

Life at FRC

Today at FRC . . .

Greeters: Tom, Vera
Aug 9 – Doug
Welcome Center: Marilyn
Aug 9 - Sue
Coffee Cleanup: Sarah
Aug 9 - Peggy
Coffee Host/Hostess: Les, Sarah
Aug 9 - Mary V.
Newcomer Table: Tina
Aug 9 - Frank, RuthAnn

10:00 A.M. Worship Service

This Week . . .

Tue. - 9:00 A.M. Worship Planning Meeting
Wed. - 6:30 P.M. GEMS Info Meeting
Thurs. - 6:45 P.M. Praise Team Practice

Looking Ahead . . .

August 9 - Bridge Newaygo School Supplies Donation Deadline
11:30 A.M. Sunday School Informational Meeting
August 11 - 6:30 P.M. Elders/Deacons Meetings/7:30 P.M. Consistory Meeting
August 14 - 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. Game Night & Potluck
August 20 - 12 Noon Prime Timers Lunch in Fellowship Hall, Bible Study @ 11
August 23 - 10:00 A.M. Blessing of the Backpacks
September 6 - 10:00 A.M. Community Worship at the Farmers Market

GEMS Teachers & CITs: Please join us on **Wednesday, August 5, at 6:30 p.m.** in the large basement GEMS room for an informational meeting as we prepare for the **2026–2027 GEMS season**. Attendance is not required, but all current teachers, those interested in being part of the GEMS program, and CITs are encouraged to attend. We'll review the new curriculum, discuss updates to the GEMS program, and answer any questions as we prepare for the year ahead. If you have any questions, please see Shelley or Pastor Luke.

Hearing Struggles? If you have trouble hearing during our church services, we offer in-ear monitors that can help you hear more clearly. This is an ear bud that goes in your ear and acts like a small speaker to amplify the sound from the church service so speech can be more easily heard and understood. You can borrow one on a regular basis that can be kept here in your church mailbox and used only by you. If interested, speak with Shelley, Luke, or LouAnn and they will show you how it works.

Nursery: Sammy, Brooke, Becky, Alaina
Aug 9 - Christine, Heather, Cat
Kid Connection: Kara, Morgan
Aug 9 - Jacob, Kenzie
Worship Center: Cynthia
Aug 9 - Stefanie, Alyson, Case
Screen Tech: Catalina
Aug 9 - Catalina
Sound Tech: Jordan
Aug 9 - Ryan

FRC News & Events

FRC Game Night - On August 14, 6-8 pm, we will be hosting our FRC Game Night! This event is free and fun for all ages, so bring the whole family and some friends to play games and put puzzles together! If you are able, please bring a snack to pass. This is a come-and-go style, so if you can't make it right at 6 or need to leave early, no worries, come as you are able! If the weather is comfortable, we will have some outdoor games and chalk as well. Invite your friends and family!

FRC Children's Ministry Director – FRC is looking to hire a Children's Ministry Director that would oversee Sunday morning kids' ministries. This paid position entails organizing classrooms and curriculums, parent engagement, and volunteer scheduling and training. Hours are expected to be around 10 hours per week and can be flexible. The candidate is also expected to serve on rotation in a volunteer capacity and regularly attend FRC worship services. If you are interested in this position, please contact Pastor Luke for a full job description and more information about this position.

Volunteers Needed! We're looking for volunteers to help with sound and screen during our worship services. This is a great opportunity to serve the Lord and support the worship ministry of FRC. No experience is necessary - we will provide training! The commitment is typically no more than once per month. If you're interested in using your gifts to help lead our congregation in worship from behind the scenes, please talk with Shelley, Kent, or Pastor Luke for more information.

Prime Timers - We will meet on Thursday, August 20 at noon here at FRC downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for lunch. We will have a baked potato bar and dessert. Meals are subject to change based on food availability etc. The cost of the meals is \$6. Add your name to the list at the Sign-Up Center if you plan to attend! Bring a friend if you'd like, but please also put their name on the list. Come early at 11 am to be a part of a Bible Study facilitated by Pastor Luke!

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Insight Pregnancy Services Baby Bottle Drive Fundraiser earlier this year. FRC contributed, and Insight is so thankful! These funds are essential for helping them continue their community mission and they couldn't have done it without us!

Thank you - "We want to express our gratitude for your support of our family and ministry in Colombia. We are excited by the continued growth we see in the church throughout Latin America, and we are thankful for your decision to partner in what God is doing. God bless!" - *Missionary Family*

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Bridge Newaygo School Supply Drive – School will be back in session before we know it! Back-to-School season can be a huge financial stress for single parent families. To help with that, Bridge Newaygo is sponsoring a school supply giveaway on August 12 (4-7 pm) for single parent families. They need YOUR help to make this a success! They need donations of basic school supplies, including backpacks, lunchboxes, spiral notebooks, pens/pencils/erasers/markers, 3-ring binders (1-2"), pocket folders, glue/glue sticks, rulers, and scissors. Donations can be placed in the donation box near the library by Aug 9. Thank you for supporting single parent families in our community!

FRC Sunday School Teachers and Parents: We're holding an informational meeting on August 9 at 11:30 am (after church) in the downstairs Fellowship Hall to share updates and discuss our Sunday School curriculum. Attendance is not required, but all interested teachers and parents are encouraged to join. This is not a decision-making meeting, but materials will be presented for review and feedback on a later date. Please see Pastor Luke with any questions.

Faith Promise Special Offering will be next Sunday, August 9. If you need a special envelope, they are located in the Gathering Center on the Electronic Display closest to the Auditorium entrance.

Blessing of the Backpacks - On Sunday, Aug 23 (during regular church service) we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks event. If your child or grandchild is going to school this year, whether they are in preschool or high school, please bring them and their school backpack to church service so they can be prayed over. We will pray for the God's blessings to be upon them for peace, safety, and wisdom, and for the Lord to be with them as they begin this new school year. If you are a teacher, administrator, or support staff, we also want to pray for a safe, peaceful, and fruitful year for you.

Interested in learning more about FRC? Visit our website (frcfremont.org) to learn more about ministry opportunities, past sermons, upcoming events, current news, or to submit a prayer request. Do you enjoy social media? Follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/frcfremont) and Instagram (instagram.com/frcfremont)! Be sure to check out our TikTok account by searching: first.reformed.ch . We have a Facebook group (facebook.com/groups/frcfremont) where we share church news and events, prayer requests, and more. You can also browse past sermons (or watch our Livestream if you're not able to make it to church on some Sundays) on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@frcchurchoffremontmi4915 or on Spotify by searching "First Reformed Church Fremont" on your Spotify app.