

FIRST **REFORMED** CHURCH
OF SOUTH HOLLAND
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Communion Sunday, November 7, 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

"We Gather Together"
"For All the Saints"
"O God Beyond All Praising"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

*Congregational Worship

"Come Thou Fount"
"In Christ Alone"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:39-45

Sermon

"Blessed Is She Who Believed"

Song of Response

"Mary Consoles Eve"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Reception of
New Members

Michelle (Erick) Carter, Lee Carter, Rev. Wybren & Kathy Oord,
Marsha Pillapow, Robert Valade, and Barry Voss

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

Congregational Prayer

Offertory

"Beautiful Savior"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"God Be With You"

*Organ Postlude

"Blessed Be the Name"

*Those who are able please stand.

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

CARE...

Craig Nelson recently found out he has an enlarged heart and had an echocardiogram Thursday morning.

Lenora Anker is in hospice care at Beecher Manor.

Roger Bovenkerk has returned home from the hospital.

Celeste DeBoer continues in Ingalls Hospital.

Sherry Gouwens is recuperating at home from knee replacement surgery.

Bev VanDommelen will be undergoing a needed back surgery in February to address numbness and a compressed spine.

Nick Paarlberg is recovering at home from foot surgery.

Margene Paarlberg is in rehab at Riverside Miller in Kankakee.

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

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.

Jean Schultz, Deb Woltzen's mother, has been able to leave the hospital and is now at Park Place in St. John, Faith House for rehab, Room 10.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Lois VanVuren, Symphony of Dyer #221, 1532 Calumet Ave., Dyer, IN 46311

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Basket Total: \$5,940.05; Online Total: \$1,065.00

Special Offering: \$1,000.00

Giving Total \$8,005.05

(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 meet again this **Tuesday, November 9**, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss the homework from Session 3, "The Holy Spirit" page 40-69 in your study guide. Please be prepared to discuss your answers. Hope to see you there!

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 \$34,324.94 to add to the \$90,553.46 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...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

USHERS: Trina Taylor, Lucas VanderWoude, and Liam VanderWoude

GREETERS: Wybren & Kathy Oord

WELCOME CENTER: Don & Gerri VanBaren

MUSIC TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, Kim Bolkema, Dacia Hill, and Peter Keep

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris and Clair & Lynn Hoeksema

COOKIE LADIES: Gwen Adams, Nancy DeVries, and Mary Koster

OASIS: Meets in the Activity Center from 6:30-8:00pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

6:00PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

10:00AM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: DNA Meeting in Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – Veteran's Day

Church Office and Family Life Day Care Closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

USHERS: Don DeGraff, Steve VanderWoude, and Robert Wooley

GREETERS: Alison VanderWoude and Dennis Woltzen

WELCOME CENTER: Nyla DeGraff and Deb Woltzen

MUSIC TEAM: Nate Housman, Nate Krygsheld, Nikki Nyhanna, and Robert Wooley

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor; **VIDEO:** Lucas VanderWoude

SOUND: Rhonda DeBok

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim & Aniyah Oord

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Rachel Wooley

COFFEE SERVERS: Ron & Shirley Scheffers, and Faye Gowens

COOKIE LADIES: Gail Housman, Mary Decker, and Nyla DeGraff

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Rev. Arnold Punt who passed away on Sunday, October 31. Condolences can be sent to Johanna Punt, Crown Point, Apt. 313, 1400 7th Avenue S.E., Sioux Center, IA 51250.

OUR SINCERE THANK YOU for your expressions of concern regarding my recent hospitalizations and cardiac issues. Many cards with encouraging words were received. Visits and phone calls were greatly appreciated. Most of all, thank you for your prayers. We have felt those prayers and seen how God does answer prayer. Thank you for your expressions of Christian love and concern. Blessings to all!

- Roger and Judy Gill

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 the first Wednesday night of the month. So, if you have not been a part of a small group, contact the church office to sign up.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHT: Meet our Care Team, who faithfully call and visit our church's shut-ins and those in need of care. Their work is an extension of the shepherding work done by our elders. In addition to their many calls, cards, and visits, they deliver materials on grief to those in our congregation who have lost loved ones. If you have any questions or would like to join the care team, speak to Dr. Rich Grevengoed or Pastor Jim.

THE EXODUS PROJECTS is hosting its annual ministry benefit and will be celebrating FIVE YEARS in ministry! Join in on the fun on **Saturday, November 13** from 2:00-4:00pm in Chicago Heights. RSVP online at ww.theexodusprojects.org or see Pastor Corey for more details.

FIRST CHURCH OUTREACH MINISTRY will be distributing Thanksgiving Blessing 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.

THIS YEAR we are again partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach in the Angels of Hope Christmas project. The Angel Tree will be in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday with tags on it for Christmas gifts for children of inmates.

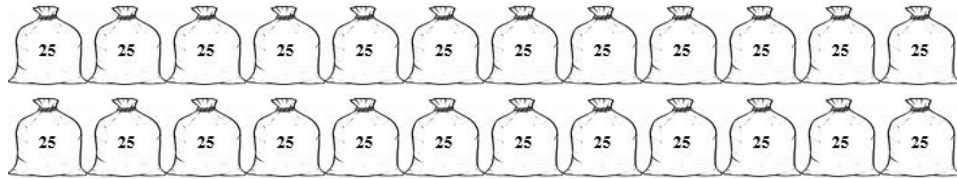
VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER to sign cards for our shut-ins and hospitalized.



STILL TIME FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR 2021 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE?

We have two more weeks to collect boxes of stuffing. Our goal as a church is to collect 1000 boxes! These boxes will be donated to Open Access

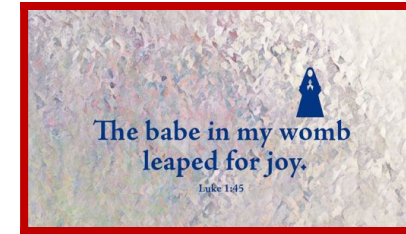
who will use them as a part of the 1000 Thanksgiving meals they will give away to families this fall. First Church member Geni Cutler is the Executive Director of this organization which is committed to filling gaps in the underserved community by providing essential items and services where they are limited. Your donations can be dropped off at our Welcome Centers. **400 boxes of stuffing to go!**



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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: We will be getting our church ready for the Advent and Christmas seasons on **Saturday, November 27**. If you are willing to come help for an hour or two, please speak to Cindy Nylen.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our next Fellowship night is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 1**. It's called *FIRST CHRISTMAS PARTY*. You will not want to miss this event! If you are willing to share your favorite pasta dish (and soon to be ours 😊), please sign-up at the welcome centers.



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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