

Decatur First Reformed Church

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WE BELIEVE - the Bible to be the infallible Word of God and, therefore, the final authority for faith and practice. WE BELIEVE - in Jesus Christ as the only Son of God, and the Savior of those who accept Him by faith. WE BELIEVE - in the forgiveness of sins through the work of Christ on the cross. WE BELIEVE - in the fellowship of the Church of Christian growth through regular worship.

First Reformed Church exists to reach the disconnected and grow the connected in Christ.

Our vision at Decatur First Reformed Church is a church on the GROW.

We will grow in our love for God and neighbor
We will grow God's kingdom
We will reach out with Christ's light and love
In two years we will

- 1) grow through focus on our families and our friends
- 2) grow through community outreach
- 3) see each unchurched person of this community as a potential member of this church
- 4) be known as the church that serves

Praise & Worship
July 15, 2018
10:00 am

PRELUDE

* PRAISE and WORSHIP

* PRAYER of PRAISE & LORD'S PRAYER

* GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN *"Come Thou Fount"* #28

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 23:15-18

MESSAGE Pastor Tod Odell
"Encourage One Another"

OFFERING

* HYMN *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* #207

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING SONG

*He is Lord, He is Lord
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord. (repeat)*

Prayer Request:

(Place it in the box on the bulletin table in the fellowship room)

WELCOME TO EVERYONE ON THIS LORD'S DAY!

We hope that you feel welcomed and encouraged by the Word of God to love and serve our Savior, Jesus Christ.

<u>Today</u>		<u>July 22</u>
Rich & Maxine Buss	Greeters	Janet Moelaart
Katie Nugteren	Refreshments	Dorothy Nelson
	Children's Church	Steve Tortorelli
<u>July 29</u>		<u>August 5</u>
Dennis & Tammy Pickens	Greeters	Jill & Todd Hemenway
Annie Thiele	Refreshments	Linda Howe
Barb Triezenberg	Children's Church	Maxine Buss
Amanda Brewster		
<u>August 12</u>		<u>August 19</u>
Rod Cramer	Greeters	Tortorelli family
Joan Prak	Refreshments	Lynn Kickert
Loraine Houseman	Children's Church	Steve Tortorelli

<u>This Week</u>		
Tuesday	9:00 am	VBS working session
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Celebrate Recovery
Thursday	10:00 am	Bible Study at Prayer Room
Thursday	9:00 am	VBS working session
Thursday	6:30 pm	Consistory meeting
Saturday	4:00 pm	VBS working session

<u>Future Events</u>		
July 22	10:00 am	Brian Fee
July 23-27	6:30 pm	VBS
July 29	10:00 am	Curry Pikkaart
August 19	10:00 am	Amy Kemp
Sept. 9	10:00 am	Nate Bull

Announcements - July 15, 2018

- † VBS announcements:
 - † There is a sign-up poster for VBS volunteers in the Fellowship room.
 - † There will be a VBS working session this Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 am and Saturday at 4:00 pm.
- † We are having a Bible Study at the Prayer Room on Thursdays 10:00 am. Please consider joining this group for a closer look at God's Word.
- † Do you shop at Family Fare? Save your receipts and deposit them in the white church on the table under the bulletin board in Social Room. This helps earn money for our church. Our receipt total to date: \$ 23,159!

TITHES and OFFERINGS for July 8

General: \$ 1,226
Building: \$ 55
Missions: \$ 5
VBS: \$ 50

Prayer Concerns

- † Pray for Marion Nugteren as he has his hip replacement surgery Tuesday, July 17 at Bronson Hospital.
- † Please pray for Marty Housman as he is having surgery Wednesday, the 18th and again on the 25th.
- † Please be in prayer for Mark Kraai and his wife Linda, as they have been going through a difficult season...
 - † Linda's mother has been in and out of the hospital with serious health issues, and recently has been put into hospice care.
 - † Mark's eldest brother passed away last Friday. He had been put into hospice care with Parkinson's disease. Mark traveled to be with him and his wife in Iowa and were able to be with him when he passed away.
 - † Mark suffered another detached retina and has been dealing with the difficulty of that and not being able to drive for the past month.