

THE FOCUS

First Reformed Church
October 2025

October Church Calendar

Sundays:

- Congregational Worship: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
- Promise Kids: dismissed from worship
- College Breakfast: 9:30 AM
- Children (PK-5) Sunday School: 9:40 AM
- Youth (MS & HS) Bible Study: 9:45 AM
- Young Adult & College Real Talk: 9:45 AM
- Adult Education: 9:45 AM
- First Steps Luncheon: 11:45 AM, 10/5
- Sunday Evening Gatherings: 5:30 PM

Mondays:

- PiYo: 6:30 AM

Tuesdays:

- Men's Bible Study: 6:30 AM
- Staff Meeting: 8:30 AM
- Naomi Circle: 1:30 PM, 10/28
- TABS (Women's Bible Study): 2:00 PM, 10/14
- Consistory Meeting: 7:00 PM, 10/21

Wednesdays:

- Blocks & Knots: 1:30 PM, 10/8 & 22
- Library Board Meeting: 1:30 PM, 10/1

Wednesday Evenings:

- Evening Meal: 5:15 PM, not on 10/29
- Fall Serve Day: 5:30 PM, 10/8
- Kids Choir: 6:00 PM, not on 10/29
- Trunk or Treat: 6:00 PM, 10/29
- Children K-1 (What's in the Bible): 6:30 PM, not on 10/29
- Children 2-5 (AWANA): 6:30 PM, not on 10/29
- JAM Middle School Youth Group: 6:30 PM, not on 10/29
- *You'll Get Through It...* Book Study: 6:30 PM, not on 10/29
- Men's Bible Study: 6:30 PM
- Prayer Warriors: 6:30 PM
- Children's Prayer Partner Night: 7:00 PM, 10/1
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM, 10/1, 8, 15, & 22
- SURF High School Youth Group: 8:00 PM, not on 10/29

Thursdays:

- PiYo: 6:30 AM
- Mary Martha Circle: 2:00 PM, 10/2
- Senior Adults: 2:00 PM, 10/9
- Women's Volleyball: 8:00 PM

For more information or to join these activities please visit our website at frcoc.org or call the church office at 737-4909.

OCTOBER 2025

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28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

YOU'RE INVITED TO
FIRST STEPS
EXPLORE FRC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 @ 11:45 AM



Register at frcoc.org/firststeps

- Learn About FRC
- Meet the Staff
- Ask Questions
- Take a Tour
- Pizza Lunch



**Trunk
or
Treat**

Wednesday, October 29
6:00-7:30 PM

North Church Parking Lot

Reserve your car spot at
frcoc.org/trunkortreat



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Content of this section not
available online.

_____ = Anniversary | * = 80+ | ** = 90+ | *** = 100+

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sundays, 9:45 - 10:25 am

Journeying as Disciples

October: Diving into Exodus
led by Corky Koerselman & Dave Poppen
in the **Chapel**, 9:45 - 10:25 am

The Guide

October: The Flourishing Early Church (Acts 2)
in the **Office Conference Room**, 9:45 - 10:25 am

Come Any Sunday, Leave Encouraged

YOUNG ADULTS & COLLEGE

Real Talk: **Faith & Life**

A Sunday School class designed to help
young adults belong, grow, and lead.

Sundays @ 9:45 - 10:15 AM
in the Library

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October College Breakfast Servers



October 5:

- Kurt & Jill Wierda
- Dawn Kroese
- Aletha Beeson
- Doug & Jamie De Jong
- Ron & Bonnie De Jong
- Marlys De Koster
- Kayla Tindall
- Darin & Krista Pals

October 12:

- Lyle & Mary Lundgren
- Cristi Kelch
- Barry & Lora Brandt
- Taylor & Heather Warntjes
- Jon & Lynn Howerzyl
- Judy TeGrootenhuis
- Jeff & Renee Guthmiller
- Ray & Diane Raak

October 26:

- Mark & Teresa Gunderson
- Daron & Emily De Jong
- Aud Van Peursem
- Renee Scholten
- Larry & Judy Dokter
- Larissa Miller
- Paul & Arlis Kraai
- Patty De Kock

October Connections Volunteers

Coffee Servers

October 5:

- Josh & Whitney Fakkema

October 12:

- Mark & Teresa Gunderson

October 19:

- Jeff & Renee Guthmiller

October 26:

- Eli & Maci Haverdink

Sanctuary Greeters

October 5:

- Austin Schlatter - North Door
- Paul/Arlis Kraai - Center Door
- Brenda Bruxvoort - South Door

October 12:

- Ann Korver - North Door
- Jerry Dykstra - Center Door
- Harlan Bousema - South Door

October 19:

- Ron/Diane Koele - North Door
- Doug Te Grotenhuis - Center Door
- Renee Wynia - South Door

October 26:

- Ron/Bonnie De Jong - North Door
- Karie Stamer - Center Door
- Jonathon Beaver - South Door

Outside Door Openers

October 5:

- Beth Tullar - North Door
- Kevin Tullar - South Door

October 12:

- Bruce Vermaat/Lori Vander Molen - North Door
- Kayla Tindall - South Door

October 19:

- Addi Yamba - North Door
- Matt Dahl - South Door

October 26:

- Kate Jeltema - North Door
- Darin Pals - South Door

welcome

Welcome Center

October 5:

- Meg Otto

October 12:

- June Van Oort

October 19:

- Shayla Dahl

October 26:

- Jon Jeltema

Fall SERVE DAY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 @ 5:30 - 7:30 PM

SHARE A PICNIC MEAL & HELP
HOMEOWNERS WITH YARD CLEANUP

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT
737-4909 TO NOMINATE A HOME

REGISTER AT [FRCOC.ORG/SERVEDAY](https://frcoc.org/serveday)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SIGN UP NOW!

frcoc.org/volunteer | Welcome Center Sign Up

SUNDAY

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



WEDNESDAY

- EVENING MEAL SERVERS
- MEAL PREP



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Dear FRC family members:

Thank you for your kind words and strengthening prayers following the death of our precious grandson, Jacob, in mid-August. Your presence, hugs, tears, cards, concern, listening ears, gifts, and assurances of prayers were the tangible evidence of God's promises to us: "I will be with you," "I am the Good Shepherd," "I will never leave you nor forsake you," "Cast your cares on Him for He cares for you."

Tom and Carla Hydeen

My doctor at Sanford told me that the people who recover the best are the patients who have the support of family and friends. Thank you for the many ways you supported me during my hospital stay and through my recovery at home. Thank you, Pastor Mark, for your phone calls, texts, and personal visits to both our home and Sanford in Sioux Falls. We experienced once again God's care for us through the special people He has placed in our lives.

Grace and Peace,
Audrey and Jim Van Gorp and family



Words of Hope: Bringing the Gospel to the Nations

For nearly 80 years, Words of Hope has been sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with people who might otherwise never hear it. What began as a radio broadcast now reaches across 12 countries in more than 80 languages through devotionals, radio, social media, Bible distribution, discipleship, and even church planting.

At the heart of the ministry is a dual mission: to equip local Christian leaders to proclaim the gospel in their own heart languages, and to help believers everywhere grow in faith through daily Scripture and prayer. Words of Hope devotionals connect people to God's truth while also linking them to the stories of Christians around the world whose faith inspires and strengthens.

On **Sunday, October 19**, we welcome **Rev. Jon Opgenorth, President of Words of Hope**, as our guest preacher. Come and hear how God is working around the world—and how we can join in His mission.

**WORDS
OF
HOPE**
Good News. All Ways.

Thank you to all our friends at FRCOC for the cards, prayers, and words of sympathy at the passing of Tom's mother. Mom was a woman of deep faith and while we are thankful for her 100 years of life here with us, we now celebrate her being at home in heaven. Your kindness to us is deeply appreciated!

Tom and Peg Smith