

## September 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: Faith & Life: 9:45 AM
- Adult Education: 9:45 AM
- Sunday Evening Gatherings: 5:30 PM

### Mondays:

- Church Office Closed for Labor Day, 9/1
- PiYo: 6:30 AM
- *How Much More* Women's Bible Study: 6:30 PM; 9/1 & 8
- Women's Volleyball: 8:00 PM

### Tuesdays:

- Men's Bible Study: 6:30 AM
- Staff Meeting: 8:30 AM
- Naomi Circle: 1:30 PM, 9/23
- TABS (Women's Bible Study): 2:00 PM, 9/9
- Consistory Meeting: 7:00 PM, 9/16

### Wednesdays:

- Blocks & Knots: 1:00 PM; 9/10 & 24
- Library Board Meeting: 1:30 PM, 9/3

### Wednesday Evenings:

- Evening Meal: 5:15 PM
- Kids Choir: 6:00 PM
- K-5 Ministries: 6:30 PM
- JAM Middle School Youth Group: 6:30 PM
- Men's Bible Study: 6:30 PM
- Prayer Warriors: 6:30 PM
- Children's Prayer Partner Night: 7:00 PM, 9/3
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM, 9/3, 10, & 17
- SURF High School Youth Group: 8:00 PM

### Thursdays:

- PiYo: 6:30 AM
- Mary Martha Circle: 2:00 PM, 9/4
- Senior Adults: 12:00 PM, 9/11

### Saturdays:

- Running Group: 7:00 AM

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.

## ELIJAH

God at work in a world off course.



New Sermon Series Begins September 7.  
Register for a Bible Reading Plan at [frcoc.org/elijah](http://frcoc.org/elijah).

### YOUNG ADULTS & COLLEGE

## Real Talk: Faith & Life

SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER  
(9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28)

9:45 - 10:15 AM in the LOFT



## Adult Christian Education

### The Discipleship Journey

Hymn Stories, Testimonies, Bible Readings and more  
in the **Chapel** 9:45 - 10:25 am

### The Guide

An In-Depth Look at Scripture  
in the **Office Conference Room** 9:45 - 10:25 am

**Begins September 7**

## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

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

*Sunday Evening Gathering*

Sundays @ 5:30 PM – Starting September 7<sup>th</sup> – In the Chapel

# THE FOCUS

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## September College Breakfast Servers



### September 7:

- Craig & Leah Pennings
- Doug & Teresa Brunsting
- Marty & Tami Guthmiller
- Dawn Van Den Bosch
- Nick & Allison Adams
- Sara Burmakow
- Bruce & Kristina Vander Stelt
- Megan Burmakow

### September 14:

- Juliana Bloemendaal
- Ron & Bonnie De Jong
- Tony & Kolbie Vande Brake
- Aud Van Peursem
- Gerald & Amy Van Roekel
- Denise Sneller
- Nick & Mikkell Baker
- D.D. & Dotty Trost

### September 21:

- Mark & Lori Bloemendaal
- Dann & Glenda De Vries
- Marie Vermeer
- Kevin & Karie Stamer
- Randy & Shelly Ritsema
- Peyton and Natalie Nieuwsma
- Gail Dorn
- Bill & Kathy Van Marel

### September 28:

- Jim & Bonnie Huygens
- Kevin & Kim Van Klompenburg
- Randi Coe
- Kyle & Allison Van Wyk
- Jeff & Meg Otto
- Bonnie Poppen
- Brent & Ellie Carmichael
- Teri Anderson

## September Connections Volunteers

### Coffee Servers

#### September 7:

- Brian & Patty De Kock

#### September 14:

- Dann & Glenda De Vries

#### September 21:

- Al & Linda Donaldson

#### September 28:

- David & Sarah Dykstra

### Sanctuary Greeters

#### September 7:

- Mary Tracy - North Door
- Jeff Otto - Center Door
- Shelly Ritsema - South Door

#### September 14:

- Cindy Connell - North Door
- Chase Vermeer - Center Door
- Steve Connell - South Door

#### September 21:

- Emily De Jong - North Door
- Renee Scholten - Center Door
- Daron De Jong - South Door

#### September 28:

- Judy Dokter - North Door
- Brian De Kock - Center Door
- Larry Dokter - South Door

### Welcome Center

#### September 7:

- Renee Guthmiller

#### September 14:

- Suzanne Haverdink

#### September 21:

- Amy Eben

#### September 28:

- Kelly Goslinga

# Welcome

A big thank you to all who provided food and served at the athlete supper and to those who served at the athlete breakfast. We served 308 athletes at the supper and 160 at the the breakfast.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Register at  
[frcoc.org/volunteer](http://frcoc.org/volunteer)  
or at the Welcome Center

**SIGN UP NOW!**



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## Chiller Announcement

The deacons have reviewed bids and approved a plan to replace the failing chiller that provides air conditioning for our building. We have signed an agreement to purchase a Trane chiller system, similar to our current unit. The total cost of the project is approximately **\$290,000**. Thanks to the faithful giving of our congregation, we were able to take advantage of a discount by paying the majority of the cost upfront using funds carried over from previous years. The remaining balance will be due once the project is complete. Work is scheduled to begin later this fall and should be finished before winter. To help us maintain a strong financial position, we invite you to consider giving a designated gift toward the Chiller Project in addition to your regular offerings. You can give online, mark your gift as “**Chiller Project**” and place it in an offering box or send it directly to the church. A special thanks to Darin Pals, Andrew Bloemendaal, and Pat Van Gelder for their extra effort in researching and negotiating this project.

I want to thank Pastor Mark and Pastor Fred for their visits during my hospitalization and recovery. Also, thank you for the prayers and cards of encouragement. We don't know what God has in store for our lives, but we do know He will hold us close in difficult times.  
Thanks again, Jim Aberson

We want to say thank you to all who came out to clean up our yard after the wind storm. It was very much appreciated. We are blessed to have a caring church.  
~ Wilbur and JoAnn De Jong

Thank you to Pastor Mark and crew for the cleanup around our house. We appreciate all your time and work.  
~ Doug and Linda Van Berkum



**Begins September 7**  
**FOR CHILDREN AGES 3 - TK**  
during the preaching portion of  
our morning services

**Located downstairs in the Kids Ministry area**

## **FRC KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**3 YEARS OLD THROUGH 5TH GRADE**

Starting September 7  
in the Kids Sunday School Classrooms



**SUNDAY YOUTH  
BIBLE STUDY**  
in the gym 9:45 AM  
starting September 7

**LeaderTrek**  
YOUTH MINISTRY