

FRC Contact Information

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SUNDAY SERVANTS

THIS WEEK - October 11

SOUND/VIDEO: Jim, Twyla & Joshua
FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM: #2
MORNING COFFEE: Denise B
ELDER PRAYER: Mike Kleinwolterink
FRONT DOOR: Marty Van Peursem
CHILDREN & WORSHIP: Brenda G, Jen S,
Harper VM & Chloe S
NURSERY: Darren & Amanda DG
SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY: Brandon &
Janna K
ORGAN: Jett
VOCALS: Maison, Gavin, Jori, Shantel,
Melissa & Shannon
PIANO: Shelley
BASS: Kristin
DRUMS: Ethan

NEXT WEEK - October 18

SOUND/VIDEO: Evan, Amber & Chad
FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM: #3
MORNING COFFEE: Sheila Z
ELDER PRAYER: Dennis Ten Clay
FRONT DOOR: Randy Fonkert
CHILDREN & WORSHIP: Sami F, JoElyn
TC, Aylah S, Lydia TC
NURSERY: Deb DH & Ashley K
SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY: Jim &
Jennifer G
ORGAN: Jett
VOCALS: Gered, Koby, Tom, Caitie, Kayli
& Dianne
PIANO: Deanna
BASS: Parker
DRUMS: Ethan



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"Building God's Kingdom One Life at a Time"



"The Wood and the Water"

Exodus 15:22-27

Next Steps Code



October 11, 2026
Sunday School | 10:45-11:30 AM
Worship | 9:30 AM

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 years and Children & Worship for kids 3 years-K. During Sunday school hour, classes are available for ages 3+ years. Wednesday night activities for Awana are for ages 3yr - 6th grade. See the Welcome Table for class locations for Sunday school & Wednesday nights. For more information, contact Sami 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 following the service. Hearing assistance devices are available for use. Please ask a host at the Welcome Table.

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY GIVING

General Fund:	\$ 73,082.00
Benevolent Fund:	\$ 63,161.80
2026 Monthly Needs:	\$ 48,842.50
2026 Annual Budget:	\$ 586,110.06
Average Attendance/Views:	298/143
August Volunteer Hours:	327.25

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Oct 11** PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE: 8:00 AM
MS FROZEN FOOD SALES after service
CREATIVE MOVEMENT PRACTICE: 4:30 PM
- Oct 12** CONGREGATIONAL CARE MTG: 6:00 PM in lounge
DIRECTORY UPDATES/PICTURES DUE TODAY
- Oct 15** EXECUTIVE TEAM MTG: 7:00 AM in Pastor's lounge
EVENING CIRCLE MEETING: 7:00 PM in lounge

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Oct 18** PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE: 8:00 AM
CHOIR SINGS: 8:30 AM meet in Youth House
MS FROZEN FOOD SALES after service
CREATIVE MOVEMENT PRACTICE: 4:30 PM
- Oct 19** SHELDON UNITY MEAL: 5:30-6:30 PM @ Living Water Church
- Oct 20** ELDERS/DEACONS MTGS: 6:30 PM
CONSISTORY MTG: 7:30 PM in Youth House
- Oct 21** AFTERNOON CIRCLE: 1:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS:

- Middle School Adult Volunteers
If you have any questions or are willing to help, please contact Caitie at caitie@sheldonfirstreformed.com.

OPEN FALL CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP POSITIONS

- ♦ 3rd Grade Sunday School Co-Teacher (every other week)
 - ♦ Awana Sparks (K-2) Large Group Leader (Teach 1x per month)
 - ♦ Awana Sparks (K-2) Small Group Leader
 - ♦ Awana T&T (3-6) Small Group Leader
- Please contact Sami if you are willing to fill one of these areas at sami@sheldonfirstreformed.com.*

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 14

5:00-6:15 PM: Creamed Chicken/Bun
(10/7 meal: 141 fed, \$111 donated)

6:00-7:30 PM: Awana

6:15-7:30 PM: Middle School Youth Group

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

7:30-8:10 PM: Choir Practice

7:45-9:00 PM: High School Youth Group

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OCT 12 DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ITEMS FOR DIRECTORY UPDATE

OCT 18 CHOIR SINGS - meet at 8:30 AM in the Youth House

OCT 21 FROZEN FOOD SALES ENDS - sales forms due

OCT 31 TRUNK OR TREAT: 4:30-6:30 PM - in north parking lot

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- ♦ **Women's Afternoon Bible Study:** Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM in the church lounge.
- ♦ **Women's Evening Circle:** Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the church lounge.
- ♦ **Adult Bible Study:** Meets on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 PM in the overflow area.

New and gently used winter coats are needed for the Coats for Kids distributions. Drop off your donations at Love INC (611 Park Row) anytime between now and October 30. Children's coats only please. Distribution dates: Oct 6 & Nov 3 from 4:30-6:00 PM at Bethel Reformed Church (711 6th Avenue).

The Mission Committee is looking for THREE volunteers to be members of the mission committee starting in January of 2027. It would be a three-year term. Contact Rodney Kruse with any questions at 712.348.4232 or at rodneykruse@hotmail.com.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

TRUNK OR TREAT - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 - 4:30-6:30 PM

It will be held in the north parking lot. A sign up sheet is on the Welcome Table for those who would like to participate. Let's fill the parking lot!

- If you would like to donate candy for this event, please bring it to the church office.
- We will be serving hotdogs and drink and handing out some trinkets. If you would like to help with this, please contact the church office

VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDER RECOGNITION EVENT

Saturday, November 14 from 8:00-10:00 AM at the Sheldon Community Center. We will be serving pancakes and sausage. Please encourage all veterans & first responders in our community to attend so that the community members can thank them for their service. We will need help with this event, sign up sheets will be on the Welcome Table.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Pray for Kirk Dekker and family. He will have surgery on Tuesday to amputate a finger after a traumatic injury last weekend.
- Praise God for the marriage of Jeffery and Madyssen Peterson. May God bless their life together.
- Pray for comfort for Myron & Vicki Holtrop and family. Vicki's mom died on Monday night.
- Pray for the family of Greta Wildeman. She passed away on Monday.
- Pray for God to work in the hearts of our members to encourage them to serve in the remaining unfilled areas in our children's and youth ministries.
- Praise God for the birth of twin daughters, Alora and Dixie, to Don and Emily Tune.
- Pray for those recovering from broken bones and surgeries.
- Please continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones. That first year without them is hard and prayers often are all we can do to comfort them.
- Praise God that Gladys Van Veldhuizen has returned to Sanford Senior Care where she will continue to recuperate from her broken hip.
- Pray for Gert Van Wyk and Dennis Van Meeteren who remain in the local hospital following falls that resulted in broken bones.
- Praise God for the youth activities that took place this week. Praises to all who helped with the middle school lock-in & the trips to the corn maze - bus and van drivers too!
- Continue to pray for those in our church who are fighting cancer: Kathi Stellinga, Murray Martins, Bonnie Fonkert, Francine Vander Pol and many others. Pray that their treatments will be successful.

Your Help is Needed at Family Night Meals

Adults who are NOT parents of kids attending Awana, or who are taking part in children or youth activities **PLEASE DON'T GET IN LINE TO EAT UNTIL AFTER 5:37 PM.** This will allow the kids to eat first so the various Wednesday night programs may start on time.

Church Directory Update

The deadline for submitting pictures to the church office is Monday, October 12. Please submit all personal information to either frcsecretary@outlook.com or wendy@sheldonfrstrefomed.com. This is also a good time to review and let us know if any of your information needs to be changed. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Van Velzen at 712.441.6967.

OCTOBER AWANA SCHEDULE

7

REGULAR MEETING

14

THEME NIGHT- KINGDOM KIDS

21

REGULAR MEETING
AWANA STORE

28

REGULAR MEETING

Theme night-
Kingdom kids:
Dress like
royalty!
Crowns
welcome

OUTREACH COLLECTIONS

SPORTS SNACK PACKS

We will be making snack packs for Sheldon students involved in activities. We would like to collect Gatorade and granola bars. Please bring these items and place them in the tubs in the Fellowship Hall.

Family meal: 5:00-6:30
Awana: 6:00-7:30



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Collection for NCC Thunder Cupboard We will be collecting items through November 8.

Please see the list of items below. Marked tubs will be placed in the Fellowship Hall. Other items are welcome as well!

- Sugar
- Wheat flour
- Pasta
- White rice
- Brown rice
- Cooking oil
- Cereal
- Bread
- Juice
- Kidney/pinto beans
- Pancake mix
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Ramen noodles
- Tea
- Coffee
- Spaghetti & other noodles

- Tortillas
- Tomato paste
- Canned chicken
- ☯ Milk
- ☯ Butter
- ☯ Eggs
- ◇ Bananas
- ◇ Apples
- ◇ Oranges
- ◇ Tomatoes
- ◇ Potatoes
- ◇ Onions

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



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEING OFFERED 10:45-11:30 AM

- The adult Sunday School class that meets in the Friendship House studies **"The Guide"**. We study different scripture passages each week and have discussion questions which apply the Scripture to every day living.
- **"Ecclesiastes - Finding Meaning When Life Feels Meaningless"** by Lydia Brownbeck. This ladies class will be led by Sheila Peelen & Laura Kruse.
- **"Christ Over Culture"** How can we as a community of women, respond to God's calling on our lives to bring biblical clarity to a world of confusion & chaos. This 12-week class will bolster our courage to defend our faith against conflicting world views, and personally challenge us to make changes in our biblical perspectives and priorities. The class will be taught by Connie Van Meeteren.
- **"New Members Class"** - Is there a stirring in your heart about Jesus? Discover the foundations of the Christian faith, trusting in Jesus Christ, living in a relationship with Him and if so desired, to prepare to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.
- **"Study of Daniel"** - Daniel's faith allowed him to exit the furnace unscathed. As you examine the life of the prophet Daniel, you'll learn how you can possess the courage of conviction and the fruit of godly confidence - all through simple obedience. This men's class will be led by Jett Korver, Evan De Hoogh & Rodney Kruse.
- **"Couples of the Old Testament."** - **Begins today.** The Old Testament tells the stories of fascinating men and women in relationship. Join us to dig deeper in these relationships highlighted in the Bible to learn important lessons about marriage, God and yourself. The class will be co-lead by Gered & Gina De Hoogh and Brad & Janice Vander Pol. This class will meet in the Ark Room on the lower-level.

**CLASSROOM LOCATIONS ARE POSTED ON THE "KIDS CORNER" EASEL,
WELCOME TABLE AT THE FRONT ENTRY & IN HALLWAYS.**



CREATIVE MOVEMENT

If you haven't signed up yet, it is not too late. The sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table. Practices are at 4:30 PM on Sunday afternoon. Enter in the north door by the kitchen. Practices last about a half hour.