

First Christian Reformed Church
Hospers, Iowa

Newsletter

March/April- 2026



“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

Deacon's Digest

Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there your heart will be also."

Opportunities to Respond to God's Blessings

March 1 - Building Fund
Charity Auto Garage
March 8 - General Fund
Autumn Center
March 15 - Denominational Quotas
Luke Society
March 22 - CEU
GEMS Local
March 29 - Alpha Center
Atlas

The Response of God's People- January 2026

Special Fund- \$4,501.00
Budget- \$7,402.71
Building Fund-\$1,138.41
Quotas- \$1,345.89
Benevolence -

General Fund - 2025 - December

Opening Balance - \$47,264.52
Income:
Budget - \$14,350.00
Other - \$400.00
Interest - \$12.37
Expenses:
Building Insurance - \$635.88
Janitor Salary - \$761.43
Pulpit Supply - \$3,309.20
Telephone - \$145.57
JS/Refreshments - \$139.79
Work Comp - \$377.00
Ministers Pension - \$285.20
Secretary Wages - \$384.80
Office Supplies - \$39.01
Tuition - \$300.00
Health Insurance - \$287.70
Copier Lease - \$124.47
Utilities - \$816.97

Ending Balance-\$54,419.87

General Fund - 2026 - January

Opening Balance-\$54,419.87
Income:
Budget - \$6,890.00
Other - \$500.00
Interest - \$12.71
Expenses:
Building Insurance- \$635.88
Janitor Salary- \$784.29
Pulpit Supply- \$3,873.60
Secretary Wages- \$396.34
Quarterly Taxes - \$2,214.44
Tuition - \$600.00
Health Insurance- \$789.80
Ministers Pensions - \$285.20
Pianists/Organists - \$3,450.00
Mileage Reimburse- \$435.40
Telephone- \$145.60
Copier Lease - \$106.38
Utilities- \$918.56

Ending Balance- \$47,187.09

Council Meeting
December 8, 2025 7:00PM

Roll call

Elders- All present

Deacons- Justin Klynsma and Mike Bosma present. Phil Zeutenhorst and Joe Vander Wilt absent.

1. Devotions – Ed read from Psalms 53.
2. Alan read minutes of last meeting and were approved.
3. Justin Klynsma gave deacons report
 1. Building Fund- Mike Beginning Balance (\$14,564.50) Ending Balance (\$3,790.10)
 2. General Fund- Phil Beginning Balance (\$43,838.13) Ending Balance (\$47,264.52)
 3. Ben. Fund- Justin Beginning Balance (\$3,817.55) Ending Balance (\$3,818.28)
 4. Quota Fund- Justin Beginning Balance (\$4,978.75) Ending Balance (\$4,193.59)
 5. Special Fund- Joe Beginning Balance (\$3,860.00) Ending Balance (\$2,343.18)
4. Pastoral Report
 1. Advent Dec 14, 21, & 25
 2. Christmas program Dec 21 @ 5PM
 3. Reported that new member class/study to begin in January.
 4. Discussed his visits and updates on Phil
5. Discussed putting in back of church a sign up/responsibility for custodial schedule/work.
6. Prayer chain responsibility was discussed, Jan VB is retiring. Matt & Ashley VW will take over.
7. January Communion date changed to January 25 with Jordan Helming officiating.
8. Cory Vande Griend Feb 22 visit
9. Host Classis March 7
10. Deacon gave visits to shut ins
11. Motion to adjourn
12. Matt led closing prayer
13. Next meeting January 21, 2026 at 7PM

Council Meeting
January 21, 2026 7:00PM

Roll call

Elders- All present. Matt was absent.

Deacons- All present, Phil absent.

1. Devotions – Ed read from Matthew 28 and opened in prayer
2. Mike Bosma gave deacons report.
 - i. Building Fund- Mike Beginning Balance (\$3,790.10) Ending Balance (\$9,410.10)
 - ii. General Fund- Phil Beginning Balance (\$47,264.52) Ending Balance (\$54,419.87)
 - iii. Ben. Fund- Justin Beginning Balance (\$3,818.28) Ending Balance (\$10,038.72)
 - iv. Quota Fund- Justin Beginning Balance (\$4,193.59) Ending Balance (\$7,557.03)
 - v. Special Fund- Joe Beginning Balance (\$2,343.18) Ending Balance (\$837.18)
3. Building and Grounds Report
 - i. Furnace not working – Fred’s Repaired
 - ii. Approved BFS lawn care contract for this year.
 - iii. Looking at replacing some windows in parsonage.
4. Pastoral report – Matt was absent
 - i. Matt has seminary classes on Monday and Thursday evenings
5. Discussed a new month for custodial schedule/responsibility
6. Communion January 25 with Jordan Helming
 - i. Did Censura Morum
7. Cory Vande Griend visit Feb 22
8. Discussed a winter hymn sing
9. Elder gave visits to sick and shut ins
10. Classis host March 7, 2026
11. Motion to adjourn
12. Alan Woudstra closed in prayer
- 13. Next meeting February 17, 2026 @ 7PM**



March

3 - Sheila Zevenbergen
3 - Peggy Lourens
12 - Micah Murphy
15 - Keith TeKrony
20 - Rachel Murphy
22 - Connie Rusche
24 - Jeannie Van Der Vliet
27 - Deb Van Bruggen

3 - Al & Freddy Vande Kamp
20 - Al & Phyllis Schoonhoven
22 - Kelly & Liz Kooistra
28 - Kent & Connie Rusche

April

5 - Margaret Vander Wilt
7 - Michael Klynsma
7 - Michelle Tapper
10 - Johannes (Owen) Klynsma
16 - Al Schoonhoven
17 - Val Klynsma
19 - Crew Vander Wilt
19 - Theodore Vander Wilt
23 - Joseph Vander Wilt
30 - Dale Kramer

3 - John & Val Klynsma
17 - Harlan & Katie Rouse

Schedules for the months of March/April (2026)

	<u>Video</u>	<u>Prepare Screen</u>	<u>Run Screen</u>	<u>Sound System</u>
March 1	Kurt Zevenbergen	Mike Klynsma	Randy Vand Kalsbeek	Alan Woudstra
March 8	Joe Vander Wilt	Sue Klynsma	Deets Bosma	Kurt Zevenbergen
March 15	Justin Klynsma	Liz Kooistra	John Klynsma	Mike Klynsma
March 22	Kurt Zevenbergen	Becky Vander Wilt	Ed Vander Wilt	Randy Van Kalsbeek
March 29	Joe Vander Wilt	Ashley Vander Wilt	StanVan Otterloo	John Klynsma
Good Friday	Justin Klynsma	Mike Klynsma	Randy Van Kalsbeek	Kurt Zevenbergen
April 5	Kurt Zevenbergen	Mike Klynsma	Randy Van Kalsbeek	Alan Woudstra
April 12	Joe Vander Wilt	Liz Kooistra	Deets Bosma	Mike Klynsma
April 19	Justin Klynsma	Becky Vander Wilt	Ed Vander Wilt	Randy Van Kalsbeek
April 26	Kurt Zevenbergen	Ashley Vander Wilt	Stan Van Otterloo	John Klynsma

Greeters

March 1 – Jerry & Ruth Boyer
 March 8 – Dave & Deets Bosma
 March 15 -Jo G. & Sharon VH.
 March 22 – Kurt & Sheila Zevenbergen
 March 29 – Janice P. & Julie S.

Good Friday- Elders
 April 5 – Al & Phyllis Schoonhoven
 April 12- Jay & Sharla K.
 April 19 – John & Val Klynsma
 April 26 – Ed & Becky Vander Wilt

Coffee

March 1 – Ed & Becky Vander Wilt
 March 8– Jerry & Ruth Boyer
 March 15 – Dave & Deets Bosma
 March 22 – Alan & Sandy Woudstra
 March 29 – Ed & Becky Vander Wilt

April 5 – Jerry & Ruth Boyer
 April 12 – Dorothy VW & Mag VW
 April 19 – Dave & Deets Bosma
 April 26 – Al & Freddy Vande Kamp

Ushers

March 1 & 8 – Mark R. & Mike K.
 March 15 & 22 – Jerry B. & Ted VB.
 March 29, Good Friday, & April 5 –
 Harlyn J. & Ed VW.
 April 12 & 19 – Kelly K. & John K.
 April 26 & May 3- Roger VB. & Lance B.

Library

March 1 – Katie Rouse
 March 8 – Jo Goslinga
 March 15 – Deets Bosma
 March 22- Sharon VH
 March 29 – Julie Stuit

April 5 – Katie Rouse
 April 12- Jo Goslinga
 April 19 – Freddy VK
 April 26 – Deets Bosma

Nursery

March 1 - AM – Ashley V. Jen B.
 PM – Becky VW.

March 8 - AM – Brooke B. Sheila Z
 PM – Cheryl J.

March 15- AM – Rina K. Avery Z.
 PM – Val K.

March 22 –AM – Deb VW. Katelyn
 PM- Amber K.

March 29 - AM – Liz K. Ashley VW.
 PM – Mag VW.

Good Friday – PM – Rina K.

April 5 - AM – Val K. Cheryl J.
 PM – Sheila Z.

April 12 – AM – Becky VW. Brooke B.
 PM – Jen B.

April 19 - AM – Amber K. Katelyn Z.
 PM – Deb VW.

April 26 – AM- Avery Z. Mag VW.
 PM – Ashley VW.

NOTE - If you are scheduled on a certain date and it does not work for you at that time, please find a replacement or switch with someone.

