

## Community Announcements Continued...

- **Knights of Columbus Annual Fish Fry** – Fri., Mar. 22, 5-7 p.m. at St. Pat's Catholic Church. The meal will be dine-in or carry out. Fried fish, buttered baby potatoes, baked beans, roll and dessert. A freewill donation with a suggested giving amount of \$12/person. Proceeds from this meal going to the Sheldon Ministerial Fun. Spread the word.
- **Cornerstone Prison Church Annual Benefit Banquet** – Mon., Apr. 1, at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. Doors open at 6, banquet begins at 6:30 p.m. RSVP by calling Trinity CRC at (712) 476-5292 or go to their website: [www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org). A freewill offering will be received as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry. We look forward to seeing you! If you are unable to attend, you can send your donation to: Cornerstone Prison Church, C/O Dave Vande Kamp, P.O. Box 88708, Sioux Falls, SD 57109 or donate online at [www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org).

### Because Jesus said so

One intriguing person in the Passion account is the thief on the cross whom Jesus promised a same-day entrance to paradise (see Luke 23:43). Pastor and radio host Alistair Begg says he can't wait to meet that man and ask how everything unfolded. "You were cussing [Jesus] out with your friend," Begg says. "You've never been in a Bible study. You've never been baptized. You didn't know a thing about church membership, and yet you made it!"

In a sermon, Begg pictures an imaginary angel at the pearly gates, growing frustrated during the sinful thief's entrance interview. After receiving no clear answers from the thief about doctrines such as justification, the angel finally asks, "On what basis are you here?" The thief simply replies, "The man on the middle cross said I can come."

## Sunday, March 3, 2024

*Welcome to worship as we continue in the season of Lent. May we listen for Jesus' voice, rest in his care and share his love with others.*

### Today at First

Pastor Brian Dunn leads us in worship today. C. G. #3 hosts the coffee fellowship.

**Next week**, Pastor Brian Dunn will lead our services. C. G. #3 hosts coffee time.

### Our Church Family

We extend our Christian sympathy to **Wilma Vink** and her family, in the death of her brother, William (Bill) Van Surksum of Sheldon, his funeral was Sat., Mar. 2.

We also extend our Christian sympathy to **Dixon & Char Granstra**, and their family in the death of Char's mother, Wilma Van Zanten, her funeral was Sat., Mar. 2. May the Lord grant his peace to all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

**Nursery Today** Phil & Courtney L., Lacey P. **3-10** Kristin K., Ruth K., Damon M.

**Valet Parking Today** Lance Hoekstra **Mar. 10** Cory Jansen

**Sound Today** Bolkema/Jon/Anthony **Mar. 10** Kassy/Olivia/Amelya

**Cookies 3-10** Mariah J., Laura K., Kristin K. **3-17** Marilyn K., Norma K., Michelle H.

**Praise Team 3-3** Ashley, Angela, Jevon, Alivia, Damon **3-10** Avery, Ethan, Maci, Boden

**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 9<sup>th</sup> Street).

### **Special Offering on March 10 for "The Church of God of Prophecy"**

that meets in the church basement.

### **First CRC Announcements:**

- **Listening devices** are on the welcome desk.
- **The council is asking the congregation** for nominations to consider for **Elder & Deacon**. We need to elect 2 elders and 2 deacons. Names can be placed in the Clerk's box by the council room or given to your Care Group Elder.
- **Please remember to reserve the last 5 rows on both sides** for ushers and their families and families with small children.

### Activities This Week

<b>Sun.</b>	10:45 AM	<b>Catechism &amp; Sunday School Classes meet.</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Choir Practice – all voices are welcome to join us!</b>
	5:00 PM	<b>Evening Worship Service</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	6:00 AM	<b>Spring Study on Prayer</b>
	7:00 PM	<b>Tech Meeting</b> in council room
<b>Tues.</b>	7:00 PM	<b>Spring Study on Prayer</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	6:15 PM	<b>Elders</b> meet
	7:00 PM	<b>Cadets/GEMS</b> meet
	7:00 PM	<b>Deacons</b> meet
	7:30 PM	<b>Council</b> meets
<b>Thur.</b>	2:00 PM	<b>Women’s Bible Study</b> meets.

### **First CRC Announcements Continued...**

- **Family Visiting: Pete & Lyle** – Norm/Joellen S., Brian/Kristin H., Lance/Jen H., Missy S., Greg N., Jason/Staci H., Dixon/Char G. **Dolan & Ryan** – Joel/Julie H., Tom/Helen VD., Eldon/Joan H., Bonnie V. B., Elinor G., John/Betty K., Linda VM. **Denny & Shane** – Jerry/Brenda B., Julia Z., Darline E., Kathy V., Kyle/Andrea H., Keith/Kristin K., Sharon H.
- **Interested in membership or Making Profession of Faith at First CRC?**  
Membership and Profession of Faith are biblical expressions of our public walk with Christ. “For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” (Rom. 12:4-5). “If you declare with your mouth ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart God raise him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Rom. 10:9). If you are interested in making profession of faith, or becoming a member here at First CRC, please contact Pastor Brian for details. Classes will begin soon; time/date based on availability of those interested.
- **Book Club** - Wed., Mar. 13 to discuss “*Orphan Keeper*” by Camron Wright. The book is based on a true story of a boy kidnapped from his village in India, sold to an orphanage, and then adopted by an unsuspecting couple in the U.S. If you are looking for an opportunity to read/discuss an interesting book, join us!

### **First CRC Announcements Continued...**

- **Prayer is a fundamental aspect of the Christian life** and what we will focus on for our Spring Study! Timothy Keller’s book on Prayer is a great book to grant a basis of our study, but the study will look a little different this time around. We will spend a portion of the study talking about the book, then a portion of the study praying together applying what we have learned. Sign up on the welcome desk. The Bible study will begin Mon., Mar. 4, 6 am, or Tues., Mar. 5, 7 pm. Contact Pastor Brian for more information.

**Unity Christian’s “Little House on the Prairie”** – Mar. 14 & 15, 7 p.m.; matinee Mar. 16, 2 p.m. in the Knight Ctr. Purchase tickets through Bound (online or app.)

**The Bargain Alley Thrift Store is seeking more volunteers.** Please contact Kari Hoekstra at the store or email her at: [bargainalleyhull@gmail.com](mailto:bargainalleyhull@gmail.com) if interested.

### **Classical Announcements:**

- **Classis Heartland** will meet Sat., March 9.
- Many Christians feel that they should share their faith with others, but fear often stops them from doing it. **Dunamis Project #6: Listening Evangelism** will help you find a natural/fearless way to have more faith-sharing conversations in the ordinary course of life. It emphasizes learning God’s vision for evangelism, and developing a passion for personal evangelism. We will learn/practice practical evangelism skills in cooperation with the Holy Spirit. This conference will be Mar. 21-24 in Milford, IA. To learn more/register, visit [www.primi.org/dpmilford](http://www.primi.org/dpmilford).

### **Community Announcements:**

- **Sheldon Mobile Food Bank** – Mon., Mar. 4, 4:30–6 p.m. Living Water Com. Ch.
- **Love INC’s Annual Banquet** – Fri., Mar. 15, 6 p.m. RSVP by calling 324-9707.
- **NCC has a Student Bible Study that meets every Tues. night on campus.** For the last 4 yrs, we have been blessed by snack donations from Sheldon churches. We have 10-12 students who faithfully attend each week. If you would be willing to donate bars/cookies/snack mix for 6 wks for about a doz. students during Mar. & Apr., please sign up on the welcome desk.
- **Treasure Chest Volunteers Needed** – We are in search of people interested in working a few hours a week in the store. For info., contact Aveyrey at 324-5412.

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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 – Responsive Psalm 95

Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn: **“Now with Joyful Exultation”**

\*God’s Greeting/Mutual Greeting

\*Song of Praise: **“Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

### Service of Reconciliation

God’s Will for Life – Exodus 20:1-17

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – Isaiah 1:16-18

Children’s Message

### Service of the Word

Song of Preparation: **“See, What a Morning”**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: **John 14: 15-31**

Sermon Title: **“Even the Spirit of Truth”**

Prayer for Application

\*Song of Praise: **“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”**

### Service of Dedication

Congregational Prayer

Offering

\*Song of Dedication: **“God of Mercy, God of Grace”**

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: **“My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”**

*\*Please stand, if able.*

### We Gather to Worship

Call to Worship – Psalm 150:3-6

Silent Prayer

\*Opening Hymn: **“Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless the Lord)”**

\*God’s Greeting

Responsive Affirmation of Faith: **Q & A 20-22 of the Heidelberg Catechism**

\*Song of Praise: **“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”**

Pastoral Prayer

### We Hear God’s Word

Hymn of Preparation: **“Have Thine Own Way”**

Scripture Passage: **John 15:1-17**

Sermon Title: **“The Vine and His Branches”**

Prayer of Application

### We Respond in Faith

\*Song of Dedication: **“Abide with Me”**

\*Benediction/Blessing

\*Doxology: **“My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”**

*\*Please stand, if able.*