

Sunday, September 23, 2018

TODAY:

NURSERY: AM: Kayla Dekkers, Olivia Fedders
PM: Jennifer Miedema, Ashton Weida
USHERS: Brady Koopmans, Jeremy Koopmans, Willard K
GREETERS & COFFEE SERVERS:
Nate & Angela Kuperus (4 dozen cookies)
Scott & Jennifer Miedema (4 dozen cookies)
ACCOMPANIST: AM: Shirley Ten Napel
PM: Sara Hulshof
SOUND SYSTEM: Dekkers
LIBRARIAN: AM Cal Bootsma
OFFERING: AM Building Fund
PM Building Fund

NEXT WEEK:

Kaitlyn Lockhorst, Wyatt Rens
Pamela Fedders, Sydney Miedema
Mike Kramer, Gerald Postma, Mike Rens
Don & Marie Mulder
Kelly & Carmen Noteboom
Donna Koopmans
Sara Hulshof
Weida
Wanetta Vander Plas
Steve Dekkers
Steve Dekkers



**Kameron and Carolyn Gradert present their son
Maveryk Kenneth Gradert**

for the sacrament of baptism this morning.
We praise God that the Lord Jesus Christ welcomed the little children to
himself and gives the sign of his covenant to the children of believers!

Our Church Family

Continued prayers for **Velda Juffer** and **Pete Dekkers**.

Our condolences to **Jo Dekkers** at the passing of her sister Joanne Miller of Hudsonville, Michigan. May God's peace and comfort be given you, Jo.

Celia Ten Napel has been moved to a swing bed at Sioux Center Health where she will be receiving therapy.

Wes Westra was brought to Sioux Falls when having trouble breathing. He has since returned home again.

Kory Bonnema, Megan Miedema, Jason De Wit and their families.



Baby Shower for Maveryk Gradert. With the Gradert's still adjusting and their busy schedules, we have decided to not have a shower at church. Instead, will be collecting money and will be purchasing a gift for them as a church family. There will be a box sitting on the back table and a card for you to sign. Please have your gift in the box by **October 1**. Any questions, please contact Angela Dekkers. Thanks!

WE WELCOME Steve Dekkers to our pulpit this week. Steve is the brother of Jim Dekkers and serves the kingdom of God in the Houston area in Texas. He will spend some more time sharing about his ministry

opportunities in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour after the kids are finished singing. We look forward to receiving an offering for his ministry next Sunday.



Ireton CRC News and Announcements ...

NOMINATIONS FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS: Our church will be selecting new office bearers in the coming months. As we believe that selecting the new leadership is critically important to any organization, how much more so in Christ's Church! The congregation's part in the early part of the selection process is to be in prayer for the process of selecting new leaders. The congregation is invited to submit the names of specific men to council who show Christian character, commitment to the church, and have the potential to serve well as a council member.

GEMS KICK OFF will be **Wednesday, September 26** at 6:30pm. Treasured Friends please come at 7:00 after we get the girls' information. Each girl must have a parent come inside church to fill out a form for their daughter(s) on this night. Lunch will be provided.

Typically, we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month (exceptions in November and December). Each meeting will last from 6:30-8:15.

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please put any bulletin announcements in Pam De Wit's Church mailbox or via email (pam.dewit@yahoo.com) by **NOON** on **Thursday, September 27**. Thank You.

HILLCREST SERVICE will be **Monday, October 1 at 6:30 pm**
(Chairman is requested to call Hillcrest (551-1074) before 9am on the morning of your service to remind them that your group will be there in the evening.) Nate Kuperus (chair), Celia Ten Napel (piano), Tim Bonnema, Winnifred De Jong, Bob Eisma, Velda Juffer, Scott Miedema, Mike Rens, Chris Schouten, Wes Westra.

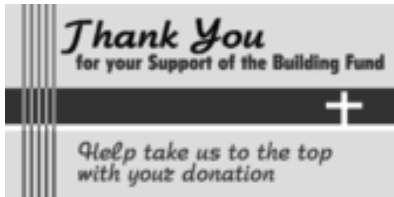
DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED on **Sunday, Oct. 7** to celebrate the beginning of church education classes.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SOUP SUPPER will be held on **Wednesday, October 10** from 5-7. Sign-up sheets for desserts and worklists coming soon! Mark your calendars!



Ireton Christian School ...

IRETON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL LADIES AUXILIARY KICK-OFF is scheduled for **Monday, Sept. 24** at 6:30pm in the All-Purpose Room at Ireton Christian School. You won't want to miss it! Be sure to save the date and invite other ladies in your life that LOVE ICS for a fun and relaxing night. Let's start the year off with some food, fun and fellowship. Special guest includes Noonday Collection, B. Fierce and ViBella. Hope to see you there! (1)



IRETON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FALL BUILDING FUND DRIVE:

Ireton Christian School is currently holding its Fall Building/School Improvement Fund Drive to address some issues or improvements we feel are important. We are looking at updating our network equipment (over 10 years old), installing a new security system on our entry door, and updating another bus. With these improvements in mind, we are once again asking for financial

support. If you are able to contribute, please send your gift to Ireton Christian School, Attn: Building Drive, 104 5th Street, Ireton IA 51027. Thanks for your support.

Kids of the Kingdom ...

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM PRESCHOOL IS SELLING

LITTLE CAESAR'S PIZZA KITS and also included are four flavors of cookie dough: Twix sugar cookie dough, Classic chocolate chunk, Oatmeal Raisin and Snickerdoodle. If you would like to order, please contact a KOK parent, or there is a form on the table in the back of church. Orders with payments are due by **Sept. 28** and delivery will be **Oct 10**. Thanks for your support! (2)



Area Community News ...

ALAN PEDERSEN AND COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS: Compassionate Friends of Sioux city is proud to sponsor a balloon release and music in memory of all children gone to soon. **Wednesday, September 26** at the Chris Larsen Park Shelter, award-winning songwriter, recording artist and speaker, Alan Pedersen will inspire with his hope-filled words and music. Registration begins at 6:30 P.M. with balloon release, entertainment, snacks and beverages beginning at 7:00 P.M. For more information, please call Don Mulder (712-541-5512) or Nancy Webb (712-212-4032)

THE NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) SUPPORT GROUP will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 p.m. on **Tuesday, October 2**. Presenter: Shelly Rock — "Make It OK - Stop mental illness stigma." Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

JUSTICE FOR ALL invites you to attend the Fall Banquet & Annual Society Mtg on **Tuesday, October 9** at 6:30PM at Faith Reformed Church of Rock Valley. Our special guests this year will be Mike & Dawn Menning with Great Commission Utah. They will share about their great work in Utah, supporting/mentoring the wonderful Christian ministries that are ministering among the FLDS, as well as their own experiences of reaching out and being a presence in a community which so desperately needs to hear God's truth!! There will also be a short business meeting. **Reservations for the meal are necessary** and can be made by calling 712-476-2804 or emailing joevz@jfa-nwiowa.org by Oct. 5. Please join us as we celebrate JFA ministry over the past year and look forward to what God is calling JFA to in the next year! An offering will be taken for JFA ministry. (1)

THE FIRST FALL INSPIRATION HILLS AUCTION is coming up fast, **Friday, October 26!** Auction proceeds will go towards the kitchen remodel. Everyone is invited to attend. Come for the fellowship, food and amazing items. The doors open at 6:00pm when you can look over the donated items and enjoy soup and dessert. The auction will begin at 7:00pm, We are looking to have a number of larger items (dinners, tickets, outing, meat bundles, whatever you can think of) Smaller items and homemade goodies are also welcome! We will combine them to make some awesome baskets. If you would like to donate items, please contact Dave Heilman at Inspiration Hills. 712-360-0140. (1)

WEEKEND WITH THE SHEPARDS IS NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION! Speakers: Rev. Walt and Valerie Shepard (daughter of Jim and Elisabeth Elliot). Coming to Orange City November 2-3! See the flyer in the back of church for more info. Register online at www.shepards.eventbrite.com or purchase discounted tickets at Radio Shack in Sheldon, Rock Valley or Orange City. Hope to see you there!



Week at a Glance ...

Sunday	September 23	9:30 AM 10:45 AM 6:00 PM	Worship Service Sunday School / Catechism Worship Service
Monday	September 24	6:30 PM	ICS Ladies Auxiliary Kick Off
Wednesday	September 26	6:30 PM	GEMS Kick Off
Thursday	September 27	12:00 Noon	Bulletin Announcements Due

Dear partners in ministry:

On Saturday, SEPT 29, my colleague Jill Friend and I will be leading an equipping workshop at First Sioux Falls designed for parents, grandparents, and all folks involved in leading ministries in volunteer or staff capacities. This workshop is completely FREE; advance registration is needed to organize food and refreshments. (With special thanks for First Sioux Falls for providing this event at no cost!) It runs from 9 AM to 3 PM.

In CRC congregations, we make a beautiful vow together at every baptism, promising to encourage the newly baptized child in his or her growth in the faith through prayers and actions.

What might those actions look like?

Here's a couple things we have learned at Faith Formation Ministries:

1. When people of every age from 0 - 100 (and beyond) know that they belong to their church community and are accepted and loved there, faith-growth is supported.
2. When members of all ages, including those aged 5-30, are given meaningful opportunities to provide leadership that is appropriate to their age, faith-growth is supported.
3. When parents and grandparents are provided with helpful tools and strategies for faith formation, faith-growth is supported.
4. When the church and ALL the homes that are part of its community intentionally work in partnership, faith-growth is supported.

This workshop will provide very practical, user-friendly, simple but significant action steps for strengthening all four of these areas. It doesn't matter how old you are or what your "official" role (if any) in the church is, you will receive sturdy encouragement for strengthening your church and home as a place that supports faith-growth.

Please forward this email to your congregation's email list (or use whatever communication method fits your community best).

For registration, use this link:

<https://firstchristianreformed.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/151439>

During the 10 years that I was privileged to teach at Dordt, I preached in almost all the congregations who are receiving this email. I'm eager to partner with you again.

Your brother in our Lord's service,

Syd Hielema

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