

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

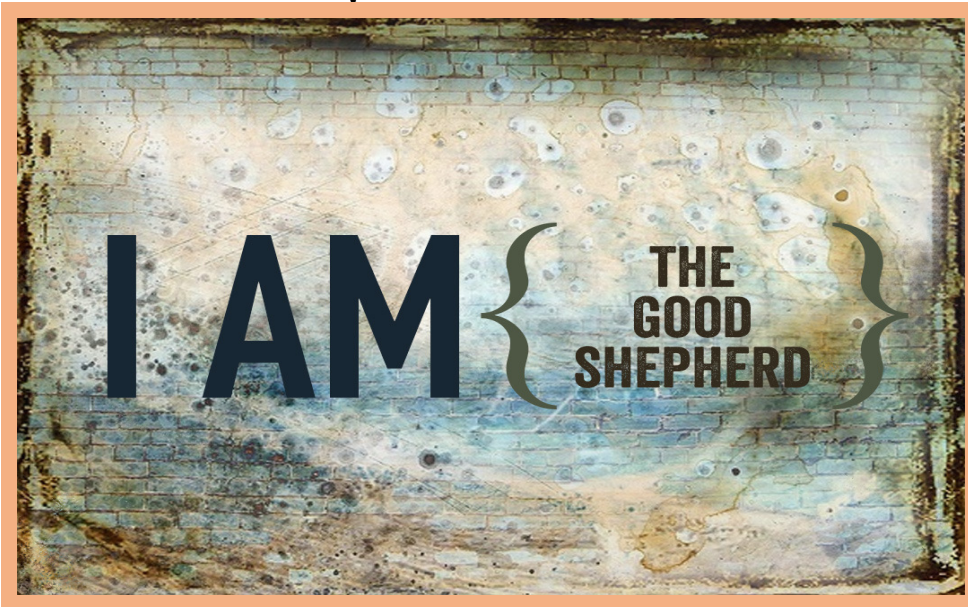
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 15, 2019



Welcome...

First Church one of the best ways we can grow together is through Sunday morning worship. Here, you'll find a warm and welcoming community of people from all different walks of life gathered together in unity to lift high the name of Jesus. We do this in all sorts of different ways. We sing new songs with guitars and old songs with an organ. We pray new prayers from the heart and ancient prayers of the faith. We preach the same Good News of Jesus Christ in new and fresh ways in hopes of intersecting the Word of God with the stories of our lives. Whether you grew up Catholic, married a Baptist, or anything in between, you'll find a home in worship here at First Church.

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Sunday, September 15, 2019

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Margaret Oetjen
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"Come Before Him with Singing"</i> – Chancel Choir
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Anthony Bolkema
*Congregational Singing	96 <i>"Praise Him! Praise Him!"</i> <i>"Let It Rise"</i> <i>"Lord, I Need You"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"Come to Me and Rest"</i> – Chancel Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Psalm 23
Sermon	"The Good Shepherd"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Song of Response	<i>"He Will Hold Me Fast"</i>
Congregational Prayer	Barb Grevengoed
Offering	Margaret Oetjen
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Erin Pacheco
*Sending in Grace	#834 <i>"Lord, Dismiss Us"</i>
*Postlude	Margaret Oetjen

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship
for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2019...



We are now addressing the improvements needed for our parsonage. For more information or with any questions please see Don DeGraff, Elder VP, or Ray Ondrejka, Deacon Chairman. "Special Project" envelopes are available on the narthex shelves.

CARE...

Marla Owens has been moved to Loyola University in Maywood, IL.

Roger Hommes has been experiencing some health concerns and is awaiting test results.

Doris Peterson has returned home from rehab.

Jeannie Spike has started a new chemo regimen that will go through the end of September.

Chinedu Akoma continues her recuperation at home.

David Besser continues with targeted medications to work against his brain cancer.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan Nelson has been diagnosed with early stages of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma; he has started infusion therapy.

Colton Smit, great grandson of Clarence & Judy Brouwers, is recovering from another neurosurgery.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Lenora Anker, Beecher Manor Room 504A, 1201 Dixie Highway, Beecher, IL 60401.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, September 8

Basket Total: \$8,716.34

Special Projects: \$25.00

Online Total: \$1,265.00

Giving Total: \$10,006.34

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

GREETERS: Ron & Shirley Scheffers and Don & Gerri VanBaren

COFFEE SERVERS: Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengoed and Colin & Geni Cutler

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

MUSIC TEAM: Nate Krygsheld, Calvin Handoko, Nick Paarlberg, Erin Pacheco & Abby Veldboom

ORGAN: Margaret Oetjen

PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema and Erin Pacheco

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski

PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Judy Gill

WELCOME CENTER: Dave Wright

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Colin Cutler

MUNCH & MINGLE: Meets in the Activity Center at 11:30am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:30AM: Knitters & Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

GREETERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Bob & Nancy Asmus

COFFEE SERVERS: Griff & Mary Decker and Clair & Lynn Hoeksema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gail Housman

MUSIC TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, Kevin Hesselink, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg, and Bill & Nikki Nyhanna

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

VIDEO: Ron Rietveld

PRAYER ROOM: Roger Hommes

WELCOME CENTER: Roger Hommes

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Colin Cutler

OASIS: Meets in the Loft from 6:30 – 8:00PM

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Joanne Hoeksema, Alice Kats, Lili Swenson & Celeste DeBoer

LEARNING...

THIS MORNING we start another year of Sunday School for all ages. Please pray for our teachers and helpers Don DeGraff, Roger DeGraff, Jim DeGroot, Russ Paarlberg, Larry DeYoung, Barb Grevengoed, Rick Veldboom, Dave Wright, Rhonda Hesselink, Gail Housman, Mike Hoeksema, Sara Jabaay, Nikki Nyhanna, Kim Bolkema, Aubrey Durkin, Merely Verhagen, Amber Fransen, Rachel Wooley, Noreen VanDeursen, Gerri VanBaren, Mary Decker, Dawn Kuyper, Anthony Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Faye Gouwens, Linda Capone, Abby and Izzy Veldboom, and Aaron and Alisha Taylor will assist with activities) as they lead classes, prepare crafts, and teach the catechism. Also, please pray for learners of all ages as they deepen their faith. A friendly word of encouragement to make Sunday School a priority for you and your family as we grow together in the grace of Christ.

THE GOSPEL PROJECT: For ALL ages!

All students can be dropped off at 11:00am and picked up in the Genesis Room at noon!

Overview: Pre-K (3 – 4 years), Elementary (K – 2nd), Middle (3rd – 5th) and Secondary (6th – 12th).

The adult class will meet in the Chapel.

❖ September 15: God's Good World

Did God really create the world from nothing? And was Christ present at creation? Join us this morning to find out!

❖ September 22: God's Good People

❖ September 29: Sin and God's Good News

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING: For adults and the Secondary (6th – 12th) group meeting in the Heritage Room at 11:00am.

❖ September 15: Our Confessional Standards. Why was the Heidelberg Catechism written and how has it changed since the original document? A look at Q&A 1: What is our only Comfort?

❖ September 22: Highlights from “*HC and Me*” book 1. What is Original Sin, Total Depravity, Salvation, True Faith, the Apostles Creed, the Trinity, Providence, and the word Christian?

❖ September 29: “Amazing Grace”

BOOK CLUB will next meet on **Tuesday, October 8** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading “Light Between Oceans” by M. L. Stedman. Questions? Call Nancy Bates @596-7314.



CHURCH LIFE...

TODAY WE WELCOME BACK to our pulpit Pastor Erin Pacheco. Erin is a graduate of Trinity Christian College and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and, together with husband, Moises, is preparing to plant a Christian Reformed congregation in East Garfield Park.

WE CELEBRATE TODAY the third anniversary of Keith and Felecia Flowers. God is good!

MUNCH & MINGLE starts their new season today in the Activity Center at 11:30am.

FIRST CHURCH LADIES' AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY KICKOFF: Dear First Church Ladies, please join us on **Tuesday, September 24** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room at church for a time of fellowship, fun, food, and an introduction to our new Bible Study season. The first part of our season, we will be working through the DVD study of Ephesians 6 by Priscilla Shirer entitled, “The Armor of God”. In this study, we will learn the action plan for putting on the full armor of God and developing a personal strategy to secure victory against our enemy. The cost of the study guide is \$16 and will be distributed at the Kickoff. We will then be meeting the 2nd and the 4th Tuesdays of the month, October - April at 1:00pm. To reserve a copy of the study guide, RSVP for the Kickoff, or for more information, please call Mary Koster @708-380-4316, or email her at mck_117@yahoo.com. Hope you can come and join us.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP FORMATION...

FAITH FORMATION GROUPS are continuing to form. Our vision is that these small groups would meet one time per month (meeting time and location is up to the discretion of the group) and study “The Fundamentals of the Faith” by John MacArthur in order to help us Grow Together in the Grace of Christ. If you would like to participate in a small group and have not yet signed up, please contact the church office. See Pastor Corey or Anthony with any questions you may have.

FELLOWSHIP PLANNING & EVENTS: As a part of our Fellowship Formation initiative, we have committed to holding monthly churchwide fellowship events. Events are scheduled for the rest of 2019 (such as ice cream socials, community dinners, game nights, etc.), but we are in need of a team of people who are interested in helping plan, organize, and implement the fellowship events for the rest of the 2019-2020 ministry season. If you would like to be a part of a group to creatively plan some new events (on site or off-site) or if you would like to be a part of a group to help implement those events, please contact the church office. Your help and creativity are crucial to the success and growth of this new initiative. Please see Anthony Bolkema or Nyla DeGraff with any questions, or to sign up!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

EXODUS PROJECTS BREAKFAST: Join Pastor Corey and Exodus Projects for their annual fundraising breakfast on **Saturday, September 21**. It will be held at Scrementi's Restaurant located at 3760 Chicago Rd., Steger, IL. Please RSVP by Sept. 13 by calling the church office or email Nikki Nyhanna at theexodusprojects@gmail.com.

YOUR DONATIONS MAKE THE ANNUAL DUTCH FEST A SUCCESS! The annual Elim Dutch Festival will be held on **Saturday, September 28**. Donations of new handmade craft items are being welcomed *now* through September. Homemade baked goods will be accepted the week of the event. Questions? Contact Laura.Schnyders@elimcs.org. All proceeds directly benefit children and adults with disabilities. Will you be willing to bring a baked good? If so, contact Lynn Hoeksema, Trisha Paarlberg, Judy Gill or Wanda Veld. Thank you!

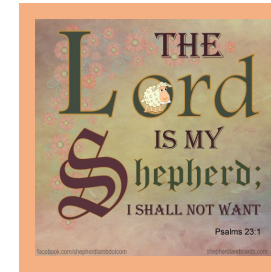
THE 24TH ANNUAL ELIM DUTCH FESTIVAL is **Saturday, September 28**, from 8:00am – 4:00pm (pancake breakfast 7:30-10am). Held on the grounds of Elim Christian Services (13020 S. Central Avenue, Crestwood, IL), this event features great food, shopping, entertainment, and a farmer's market. Kids will enjoy games, reptile shows, train rides, and pony rides. Free admission and free parking. Tickets for children's activities and the food court can be purchased at the event or pre-purchased online at <http://www.elimcs.org/dutch-festival/>. **All proceeds directly bless children and adults with disabilities.** Mark your calendar now!

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FALL AUCTION on **Friday, October 11** -- Join us for a night of fun where every bid supports CCS students! Dinner and edible auction begin at 5:00pm; silent and live auctions begin at 6:00pm.

JOIN PROVIDENCE LIFE SERVICES on **Friday, November 1**, at the Union League Club of Chicago to celebrate the ministry of Providence at our 59th Annual Torchlight Dinner! Go to www.torchlight2019.com to register, or contact Joan at jschutt@provlife.com or 708-342-8108.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATES...

- ❖ Griff & Mary Decker: No longer have a landline. Griff's Cell Phone - #710-0111 and Mary's Cell Phone - #606-1790
- ❖ Sharon Brooks Email: brookssharon71@yahoo.com
- ❖ Brad & Gail Housman and family: 4167 Dubois Blvd., Brookfield, IL 60513



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To get to know you better, please fill out our **Welcome Card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. If you want more information about the life of First Church, make sure to include your email address.**