

Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church  
August 3, 2025  
Rev. Luke Baehr

*Like a kind parent, dear God, you take us in your arms, lift us to your cheek, teach us to walk, heal our injuries and bend down to feed us (Hosea 11:1, 3-4). Thank you for showering us with your love.*

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.

GOD GATHERS US

Call to Worship

\*Opening Praise

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee  
Surely Goodness Mercy  
Take You at Your Word*

Assurance of Pardon  
Welcome & Peace  
Refrain of Thanks

*More Precious than Silver*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer of Illumination

Children’s Message

Scripture

Sermon

Acts 2:42-47  
“Keeping the Table Special”

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

Announcements

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Prayers of the Church

GOD SENDS US OUT

\*Sending Song

\*Benediction

\*Doxology

*Behold the Lamb*

Next Week’s Scripture: 1 Kings 18:17-40

Those Serving Today

Organist: Clarice Koopmans

Nursery: Stacy Saeman

Coffee Hour – Today

Anna Johnson

Coffee Hour – August 10

Ron & Pat VanBuren

Today

Good morning, and welcome! God has invited us here; we are at home in his presence. Let us worship.

**Communion Offering: Lay Leaders** – Today’s communion offering is for FRC's Lay Leader Continuing Education Fund. This is a fund designed to support leaders like elders, deacons and others in their work of caring for the church. Most recently, the fund provided training materials for our GriefShare grief support group.

This Week’s Activities

Tuesday, August 5

8:30 a.m. – Ephesians Bible Study

Wednesday, August 6

12:00-5:00 p.m. – Community Blood Drive  
Randolph Village Hall

Sunday, August 10

9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Pianist: Mary Ann Westra

Nursery: Deb Wells Beekman

Announcements

**"Postgame" Exegesis Group (August Experiment)** -

Starting next Sunday, for the month of August, Pastor Luke will be testing out a new group meeting after worship. This group is for anyone who would like to dig a little deeper into the Sunday morning sermon passage by moving "exegetically" (verse-by-verse) through the text, giving space for extra background, questions and discussion. This can be a great way of growing more familiar with the Bible and your personal discipleship. The group will meet in the sanctuary 5-10 minutes after worship and will run until 11:00am.

**Starting Ephesians Study** - The Tuesday Morning Bible Study is starting a new book of the Bible this week. The group will be exploring Paul's letter to the Ephesians, a six-chapter letter meant to stir hearts for Jesus and to notice where being his disciple intersects with day-to-day life at all kinds of levels. Join the study at any point, Tuesdays at 8:30 downstairs. No preparation necessary.

**School Supply Drive** - Sisters Keepers will be collecting school supplies again this year. It is hard to believe that we need to start thinking about this already. There will be a tote in the narthex to put your donated items. We will collect through Sunday, August 17. Thanks!

**Randolph Community Blood Drive** – The Randolph Community Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday August 6, at the Randolph Village Hall 12:00pm-5:00pm. Appointments are STRONGLY encouraged. For appointments call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

**Sunday School Volunteers Needed** - Do you enjoy working with children? Teaching Sunday School can create a powerful and positive impact on the lives of young children, helping them to grow in their faith and build a strong foundation for their spiritual journey. We need a 2nd-4th grade Sunday School teacher and our elementary singers need a song leader. Singing is so important to children as it fosters a deeper connection with their faith, enhances their understanding of scripture, and provides a joyful way to express their love for God. The leader could play piano or lead through recorded music. Please prayerfully consider serving our church in this way. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Stacy Saeman at [stacymacheel@gmail.com](mailto:stacymacheel@gmail.com).

**30th Annual RCS Golf Outing** - August 8th at the Fox Lake Golf Club - Gather your friends, and join us for a great day of food, fun, and fellowship while taking in a round of golf! RCS is hosting our Annual Golf Outing at the Fox Lake Golf Club on August 8th, with registration starting at 9:00 a.m. and shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. To register a team or for sponsorship information, please contact the RCS Office at 920-326-3320 or Alex Cooper at 920-326-9291 by JULY 31st.

**GriefShare Support Group New Session** - If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one, you are invited to attend GriefShare, a grief support group to help you navigate the journey of grieving and find a path to healing. Men and women are welcome. The grief support group will be starting a new 13-week session on Saturday, August 23 at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. For more information, or to register, contact Lois Wendlandt (920-382-3859), email [sharethegrief@yahoo.com](mailto:sharethegrief@yahoo.com), or visit [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

**Emily Dykstra (CRU) Update** - On Sunday, August 24, Emily Dykstra will be visiting us during worship to give an update on her ministry on Milwaukee college campuses through CRU. Emily grew up at First Reformed and has been serving full-time with CRU since graduating from college. Emily is coming off a two-month summer sabbatical and is looking forward to the upcoming fall semester. On August 24, there will be time after worship to talk more with Emily and to pray together.