Hull.

We also extend our sympathy to the Tyler & Mel Knobloch family on the passing away of Tyler's stepfather, Adrian Ludwig of Lester, Iowa, on August 6.

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.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following homebound members: Dorothy Mouw, Rose Soodsma, Evelyn Vis, and Phyllis Wood.

Members to pray for the week of August 23: Sydney Feenstra; Daniel, Abby, Elliot & Isaiah Finley; Aaron, Lindsey, Emmett & Shaylee Floen; Sam, Megan, Simon, Madelyn, Lucas & Levi Fopma; Geoffrey, Katherine, Sophia, Anastasia, Lucy & Nathan Fulkerson.

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 Church of Christ congregation and the ministry of Dustin Bolks.

What’s Happening This Week (August 23 – August 30)

Today	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.
Monday	7:00pm	King’s Daughters – Room 9
Tuesday	9:30am	Grandmother’s Moms in Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	12:00pm	College/Career Moms in Prayer Group – Fireside Room
Wednesday	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
	7:00pm	Youth Group – Kick off
Thursday	7:00pm	Friendship Bible Class – Fellowship Hall
Next Sunday	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund.
	10:45am	Christian Education Parents’ Meeting – Sanctuary
	10:45am	Fellowship & Member Care Committee Meeting – Nursery
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Dr. Wayne Kobes, with an offering for Wycliffe Bible Translators.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: A New School Year: What Can I Offer? Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Choose the best ways this school year to show love to God. Maybe it’s by helping a classmate, working hard in school, or being kind when it’s not easy. Maybe it’s all of these and more! Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

Groundwork: Jesus is the High Priest Who Meets Our Needs - Do you ever feel alone, like no one can understand what you’re going through? Join Groundwork as we study Hebrews 4:14-7:28 to learn about the high priest Melchizedek. Together, we’ll see how the author of Hebrews draws a connection between Melchizedek and Jesus to help us better understand the extent to which Jesus truly understands, cares for, and meets our needs. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.