



“The First Edition”

of First Reformed Church
Sioux Falls, SD

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*“Connect with others,
Grow in faith, and
Be Transformed by the Holy Spirit”*

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Sunday’s
@ FRC
8:30 am
Traditional Service
10:30 am
Contemporary
Service

Welcome Craig Pederson

This past month, we welcomed Craig Pederson as FRC’s new Associate Pastor. And, now, we would like for you to get to know Craig from Craig himself:

Hello FRC!



First off, on behalf of my family I would like to say a very sincere THANK YOU to all of those who have welcomed us into your FRC family. You have truly made this an easy transition for us. You have heard Ken call me Cp, and feel free to do the same. It is a nickname that many have used for years. If nicknames are not your thing... Craig is just fine.

Where to begin? Family I guess, and in case you haven’t noticed, I am outnumbered and have three beautiful ladies with me most Sundays. My wife Krystal, oldest daughter Camille, and youngest daughter Hazel keep me on my toes most of the time. We are probably your typical family running around and trying not to be as busy as we are.

Things I love: Jesus, my family, worshipping, leading worship, making disciples, putting together a sermon, playing golf, ice fishing, open water fishing, bait casting, board games, reading, tennis, shoes (I show amazing restraint), cool socks, coffee, Mike and Ikes, good food, Rice Krispie bars, homemade baked goods...I have a sweet tooth. Maple syrup season is starting, and that is a fun hobby also! I am sure I am leaving much out, but that just means we can get to know each other.

I am a teacher by heart, and anytime I learn something I want to share it others. In college I taught tennis to the kids during the summer. I became a golf professional and was good playing professional, but a better teaching professional. I then ran a small business and taught women how to make jewelry, after that I became a real estate agent and educate others on buying and selling their homes. Since I came to Christ, I have always wanted to teach others about Jesus and how to follow Him. “But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and His grace towards me was not in vain”. 1 Cor 15:10

I come to FRC because I love to teach, preach and disciple. One of the ways I will serve FRC is to equip you in discipleship. I desire to give you the tools so when an opportunity arises (and it will) you will be able to witness and give testimony to Jesus Christ. I cannot possibly put this all in a one-page newsletter, but please come join us for discipleship classes. Very soon I will be gathering us to equip, empower and encourage you to be the salt and light in your work places, homes and everyday activities. Jesus prays for us in John 17 (read it!), paraphrasing: *The world will know you are my disciples by the way you love me and love one another.* I hope to see you all!

Grace and Peace,
Cp

To locate the calendar, please go to the home page of the church website



MARCH



FRC's Soup & Pie Supper

Friday, March 20th

4:30 - 7:00 pm

FRC Fellowship hall

Chili, Chicken Soup, Potato Soup, Vegetable Beef Soup, Barbecues, Pies & Desserts

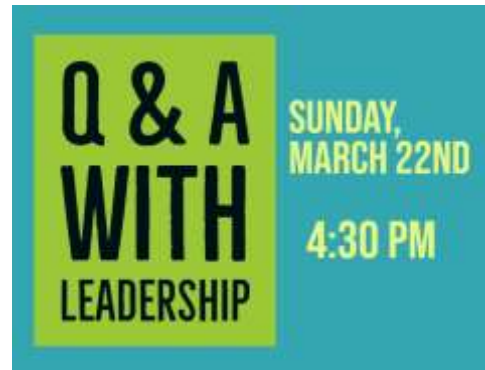
Free will donation
(Proceeds designation coming soon)

All friends and family invited

We encourage you to share FRC's Soup & Pie Supper
Face book event page or

direct your friends to FRC's website for
information about the Soup & Pie Supper

See page 5 of this newsletter to see how you can become involved with this year's Soup & Pie Supper



Quarterly Congregational Questions & Answers With Leadership

Sunday, March 22nd

4:30 pm in the church fellowship hall
Coffee and cookies will be provided

Simply a time to ask questions and seek clarity on all of the exciting things going on at FRC and in our Classis/Denomination

Consistory, Administration Team, and Staff members will be present to answer questions



Q & A With Pastor Ken

from sermons on Sexuality
Sunday, March 8th

Lower Multipurpose Room

11:30 am Meal

(Lucky Pot-bring a dish to share)
and then...

Question & Answer time with Pastor Ken

In the last couple of months, Pastor Ken has been tackling the subject of Sexuality from a Biblical perspective
However, we know that many individuals, including the small groups, still have questions about this subject
And, that is why we have set aside a specific time for Pastor Ken to answer any questions that are still looming or readdress ones that still linger on this complex topic

The time will begin with a meal (bring a dish to share - main dish, salad, side or dessert) and then after everyone is served, we will dive into the questions

If you are attending and know what you want to ask, please free to e-mail Pastor Ken your question(s) prior to Sunday, March 8th

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

2	Caitlin Jonescheit	24	Leanne Kriz
	Emma Wynja	25	Cade VanNiewenhuyzen
3	Jevaeh Foltz		Marjie DeStigter
5	Tim Klein	26	Samuel VerMeer
	Austin Headley	27	Jean Volkers
6	Hannah Pickner	30	Cheryl Ageton
	Gary Flemmer		Harper Hutchinson
	LaJean Jensen		Phyle Blankespoor
7	Theola Viet	31	Carol Yusten
8	Caroline Schoon		
	Kyler Lammers		
9	Bob Graff		
	Dick VanHolland		
	Toby Hight		
10	Duncan Boe		
12	Avary Scholes		
13	Alyssa Spaans		
	Laura Schoep		
14	Linda Van Hulzen		
	Kaitlyn Drenth		
15	Ryan Postma		
16	Paige VanderLinden		
17	Mark VanDyk		
18	Benjamin VerMeer		
	Mary Schoep		
19	Diane Nagel		
	Patti Hooker		
	Greg Hegstad		
20	Steve Kuck		
	Ann Flemmer		
21	Matt Beal		
	Shelby VanderLinden		
22	Wilmer Reinsink		
23	Cindy Hight		

Anniversaries

17	Tim & Cindi Klein
18	Lonnie & Ruth Buskohl Van Gelder
29	Darrel & Marlene Kooi
30	Skip & Loretta Randall



If we missed your birthday, please, notify the office so we can update our records and include you next year.



Soup & Pie Supper Volunteer Opportunities

Fellowship and great food, these are a couple of the reasons FRC’s Soup & Pie supper is a must for many people in our community

But, to make this supper happen, we need you!

Can you...Make barbeques, chicken soup, chili, vegetable beef soup, potato soup, a pie, or a dessert?

Can you...volunteer a couple hours of your time?

If you can do either or both of these, then you are one of the more than 65 individuals we are looking for to become involved in FRC’s annual Soup & Pie Supper?

To volunteer to serve, provide food, or learn more, see the table in the front foyer or go online to FRC’s website and click on the “Connect” & “Serve” tabs.

This year, we also welcome anyone to come and make their soup or barbecue here at the church prior to the soup supper. We have a big kitchen. And, you could even do this with a couple people. We do ask that you talk to Lyle or Lisa beforehand so we can make sure the kitchen is available and the church is open.

Thank you all for making the Soup & Pie Supper one of FRC’s largest community yearly events!



Mark Your Calendar



Good Friday Service

Friday, April 10th
7:00 pm



Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 12th
10:00 am

FRC lawn or indoors with inclement weather
Meet in the lower multipurpose room
(east side of building)

The public is invited!

And, as a special treat, there will be donut holes for everyone before the egg hunt begins

Looking for volunteers to:

Distribute eggs on lawn (9:00 am on Easter Sunday)
Help during the egg hunt (10:00 am) - to make sure the kids are safe and know where to go

To volunteer:

Sign up online on FRC’s website under the “Connect” & “Serve” tab beginning March 3rd or contact Tanner or Lisa



Children’s Sunday School

Digging Into the Heart of God

Digging Into the Heart of God brings a fresh approach to growing a lifelong relationship with God. As kids explore God’s character throughout the Bible, God transforms them from the inside out. Kids discover what it means to reflect God's Heart in everyday life.

Sunday School is held each Sunday morning from 9:30 - 10:15 am

for ages Preschool (age 4) - 5th grade
SS meets in the lower level of the Education wing

Here is what the kids will be studying in March:

Jesus is bold...so we’re bold

Jesus is compassionate...so we’re compassionate
God is a treasure...so we value him more than anything

Jesus is dependable...so we’re dependable
God cares about the details...so we care for others no matter who they are



Ages K - 5th grade

Wednesday’s from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Meets and ends in FRC’s sanctuary

March Schedule:

March 4th: Lesson: The truths in the Bible will last forever

March 11th: Girls Potato Derby (family invited) and Boys Movie Night

March 18th: Boys Potato Derby (family invited) and Girls Movie Night

March 25th: Lesson: The Bible is God’s message about Himself

Kids: Join us each week at Adventure Kids for Bible lessons, crafts, games, and songs. And, don’t forget to invite your friends too



Sunday Worship for Children

Sprouts in Worship

Ages 2 - Pre K
Held during the 10:30 am worship service

Children & Worship

Ages K - 5th grade
Held during both worship services
Children are dismissed during worship



Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School

First Reformed Church 4yrs-5th grade

June 7th - 11th 6pm-8pm

Small Groups

Want an opportunity to meet a few people, build relationships, and grow spiritually?
Want an opportunity to discuss the current sermon series with others?

If you answered yes to either of the above questions, **we invite you to join one of FRC's small groups.**

To learn more, go to FRC's website and click on the "Connect" and "Small Groups" tabs

Prayer Groups

Everyone is invited to join the prayer group which meets in FRC's Prayer Room

Every other Wednesday @ 5:30 pm
March 11th & March 25th
Men's Prayer Group

Contact Lyle Kroon to learn more about becoming a part of a prayer group

Women's Monthly Bible Study Groups

All women are invited to join one of two monthly small group women Bible Studies

Esther Circle Bible Study
Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month

The Esther Circle meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in the church fellowship hall. Or, in March on March 19th. The Esther Circle is continuing their study on James 1. Contact person for the Esther Circle is Jean Volkers.

Faith Circle Bible Study
Meets the 4th Thursday of the month

The Faith Circle meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. In March, they will be meeting at Frying Pan (4204 W. 41st Street) on March 26th. This month, the Faith Circle is studying Lesson 9 of "Embracing God's Grace". Contact people for the Faith Circle are Donna Larsen or Chrystal Poppen.



Wednesday Evenings

Serving 5:30 - 6:15 pm
in the church fellowship hall
Free will donation

March Menu:

March 4th: Hot ham & cheese
March 11th: Spaghetti w/meat sauce
March 18th: Baked potato bar
March 25th: Barbecues

And, of course, we will have hotdogs, sides, and desserts served with every meal.

We have enjoyed having many different faces serve the meal at The Table this year. Thank you!

And, yes, we still have opportunities for others (individuals or groups) to serve at The Table one night in March (11th , 18th) or April (1st, 15th, or 22nd) or help provide desserts for The Table

If you want to learn more or sign up to serve or provide some cookies or bars, contact or email Lisa in the church office (office@firstreformedfsd.com) this week

Prayer Quilts

Do you know someone who is going through a difficult time and could use a prayer quilt but you aren't sure who to talk to about this? Donna Larsen has volunteered to be FRC's Prayer Quilt coordinator. So, please be sure and contact Donna if you would like to learn more about getting a Prayer Quilt hung for someone dear to you.

Also, if you are a quilter and want to become involved in making prayer quilts, the Prayers & Squares group will begin meeting again this spring.



2020 Summer camp

Kids: It is time to register for summer camp!

FRC will contribute \$180.00 per camper for FRC active members and regular attenders. Please follow the guidelines below to receive the contribution.

1. We will register all online this year. Registration asap as some specialized camps are already filled up. Follow this link to learn more about the variety of camps that Inspiration Hills offers throughout summer of 2020 (the online registration link is on this page): <http://inspirationhills.org/summer-camp.html>
2. **In order for the church to contribute for your camper's registration,** you must email your online registration receipt to office@firstreformedfsd.com.
3. If you have a youth account and want to use fundraising dollars towards the cost of camp registration, you have to communicate with Tanner & Lisa in the office regarding your youth account balance. This communication needs to happen before you register so that correct payment can be made. The youth account does not cover the cost of snacks at the canteen.
4. A Bus Shuttle for Day Camp will be available during the week of June 22-26. Drop off and pick up will be in our church parking lot at FRC.

If you have any questions about camp registration, please don't hesitate to contact Tanner or Lisa.

Monthly Special Offering

\$728.00 was donated by the Congregation for the January special offering to The Banquet (FYI: Mark Your Calendar as FRC will be serving at The Banquet on Wednesday, June 3rd). Our sincere thanks to all who donated.

2020 Special Offering Schedule

March - Inspiration Hills

April - Open

May - City Church

June - Union Gospel Mission

July - Center of Hope

August - Hope Haven

September - Feeding South Dakota

October - Diana Langerock

November - Steve & Britt M

December - West Haven/Robins Nest Orphanages

To donate, please use one of the "Special Offering" envelopes located at the entrances or in the pews.

Notes From FRC Deacons

Weekly Averages through January 31, 2020

General & Capital Improvements Fund

2020 Budget: \$11,222.32
 Receipts: \$ 8,914.73
 Expenses: \$ 8,775.23

Building Debt Reduction

2020 Budget: \$ 807.69
 Receipts: \$ 710.75

(Does not include donations given for reducing building loan balance)

One Voice Community Choir

March 27th & 28th

7:00 pm

Washington Pavilion

Original music, sung by members of our community from every part of town

For tickets, go to:

www.washingtonpavilion.org/event/presenting-our-promise-our-prayer

Missed the Sunday Announcement or E-mail from the Consistory & Administration Team in February?

Not sure what this is?

This announcement and e-mail outlined the Discernment Team's focus this past year and also includes an explanation of the new Associate Pastor position plus a little more about Craig Pederson.

To see a copy of this announcement, go to FRC's website and click on the "Resources" and "Congregational Announcement" tabs.

You can also e-mail Lisa in the church office and request a copy of this announcement.



Opportunities at Inspiration Hills

Art of Marriage

March 13th - 14th

See marriage the way God intended it to be as a true art form

Ministry Vision Dinner

March 19th

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Meal served at 6:30 pm

followed by a brief presentation about the ministry

Meal is free but reservations are required
Free will offering for the ministry

Single Dad's Worship

March 28th

9 am - 3 pm

Topics include finances and budgeting, cooking simple meals, and parenting your children

Go to www.inspirationhills.org to register or learn more about all of these opportunities



New Members Class

Monday evenings for 4 weeks

FRC's next New Members Class is scheduled to begin right after Easter

In this class, you learn more about what First Reformed Church is all about and also get acquainted with FRC's staff and leadership. And, just because you attend this class, this does not mean you have to make a commitment to becoming a member.

Contact Pastor Ken (ken@firstreformedsfdsd.com) or Lisa (office@firstreformedsfdsd.com) if you are interested in the upcoming New Members class.



Dinner is free will donation [suggested \$10/adult & \$5/kids]: 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Dinner is a taco bar with food from Rudy M. Navaratte's Tex-Mex Restaurant

Live Auction BEGINS after the Dessert Auction

PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE SANCTUARY DOORS

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON APRIL 24TH!

Funds raised will go towards the costs of registration at Inspiration Hills, Rocky Mountain High, the MS Youth weekend serve trip to Sioux City, a scholarship retreat fund, and to fund select youth group outings and serve nights throughout the year.

We are in need of silent & live auction donations and fancy desserts

Silent auction item value: \$10-\$74

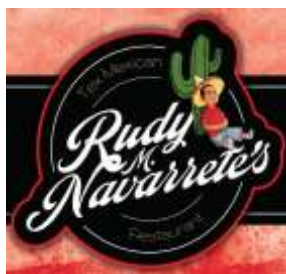
Live auction item value: \$75 & up

Any donation is greatly appreciated. If you are willing to donate, please complete the form located in the church fellowship hall, on FRC's website under the "Connect" and "Events" tabs by April 16th **OR** you can e-mail Tanner what you plan to donate (TannerM@firstreformedfsd.com). We will need your donation by April 21st. Thank you! :)

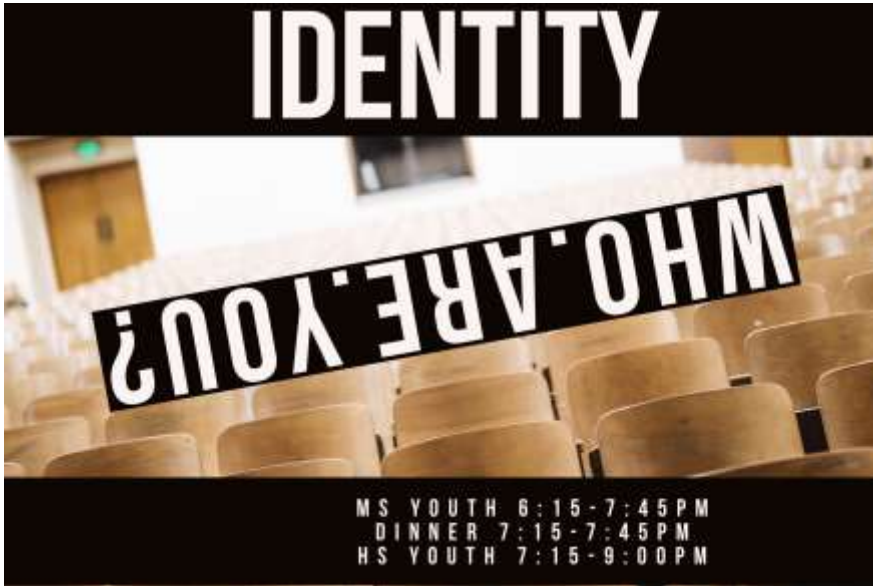
Please drop off donations to the church office no later than April 21st.

Desserts are to be dropped off on April 24th.

Special THANK YOU to the following businesses that have donated to this year's auction fundraiser!



FRC Youth Ministry
6th - 12th grade youth



Hy-Vee Card Sales
(Following the 8:30 service in the fellowship hall)

- March 1: Nordman
- March 8: Randall
- March 15: Rhode
- March 22: VanHemert
- March 29: VanNieuwenhuyzen



FRC YOUTH | MARCH 2020

3.4 IDENTITY SERIES | REGULAR YG TIMES

3.11 IDENTITY SERIES | REGULAR YG TIMES

3.18 IDENTITY SERIES: YG NIGHT W/ PASTOR KEN | 6:30-8PM

DINNER 6-6:30PM

3.25 BOWLING NIGHT @ EMPIRE BOWL

DINNER 5:30-6:10PM @ CHURCH

BOWLING: 6:30-8PM | COST: \$5 CASH

4.1 IDENTITY SERIES | REGULAR YG TIMES

The Treasurer's Report is not available online for the general public. FRC members can see a copy of the report in the "My FRC" section of this website.



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The Consistory

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Greg Hegstad

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www.firstreformedsf.com



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Mark DeWitt,
Treasurer
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Here is the link to get this set up for FRC to receive donations from your purchases:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-6036730>

Each week, both worship services can be viewed live or any day of the week that works with your schedule. All links can be found on FRC's website.



How to Contact your Church Staff:

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Deadline for article submission for the First Edition : The third Sunday of the month unless otherwise published.