

Opportunities to Serve

	Today – August 30	Next Sunday – September 6
Coffee/Juice/Tea Servers	Randy & Marsha Meyer Glen & Anita Van Bruggen Darren & Steph Raih	None – Brunch Served
Greeters AM	Matt & Kelli Van Roekel Dan & Laurie Van Schouwen Charles & Marlene Veenstra Phil & Liz Van Maanen	John & Kendra Thompson Glen & Anita Van Bruggen Kyle & Marissa Westra Marlene Broek
PM	Jon & Eileen Buitert	Denny & Sharon De Kruijff
Upstairs AM/PM		
Sound	Dale Vander Berg	Matt Van Roekel
Video	Brian Vander Berg	Cheney Vander Berg
Power Point	Wayne Klein	Wayne Klein
Ushers	David & Millie Brommer, Darren Raih, Garret Visser	Tyler Knobloch, Ron Rynders, Kaelyn Sikkema, David Vander Tuin
Rover	Drew De Vries	Wes Kroeze
Nursery	A.M. P.M. Mel KI Rhonda P Krista S Sarah S Terran S William TH William VB	A.M. P.M.
INFANTS & TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.		
Bus Driver/Asst	Jerry De Vries Keith Bonnema	Phil De Stigter Derick Roos
Weekend Janitors	Tim & Mel Klein	Dean & Darlene Reichert
PM Prayer Leader	Joel Sikkema	Charles Veenstra
Wednesday Night Meals		Sept 9 – Servers: Stacy K, Bonnie DS, Deanne DJ, Lindsey F Cleanup: Eric E, Phil DS, Jason K, Geoffrey F



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

Rev. Kurt Monroe, Pastor

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We extend a special welcome to all who are joining us for worship today! 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 30, 2026

This morning our worship service will be led by Pastor Kurt Monroe. This evening we welcome Rev. Dr. Wayne Kobes as he opens God’s Word for us.

Our offerings for August 30 are designated for the Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

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

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 today, following the morning worship service.

Our Sunday School program for age 3 - 8th grade will begin on Sunday, September 13. Parents will receive information this week in their church mailboxes. If your children are planning to participate in Sunday School this year, but you did not receive a letter, please contact Katherine Fulkerson at katherine.b.fulkerson@gmail.com or Rachel Byars at rchlvrndr@yahoo.com.



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/>.

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!

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.

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's Thursday Bible Study: On Sept. 10, all women are invited to join with Bible Conversations for an evening (6:30) Bible study on *Revelation: Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom* by Jen Wilkin. Please sign up 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'.

Cadet Sub Sales are underway. This has been our primary fundraiser each year and traditionally covers ALL program costs. We have 18 Cadets this year with many exciting activities planned. If you would like to support our Cadet program, but have not been contacted, **please get in touch with a Cadet** (4th-8th grade boys) or myself, Mark Sjoerdsma (920) 296-1669. If sub sandwiches are not on the menu, donations are always welcome! **Final orders are due September 9 at the Wednesday Night Meal.**

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.

Church Family

Our Christian sympathies go out to the following families:

- Helen De Stigter, on her sister's (Alvina Schoolmeester from Edgerton, MN) passing away on August 22. The funeral was Friday at First Reformed in Edgerton.

-Andrew Ter Haar's grandmother, Irene Ter Haar, of Sioux Center, (formerly of Rock Valley, IA and Albuquerque, NM) who passed away on August 24. A memorial service will be held on September 26, 2026, at 9 am at Faith CRC in Sioux Center.

Prayer Requests

Members to pray for the week of August 30: Trent, Julie, James, Liam & Ezra Geleynse; Jevon, Carrie, Levi, Addie & Reuben Groenewold; Ivan & Alice Groothuis; Katie Haan.

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Sos & Kara Maletoungou.

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on the Covenant Christian Reformed Church while they are without a pastor.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Get Into the Habit - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. What are your spiritual daily habits that help grow closer to God? They're things like prayer, Bible reading, and worship. They're habits we do because we love God and have his spirit in our hearts. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

Groundwork: Jesus' Sacrifice is Complete and Makes Us Holy - Guilt has weight; it becomes a burden to one who carries it. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Hebrews 8:1-10:18 to see how the author of Hebrews offers reassurance to weary believers by showing how Israel's covenant, tabernacle, and sacrificial system all dealt with guilt, but ultimately point to and find their fulfillment in Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

What's Happening This Week (August 30 – September 6)

Today	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.
Monday	7:00pm	Care Group Team Meetings
	7:30pm	Council Meeting – Fireside Room
	7:30pm	Pastoral Assistants' Meeting – Council Room
Tuesday	9:30am	Grandmother's Moms in Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	12:00pm	College/Career Moms in Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	6:30pm	Family Visiting
	7:00pm	Education Committee Meeting – Fireside Room
Wednesday	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
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	Beginning of the School Year Brunch – Fellowship Hall
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper, with an offering for Samaritan's Purse.

Family Visiting for Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Elder Denny Nibbelink	6:30pm	Justin & Rachel Byars
	7:30pm	Jim Mouw
	8:30pm	Tim Rose
Elder Tom De Vries	6:30pm	Bill De Stigter
	7:30pm	Brad & Libby Van Bruggen
	8:30pm	Karissa Roghair
Elder Todd Zuidema	6:30pm	Sandy Draayer
	7:30pm	Cornie Rylaarsdam
Elder Kevin Timmer	6:30pm	Cody & Erika Vander Berg
	7:30pm	Mike & Heidi Ochsner
	8:30pm	Naomi De Stigter
Church members are encouraged to contact their care group elder anytime they have a need.		

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.