

# THE FOCUS

First Reformed Church  
August 2025

## August Church Calendar

### Sundays:

- Summer Congregational Worship: 9:30 AM; 8/3 & 10
- Congregational Worship: 8:30 & 10:30 AM; 8/17, 24, & 31
- Legos in the Loft: available for families during worship
- Backpack Blessings: during 8:30 & 10:30 services; 8/24
- Rau's Commissioning Celebration: 9:45 AM; 8/17
- NWC Athlete Breakfast: 9:30 AM; 8/17
- College Breakfast: 9:30 AM; 8/24 & 31
- All Church Potluck: 11:00 AM; 8/10

### Mondays:

- PiYo: 6:30 AM
- Women's Bible Study (How Much More): 6:30 PM
- Corn Creek Wood Cutting: 6:00 PM; 8/11 & 25
- Women's Volleyball: 8:00 PM

For more information or to join these activities please visit our website at [frcoc.org](http://frcoc.org) or call the church office at 737-4909.

### Tuesdays:

- Men's Bible Study: 6:30 AM
- Staff Meeting: 8:30 AM
- TABS (Women's Bible Study): 2:00 PM; 8/12
- Naomi Circle: 1:30 PM; 8/26
- Consistory Meeting: 7:00 PM; 8/19

### Wednesdays:

- Blocks & Knots: 1:00 PM; 8/13 & 27
- NWC Athlete Supper: 5:00 PM, 8/13
- Wednesday Evening Meal: 5:15 PM; 8/27
- Kids Ministries Kick Off Event: 6:30 PM; 8/27
- Youth Ministries Kick Off Event: 7:30 PM; 8/27

### Thursdays:

- PiYo: 6:30 AM
- Senior Adults: 2:00 PM; 8/14

### Saturdays: Run Club: 7:00 am

## ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup> @ 11:00 AM

FRC Fellowship Hall

BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

## ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL

Starting Wednesday, August 27  
5:15 - 6:15 pm



See our menu at  
[frcoc.org/wednesdaymeal](http://frcoc.org/wednesdaymeal)

FRC KIDS' MINISTRIES

## BOUNCE BACK BASH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Join us for Lawn Games, Bouncy Houses, and a Scavenger Hunt!

## PARENT & TEEN THROWDOWN

ONE EPIC NIGHT OF GAMES,  
STORIES & VISION FOR THE  
YEAR AHEAD

MIDDLE SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27  
THE LOFT 7:30-8:30 PM

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Return to 2 Services AUGUST 17 @ 8:30 & 10:30 AM

## August Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Content of this section not  
available online.**



\_\_\_\_\_ = Anniversary | \* = 80+ | \*\* = 90+ | \*\*\* = 100+

**Blessing of the BACKPACKS**

Bring your backpack to church for a special prayer time.

**AUGUST 24**  
during the services



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## August College Breakfast Servers

### August 24:

- Michelle Vaas
- Mary Oldenkamp
- Linda Vander Zwaag
- Chery & Dale Hiemstra
- Brent & Tara Oolman
- Leanne Bonnecroy
- Peg Smith
- Stefan & Miranda Maassen

### August 31:

- Doug & Peg Te Grotenhuis
- Kathy Meendering
- Dana Brenneman
- Ronja Jung
- Rose Van Der Weide
- Judy Vander Wege



## August Connections Volunteers

### Sanctuary Greeters

#### August 3:

- Riley Bruxvoort - North Door
- Brett Mulder - Center Door
- Nora Mulder - South Door

#### August 10:

- Audley Van Peursem - North Door
- Jack/Julia Vander Stelt - Center Door
- Janice Noto - South Door

#### August 17:

- Sherri Koerselman - North Door
- Corky Koerselman - Center Door
- Dawn Kroese - South Door

#### August 24:

- Randi Coe - North Door
- Grant Rychnovsky - Center Door
- Ray Lynn - South Door

#### August 31:

- Meg Otto - North Door
- Kevin Hoogeveen - Center Door
- Ruth Hoogeveen - South Door

### Outside Door Openers

#### August 3:

- Linda De Smit - North Door
- Bruce Vermaat - South Door

#### August 10:

- Aletha Beeson - North Door
- Shonna Hector - South Door

#### August 17:

- Karie Stamer - North Door
- Ellie Vitamvas - South Door

#### August 24:

- Pat Brenneman - North Door
- Jeff Otto - South Door

#### August 31:

- Suzanne Haverdink - North Door
- Amy Eben - South Door

# WELCOME

### Coffee Servers

#### August 3:

- Harold & Bev De Jager

#### August 10:

- Dave & Sandy Harmelink

#### August 17:

- Ron & Bonnie De Jong

#### August 24:

- Jean De Jong & JoLynn Van Steenwyk

#### August 31:

- Marv & Marlys De Koster

### Welcome Center

#### August 3:

- Ron K. De Jong

#### August 10:

- Marie Vermeer

#### August 17:

- Ruth Lyftogt

#### August 24:

- Meg Otto

#### August 31:

- Mary Oldenkamp

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**SIGN UP NOW!**

[frcoc.org/volunteer-signup](https://frcoc.org/volunteer-signup) | Welcome Center Sign Up

### SUNDAY

- GREETERS
- DOOR OPENERS
- COFFEE SERVERS
- WELCOME CENTER
- COLLEGE BREAKFAST



### WEDNESDAY

- EVENING MEAL SERVERS
- MEAL PREP





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To our FRCOC Family:

All praise, honor, and glory to God alone for the work He did through our church family during RAGBRAI. The countless hours of planning, organizing, and preparing led to a successful weekend of the church showing up for thousands near and far. To all who prepared, cooked, served, and helped in any way...THANK YOU!! We are beyond grateful for the work that went into RAGBRAI weekend.

It reminds us of the early church in Acts; giving up possessions, time, and talents to love and serve others in the name of Christ. It was a beautiful testament of the church being more than just a building. With the doors open wide, we were able to serve, see, and love all who are made in the image of God (and maybe a few four-legged friends). Thank you, FRC, for showing up, supporting us, and being a part of our story. Thank you for loving us and others! Through that love you are serving Christ.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."  
Matthew 25:40

In Christ's Love,  
The Rau Family



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17**

**RAU'S COMMISSIONING**

During the Services

**AND SEND OFF**

At 9:45 am  
with Cupcakes  
Bouncy House



Thanks to the generosity of supporters, fundraising efforts brought in approximately \$15,750.

**FRC**  
FREE College  
Breakfast

Begins Sunday, August 24  
9:30 - 10:30 AM



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!  
**ATHLETE MEALS**

**SIGN UP TO BRING FOOD OR SERVE  
A MEAL TO NWC ATHLETES**

**SUPPER:**  
AUGUST 13  
4:30-5:30 PM  
5:30-6:45 PM

**BREAKFAST:**  
AUGUST 17  
9:30-10:30 AM

SIGN UP AT [FRCOC.ORG/VOLUNTEER-SIGNUP](https://frcoc.org/volunteer-signup)  
OR AT THE WELCOME CENTER



"The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.  
The Lord is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made."  
— Psalm 145:8-9 (NIV)

