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9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

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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.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

of SOUTH HOLLAND

Sunday, August 17, 2025

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me
because He has anointed Me....**

- to preach the gospel to the poor
- to heal the brokenhearted
- to preach deliverance to the captives
- to recover the sight of the blind
- to set at liberty them that are bruised
- to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor

Luke 4:18

Welcome to First Reformed Church!

Life can be confusing, overwhelming, and sometimes scary.

But you don't have to face it alone:

God's Word offers wisdom,

The Holy Spirit offers presence,

and the Church offers community.

For 175+ years, First Reformed Church has been gathering every week for worship, for fellowship, and for equipping. Whatever your struggle, whatever your song, whatever your burden, this is the right place to be today!

We're glad you're with us as we enter a new week together with the gracious forgiveness, warm welcome, and courageous hope we receive from Jesus.

TENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

August 17, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*“Guide Me, O Though Great Jehovah”
“May the Mind of Christ”
Meditation on “St. Clement”*

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

*“Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name”
“Your Name”
“Love of God”*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:16-22

Message

“On Mission”

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Steve VanderWoude

Offering

Moment for Missions: Roseland Christian Ministries

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

*Organ Postlude

“Marche Triomphale”

*Those who are able please stand.

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

CARE...

Please keep **Monty and Kim Riddering** in your prayers as they grieve the passing of Aaron Amptmeyer, Monty’s grandson, by marriage. Aaron, who was a St. John police officer, died suddenly of a heart attack on Friday, August 9. The funeral arrangements are Monday, August 18 from 1:00 – 7:00pm at Faith Church, Dyer, IN and the funeral service is on Tuesday, August 19 at 10:00am at Faith Church, Dyer, IN.

Nancy Asmus is recovering from outpatient surgery she had last week.

Eric Pradelski needs prayer as he goes through side effects from new medication, and he is now on a medical leave of absence from his job.

Margene Paarlberg has been diagnosed with skin cancer and is receiving hospice care.

Clifton Rhodes continues his physical therapy. Please pray for complete healing.

Sharon Dinkel will permanently be at Burgess Square Health Care and Rehab Centre in Westmont for ongoing rehab.

Pray for **Christopher Nelson** as his cancer has returned and options for further treatment are being explored.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Jean Spiekhout, Hartsfield Village #135, 10002 Columbia Ave., Munster, IN 46321

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, August 10

Total Giving: **\$8,034.16**

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Reach 175: \$268.08

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$137,846.73

ON DUTY FOR AUGUST...

First Security: Barry Voss

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Cindy Nylen and Rodger Norris
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Liam VanderWoude, and Abby Veldboom
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams
VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude
SOUND: Lucas Bolkema
ORGAN: Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen
COFFEE SERVERS: Steve & Nancy DeVries and Mary Koster
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Bosman, Amber Fransen, and Mary Koster
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Clint Verhagen

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

6:00PM: F-PEC meeting in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00AM: Vision Committee meets in the Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00AM: 1st Impressions meeting in the Fellowship Hall
11:00AM: Calvin Christian School Convocation in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Sikkema Family
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, and Nick Paarlberg
PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude; **VIDEO:** Keith Flowers
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Dennis & Deb Woltzen
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Felicia Flowers, Grace Jacobsma, and Alison VanderWoude
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Anthony Bolkema

SERMON NOTES...

Luke 4:16-22
“On Mission”
Pastor Corey Buchanan

EVERY SUNDAY, an Elder is assigned to pray in our Prayer Room for 20 minutes following the service. The Prayer Room is located through the doors and down the hallway from the Chapel (exit the Sanctuary from the door by the piano). The praying elder will be praying for those who attended the service, the needs of our congregation, and various parts of our church's life together. If you have a particular prayer request, stop by and the praying elder will pray with you (or you can join her or him in prayer for our church).

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU for your prayers, cards, and the words of encouragement during the time I had shingles. It is good to be back in person worshipping with you.

- Evelyn Schreiber

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING following the morning service on **Sunday, August 24**. The purpose of the meeting is to approve changes to our bylaws as a part of the process of dual affiliation, to provide a congregational update on the Now2Next Strategic Plan, and other matters which may come before the meeting. In your mail slots you will find the modified bylaws for your review prior to our meeting.

SPECIAL REQUEST: Every now and then our Outreach Team will need the assistance of someone to take a picture of a church activity. If you feel the call to this important ministry, please see or call Jim DeGroot at 708-951-5634 for details.

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC is on **Sunday, September 7**, starting at 11:15am (so you can all enjoy cookies and coffee beforehand). BBQ pulled pork will be served in the Activity Center and our church yard will be available for games! We are asking all families to bring a sensational salad or side dish to share (serving spoons provided). Drinks and desserts will be provided. This will be fun for all ages! Be sure to sign up at the Welcome Centers!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: On Sunday, September 21, we will begin another year of Sunday School for all ages at 11:10am. Class information to follow.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: When you go downstairs for coffee, take a look at the screens in the Fellowship Hall. We're continuing a series of "Getting to Know You" slides where our church family can meet various members and learn interesting tidbits about each other. Stay tuned... maybe you'll be interviewed next!

EACH YEAR BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEER AMBASSADORS share a special fundraising letter. Together we are equipping Christians and churches all over the globe to engage children and youth in the Word of God. As a result, God's Kingdom is growing! Look for this letter in your church's mailbox, and as you read it sincerely pray for God's Word to change lives. Contributions you provide will supply Bibles and materials.

- Becky Wright and Judy Gill

PLEASE JOIN US AS the First Church Ladies' Bible Study begins its new season on **Tuesday, September 23**, at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a Kickoff Brunch, handing out the new study guides and watching the first video of our study. This year, our DVD study will be by Melissa Spoelstra. It is entitled, "The Gospel of John: Savoring the Peace of Jesus in a Chaotic World." We will join Melissa as she teaches that in the book of John, and we are to look at the pace of Jesus's life and ministry and realize we need to slow down and enjoy His presence. The cost of the study guide is \$24.00 (which includes access to the videos online should you miss a session). If you are an Amazon Prime member you may order your own study guide. Please text or call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316 by Tuesday, September 9 if you want to be a part of this exciting Bible study. Hope you can attend!

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, are available in a single marked mail slot located on the north end of our mail slots. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Chairman, Rodger Norris.

SAVE THE DATE: The 29TH Annual Elim Dutch Festival will be held on **Saturday, September 27**, at Elim Christian Services in Crestwood. Be sure to mark your calendar.

REMINDERS....

BE SURE TO VISIT THE WELCOME CENTERS to sign up for church events and sign cards for our shut-ins. Please also remember to empty your mail slots.

PLEASE 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!

CHURCH COOKIES AND NUT ALLERGIES: Our wonderful cookies served during fellowship time following church are made by volunteers from our congregation. It's our practice that any cookies containing nuts of any kind are clearly labeled.

COOKIE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS: Please check your mailbox for the September-December Cookie Duty schedule. Thank you for your commitment to this vital ministry at First Church.