



## 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](http://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/](http://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](http://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

General Fund: \$ 36,650.90

YTD Benevolent Fund: \$ 37,427.38

2024 Monthly Needs: \$ 55,655.00

2024 Annual Budget: \$ 667,860.00

Average Attendance/Views: 382/81

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**Apr 28 SERVICE AT SHELDON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GYM: 9:30 AM**  
**NO CHILDREN & WORSHIP**  
**NO NURSERY**  
**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**COFFEE TIME FOLLOWING SERVICE** - provided by SCS parents  
**CREATIVE MOVEMENT PRACTICE: 5 PM** - downstairs in the choir room

**May 1 TEAM KID END-OF-YEAR PIZZA PARTY: 5:30-7:30 PM** - downstairs in the choir room  
**LAST DAY/PARTY FOR ALPHA TEENS: 6:15-7:30 PM**  
**PM LAST DAY/PARTY FOR RCYF: 7:30-9 PM**

**May 2 EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING: 7 AM**  
**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: 7 PM** @ Living Water Church

## NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**May 5 CREATIVE MOVEMENT PERFORMANCE: 9:30 AM** - have the girls here at 8:45 AM to practice

**May 6 SHELDON MOBILE FOOD TRUCK: 4:30-6 PM** @ Living Water Church

**May 9 PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE: 6:30 PM** - sound & computer techs please attend

**May 10 MOVIE NIGHT AT THE SHS FOOTBALL FIELD:** free food @ concession area: **6:15 PM** - Movie begins @ **7 PM**

## 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. Please contact Pastor Paul if you would like to know more information.

## WEEKLY WEDNESDAY - May 1

**TeamKID End-of-Year Pizza Party - 5:30-7:30 PM**

**downstairs in the choir room**

A BIG thank you to all the work groups who provided desserts for the Family Night Meals. Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated!

## UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

**Apr 22-May 4 Church Sanctuary is being painted**

**May 1** TeamKID Pizza Party  
Last Alpha Teens - 6:15-7:30 PM  
Last RCYF - 7:45-9 PM

**May 2** National Day of Prayer Service- 7 PM at Living Water Church

**May 6** Deadline to turn in money for Mother's Day Bouquet

**May 10** Film at the Football Field - *Facing the Giants*

**May 19** Last day of Sunday School

**June 28** Free Garage Sale



**IT'S TAKE YOUR TRACTOR TO CHURCH SUNDAY - JUNE 30**

"It's time to get our your vintage tractors, clean 'em up,  
gas 'em up, and take 'em for a ride."

Watch for more info in future bulletins and the Encore!

~ The Congregational Care Committee

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

### TODAY - April 28

#### SOUND/VIDEO

**9:30 AM:** Tim, Wendy & Parker

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM: #4**

**MORNING COFFEE:** SCS parents

**ELDER PRAYER:** Dixon Van Meeteren

**FRONT DOOR:** Greg Sawyer

**NO CHILDREN & WORSHIP**

**NO NURSERY**

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**PRAISE TEAM: 9:30 AM**

**VOCALS:** John & Shannon

**PIANO:** JoElyn

**BASS:** Kristin

**Service at Sheldon Christian School**  
**- Please enter through the northeast**  
**gym doors (off Garfield Avenue).**

### NEXT WEEK - May 5

#### SOUND/VIDEO

**9:30 AM:** Evan, Amber & Chad

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM: #1**

**MORNING COFFEE:** Donna K

**ELDER PRAYER:** Leon Kleinwolterink

**FRONT DOOR:** Jett Korver

**CHILDREN & WORSHIP:** Brandi F,

Janna K & Makena O

**NURSERY:** Troy & Erica W

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY:**

Tyler & Elise D

**ORGAN:**

**PRAISE TEAM: 9:30 AM**

**VOCALS:** Brett, Koby, Jori, Megan &  
Shannon

**PIANO:** Shelley

**BASS:** Noah

**DRUMS:** Jason

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

- ◆ Please continue to pray for Gene Den Hartog while he recovers from his heart surgery. Pray for his strength to return.
- ◆ Please pray for Mary Jo Getting while she recovers from her foot surgery.
- ◆ Pray for our church during the sanctuary painting process.
- ◆ Praise God for the use of the Sheldon Christian School gym for our service and for the coffee & snacks provided by the SCS parents.
- ◆ Pray that Blake Petersen received a good report when he saw his oncologist.
- ◆ Pray for those in our church who are recovering from recent surgeries and other health issues.
- ◆ Pray for the areas in our world plagued by war - the Middle East, Haiti & the Ukraine.
- ◆ Praise God for a successful year for TeamKID, our Wednesday night children's ministry.

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

- 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) Wednesday night TeamKID & youth activities on May 1 will be confined to the lower & upper level classrooms, and the Youth House.
- 6) Access to the church offices will only be available through the south door during this time.
- 7) During this time, church mailboxes will need to be accessed via the north/kitchen door. They will be located in the church lounge.

Join us for our **National Day of Prayer Observance on Thursday, May 2 at Living Water Community Church in Sheldon at 7:00 PM.** *This will be a time of worship and prayer for our communities and nation. We are especially focusing on praying for our churches and our pastors when we need to Lift Up The Word and Light Up The World. Everyone is welcome!*

We will be led by a worship team from H.O.M.E. (House of Missions and Equipping) from Sioux Center.

Sponsored by the Sheldon Area Ministerial, Rise Ministries and Honor God Ministries (Sheldon National Day of Prayer).

(Allow extra time to get into the church due to road closure/repair. Enter parking lot south entrance by coming in on W 7th St.)

## Film at the Football Field on Friday, May 10.

The outreach team is hosting a free family movie night at the Sheldon Football Field. Bring blankets (no chairs on the field please) for a night out to watch the film, ***Facing the Giants***. Free food will be served from the concession area starting at 6:15 PM. Please don't take food onto the field. The movie will start at 7:00 PM. Following the movie, you're invited to join us for a discussion on the film. This is a free event so please bring your friends and neighbors, and help spread the word! There are also plenty of opportunities for serving at the movie night: greeting people, praying and helping lead the discussion, grilling and serving food. We would appreciate any help! Check out the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table.



## GRADUATION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

If you are or will be a graduate, please submit the following items:

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

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILDREN

TeamKID will have an end of the year celebration on May 1 from 5:30-7:30 PM. All TeamKID students and leaders are invited to attend! We will have pizza, play games, and have fun celebrating the great year we have had.

## Register Your Child for Summer Camp

FRC will also cover half the cost of the camp. The camp options fill up fast, so don't delay. 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 right will take you to the church website where you may register.



## MOTHER'S DAY BOUQUET

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 15. We are again putting a bouquet of carnations together to honor our mothers and other special women in our lives. It seems that everything costs more today, even flowers!

**A suggested donation of \$5/name is being asked.** Any funds after the cost of the flowers will go to Beth Blankers Borgens and her work with CRU. **Please get your money to the church office by Monday, May 6.** The flowers will go to Fieldcrest after the May 12 service. **Make checks out to First Reformed RCWM.**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DRIVE THE CHURCH VANS

While Jim recovers from his surgery, we need at least one more person who is willing to pick up and return church members from Fieldcrest and the Christian Retirement home on Sunday mornings. Please contact Darwin Westphalen at 712-324-2748 if you would like to help out, or would like more information.

## "Honoring Our Past, Forging Our Future"

The Sheldon Community Ambulance Team (SCAT) is having their Annual Fundraiser Supper serving Taverns, Coney Dogs or Hotdogs with potato salad, strawberry fluff, a homemade treat & drink. The supper is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 22, 2024 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM** at the Crossroads Pavilion Event Center. A freewill offering will be taken so no tickets will be sold. If you are unable to attend, donations are welcome. The proceeds raised during this event will be used for Full Body Splints. Are you interested in becoming an EMT and joining our team of volunteers? Ask us about it!

For those of you who would like to help with our "Free Garage Sale" on Friday, June 28, here is a QR code that will allow you to sign up to help in various ways - baking cookies, greeting, organizing items on Thursday, set-up, reorganizing items during the garage sale, exiting, and clean-up after the garage sale.



# Love on the Locals

# FREE

# GARAGE SALE

This is a church-wide outreach to our community as a way to show the love of Christ! **Every item donated will be given away— completely FREE!**

Let's be good stewards of the things God has blessed us with but are no longer needing or using. We want to bless everyone with something they may need or can get more use out of!

**Date of Free Sale: Friday, June 28, 2024**

**Time: 8:30 AM—6:30 PM**

## What can you do to help?

1. Donate your unwanted/unused items!
  - Bibles/Devotionals are great additions!
2. Donate any hangers you don't use—shirt or pants hangers
3. Bake cookies to be served during sale
4. Sign up to volunteer online or at Welcome Table:
  - Thursday, **June 27th**—set up and organize stuff for sale
  - Friday, **June 28th**:
    - Move items outside Friday 7:30 AM (1/2 hour)
    - Greeters or Exit Persons during sale
    - Walk around during sale, organize, talk to visitors
    - Kitchen-keep cookies trays filled, etc.
    - Clean up on Friday evening, 6:00 PM

**TURN OVER FOR DONATION INFORMATION**



**WHEN can I bring my donations? Monday, June 24—Wednesday, June 26, 2024**

**WHERE can I bring my donations?** First Reformed Church Fellowship Hall area

**HOW?** PLEASE sort out your donations into the categories listed below! This saves hours of volunteer sorting time!

\*Do not leave items right inside the doors!!

\* Bring each sorted bag/box to marked locations in fellowship hall, hall ways, lounge, entry way by category.

## Please Sort Items into Boxes/Bags in these Categories:

Women's Clothing	Kitchen Items
Women's Shoes	Tools
Men's Clothing	Sports/Outdoor Sports
Men's Shoes	Boys Shoes
Girls Clothing (baby to youth)	Hangers
Girls Shoes	Self Care/Personal Items
Boys Clothing (baby to youth)	Jewelry/Hair Accessories
Purses/Bags/Luggage	DVDs/Movies
Bedding/Blankets/Pillows	Adult Books
Holiday/Seasonal Décor	Kid's Books
Wall Hangings/Photo Frames	Toys/Games
House Décor	
Larger Items to set outside-Small appliances/Furniture, Plants, Lamps, Beds, Mattresses, etc.	

**PLEASE BE SURE ITEMS ARE CLEAN AND IN WORKING ORDER!**

**(No tube TVs, large appliances or furniture, outdated computer equipment, or NO PAINT/STAIN CANS)**

Contact with questions on large items or volunteering:

Amber Beukelman at 712-348-5960 or [ambersplace730@gmail.com](mailto:ambersplace730@gmail.com)