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Next Steps Code



First Reformed Church

“Building God’s Kingdom One Life at a Time”



“Because He Lives”

Luke 24:1-12

Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025

Worship | 9:30 AM

No Sunday School or Children & Worship

Online: www.sheldonfirstreformed.com/worshipservices.cfm

GROW

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

SERVE

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

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/.

YOUTH

Our Wednesday night ministry for 7th & 8th grades will meet at 6:15-7:30 PM. Our high school will meet at 7:45-9 PM. Both meet in the Youth House at the southwest corner of the campus. Contact Caitie at caitie@sheldonfirstreformed.com or check for updates on Facebook, [frcsheldon-student ministries](https://www.facebook.com/frcsheldon-student-ministries).

CHILDREN

During worship, childcare is available for children birth-3 and Children & Worship for kids 4 years-K. During Sunday school, classes are available for ages 3 and up. On Wednesday night, TeamKID for grades 1-6 is from 6:15-7:30 PM. For more information, contact the church at sami@sheldonfirstreformed.com.



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

General Fund:	\$ 54,061.97
Benevolent Fund:	\$ 11,472.98
2025 Monthly Needs:	\$ 48,842.50
2025 Annual Budget:	\$ 586,110.06
Average Attendance/Views:	336/123
Monthly Volunteer Hours:	: 772.25

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Apr 20 EASTER SUNDAY

PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE: 8 AM

EASTER BRUNCH: 8-9 AM in church lounge & Fellowship Hall

NO CHILDREN & WORSHIP

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Apr 21 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY

SHELDON UNITY MEAL: 5:30-6:30 PM @ Living Water Church

Apr 22 EVENING CIRCLE: 7 PM in the church lounge

Apr 23 LAST FAMILY NIGHT MEAL

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Apr 27 PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE: 8 AM

Apr 30 NO FAMILY NIGHT MEALS UNTIL THE FALL

May 1 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE: 6:30 PM @ Bethel Reformed

April 30 from 7:45 PM - 9:00 PM

Our high school ministry year ends with an Amazing Race event. This is a favorite among our students! To make this event a success we need individuals, couples and families willing to host a stop. We could still use a few more hosts for that evening. You can get creative and come up with an activity/challenge on your own or Caitie can help you come up with something. If you might be interested, please let Caitie know. We are also in need of additional drivers (a total of 8) to take the groups to the various locations. You may take them in your own vehicle (mini van/SUV).

Note: It generally does not take the kids the entire time.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY - April 23

5:30-6:30 PM: Burger/Hotdogs - Last Family Night Meal

6:15-7:30 PM: TeamKID

6:15-7:30 PM: Middle School (Alpha Teens)

6:30-7:30 PM: Adult Bible Study

7:45-9 PM: High School (RCYF)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Apr 27 REVERSE OFFERING DISTRIBUTION
Apr 30 TEAMKID END-OF-YEAR PIZZA PARTY
May 5 DEADLINE TO SUBMIT MONEY FOR MOTHER'S DAY BOUQUET
May 11 MOTHER'S DAY
May 25 GRADUATION SUNDAY
July 6-9 VBS - sign up to attend or help - either online or in Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS

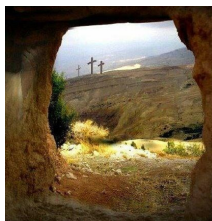
PRESCHOOL: Lower-Level, Room 12
KINDERGARTEN: LL, Room 13
1st GRADE: LL, Room 15
2nd GRADE: LL, Room 17
3rd GRADE: LL, Room 20
4th GRADE: LL, Room 14
5th & 6th GRADES: LL, Room 16/18
7th & 8th GRADES: Tower, Room 32
9th - 12th GRADES: Tower, Room 33
The GUIDE: Youth House

SUNDAY SERVANTS

TODAY - April 20

Easter Sunday

SOUND/VIDEO: Evan, Amber & Chad
FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM: #3
MORNING COFFEE: Denise B
ELDER PRAYER: Leon Kleinwolterink
FRONT DOOR: Greg Sawyer
NO CHILDREN & WORSHIP
NURSERY: Wendy P & Katie VP
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY
ORGAN: Jett
VOCALS: Gavin, Gered, Marv, Laura, Twyla & Shannon
PIANO: Deanna
BASS: Kristin
DRUMS: Ethan



NEXT WEEK - April 27

SOUND/VIDEO: John, Julianna & Wendy
FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM: #4
MORNING COFFEE: Dianne W
ELDER PRAYER: Dixon Van Meeteren
FRONT DOOR: Brady Peters
CHILDREN & WORSHIP: Brenda G, Katie VP & Josie K
NURSERY: Deb DH & Kim W
SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY: Jordan & Brittany H
ORGAN: Deanna
VOCALS: Brett, Koby, Tom, Caitie, Dianne, Melissa
PIANO: JoElyn
BASS: Noah
DRUMS: Jason

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- ♦ Pray for Carol Sterk. She is hospitalized in Sioux Falls and is being treated for some heart issues.
- ♦ Pray for Tom Mouw, Jill and the rest of his family. He has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia and is currently hospitalized in Florida. Pray that his treatment plan will be effective.
- ♦ Praise God that Colette Bracy, daughter of Dan & Nikki, had her g-tube removed and is doing great! All of the prayers were clearly answered and most appreciated.
- ♦ Praise God for our Maundy Thursday service as it prepares us for the good news of Jesus's resurrection and reminds us of the importance of the empty tomb.
- ♦ Pray for those who are recovering from recent illnesses, hospitalizations and surgeries.
- ♦ Pray for those who have lost loved ones this year and are facing Easter without them.
- ♦ Pray for those who will be traveling during the Easter season. Pray for travel mercies.
- ♦ Pray for the renovation in the south wing of the lower-level. Praise that things are rapidly progressing and the June 1 completion date looks like it will be a reality!
- ♦ Continue to pray for the VBS team as they plan for this summer's VBS. Things are well underway. Pray that we will have plenty of volunteers for it as well.

EASTER SERVICE

Easter service is very well attended. This means that seating will be an issue. We ask that you move to the middle of the pews to accommodate others that are attending the worship. There will be additional seating in the Fellowship Hall and at the back of the sanctuary for late comers.

2025 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

WHEN: Thursday, May 1

TIME: 6:30 PM

WHERE: Bethel Reformed Church

Come join in a chorus of worship and prayer. We will gather around the theme of "Hope for the Generations".

Sponsored by: Sheldon Area Ministerial, Rise Ministries and Honor God Ministries



**Use QR code below to give
towards VBS 2025!**

Donations will be used for tee shirts, food, supplies, and all other expenses.



**WOULD YOU LIKE
TO HELP WITH
VBS?**

There is a sign-up sheet on the wall by the VBS table in the Fellowship Hall. If you can only volunteer for part of the time, we still need you! Come and help "Magnify the Lord" during this important children's ministry to kids in our church and the surrounding communities!



**Join us
VBS 2025
July 6-9
5:30-8:30pm**

Register here:



Share this with coworkers, family, neighbors and friends. Each evening includes a meal for the kids. If you have any questions, feel free to send an email to frcsecretary@outlook.com or call the church office at 712.324.2130.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

**Register your kids for
summer camp at
Inspiration Hills**

Grab a brochure in the Fellowship Hall or [visit visitinspirationhills.org](http://visitinspirationhills.org) to review the camp offerings and register. FRC will cover half the cost of camp for your child and one of his or her friends. Register early because camps fill up quickly!



If you would like something to be included in the May Encore, please email items to frcsecretary@outlook.com by 9 AM on Thursday, April 24. This allows time to proofread it before printing.

***Multigenerational
Mission Trip***

Have you been looking for a way to serve God or maybe just looking for something different to help you grow closer to Jesus? We have a great opportunity for you! FRC is planning a multigenerational service trip for **July 14-19, 2025**. We're hoping to work with a missions organization and Love INC in Rapid City, South Dakota to help with some physical work projects and outreach initiatives in their community. This trip is open to high school age students and older. If interested contact Caitie, if you have any questions.



MOTHER'S DAY BOUQUET

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11. 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 collected over 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 5. The flowers will go to Fieldcrest after the May 11 service.

Make checks out to First Reformed RCWM.



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH REVERSE OFFERING 2025



The Love on the Locals team along with the deacons will be distributing envelopes on April 27, 2025 that include \$10 in “seed” money. Please use these funds and add some of your own to help someone in a personal way—face to face, person to person—in a relational way. It can be tempting to call an organization and donate the \$10 to them, but this is not the intention of the Reverse Offering. The Reverse Offering is to help you experience being a missionary in your own community. You will also be asked to write a brief note about what you did with the funds and how the recipient of your gift responded. No names, please. Make sure to explain to the people you bless why you are blessing them! Then return the note to the church in either the offering boxes or to the church office. Help encourage others by sharing how you creatively shared the Love of Jesus.

Some past examples of how people have used the Reverse Offering include:

- ◆ Pool your money with others to replace someone’s appliance that has gone bad.
- ◆ Buy ingredients to make baked goods, have a bake sale, and use the proceeds to purchase groceries for a family.
- ◆ Buy the meal or coffee for the car behind you in the drive-thru.
- ◆ Bring lunch to the administrative staff at East Elementary.
- ◆ Call the Sheldon middle school, tell them you have some extra funds and ask, “What do you need?” You might be amazed what a difference \$10 plus a little of your own money can make!
- ◆ Buy diapers for a family with a newborn or young child—they are expensive!!
- ◆ Buy pool passes for a family that is not likely to buy them for their children.

Thank you for your participation in the 2025 Reverse Offering!

“[Jesus] said to them ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.’” Mark 16:15

**Have you ever thought that sometimes the world is
across the street?**



Thank you to all have been involved with the TeamKID ministry. It has been a year of transition. We would like to especially thank Jill Van Meeteren for stepping into the leadership position during our time without a Children’s Discipleship Director. We would also like to thank all the TeamKID teachers, helpers, game/craft/music leaders and other volunteers. Lastly we want to thank the parents for allowing your children to be part of this ministry.



"We Care. For Everyone." 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 ***Tuesday, May 20, 2025 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 directed toward hand-held radios and scoop stretchers.

Are you interested in becoming an EMT and joining our team of volunteers? Ask us about it! We need YOU!!

Ladies! Plan to attend **Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon** with your friends on Monday, May 5 at Rock Valley First Christian Reformed Church (1401 16th Street, Rock Valley IA). *Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group.* The Luncheon begins at 11:30 AM; featured speaker is Gayle Walhof who will tell of her 4-year journey in publishing her book "Songs of Naamah – A Novel of King David's Harem". Updates from BLI will be given, and a freewill donation will be received. Join us for this FUN event!

He
is
our
Risen
Savior



Love on the Locals Food Collection for NCC Thunder Cupboard

We would like to collect these groceries for the NCC Thunder Cupboard to provide to students needing them. **Please leave your groceries in the Fellowship Hall tubs by April 29.**

Here is a list of items that have been helpful, but other items are welcome as well!

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| • Sugar | ☯ Milk |
| • Wheat flour | ☯ Butter |
| • Pasta | ☯ Eggs |
| • White rice | ◇ Bananas |
| • Brown rice | ◇ Apples |
| • Cooking oil | ◇ Oranges |
| • Cereal | ◇ Tomatoes |
| • Bread | ◇ Potatoes |
| • Juice | ◇ Onions |
| • Kidney/pinto beans | |
| • Pancake mix | |
| • Peanut butter | |
| • Jelly | |
| • Ramen noodles | |
| • Tea | |
| • Coffee | |
| • Spaghetti & other noodles | |
| • Tortillas | |
| • Tomato paste | |
| • Canned chicken | |

Place items that need to be refrigerated (☯) in the south refrigerator in the kitchen. Place fruit & vegetables (◇) on the west counter in the kitchen.