

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OF FAITH ?

First Reformed Church - September 27, 2026

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are here, and we have been praying for you. Visit the Welcome Center and pick up a free gift, or connect with us at frcoc.org/welcome.

Nursery: available (for infant to age 3).

Busy Bags & Children's Bulletins: available at the Welcome Center.

Promise Kids (3-TK) dismissed from worship before the sermon.

Kids Sunday School: 9:40 AM (Children's Ministry Area)

Youth Bible Study: 9:40 AM (Loft)

Young Adults Class: 9:45 AM (Library)

Adult Education Classes: 9:45 AM

- *Chapel Class* (Chapel)
- *Exploring the Heidelberg Catechism* (Office Conference Room)

Morning Service (8:30 & 10:30 AM)

Worship Songs:

That's Who I Praise

Praise

O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

Speak O Lord

It Is Well with My Soul

Message: *Why Does God Allow Pain and Suffering?*

Text: Psalm 22:1-2; Genesis 2:15-17

Speaking: Pastor Fred De Jong

*Communion will be served at morning worship next Sunday, October 4.
Gluten-free wafers will be available.*

Evening Gathering (5:30 PM)

Mission Partners from Madagascar: Join us at the evening service tonight as our longtime mission partners share about their ministry in Madagascar and how God is at work through their service.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR YOUNG ADULTS

HOW FAITH MEETS EVERYDAY LIFE

9:45AM | LIBRARY

This Week at FRC

Sun 9/27 - Today:

11:45 AM: First Steps Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

4:00 PM: Adult Bible Study: *Explore God* (Fred & Ingrid's house)

Mon 9/28:

6:30 PM: Women's Bible Study: *See for Yourself* (Chapel)

Tue 9/29:

6:30 AM: Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study (Library)

8:30 AM: Staff Meeting (Library)

Wed 9/30:

5:15 PM: Beast Feast Wild Game Fundraiser (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM: Prayer Warriors (Pastor Mark's Office)

6:00 PM: K-5 Kids Ministries (Children's Ministry Area)

6:30 PM: Adult Bible Study: *What Has Your Heart?* (Prayer Room)

6:30 PM: Middle School Ministry (Gym/Loft)

6:30 PM: Praise Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)

8:00 PM: High School Ministry (Gym/Loft)

Thu 10/1:

7:00 AM: Women's Bible Study: *Bible Studies for Life* (Library)

2:00 PM: Mary Martha Circle (Library) (Lydia - Acts 16:6-40)

6:00 PM: GriefShare (Office Conference Room)

6:30 PM: Missionary Visit (Chapel)

Sat 10/3:

6:30 AM: Running Group (Windmill Park - Picnic Shelter)

For more information on these activities please stop at the Welcome Center after the service, visit our website at frcoc.org, or call the church office at 737-4909.

RUNNING GROUP

Meet at the Windmill Park picnic shelter.

SATURDAYS @ 6:30 AM

NEW & EXPERIENCED
RUNNERS WELCOME!

FRC Groups

Looking for a place to connect and grow? These groups are currently welcoming new people. Groups are a great way to build meaningful relationships, grow in your faith, and share life with others.



Take a look and see if one might be a good fit for you.



Sunday Evening Adult Group (Dave & Bonnie Poppen)

- **When:** 2nd & 4th Sundays, 6:45–8:00 PM
- **Where:** Poppen home
- **Format:** Short video, discussion, prayer, and time to build meaningful relationships.



Wednesday Evening Adult Group (Les & Cindy Cleveringa)

- **When:** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 PM
- **Where:** Church (2nd) & Cleveringa home (4th)
- **Format:** Scripture, short videos, discussion, prayer, and mutual support.



Sunday Late Afternoon Family Group (Taylor & Mindy Stichka)

- **When:** 2nd & 4th Sundays, 4:00–5:30 PM
- **Where:** Stichka home
- **Kids:** Children welcome; no childcare provided
- **Format:** A relaxed group focused on friendship, encouragement, prayer, and sharing life together.



New Family Group (Jon & Jill Swisher)

- **When:** TBD Sundays or Wednesdays
- **Where:** TBD
- **Kids:** Children play together while parents meet
- **Format:** Topical discussion about parenting, marriage, everyday faith, and family life.



Thursday Evening Women's Group (April Beaver)

- **When:** 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:00–8:00 PM
- **Where:** Beaver home
- **Format:** Short teaching, honest discussion, prayer, and encouragement.

FRC Groups (cont)



Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Galen Kleinwolterink, Ken Oldenkamp & Jeff Otto)

- **When:** Tuesdays, 6:30–7:30 AM; weekly
- **Where:** Church Library
- **Format:** Rotating leaders guide discussion and practical application, often building on Sunday's message.



Wednesday Evening Men's Group (Pastor Mark Haverdink)

- **When:** Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 PM; weekly
- **Where:** Church Library
- **Format:** Discussion, reflection, encouragement, and practical faith for everyday life.



FUEL – Young Adults (Allie Eckmann)

- **When:** About once a month; dates vary
- **Where:** Various locations
- **Format:** Social gatherings and activities designed to build friendships, connection, and encouragement.



Gather & Go – Ladies (Niccie Kliegl)

- **When:** Several times throughout the year
- **Where:** Various locations
- **Format:** Fun outings and activities that create opportunities for friendship, fellowship, and connection.

READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP?

See a group that might be a good fit? Visit frcoc.org/groupinterest to let us know you're interested. We'll help you get connected with the group leader and learn more.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING ELSE?

That's okay! There may be other opportunities to connect, or we can learn more about the kind of group you're looking for. Visit frcoc.org/groupinterest, and tell us what would work for you, or stop by **The Link between services this Sunday** to talk with Niccie Kliegl. She'd be glad to help you explore your options.



Coming Soon & Announcements

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study: Go deeper with God and grow in your everyday walk with Jesus through *Bible Studies for Life*, a practical, Scripture-centered study led by Mary Tracy. The study meets weekly on Thursdays from 7:00–8:00 AM in the library at FRC, beginning October 1. Register at frcoc.org/womensministry.

Starved Women's Bible Study: Join Niccie Kliegl as we let go of what leaves us spiritually depleted and discover the nourishing truths and rhythms found in Jesus. Meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month beginning October 7, from noon–1:00 PM in the Library. A light lunch will be provided. Register at frcoc.org/womensministry.

Senior Adults: *Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia*. Guest: Erica Eikern from the Alzheimer's Association in Sioux City. Thursday, October 8 at 2:00PM in the Chapel.

Kids Ministry Prayer Partners: Invest in the next generation through prayer! Prayer Partners are paired with a child from Kids Ministry to pray for throughout the year and connect with at special Prayer Partner events. Sign up to encourage a child and their family through faithful prayer at frcoc.org/prayerpartners.

Missionary Visit: Join us on Thursday, October 1, at 6:30 PM in the Chapel to hear from Barry, a veteran missionary with nearly 40 years of experience in global ministry, as he shares about long-term missions and mentoring the next generation of workers in Western Asia. Desserts and refreshments to follow. All are welcome!

Young Adults'
Food Packing Event
OCTOBER 17
10:00-11:30 AM
Kids Against Hunger | Sioux Falls
Limited slots available!
Sign up at frcoc.org/FUEL



Fall CLEANUP
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
5:30 - 7:30 PM
SHARE A PICNIC MEAL &
HELP HOMEOWNERS
WITH YARD CLEANUP
REGISTER AT FRCOC.ORG/FALLCLEANUP



The
Best Breakfast
-IN TOWN-
Free For
College
Students
Sunday Mornings
9:30 - 10:30 AM



First Reformed Church
PRODUCE SHARE
ON THE TABLE BY THE OFFICE.



2ND ANNUAL • ORANGE CITY

BEAST FEAST



WEDNESDAY • SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

5:15-6:30 PM

**FREEWILL-DONATION MEAL • WILD-GAME TASTING •
SILENT AUCTION • DOOR PRIZES**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT

ADEN DE JONG SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Supporting students at Northwestern College

ALSO BENEFITING

SPECIAL YOUTH CHALLENGE MINISTRIES
Outdoor experiences for youth with special needs

The summer edition of the Milestone and the
October Prayer Calendar and FOCUS are
available for you to pick up today.



Stewardship and Giving

Offering 9/18/26 - 9/24/26: \$ 38,724
Weekly Offering Goal: \$35,966
Fiscal YTD Total Offering: \$ 449,471
Fiscal YTD Offering Goal: \$ 431,592

To give online
scan the QR
code or go to
frcoc.org/give.



REGULAR WORSHIP BROADCAST SCHEDULE

LIVE Sunday mornings at 8:30 & 10:30 AM.

- Social Media & Website (Facebook, YouTube, frcoc.org)
- First Reformed Orange City App (Google TV, Apple TV, Fire TV, ROKU)
- TV Channels (Long Lines: Flight Ch 51; Premier: Ch 77/Premier TV 700)

Replay

- KSOU 93.9 radio - Sunday @ 9:45 AM
- TV Channels - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday @ 7:00 PM
- FRC Orange City Podcast (Apple, Google, Spotify)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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