

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

2019 Elders

Craig Peterson (2019)
Randy Westergard – VP (2019)
Del Postma (2020)
Doug Smit - Clerk (2020)

2019 Deacons

Josh Van Der Brink (2019)
Valerie Westergard (2019)
Denny Hulshof (2020)
Kay Mulder (2020)

Education Committee

Denny Hulshof (Chair)	Lisa Van Der Brink
Kay Mulder	Aimee Boden
Randy Westergard	

Outreach Committee

Valerie Westergard (Chair)	Corinne Postma
Kay Mulder	Janet Smit
Josh Van Der Brink	Ruth Westergard

Pastoral Relations Committee

Pastor Gerry Norman (Chair)	
Doug Smit	Chuck Boden
Del Postma	Devin Van Der Brink
Valerie Westergard	Ruth Westergard

Property Committee

Doug Smit (Chair)	Mike Tiedeman
Craig Peterson	Jolene DeBoer
Josh Van Der Brink	

Worship Committee

Del Postma (Chair)	Casey Westergard
Denny Hulshof	Lyle Hulshof
	Laura Hirschman

PRAYERS & PRAISE

We pray for continued healing and comfort for Verna Knowles, Chuck Mulder, Audrey Rus, Rick Schipper and those with unspoken prayer requests.

Continued healing prayers for friends of the church Denise Endrulat, Kathy Huitink, Mary Ann Van Driel and Jake Van Roekel.

And for those in nursing homes & assisted living, including: Helen Ver Hoeven, Ken Van Gelder, Junior Reinders, Coba Hulshof, Melvin Hulshof, Jeneva Coulander and many others who are not specifically mentioned.

For our missionaries: Jeremy and Susan Beebout: Niger, Seung and Amy Kim: Bangladesh, and the Winnebago Reformed Church.

SERVING NEXT WEEK (APRIL 21)

Greeters: Casey and Val Westergard
April Usher: Steve Schuld

BULLETIN PRAYER REQUESTS:

If you would like a prayer request printed in the bulletin, please contact the church office to share the request. Bulletin announcements are due by Thursday, noon.

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FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

LOVE · SERVE · REACH

April 14, 2019

Worship led by Pastor Gerry Norman

Greeting You Today, Janet and Doug Smit

April Usher, Steve Schuld

WELCOME

WELCOME TO FIRST REFORMED!

Welcome to First Reformed! We are so glad you are here today. We are a group of ordinary people on an extraordinary journey learning to love and serve like Jesus. Following the service, we invite you to the basement for coffee, cookies and laughter to hear more about how you belong at First Reformed!



SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL (AGE 3 – 5th GRADE)

10:45 – 11:45 in the church basement.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (6th – 8th GRADE)

10:45 – 11:45 in the church basement.

RCYF (9th – 12th GRADE)

10:45 – 11:45 in the church basement.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (All are welcome!)

10:45 – 11:45 in the church basement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to Josh and Lexi Westergard! The couple was married on Saturday, April 13th in our church.

RESET DATE CHANGE! The next RESET will take place on May 5th at 7 p.m. This is a change from what was in the newspaper this week, please help us spread the word!

HABITAT SPONSOR A STUD CHALLENGE! Gather your friends, family, church group, business, etc. to sponsor one or more 2x4 studs for \$50 each to help build the Orange City Habitat House! We will deliver the stud(s) to you, so you can decorate it with Bible verses, encouraging words, prayers, pictures, etc. The decorated studs will be framed into the house, and everyone will be invited to a Open House later on to see the studs and pray for the project. Sign up by May 13 by contacting Kurt Franje: 641-780-9054 or kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org

THE BLACKWOOD BROTHERS will be presenting a benefit concert on Saturday, April 20 at 6:30 PM at the BJ Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt College. The concert will also feature the Master's Voice from Sioux Falls, SD and the Four For Him Quartet from Sanborn, IA. Tickets will be \$15.00 per person and sold at the door only, beginning at 5:00 PM. All proceeds from the concert will benefit the local and global ministries of Hope Haven.

THE EARLY MUSIC ENSEMBLE LUMEDIA MUSICWORKS will present a recital at 7:30 pm on Friday, April 26, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Lumedia Musicworks is currently the only baroque ensemble in the world that specializes in cinematic music video production alongside unique and creative live show experiences, joining a vision to spark a change in the presentation of classical music with new collaborations and fresh multi-media ideas. The recital is free and open to the public.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 15

*Happy Anniversary Rick and Linda Schipper
Happy Anniversary Randy and Ruth Westergard
Happy Birthday Heath Kooima*

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

6:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
Happy Birthday Pat Johnson

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

7 PM Maundy Thursday Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Happy Birthday Brian Smit

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:00 AM Easter Worship, Breakfast to follow
*No Sunday School Classes

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund (3/31/19)

Balance Carried Forward	\$35,004.89
Receipts	\$7,928.76
Disbursements	\$14,655.44
Interest	\$9.62
Balance on Hand	\$28,287.83

Benevolent Fund (3/31/19)

Balance Carried Forward	\$952.92
Receipts	\$1,132.87
Disbursements	\$844.23
Balance on Hand	\$1,241.56

Building Fund (3/31/19)

Balance Carried Forward	\$9,125.76
Receipts	\$0
Disbursements	\$1,100.00
Balance on Hand	\$8,025.76

Roof Repair Funds (3/31/19)

	\$55,999.75
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Memorial Funds (3/31/19)

	\$17,621.63
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WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Sunday School Kids: Hosanna Rock!

* #211 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna 🎵

* Prayer

* What A Wonderful Name It Is 🎵

Family Time and Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Offering

#208 All Glory, Laud and Honor 🎵

* Doxology

* Offering Prayer

Lent Series, "Words from the Cross"

Luke 23: 44-49

The Dying Word

*"Father, into Your hand
I commit My Soul"*

Prayer

* Benediction

* #214 O How He Loves You and Me 🎵

Postlude

* Please stand, if able 🎵 Congregational singing

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

- Pastor Gerry reported on his monthly visits and meetings, Sunday attendance (March Average 66), Reset attendance (78)
- Pastor Gerry is working on church goal recommendations, including a Sunday average attendance of 80.
- Valerie is looking into video and sound equipment options. She will look into existing equipment / repairs to existing equipment and put together a budget for Property/Consistory.
- Education – The 3 Middle School students had an awesome time at GRIT, the weekend retreat. The group will share pictures at worship on 4/14.
- Property – The trees that needed to come down, did and clean up went well with an abundance of volunteer help. Thank you! Maintenance on the property continue.
- Outreach – A plan for the year has been reviewed, this committee will now begin putting dates to events. The next event will be RESET on May 5th.
- A volunteer / service project is being considered, as a request has been brought forward. Pastor Gerry is contacting the project lead and will determine where our church can best help.

