

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

MARCH 3, 2019

PRAYER REMINDERS

- Nancy Kooima
- Jerry Velgersdyk
- First CRC Mission Team traveling to Liberia March 7-19
- Our Whispering Heights resident in Meadow Lane Household: Nancy Kooima
- Mike & Megan Ribbens in Johannesburg, South Africa
- Prairie Light Project
- This season begins in grief and ends with the hope of Easter. Welcome Lent as an opportunity to become aware of and confess your own prejudices toward people for their age, disability, race, citizenship, or something else. Ask that God will open your heart as wide as his throne room, which is open to all through Jesus Christ.

TODAY: **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service - Preparation for the Lord's Supper next Sunday
10:45 AM: Choir/Sunday School & Catechism
5:55 PM: Evening Worship Service

MONDAY: **3:45 PM:** Gems
4:45 PM: Meals on Wheels delivery

TUESDAY: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break
11:00 AM: Meals on Wheels delivery
Classis at Shalom in Sioux Falls, SD

WED: **Ash Wednesday**
NO Mission Guild - Next Mission Guild meeting is scheduled for March 20

THURS: **1:30 PM:** Ruth Circle
6:15 PM: Meet at church to leave for the Gospel Mission in Sioux City

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Monday - Jonathon Kats

Tuesday - Tracy Hoogendoorn, Lois Postma

Wednesday - Jonathan LeLoux, Damon Rus, Penny Ver Burg

Thursday - Brad Postma

Friday - Megan Kooima

FUTURE DATES

March 10 - Communion

March 13 - Annual Day of Prayer - 7:00 PM Service - Ice Cream Social/Silent Dessert Auction

March 17 - Post High Fellowship at the Parsonage

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dordt College Announcements:

- ◇ The Dordt College Music Department will present a concert on Tuesday, March 5, 7:30 PM. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium featuring the Campus Community Band and the newly named 4th Avenue Jazz (jazz choir and jazz band performing separately and together).
- ◇ The Dordt Chorale Ensembles will present a concert on Wednesday, March 6, 7:30 PM, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium, featuring Bella Voice (women's chorus), Chorale and Concert Choir - over 160 singers.

What will God do IF women GATHER to praise, pray, and learn together? Rock Valley Faith Reformed is hosting IF: March 8 (6-9 PM & March 9 (9-1:30) featuring a simulcast of IF:Gathering2019. Together, along with thousands of women around the world, we are going to study the book of Proverbs and learn what it means to rely on the wisdom of God and not rely on our own understanding. Registration is FREE and no deadline but signing up helps us to prepare enough food for everyone! No problem if you can only make on of the days. **Register NOW** at <https://faithchurchrv.iflocal.com/>

Inspiration Hills Summer Camp Registration - Summer camp is just around the corner and registration opens on February 1! Make sure you visit our website to look at our available camps and dates that you want to send your child or grandchild to! This year's theme comes from Isaiah 43:1 which states, "I have called you by name, you are mine."

- ⇒ **Wild at Heart Men's Boot Camp - March 7-10** - Written on every man's heart is a yearning for adventure, battle and a beauty. A man needs a deeper understanding of why these longings govern him-- and why God made him just like that. And he needs a deeper understanding of why women long to be fought for, to be swept up into adventure, and to be the beauty. Visit our website for more information!
- ⇒ **Pastors' Wives Gathering - March 29** - Join us at Inspiration Hills for our annual Pastors' Wives Gathering! Be encouraged, rejuvenated, strengthened through this retreat made for women who are wives to men in ministry! Come on out! Check-in starts Friday at 9 AM and we wrap up the retreat at 5 PM. Session topics will be based on the theme of R.E.S.T. - Rejuvenate, Encourage, Strengthen & Thrive! Visit our website for more information and to register.
- ⇒ **A Fundraising Event is Brewing for Bethany Christian Services of NW Iowa** on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at the Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. We are celebrating 75 years nationally with a Social Hour at 6:00 PM including a coffee bar and a complimentary Dinner beginning at 6:30 PM. We invite you to join us for an evening of praise and recognition of God's work in our ministry including a brief program featuring real and heartfelt stories. We are excited to have you join our efforts and enable us to **always serve kids!**
- ⇒ Please RSVP for the meal by March 25. Call the Bethany Christian Services Office at 712-737-4831 or email kjohnson@bethany.org. **Church Administration Day - April 2** - Church Administration, we encourage you to enjoy a day away designed specifically with you in mind! Take time to retreat and to network with other area churches! Whether you are in a church, business or an organization, we encourage you to join us for this FREE event. Please RSVP by March 26! Visit our website for more information and to register.

LET'S MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE!

"The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."

~ Psalm 46:11

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

~ Romans 6:23