

Reformed Informer

August 2020—
First Reformed Church, Sully, IA

Youth & Ed Director—
Jeff Knouse



Hello Church!

August is normally one of my favorite times of the year. There is a palpable excitement for a new school year. In my department we are gearing up for a new youth group year by praying and planning all sorts of activities for the youth of our church. This year things are a little different.

I don't know how you personally have handled what has come because of COVID-19, but what I do know is that we all have been affected by it. I sense there is an underlying fear of another lockdown, sports seasons and senior years being cancelled, and more deaths on the horizon. All of these things seem to suck the hope out of our lives, and what we're left with is a pessimistic outlook that things will never be the same.

But Christian, I ask you, what do you put your hope in? If you are putting your hope in medicine, in elected officials, in education, etc., you will be very disappointed. These things, while they have the capacity to be good, can *never* give us steadfast hope and assurance (this is obvious from the past few months). The *only* thing that we can put our hope in that will never let us down is Jesus Christ. If our hope is in Christ then it doesn't matter what the world or the enemy throws at us because, "This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls," Hebrews 6: 19.

Alison and I are due to have our first child this month; and while we cannot express how excited we are for our child to enter the world, there has been an anxiousness surrounding his birth in the midst of a pandemic. We have had to have hard conversations and mentally prepare for the outcome that if we happen to have the virus, we may miss the first hours of our son's life. It has challenged us, tested us, and caused us to really think about where we find our hope.

The word that the Lord has been repeating to me over and over this year has been the word **trust**. Do I trust that even though things look bleak the Lord is in control? Do I trust that the Lord will provide for my needs? Do I trust that the Lord still has a plan for my life? Do I trust that the Lord will get me through this? I really wrestled with these questions because the answers make all the difference. If I put my trust in earthly things I will constantly be let down and drawn to hopelessness, but if I put my trust in the Lord I will be able to step forward in courage, with the Lord by my side, through any trial or tribulation I face.

I will leave you with this, my friends. It is a verse that has become a foundation for my faith. I hope that it will inspire you and encourage you to put your hope in Jesus, the One who holds all things together. "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.*" Proverbs 3: 5-6.

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KICK OFF IS September 13, 2020

Faithwalkers—9th—12th grade—Sunday
evenings at 6 pm

IMPACT—6th—8th grade—
Sunday evenings at 5 pm



Prayer Breakfast
Free Jesus, and donuts.

THIS STARTS FRIDAY, AUGUST 28. Every Friday morning at 7:30 am all 9th—12th grade are invited to come for donuts, chocolate milk, orange juice and prayer. Invite your friends! It's a great way to end the school week!



As we enter the month of August, many of us are still wondering what fall will look like as children return to school. As believers we do not need to be afraid. His mercies are new each and every day. We are to live one day at a time as each day has enough trouble of its own. His goodness and mercy are promised to follow us.

This month I am sharing Psalm 121. A few years ago the STARS children had the opportunity to memorize this Psalm. I think now is a great time to revisit this as a family as we prepare for fall.

Psalm 121

A song of ascents.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
- 4 indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
- 6 the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
- 8 the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

DID YOU SEE?

The Sully VBS Facebook page shared some Bible lesson, activities, and music links.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL for this year will begin on **Sunday, September 13!** Children in Worship will start then as well!

INFORMATION IN THE COMING WEEKS FOR ALL FALL ACTIVITIES!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

IN OUR 3 YEAR OLD - KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT

This can be a shared position

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Getting To Know You



Nick & Amy
Kate, Brooke, Aubrey & Colton
Harthoorn

Birthdays: Nick—9/6/81
Amy—9/13/81
Kate—11/20/07
Brooke—7/15/09
Aubrey—4/20/11
Colton—11/5/15
Anniversary: June 25, 2004

Nick and Amy Harthoorn met a long time ago, when they started Sunday School at First Reformed! Their parents attended this church and so they started Sunday School together and actually began dating when they were both 16. After they were married in 2004, they lived in West Des Moines for a few years before moving back to

Sully when their first child, Kate was born.

Growing up in the Sully area, both Nick and Amy lived just a few blocks from each other. Kurt and Arloa Harthoorn had two boys, Nick and Joel (Liz) Harthoorn. Nick was educated at Sully Christian School through 5th grade and graduated from Lynnville-Sully High School. Amy is the daughter of Doyle and Linda Huyser, and she, with her siblings Erica (Chad) Kluver and Alex (Kenzie) Huyser, also completed high school at Lynnville-Sully. Both Nick and Amy furthered their education at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa.

Nick now teaches high school math at Pella Community School as well as is the head boys basketball coach at Lynnville-Sully. Amy is the secretary at Kruseman Implement in Sully.

Very active would be two words to describe the Harthoorn family. Kate will be in the 7th grade this fall at Lynnville-Sully, Brooke who is 11 and going to be in the 5th grade, Aubrey is going into 4th grade and Colton, 4 keep mom and dad hopping as they are in sports and different events at school. As a family, they enjoy boating, swimming and going out for supper.

Thank you Nick and Amy Harthoorn and family for letting us Get To Know You Better!



The Need People who live in extreme poverty in the city of Bluefields and in rural communities along the Río Grande de Matagalpa in eastern Nicaragua need health education, community development, and pastoral care.



Adrian Bobb and Bernardeth Kelly's Ministry: Bernardeth Kelly Bent and Adrian Bobb, who is ordained, train health workers, pastors, and other people; work with churches to establish foster homes, feeding programs, and scholarships for children from poor neighborhoods in Bluefields; and provide pastoral and health care to people in remote villages along the Río Grande de Matagalpa. Adrian Bobb and Bernardeth Kelly serve in partnership with the Moravian Church in Nicaragua. NICARAGUA

Adrian & Bernardeth Bobb-Kelly

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Please pray: • For safety as Adrian and Bernardeth travel to remote villages. • For good health for Adrian and Bernardeth. • For God to help patients to be more thankful. • For God to continue to provide the means to get medications. • For the children in the foster homes. • For the children and their families at the feeding centers.

JOIN US FOR OUR REDEDICATION SERVICE

**SUNDAY
AUGUST 23
9:30 A.M.**



**Speaker
Rich Kacmarynski**

in the Sully City Park

- Please bring a lawn chair.
- There will be NO nursery provided. Restrooms will be available in the Sully Community Building
- Coffee time will be served after the service.
- In case of inclement weather this will be held at the Lynnville Sully High School gym

**Sponsored by Sully CRC & FRC churches
Everyone is invited!**

Rich is an inspirational speaker and is the Director at Well Works in Pella, Iowa. The Well Works program provides work opportunities to empower individuals struggling with instability in their lives. He is also the Head Football Coach at Pella Christian High School

UPCOMING EVENTS

818 Forward With Faith – Saturday, August 15, 11–1 pm—
Come support Forward With Faith at our BBQ! Enjoy a pulled pork sandwich and chips serving curbside. We will be serving from our first home located at 812 Lincoln St., Pella. There is an informational flier in your church mailbox!

CO-ED SOFTBALL

August 4

6:30 pm FRC 1 (Jacob VM) vs FRC 2 (Jeff K) (W)

August 11

6:30 pm FRC 2 (Jeff K) vs. Sully CRC (E)

8:00 pm FRC 1 (Jacob VM) vs. Federated Fellowship (W)

8:00 pm FRC 2 (Jeff K) vs. Heart of Worship (E)

August 18

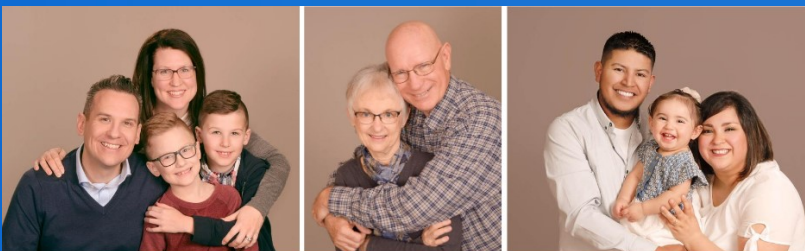
6:30 pm FRC 2 (Jeff K) vs. Federated Fellowship (W)

6:30 pm FRC 1 (Jacob VM) vs. Sully CRC (E)

8:00 pm FRC 1 (Jacob VM) vs Peoria CRC €

August 25 & 27 End of Season tournament

NEW FRC PICTORIAL COMING SOON



Save the date

Be included in the new
First Reformed Church directory.

Photography dates:
Oct. 27th, 28th, 29th 2-9pm
Nov. 5th and 6th 2-9pm
Nov. 7th 10am-5pm

Lifetouch.

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER NIGHT

Worship at FRC
followed by prayer
at local schools
(LS & SCS)

MONDAY, AUGUST 17 AT 6:30 PM
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH SANCTUARY



ALL AGES WELCOME!
Let's come together to bless
staff & students and cover
our schools in prayer
Questions contact Dustin
Ver Ploeg at 641-990-3581



- August 1**
Mike Zylstra
- August 2**
Emily Dykema
- August 3**
Cody Van Wyk
- August 5**
Helen Brand ~ Samuel Schechinger
Dorothy Van Genderen
Theodore Vasileiadis
- August 6**
Bryan Rozendaal ~ Ethan Wyma
Brooks Henkle
- August 8**
Marlin Van Wyk ~ Riley Rozendaal
- August 9**
Sarah Scholten ~ Teryl Ver Ploeg
Amber Van Wyk
- August 11**
Corey Van Der Wilt
- August 13**
Dennis Liekweg
Eldred Van Gorp (93)
- August 15**
Brock Mortvedt ~ Kyle Van Rees
- August 16**
Barbara Van Sant
- August 17**
Murray Zegers ~ Kaila Harsselaar

- August 18**
Jordyn Rozendaal ~ Brett Vanden Hoek
- August 19**
Don Nunnikhoven
- August 20**
Carolyn Van Waardhuizen (80)
- August 21**
Grace Harthoorn
- August 22**
Melanie Renaud ~ Rachel Van Wyk
- August 23**
Linda Arkema ~ Bailey Huyser
Kevin Terlouw
Marlene Van Wyk (87)
- August 24**
Carson Dunsbergen ~ Gary Van Genderen
- August 25**
Dan Dykema
- August 26**
Jeremy Rozendaal ~ Dawn Schechinger
Peyton Schechinger ~ Ashlee Wyma
- August 27**
Bob Scandridge ~ Lynn Wyma
- August 28**
Marilyn Van Maanen
- August 29**
Wayne Daniels
- August 30**
Joel Jansen ~ Emilie Van Kooten
Meggan Vasileiadis

- August 2**
Matt & Dawn Schechinger—**12 years**
- August 3**
Jason & Bailey Huyser—**1 year**
- August 4**
Travis & Karissa Chapman—**13 years**
- August 6**
Nick & Hannah De Penning—**2 year**
- August 7**
Roger & Jean Van Der Kamp—**50 years**
- August 9**
Justin & Jayme Deal—**13 years**
- August 13**
Aaron & Amber Van Wyk—**4 years**
- August 14**
Scott & Valerie Rolffs—**39 years**
- August 20**
Dennis & Donna Liekweg—**26 years**
- August 21**
Glenn & Rhonna Fiihr—**50 years**
Pavlos & Meggan Vasileiadis—**10 years**
- August 24**
Jerald & Charlotte Kunce—**62 years**
- August 26**
Jeff & Shelley Vander Molen—**31 years**
- August 27**
Tyler & Rynne Jansen—**9 years**
Randy & Shelly Rozendaal—**38 years**
- August 29**
Alex & Kenzie Huyser—**5 years**
- August 31**
Ron & Julie Dunsbergen—**35 years**

AUGUST BIBLE READING PLAN

Fruits Of The Spirit

<p>Day 1 Galatians 5:22-23</p> <p><i>Patience</i></p> <p>Day 2 Psalm 27:13-14</p> <p>Day 3 Proverbs 16:32</p> <p>Day 4 Psalm 37:7</p> <p>Day 5 2 Peter 3:8</p> <p><i>Peace</i></p> <p>Day 6 Psalm 56</p> <p>Day 7 Numbers 6:24-26</p> <p>Day 8 1 Peter 3:9-11</p> <p><i>Love</i></p> <p>Day 9 Romans 13:8-10</p> <p>Day 10 1 John 4:19</p> <p>Day 11 1 Cor. 13:4-7</p> <p><i>Joy</i></p> <p>Day 12 James 1:2-3</p> <p>Day 13 Nehemiah 8:10</p> <p>Day 14 Jude 1:24</p>	<p><i>Kindness</i></p> <p>Day 15 Proverbs 3:3</p> <p>Day 16 Colossians 3:12-14</p> <p>Day 17 Romans 11:22</p> <p><i>Goodness</i></p> <p>Day 18 Psalm 31:19-20</p> <p>Day 19 Lamentations 3:25</p> <p>Day 20 Psalm 86:5</p> <p><i>Faithfulness</i></p> <p>Day 21 Luke 16:10-13</p> <p>Day 22 Psalm 91:4-5</p> <p>Day 23 Romans 3:3-4</p>	<p><i>Self-Control</i></p> <p>Day 24 James 1:19-20</p> <p>Day 25 1 Cor. 10:12-13</p> <p>Day 26 Romans 12:2</p> <p>Day 27 2 John 1:8-9</p> <p>Day 28 Proverbs 18:21</p> <p><i>Gentleness</i></p> <p>Day 29 Galatians 6:1-2</p> <p>Day 30 Titus 3:1-2</p> <p>Day 31 Proverbs 15:4</p>
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August 2020 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Kendall, Marlene & Asher Rozendaal
2 Marilyn Rozendaal	3 Randy & Shelly Rozendaal	4 Riley & Kim Rozendaal	5 Rod & Dana Makenzy & Makayla Rozendaal	6 Russ & Lois Rozendaal	7 Bob & Diana Scandridge	8 Cooper Scandridge
9 Payton Scandridge	10 Matt & Dawn Asher, Peyton, Lucy & Samuel Schechinger	11 Chet & Ali & Brody Schnell	12 Dick & Linda Schnell	13 Allen Scholten	14 Andrew & Emi- ly Scholten	15 Arie & Elaine Scholten
16 Mark & Sarah Scholten	17 Drew & Shelby & Carter Shinkle	18 Paul & Patty Sneller	19 Pastor Wayne & Tammy Sneller	20 Kevin & Kelly & Riley Terlouw	21 Henrietta Terpstra	22 John & Dawn Terpstra
23 Warren & Alma Terpstra	24 Felix & Tia Torres	25 Jennifer Torres Marlee Torres & Max Gebhart	26 Tony & Deana, Destiny, Mathias, Elizabeth, Ellie & Lincoln Torres	27 Margaret Vande Krol	28 Tena Vanden Hoek	29 Tim & Marsha & Brett Vanden Hoek
30 Jerry & Pam Vander Beek						

August

2020 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						1 Reed/Van Zante Wed- ding
Tuesday coed softball schedule listed on page 5						
2 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 1—5 Shower in the Well	3	4	5 5:45 am Promise Keepers	6	7 6 pm Anania/Van Zante Rehearsal	8 4 pm Anania/ Dunsbergen Wedding
9 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller	10	11	12 5:45 am Promise Keepers 6:30 pm Elders Mtg. 6:45 pm Deacons Mtg 7:30 pm Consisto- ry Mtg.	13	14	15 Brandt/Van Zante Wedding
16 9:30 am Pastor Duane Laman	17 6:30 pm Back to School Prayer Night	18	19 5:45 am Promise Keepers	20	21	22
23 9:30 Rededication Service in the Sul- ly City Park 6:00 pm Worship at the CRC church	24	25	26 5:45 am Promise Keepers 	27	28	29
30 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller						