

FIRST **REFORMED** CHURCH
OF SOUTH HOLLAND
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, October 24, 2021



Welcome...

The season from Pentecost through the start of Advent is called "Ordinary Time." Ordinary Time falls in the growing season in the Northern Hemisphere, and it's a time to celebrate the way God's Kingdom grows in big ways and small ways. What is your "ordinary?" What are the everyday celebrations and struggles you take with you this morning? What questions are scrawled on the pages of your life? God meets us in our "ordinaries" and leads us into something extraordinary: He creates a community from the disparate; He centers voices from the margins; He changes patterns of self-serving into habits of service; He challenges division with the diversity and unity of his family; He channels the mercy and grace of Christ into your life and into our world. This is the "ordinary" work of the Church. Come, join us in this extraordinary life we live together.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"All Hail the Power"
"Savior, of the Nations, Come"
God Himself Is with Us"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him"
"10,000 Reasons"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"Psalm 62"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

"Luke: To Proclaim Good News – Annunciation"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"God Be with You"

*Organ Postlude

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for fellowship and refreshments.

CARE...

Lenora Anker is in Hospice Care at Beecher Manor.

Roger Bovenkerk has returned home from the hospital.

Celeste DeBoer is home from the hospital and is on a new antibiotic to fight the recurring infection in her foot.

Mark Spiekhout is recuperating at home from back surgery.

Merley Verhagen is recovering from a procedure she had on Tuesday, October 12 to remove a large kidney stone and a temporary stent.

Nick Paarlberg is recovering at home from foot surgery.

Roger Gill was admitted to Munster Community this past week with heart issues. He is home now doing much better.

Margene Paarlberg is in rehab at Riverside Miller in Kankakee.

Bob Brink is recovering from eye surgery he had on Tuesday, October 12. Cards can be sent to him at the Tibstra House, 271 E. 161st Street, SH, IL 60473.

Carolyn Anderson, mother of Toni Smith our Director of Family Life, has returned home from the hospital but is on kidney dialysis.

Don Rietveld, son of Betty Paarlberg, has been approved for a lung transplant. Pray that a donor will be found soon.

Debbie Woltzen's mother, **Jean Schultz**, was admitted to the hospital after falling.

Lindsay Robertson, brother-in-law to Larry and Phyllis De Young, is in partial remission and has begun a new kind of chemo which hopefully will bring him to complete remission.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Harris & Marilyn DeYoung, Grace Commons, W194 N9501, Rolling Meadow Circle, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Basket Total: \$4,731.00; Online Total: \$1,855.00

Giving Total \$6,586.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL continues today! All ages are welcome to join us as we spend time learning more about God and His Word. Sunday School runs from 11:00am – noon.

- All children from preschool to fifth grade will meet in the Genesis Room for a time of singing and celebration. They will be dismissed to their classrooms from there.
- 3 - 4-year-olds – Elisha Room (behind the Heritage Room)
- K – 2nd grade – Library
- 3rd – 5th grade – Genesis Room
- The 6th – 8th graders will meet in the Heritage Room. The high schoolers will meet in the Loft.
- Our adult class will meet in the chapel from 11:00am – 11:50am.
- Need help finding a class? Ask at the Welcome Center in the narthex or in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will next meet this **Tuesday, October 26**, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be viewing Video 2, "The Holy Spirit" from our study of Priscilla Shirer's "Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks".

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2021...



Let's reach our goal! It is a great time to be a part of our First Church Family. The deacons would like to encourage all members to continue your faithful support of the ministry of First Reformed Church through your tithes and your donations. Currently, we need to complete raising funds to pay for the renovation work that was done in the parsonage. We are making steady progress, but we still need to raise \$35,324.94 to add to the \$89,553.46 that has been raised thus far. For more information or with any questions please see Jim DeGroot, Elder VP, or Robert Wooley, Deacon Chairman. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

USHERS: Lucas VanderWoude, Liam VanderWoude, and Robert Wooley

GREETERS: Raylene Oord and Steve VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Andy & Celeste DeBoer

MUSIC TEAM: Pastor Anthony Bolkema and Joe Fransen

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Pastor Anthony Bolkema

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Anthony Bolkema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Aubrey Durkin

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Don & Gerri VanBaren

COOKIE LADIES: Diana Abernathy, Felicia Flowers, and Amber Fransen

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

6:00PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Caring Elders & Deacons meet in the Heritage Room

7:00PM: Music Team rehearsal in the Sanctuary

7:30PM: Elders & Deacons meet

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

10:00AM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Genesis Room

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

5:00-7:00PM: Trunk N' Treat in the church parking lot

REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

USHERS: Rodger Norris, Mike Nylen, and Deb Oord

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Raylene Oord

WELCOME CENTER: Cindy Nylen and Keith Durkin

MUSIC TEAM: Calvin Handoko, Kevin Hesselink, Nate Housman, Nate Krygsheld, Abby Veldboom, and Robert Wooley

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

COOKIE LADIES: Arleta Hommes, Trina Taylor, and Merley Verhagen

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU for the many prayers, cards, and expressions of love during my recent back surgery and recovery.
— Mark Spiekhout

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHT: Meet the Missions Team. Their goal is to keep our church engaged in the missional work of the Kingdom of God around the world. They keep in contact with all the missionaries we support and make recommendations to the Consistory about which missions could use our help. A highlight of this past year was the beautiful "Missions Sunday" this team organized (and they're working on scheduling more for 2022). They would love more help, so if you have questions or would like to join the Missions Team, speak to their chairperson, Pastor Corey Buchanan.

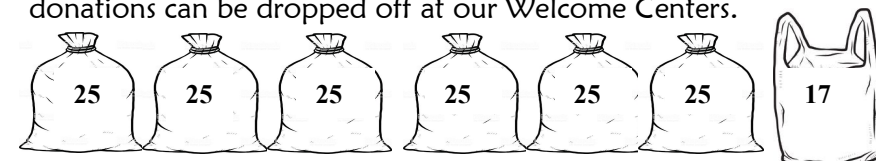
TRUNK N TREAT is **Saturday, October 30**, from 5:00 - 7:00pm (car trunks needed by 4:45pm). We will again give the children of South Holland and surrounding areas a safe and fun place to Trick N Treat. We need lots of car trunks and lots of candy to make this fun event possible. There is a candy donation table in the Fellowship Hall and if you could volunteer your decorated car trunk, please sign-up at the Welcome Center in the narthex or in the Fellowship Hall.



WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR 2021 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE?

All throughout the month of October, we will be collecting boxes of stuffing. Our goal as a church is to collect 1000 boxes! These boxes will be donated to

Open Access who will use them as a part of the 1000 Thanksgiving meals they will give away to families this fall. First Church member Geni Cutler is the Executive Director of this organization which is committed to filling gaps in the underserved community by providing essential items and services where they are limited. Your donations can be dropped off at our Welcome Centers.



So far we have 167! Help us stuff those bags.

REFORMATION SUNDAY: This year, **October 31** falls on a Sunday. October 31 is sometimes viewed as the anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, a 500+ year movement in church history that we are still a part of. To celebrate, we are welcoming Dr. Felix Theonugraha to our pulpit as a voice well-versed in Reformation history who is also becoming recognized as an exciting and refreshing voice in the future of the Reformed Church. Dr. Theonugraha is President of Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our next First Wednesday Fellowship is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 3**. **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to make your favorite soups for this evening of fellowship. Please sign-up at the welcome centers. You will also enjoy a ‘build your own salad bar’ and some delicious desserts.

DNA MOVIE NIGHT: The Diversity In Action (DNA) Team is hosting a movie night on **Sunday, November 14**, from 4:00-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The 2019 film *The Best of Enemies* is a powerful depiction of the themes of diversity and reconciliation and is a springboard to many helpful discussions. The film is based on true events and rated PG-13 for its historically accurate depictions of hate-fueled actions and language. The DNA team is asking for that age recommendation to be respected (13-and-older) and for all those who are coming to use appropriate discretion as they sign up. We will view the movie, discuss some of its themes, and enjoy fellowship.

FORMATION GROUPS: Many of our members have been greatly blessed by their participation in a small group over the last year. This Fall, we are re-launching this important ministry meeting on Wednesday nights, so if you have not been a part of a small group, contact the church office to sign up.

FIRST CHURCH OUTREACH MINISTRY will be distributing Thanksgiving Blessings Boxes on **Saturday, November 20** from 2:00-3:00pm. We are looking for volunteers to help pass out the meals. Please sign up at our welcome centers.

VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER in the narthex to sign cards for our shut-ins and hospitalized.

KEEP THE PARKING AREA that is lined in the front and on the north side of the church - which is closest to the elevator - available for those who have difficulty walking. Thank you!



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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.

SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS
9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday