

GROW

Groups and classes are available for all ages to connect and grow. For more information, visit the Welcome Table or contact Julianna.

SERVE

Sign up for opportunities to serve Sheldon, on a mission trip, or at FRC. Visit the Welcome Table or sheldonfirstreformed.com.

YOUTH

Wednesday nights.

Alpha Teens, for 7th & 8th grades, from 6:15-7:30.

RCYF, for 9th-12th grades, from 7:45-9.

Both meet in the Youth House located at the southwest corner of the campus. For more information, contact Caitie.

CHILDREN

During worship, childcare is available for children birth-3 years and Children's Worship for kids 4 years-K.

During Sunday School, classes are available for ages 3 and up.

On Wednesday night, TeamKID for 1st-6th grades from 6:15-7:30.

Visit the Welcome Table for class locations for Sunday School & Wednesday nights.

For more information, contact Julianna.

GIVE

Giving is an act of worship. You can give by placing your gift in the black offering boxes before worship, text "SFRC" to 833-484-7253, or give online at sheldonfirstreformed.com/give/.



WHO WE ARE

FRC provides worship, discipleship and community to grow in faith in Jesus Christ. Together we are building God's kingdom one life at a time.

NEXT STEPS

Can we help you get connected? Stop by the Welcome Table at the front entrance today to learn about opportunities or visit sheldonfirstreformed.com for more info.

WORSHIP

Worship at FRC any Sunday at 9:30 AM and stay for fellowship during Sunday School. Hearing assistance devices are available for use. Please ask a host at the Welcome Table.

MARCH MONTHLY GIVING

Benevolent Fund:	\$ 5,055.00
Capital Improvement:	\$ 150.00
Family Night:	\$ 651.00
General Fund:	\$ 54,175.00
Local Benevolent Fund:	\$ 5,525.00

2024 Monthly Needs:	\$ 55,655.00
2024 Annual Budget:	\$ 667,860.00
Average Attendance/Views:	382/81

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Apr 7** CREATIVE MOVEMENT PRACTICE: 5 PM in the sanctuary
ANOTHER GOSPEL BOOK STUDY: 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- Apr 8** OUTREACH MEETING: 6 PM in the lounge
- Apr 9** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 7 AM in the lounge
- Apr 12-14** MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT - Friday's departure time: 4 PM from the FRC parking lot. Sunday's return time: midafternoon.

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Apr 14** SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING FOLLOWING MORNING SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY
YOUTH RETURN FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT: midafternoon
CREATIVE MOVEMENT PRACTICE: 5 PM in the sanctuary
ANOTHER GOSPEL BOOK STUDY: 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- Apr 15** SHELDON UNITY MEAL: 5:30-6:30 PM @ Living Water Church
- Apr 16** LAST MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 7 AM in the lounge
- Apr 17** AFTERNOON CIRCLE: 1:30 PM in the lounge
- Apr 18** PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE: 6:30 PM - Sound & Camera Tech please attend
ELDERS/DEACONS MEETINGS: 6:30 PM
CONSISTORY MEETING: 7:30 PM in Youth House



Do you enjoy home & seasonal decorating?

FRC is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to do the seasonal & holiday decorating at the church. We have one person who is interested but she doesn't want to do this by herself. Contact Pastor Paul if you would like to know more information.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY - April 10

- 5:15-6:30 PM: Family Night Meal - Creamed Chicken/bun
- 6:15-7:30 PM: Alpha Teens
- 6:15-7:30 PM: TeamKID
- 6:30-7:30 PM: Adult Bible Study
- 7:45-9 PM: RCYF

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

- Apr 14** Special Congregational Meeting following morning service
Apr 17 Last Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study
Apr 22-May 4 Church Sanctuary is being painted
Apr 24 Last Family Night and Meal - Outside on the South Lawn (weather permitting)
Apr 28 9:30 AM Worship at Sheldon Christian School
No Sunday School
May 1 TeamKID Pizza Party
May 19 Last day of Sunday School

New Adult Sunday School Class

A new Sunday school class called "Digging Deeper" will be offered beginning April 7 in the choir room on the lower level. The class will "dig deeper" into the sermon through deep discussions on the scripture passage and message from worship. Adults of all ages are invited to attend.

SUNDAY SERVANTS

TODAY - April 7

SOUND/VIDEO

9:30 AM: John, Julianna, Wendy & Koby

FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM: #1

MORNING COFFEE: Dianne W

ELDER PRAYER: Galen Van Velzen

FRONT DOOR: Jared Schaeffer

CHILDREN & WORSHIP: Erica W, Rachel J & Macy J

NURSERY: Katie VP & Avery DH

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY:

Nick & Kathi S

ORGAN: Deanna

PRAISE TEAM: 9:30 AM

VOCALS: Gered, Gavin, Twyla, Dianne & Megan

PIANO: Shelley

BASS: Rose

DRUMS: David

NEXT WEEK - April 14

SOUND/VIDEO

9:30 AM: Jim, Taylor, Wendy & Joshua

FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM: #2

MORNING COFFEE: Denise B

ELDER PRAYER: Mike Kleinwolterink

FRONT DOOR: Galen Van Velzen

CHILDREN & WORSHIP: Julianna K, Katie VP & Jori W

NURSERY: Darren & Amanda DG

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY: Robby & Amanda C

ORGAN: Deanna

PRAISE TEAM: 9:30 AM

VOCALS: Marv, Brian, Laura, Melissa & Shannon

PIANO: JoElyn

BASS: Noah

DRUMS: Luke

GUITAR: Brady

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- ◆ Please pray for Ed Dykstra. He fell and broke his hip and is in the local hospital.
- ◆ Pray for Blake & Kim Petersen. Blake was in the hospital again. He is home but needs your prayers for healing. Also pray for a good report on April 24 when he sees his oncologist again.
- ◆ Pray for Betty Gonnerman. She is struggling with various issues and would love your prayers.
- ◆ Pray for Iola Whitsell while she recovers from her surgery. She is at home and doing well.
- ◆ Pray for Amy Renaud while she is home-bound for the next several weeks following her surgery.
- ◆ Praise God for our Easter service. Pray that all who attended were blessed by the message of the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Praise God that Jim Riemersma is home. Pray for recovery and no further development of infection.
- ◆ Pray for Haiti and its people. Pray for the violence to end and for a noncorrupt government that will bring the gang activity to an end.
- ◆ Pray for our middle school students that will be attending the retreat in Dayton, IA: Caleb, Makaiah, Andie, Presley, Kylie, Clay, Maliyah, Kendra, Audrey, Evalyn, Taylor, Trinity, Westley, Brielle, Josh, Harper, Khason, Karson, Linda, & Kevin. Also pray for the adults: Caitie, Nathan & Kristi, Brady, Norma & Maison.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT - APRIL 12-14

Departure: Friday, April 12 at 4 PM from the FRC parking lot
Return: Sunday, April 14 in the mid-afternoon. The students will contact parents with the exact time as they get close to Sheldon.

Check the Encore newsletter for the packing list.

Contact Caitie at frcyouth@outlook.com with any questions.

TOUCH OF HOPE HAITI ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER

WHEN: Friday, April 19

TIME: 6-7 PM - Social/Meal Hour

7 PM Ministry Update

WHERE: Calico Skies, 2368 Able Blvd., Inwood, IA

If you would like to attend, please send a RSVP to

touchofhopehaiti@gmail.com.

Register Your Child for Summer Camp

Save money by registering before April 15 to receive the Early Bird Discount!

FRC will also cover half the cost of the camp. The camp options fill up fast, so don't delay.

Experience the power of prayer at camp in 2024!

This summer, Inspiration Hills will be exploring the story of Redemption throughout the whole Bible. Various camp options are available: High school camp, Family camp, Wilderness camp, Day camp, Lodge camp, Saddle Up, etc.!

To register go to <https://www.inspirationhills.org/summer-camp/>



Camp Firelight VBS is July 7-11 from 5:30-8:30 PM

It will include a free meal, Bible lessons, crafts, games, music, and fun! Children ages preschool - 5th grade are invited to take part in this fun week! Registration for children and volunteers is now open. Pick up a form at the Welcome Table or visit the church website to register. The QR code to the left will take you to the church website where you may register.

GRADUATION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Upcoming graduates, it's time to recognize your achievements and pray for your future. Both graduates from high school and college/graduate schools please submit the following information:

- ◆ Graduates from high school: please submit a baby picture, senior picture and a short blurb of your future plans via email to Caitie at frcyouth@outlook.com.
- ◆ College graduates: please submit a graduation picture and short blurb of your future plans via email to Wendy at frcsecretary@outlook.com.

Small Group Book Study - Another Gospel

- ◆ Next meeting dates - April 7 & 14 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- ◆ Meeting dates are subject to change, so check your weekly bulletin.

THE SANCTUARY IS BEING PAINTED ... and just what does that mean for us?

On April 28th FRC will not be able to hold worship in the sanctuary while it is being painted. Arrangements have been made to hold worship at the Sheldon Christian School gym on that day. For those of you who are unable to walk or need assistance, limited parking is available at the school. If you are able to walk, please park in the FRC parking lot and walk to the Christian School. Shuttles to and from SCS will be available that Sunday.

HOW DOES THIS EFFECT OTHER MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH?

- 1) The sanctuary will be closed from April 22 through May 4.
- 2) The Creative Movement presentation on April 28th is moved to May 5.
- 3) There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON APRIL 28th**.
- 4) The Family Night Meal on April 24th will be held outside (weather permitting) because the pews will be stored in the Fellowship Hall.
- 5) Wednesday night TeamKID & youth activities on April 24 & May 1 will be confined to the lower & upper level classrooms, and the Youth House.
- 6) Wednesday night Adult Bible Study will finish on April 17.
- 7) Access to the church offices will only be available through the south door during this time.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Elders and Deacons are calling a special congregational meeting on **Sunday, April 14th at 10:45 AM in the sanctuary**. It is an informational meeting about an opportunity to purchase the property at 1011 7th Street, adjacent to the FRC parking lot. No decision has been made, but some research on the property has been carried out which will help inform a future final decision. Members of FRC are invited to attend to hear about that research and to share their voices on the matter. Then with all this information, the Elders and Deacons will come to a decision about the next step as needed.