

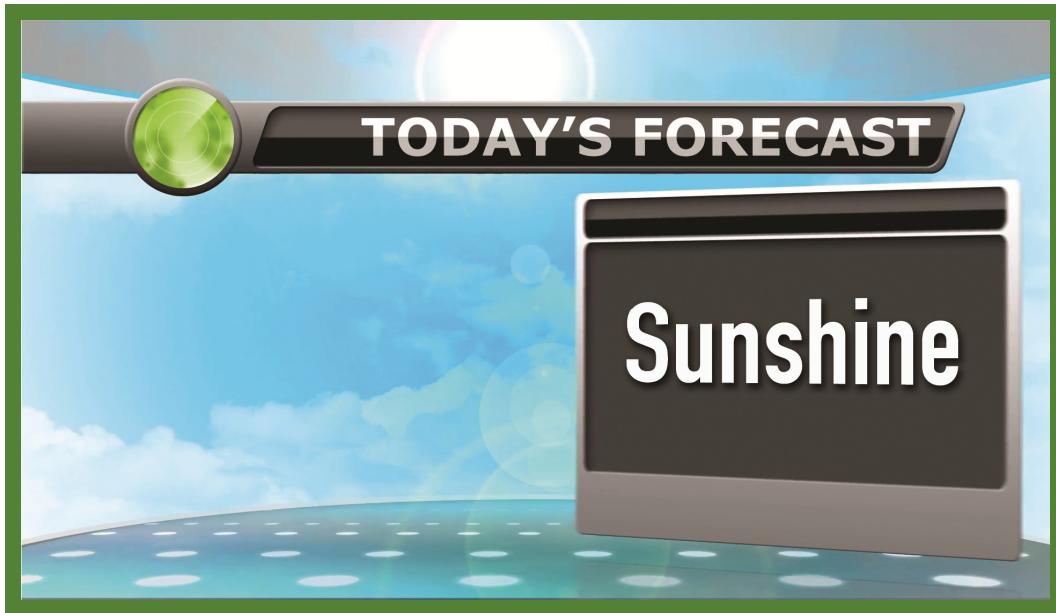
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 26, 2018**



Welcome...

What is the one thing we talk about the most? What is the one thing that changes all the time? What is the one thing we complain about whatever it is? What do you think? The weather! Of course. The weather gets brought up in the smallest of small talk. The weather changes by the hour, especially around the Midwest. And we most certainly complain about the weather at every chance we get. But what if I told you that the weather played a very important role in the Bible?! It's true and for the next several weeks, we'll be looking at different weather patterns throughout the Bible. And today, the forecast calls for sunshine.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

OUTDOOR SERVICE - SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

COFFEE SERVERS: Rich & Barb Grevengoed and Don & Gerri VanBaren

NURSERY: Ramelle DeVries and Izzy Veldboom

MUSIC TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, John DeVries, Nate Krygsheld, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Abby Veldboom, and Rachel Wooley

PRAYER ROOM: Roger and Judy Gill

WELCOME CENTER: Don DeGraff

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Barb Grevengoed; First Response: Rich Thornton

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Joanne Hoeksema, Alice Kats, Pam Costello and Nancy DeVries

5:15PM-9:00PM: Oasis Laser Tag

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

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

7:00PM: Elder and Deacon meetings

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

GREETERS: Roger & Arleta Hommes and Rodger & Sherry Norris

COFFEE SERVERS: Griff & Mary Decker and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

NURSERY: Kim Bolkema and Kelly Bruinsma

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: John DeVries

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

PRAYER ROOM: Ron and Diana Abernathy

WELCOME CENTER: Ron Abernathy

FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS: First Responder: Gwen Adams; First Response: Rich Thornton

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Deb Woltzen, Nyla DeGraff, Jeannie Spike and Norma Smit

▪ **The church office secretary summer hours are 9:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday ▪**

SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS beginning Tuesday, September 4

are Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 2:30pm.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, August 19

Basket Total: \$6,323.00

Online Total: \$2,226.00

Gift & Memorial: Marie Rietveld - \$195.00

Special Projects Total: \$125.00

Giving Total: \$8,869.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,000.00)

CARE...

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Jackie Rietveld is in Hospice Care at Park Place in St. John, IN.

Lois Van Vuren continues at Symphony Rehab Center in Dyer, IN.

Marcus Barnes is at Symphony Rehab Center in Dyer, IN.

Rich Riddering has been readmitted to the University of Chicago.

Ralph Knopf continues with his chemo treatments.

Lynn Hoeksema continues her recovery at home.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Paul VanKley, 624 E. 161st Place, South Holland, IL 60473

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2018...



The Consistory has approved a new projection system for the church. The dual screens and the center hanging projectors will be removed and replaced with a center retractable screen and single projector in the chancel area.

Your offerings to Special Projects, “over and above” your regular weekly offering are still encouraged. Approximately \$64,000 of the \$75,000 needed for this project has already been raised thanks your gracious support. Your prayers over generosity to this important project are encouraged. For more information or questions regarding this campaign, please contact Clair Hoeksema, Elder V.P. or Mike Decker, Deacon Chairman. “Special Project” envelopes are available in the narthex or through the church office. To all of you who support this campaign every Sunday, THANK YOU!

CHURCH LIFE...

HOPE PACKS are due back today. Thank you for your donation allowing Elim’s adults to assemble and ship one HOPE Pack of school supplies. Please don’t forget your encouraging notes and to fill out the gift information completely for accurate receipting of your tax-deductible donation.

THE INVITATIONS TO PASTOR COREY AND TIFFANY SURREL’S bridal shower have been placed in your mailbox. Please circle the date of **Wednesday, September 5**, at 6:30 pm as we honor the happy couple and share in their joy. A delightful dessert and beverage fare will be served. RSVP by August 29 to Nyla DeGraff @708-542-2501, Mary Koster @708-380-4316 or on the sign-up sheet on the welcome center in the Fellowship Hall. Hope you can attend!

ROSELAND CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE - We’re going back **Saturday, September 8** for a bonus Summer Serve Day! We had so much fun sorting clothes, and they need a lot of help putting out their winter stock. We plan to be there for a short day from 10 to about 1. Pack a lunch and join us! The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall or contact sara.jabaay@gmail.com or (708)302-2612.

UPTOWN BAPTIST will begin the new season of preparing supper for those less fortunate on **Monday, September 10**. We meet in the church parking lot at 12:30pm and are always ready to welcome new faces!

MUNCH & MINGLE will begin their new season on **Sunday, September 23** in the Activity Center at 11:30am.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

THE ILLIANA DIVISION OF BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS is hosting Selah in concert on **Friday, September 14** at Bethel CRC in Lansing, IL. Limited seating. Purchase your tickets online at bibleleague.org/selah.

SAVE THE DATE: Providence Life Services has its 58th annual ministry celebration Torchlight Dinner on **Friday, November 2**, 2018 at the Shedd Aquarium. Reserve online your seat at <https://www.providenceliveservices.com/torchlight-registration-2018/> or call 708-342-8108.

THE EXODUS PROJECTS invite you to join them at their annual breakfast being held on **Saturday, September 22** at Scrementi’s Restaurant in Steger IL, from 8:30 - 10:00 am. This event will include introductions to The Exodus Projects board and staff, a review of the previous year’s events, and information regarding upcoming events. Please consider joining them for a morning of fellowship and thanksgiving. To R.S.V.P. please call 708-414-0527 or email theexodusprojects@gmail.com. For more information, please see Corey Buchanan or Nikki Nyhanna.

LEARNING...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: On **Sunday, September 9**, we will begin another year of Sunday School for all ages at 11:00am.

PRESCHOOL AND PRIMARY DEPARTMENTS meet for a time of singing in the Genesis Room at 11:00am followed by their bible story time.

- **PRESCHOOL** (Ages 3-5) This class will meet in the Genesis Room for learning basic Bible Stories and have a craft-time.
- **PRIMARY** (Ages 6-10) This class will meet in the Library for crafts and learning the stories of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation.
- **SECONDARY GROUP** (Ages 11-17) This class will meet in the Fellowship Hall (east end) and will be studying the Heidelberg Catechism.

ADULT CLASSES:

- **JOIN PASTOR MATT** as he leads a class in the Chapel.
- **JOIN PASTOR MEL** as he leads a class in the Heritage Room.

BOOK CLUB meets **Tuesday, September 11** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading "Island of Sweet Pies and Soldiers" by Sara Ackerman. Questions? Call Anne Koval @ 331-4338.

DEAR FIRST CHURCH LADIES! Please join us on **Tuesday, September 25**, at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room at church, for a time of food, fellowship, and an introduction to our new season. The first part of the season, we will be working on a DVD Study by Karen Ehman titled, "What Matters Most, A Study of Philippians". In this study, the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians will show us how we can banish our anxieties of the world and rest in the peace of Christ. The cost of the study guide is \$15.00 and will be distributed at the kick-off. To reserve a copy of the study guide, RSVP for the kick-off, or for more information, please call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316.



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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.