

Community Announcements Continued...

- **Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey & 7 Churches of Revelation** May 27-June 8: Visit sites connected w/Paul's 1st, 2nd, & 3rd missionary journeys, also the 7 churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Dr. Weima, prof. at Calvin Sem. Contact Dr. Weima (616) 328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.
- **The Association for the Advancement of Dutch American Studies (AADAS) 2025 Conference**, Hope College, Holland, MI, June 26-28. **Theme: Post-WWII Dutch Immigration to North America** – We are looking for immigrants and their kids to research/assemble their individual/family immigration stories, while we can. What events/things stand out in your mind? Does your family still have items from the Netherlands and why? Get out those letters, photos, and immigration artifacts; talk to those who shared your experiences to affirm/test your recollections; compare your immigrant journey/life against published immigration accounts. How is your family story both personal and representative? We are also looking for research papers on topics related to the conference theme. Possible topics are listed in the Call for Papers, together with other info., on the AADAS website: <https://dutch-americans.org>. Submit an abstract (250 words) of your memoir or research paper to henk.aay@gmail.com before Feb. 1, 2025

Be Prepared ... to wait

My husband always keeps a book handy. When he picks up our kids or heads to an appointment, a current title is tucked securely under his arm. He expects to wait – and is prepared to do so. What could have been a frustrating delay turns into extra time to delve further into the story.

I, on the other hand, get caught off-guard if a doctor runs late or a meeting runs long. As the minutes tick by, my down time gets wasted – unless I quietly reflect on God's goodness, return an email, take a short walk or chat with the person next to me.

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord,” says Psalm 27:14. That's an important reminder as Advent nears. Scripture advises us to use our waiting time wisely, preparing for God and drawing closer to him. What will you do while you wait for Jesus?
--Janna Firestone

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church this All Saints' Sunday. Together with the faithful of every time and place, let us worship God.

Today at First

Pastor Brian Dunn leads us in worship today. C.G. #1 hosts coffee time.

Next week, Pastor Brian Dunn will lead our services. C.G. #1 hosts coffee time. Following our evening service, the congregation will be served walking tacos. Make plans to stay for food, fellowship and fun.

Our Church Family

Happy Birthday to Dean Van Dyke
celebrating her 91st birthday on Wed., Nov. 6!

Nursery Today Ethan & Avery VH, Hailey VM **Nov. 10** Julie H., Lori G., Lacey P.
Valet Parking Today Brennan Granstra **Nov. 10** Dolan Granstra

Sound Today Cory/Jackson/Ben **Nov. 10** Bolkema/Jon/Anthony
Security Today Lyle Bolkema **Nov. 10** Tom Van Dyke

Praise Team Today Ashley, Julie, Alivia, Shane **Nov. 10** Rachel, Laura, Arlo, Gus
Cookies 11-10 Jen H., Michelle H., Mariah J. **11-17** Laura K., Kristin K., Marilyn K.

Offerings only for: Gen. Fund, Christian Ed., Above Quota Missions & Classical Min. Shares. Put in offering box, Treasurer's box, or mail to church (901 9th Street).

First CRC Announcements:

- **Sunday, Nov. 10 following the Evening Service** – We will be serving walking tacos to the congregation. Make plans to stay for food, fellowship and fun.
- **Special Offering on Nov. 10 for Pacific Island Ministries (Eric & Penny Schering)**. PIM has around 40 teachers that only make \$100 every 2 weeks. They are almost \$100,000 short on their current budget and may begin cutting teachers pay to \$50 every 2 weeks.
- **Operation Christmas Child** – please feel free to take supplies available on the narthex table. Deadline for returning boxes – Sun., Nov. 17.

Activities This Week

Sun.	10:45 AM	Sunday School & Catechism Classes meet
	11:00 AM	Choir practice
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Mon.	6:15 AM	“The Great De-Churching” Fall Bible Study meets
	6:30 PM	“The Great De-Churching” Fall Bible Study meets
Wed.	7:00 PM	Cadets meet at 1st CRC. GEMS meet at Immanuel CRC.
Thur.	2:00 PM	Women’s Bible Study meets

First CRC Announcements Continued...

- **The Christmas Program** will be held Sun., Dec. 8, 5 p.m. There will be coffee and desserts served following the program in the fellowship hall. Make plans to attend. Practices for the program will begin in November.
- **For the January Book Club**, we will read “The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride” by Joe Siple. The international bestselling novel about Murray McBride, a lonely 100-year-old man who’s outlived just about everyone he’s ever loved. But when he meets a boy awaiting a heart transplant, Murray may learn something about finding meaning in life again... There will be a couple copies on the welcome desk to read and return. Everyone is welcome to read the book and join in the discussion, date and time to be announced later.

Sheldon Christian School Announcements:

- **Veterans Day Program** – Mon., Nov. 11, 9 am in gym. SCS warmly invites you to join us as we honor and remember all who have served during our Veterans Day Program. This special event will feature participation from Preschool – 8th grade students, including singing, performances by the school band. Everyone is welcome to come, and we want to extend a special invitation to all veterans – we honor you during this special program. Join us!
- **NICSTO** – Please consider a contribution to SCS through NICSTO helping us reach our \$71,000 goal for tuition assistance. NICSTO contributions are due by Dec. 1, 2024. Contributions are vital to assure affordability to many of our families through this tuition assistance program. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Marlin Schoonhoven at SCS.

Unity Christian Announcements:

- **Combo Night in November!** – Thur., Nov. 14, 7 p.m. *Mannenkoor* One-Act play, and The Cast. Purchase tickets through Bound. Adults - \$8, K-12 - \$5.
- **Middle School Open House** – Mon., Nov. 25, 7-8:30 p.m. All middle school students and their parents are invited to learn more about Unity Christian High School. We will meet in the Knight Center 7-7:30 p.m., then break into sections.

Explore Western – Tues., Nov. 19, 7 p.m. Families w/students are invited to attend our fall showcase. Our goal is to share an authentic, relational, & enjoyable experience for prospective families as they learn about “Who We Are” & “What We Do” at Western Christian. If you plan to attend, have ?’s, or would rather schedule an individual tour, contact Brad Vis (605) 359-5704 brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com.

Community Announcements:

- **Coats for Kids** – bring good coats to Love INC till Nov. 14. Coats given away Nov. 14 at Living Water Church. Sponsored by Sheldon Ministerial Assoc.
- **Election Day Soup/Pie** – Tue., Nov. 5, 4:30-6:30 at Faith Com. Ch. in Sheldon.
- **Hospers CRC Soup & Pie Supper** – Tues., Nov. 5, 5-7 p.m. Serving soup, pie, sandwiches, carry out available. Freewill offering received for Christian Ed.
- **Sioux County Oratorio Chorus** is kicking off a new season next month, and all are welcome to come sing. Our first rehearsal will begin Wed., Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. in DeWitt Music Hall at Northwestern with Tues. rehearsals resuming the following weeks. Contact Mike Ochsner mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions.
- **The “Claire Strong” Story – Claire Yaw** went to heaven far too early in her life. Claire’s dad, Chris Yaw, will share the “Claire Strong” story and how it continues to impact his family’s faith story and that of many others. Come hear Chris talk about “How Deep is Your Bench?” at the Area Men’s Event at the MOC-FV High School Gym on Thur., Nov. 7, 7 p.m. Bring all the guys you can.
- **Sheldon Mobile Food Bank** – Thur., Nov. 14, 4:30-6 pm - Coats 4 Kids NE door
- **Sheldon Free Unity Meal** – Mon., Nov. 18, 5:30-6:30 p.m. You are invited to join us for a **free meal and groceries to take home** at the Living Water Com. Ch.
- **Paul’s Missionary Journeys in Greece** – Mar. 28-Apr. 8 Travel bus (7 ds), cruise ship (3 ds) to sites connected with Paul’s 2nd & 3rd missionary journeys, as well as other major sites. Dr. Jeff Weima, Prof at Calvin Theo. Sem. Hosts tour. For info. Call Dr. Weima, (616) 328-3110 or email weimje@calvinseminary.edu

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Morning Worship – Pastor Brian Dunn

9:30 AM

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Evening Worship – Pastor Brian Dunn

5:00 PM

Opening Service

Call to Worship – Psalm 119:1-8 Responsive

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: **“Seek Ye First”**

*God’s Greeting/Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: **“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

Service of Reconciliation

God’s Will for Life - Responsive

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – Romans 8:31-39

Children’s Message

Service of the Word

Song of Preparation: **“Be Thou My Vision”**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 3:1-7**

Sermon Title: **“A Miss in the Garden”**

Prayer for Application

*Song of Praise: **“Christian Hearts in Love United”**

Service of Dedication

Congregational Prayer

Offering

*Song of Dedication: **“Crown Him with Many Crowns” vs. 1-3**

*Benediction

*Doxology: **“Crown Him with Many Crowns” vs. 4**

**Please stand, if able.*

We Gather to Worship

Call to Worship – Psalm 146 Responsive

Silent Prayer

*Opening Hymn: **“Praise the Lord Sing Hallelujah”**

*God’s Greeting

Responsive Affirmation of Faith: **Selections from Art. 8 & 9 Belgic Confession**

*Song of Praise: **“In God the Father I Believe”**

Pastoral Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Hymn of Preparation: **“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”**

Scripture Passage: **2 Corinthians 13:14**

Sermon Title: **“The Triune God”**

Prayer of Application

We Respond in Faith

*Song of Dedication: **“A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing”**

*Benediction/Blessing

*Doxology: **“Glory Be to the Father”**

**Please stand, if able.*