

"Ask Jesus.Com--Questions Asked of Jesus!"

Pastor Duane Laman

9:30 a.m.

August 16, 2020

Where should we go with our questions in life? Isaiah 11:1-3 describes Jesus as having the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, power, and knowledge. We often foolishly seek answers everywhere else, but Jesus is the one who knows the answers. In Scripture we find people asking Jesus the following questions.

1. **Who are you Lord?** (Acts 9:5) What was Jesus answer and what difference did it immediately make?
 2. **Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?** (Mt. 22:36) What did Jesus answer and how does knowing this affect our life priorities?
 3. **How many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to 7 times?** (Mt. 18:21) What does Jesus say, and what will be the result of being forgiving people?
 4. **Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?** (John 14:5) Who is the only way to eternal life?
 5. **Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?** (Lk. 13:23) Jesus doesn't give a direct answer. How does he respond? What further can we learn from Rev. 7:9? How is it indicated that the great multitude no one can number in heaven, all entered through Jesus?
 6. **Is it I, Lord?** (Mt. 26:22) What's really being asked? Do we dare ask the same question, knowing how weak we are and how prone we are to fall?
 7. **Lord, what about him?** (John 21:21) Why is this the wrong question to ask? What problems does it get us into?
 8. **What shall I do Lord?** (Acts 22:10) Why is this question so important for everyone to ask? Should we just ask Jesus what to do in the big things? If not, what types of ordinary things do you talk over with Jesus? How often do you ask Jesus what you should do?
- With this introduction of questions to Jesus, may we all continue to ask Him our questions in life and seek to follow His answers. Then the blessings will flow more and more from Him to us.

Sunday, August 16, 2020
Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.
First Reformed Church, Sully, Iowa
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Prelude *"For Those Tears I Died"*Denise Horman
Welcome

THE APPROACH TO GOD

*Call to Worship

Hymns of Praise #270....."Wonderful Words of Life"*
#202.....*"Amazing Grace"*

*Worship Prayer

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD

ScriptureIsaiah 11:1-3(pg.560)

Message.....**"ASK JESUS.COM"**Pastor Duane Laman

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*Closing Hymn #366..... *"I Surrender All"*

*Benediction

*Response #42 vs. 1..... *"Seek Ye First"*

POSTLUDEDenise Horman

*Indicates standing if able

* CCLI License # 790003

*Coffee time will be served outside under the carport on the south side and also in the north parking lot.

Responsive Reading:

LEADER: In Acts 9:5 what did Saul of Tarsus ask?

PEOPLE: "Who are you, Lord?"

LEADER: In Mt. 22:36 what did a Pharisee ask?

PEOPLE: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

LEADER: In Mt. 18:21 what did Peter ask?

PEOPLE: "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"

LEADER: In John 14:5 what did Thomas say?

PEOPLE: "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

LEADER: In Luke 13:23 what did someone ask?

PEOPLE: "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"

LEADER: In Mt. 26:22 what did the Disciples ask one by one?

PEOPLE: "Is it I, Lord?"

LEADER: In John 21:21 what did Peter ask?

PEOPLE: "Lord, what about him?"

LEADER: And what did Saul of Tarsus ask in Acts 22:10?

PEOPLE: "What shall I do, Lord?"

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First Reformed Church
Sully, IA
August 16, 2020

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Sunday, August 16

9:30 am **Morning Worship**—Pastor Duane Laman

WORK SCHEDULE FOR August 16

NO NURSERY or CHILDREN IN WORSHIP ACTIVITIES
until further notice.

We are starting up using our ushers again! If you are not able to be a part of this ministry at this time, please notify the church office!

Usher schedule:

August 16: Side aisles: Coltin Collins & Cody Kesling
Center: Corey Kramer
Wing: Brandon Dunsbergen

August 23: REDEDICATION SERVICE—no ushers needed

Monday, August 17

6:30 pm **Back to School Prayer Night**—Join the community in the sanctuary for an evening of worship and prayer for our schools, teachers and students.

Tuesday, August 18

6:30 pm **FRC 2(Jeff K) vs. Federated Fellowship (West)**
FRC 1 (Jacob VM) vs. Sully

CRC (East)

8:00 pm **FRC 1 (Jacob VM) vs. Peoria CRC (East)**

Sunday, August 23

9:30 am **Morning Worship**—

Rededication Service with CRC church in the Sully City Park. Rich Kacmarynski is the speaker. Coffee time will be served after the morning worship. Please bring your lawn chairs. If inclement weather this will be held at the Lynnville Sully High School Gymnasium.

6:00 pm **Evening Worship** in the Sully City Park with Pastor Brian Ochsner. If inclement weather, this will be held at Sully CRC.

- **SIGN UP for TEXT ALERTS** on our **website at sullyfrc.org** on the home page at the bottom of the page. You will then be notified by a text when services are cancelled!



PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAISE

- We extend our congratulations to **Tyler & Bri (Brandt) Van Zante** who were united in marriage on Saturday, August 15 in South Dakota. We ask for God's richest blessing to this new union.

CHURCH FAMILY

- **Wanda Dunsbergen** was transferred back to her home and is under hospice care. Her oxygen levels are getting much better. Please keep Wanda and her family in your prayers.
 - **Suzanne Rozendaal** had surgery on Monday, August 10. The surgery went well and they were able to confirm that all the lymph nodes were clear! She was able to return home Wednesday, August 12. She is meeting with her doctor Monday to determine a further course of treatment.
 - **Betty Zuidema's** condition continues to deteriorate. Each day is different, but she is unable to swallow or eat anything.
 - **Ryk De Goey** fell last week and broke his kneecap. He is in an immobilizer and it will take a while for this to heal.
 - **Melanie Renaud** was admitted to Pella Regional Health Center on Monday, August 10. She is having testing done to find out where she is losing blood. She is not feeling very well, and with no visitors being allowed into hospitals right now, it is hard on everyone.
 - **Donna Brand** fell and broke her hip Wednesday, August 12. She had surgery on Thursday, August 13 at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines. Surgery went well. There are no visitors allowed, so we pray for a speedy recovery so she may come home soon!
 - **Many from our church family** have been affected in one way or another by the Derecho Storm that moved through on Monday, August 10. Many homes, trees and crops were damaged.
- ## EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY
- **Mark Hay** (Madison & Trisha Hay's father) has been doing great! Progress is slow, but he is not giving up! He continues to work out every day with his wife Kendra, as well as Total Rehab in Grinnell. He is still unable to move his arms, but he is able to walk some with the help of a walker.

Pastor Wayne and Tammy Sneller will be on vacation this week. If a need arises, please contact Dennis Dunsbergen, one of the elders, or the church office.

The **AED Defibrillator** is located in the church office on the 2nd shelf on east wall

INFORMATION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for **Livestreaming** our worship services! Please notify Josh Rozendaal or the church office if this ministry is something that you could help out in! Watch and stream the service from the balcony!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS are also needed in our Beginner and Primary Departments! Contact Julie Van Manen to be a part of this ministry

EMAIL INFORMATION: We have a new email program we are working with to send out our prayer chain. If you have a gmail account, please check your promotions folder, as this is where the email's are going.

STORM DAMAGE UPDATES: If there is a need out there, for volunteer clean up or essential needs of any kind, please contact Duane Van Rees or one of the deacons, or the church office.

UPDATES:

- The **East wing door is open** once again for entering and exiting for morning worship services!
- The **back 3 rows of chairs on both sides of the sanctuary** will be **reserved for parents with young children** as we transition to worship for ALL age groups of the church.
- The **nursery will be open** for anyone needing to use it. At this time it will not be staffed, until a volunteer list can be put together which should be coming in the next couple of weeks!

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JOIN US FOR OUR REDEDICATION SERVICE

SUNDAY AUGUST 23 9:30 A.M.

in the Sully City Park



Speaker
Rich Kacmarynski

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

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
- **Freewill offering** designated between The Well, Heart of Worship Food Pantry & East Jasper Christian Food Pantry

Sponsored by Sully CRC & FRC churches
Everyone is invited!

Consistory Notes – August 12, 2020

The consistory meeting opened with prayer and devotions.

The elders shared that Meleisha Vos came before them and has joined church through profession of her faith in Jesus Christ. She will publically be received at a future date.

The COVID-19 worship situation was reviewed. **Changes are as follows:**

- The east wing entry door will be reopened for worshippers.
- The back three rows in the main sanctuary will be reserved for families with children. The purpose is to have a place that our young families can have as they return to worship in connection to the proximity to the nursery.
- There will not be an evening worship service for the near future due to COVID-19.
- Our church family care needs were shared. We have had an extremely large amount of care concerns and hospitalizations this past month.

The deacons reported the following:

- June giving: General - \$28,928.27; Mission - \$6,270; Building - \$11,153.11;
- July giving: General - \$28,347.83; Mission - \$1,249.78; Building - \$2,379.62.
- General fund balance: \$33,620.08 (7/31/2020); Mission fund balance: \$24,150.14 (7/31/2020)
- The World Wide Communion offering will go 1/3 Talking Bibles, 1/3 STARS Afterschool Program; 1/3 East Jasper Christian Food Pantry.
- The deacons reported a work group opportunity to help clean up damage from the recent wind storm at the Conrad Van Maaren residence near Newton.

Committee reports:

Jeff Knouse, reported for the Education Committee.

- There will be Faithwalkers & Impact Youth Groups (6th – 12th grade) beginning on September 13.
- Sunday School will begin on September 13th.
- Wednesday night Bible Study groups (6th – 12th) will begin on September 9th.

- To Go Meals will be available to youth and anyone who requests a “meal to go”. This is an outreach ministry at this point.

Julie Van Manen, Children’s Ministry Director reported:

- Sunday School will begin a new curriculum that has a virtual element if needed (an optional digital format).
- Children in Worship will begin September 13th (3 years through Kindergarten)
- STARS Afterschool Ministry will not be held in the fall due to the COVID-19 situation and the complexity of keeping our older volunteers safe. We are planning to reevaluate a start date at the end of 2020 for a possible program startup in January 2021 (depending where we are on the COVID-19 landscape).
- No children’s message at the present time.

New business:

- Nomination ballots for elders and deacons will be available August 30, September 6 & 13.
- A pictorial directory booking dates for October 27-29 and November 5-7 are scheduled, but at the time of printing, these dates will possibly be postponed until a later date. A committee is being formed.
- A review of the RCA Vision 2020 team was explained.

God is good as He equips us to face the future! It is in His hands!

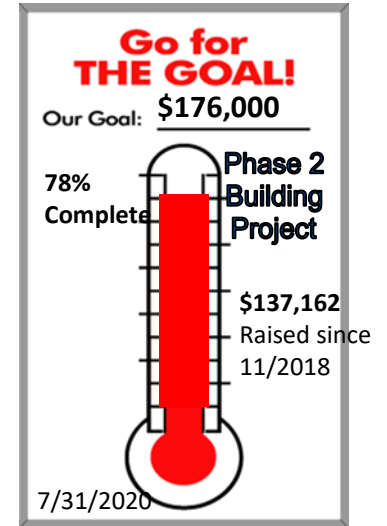
For the consistory,
Pastor Wayne

GIVING AT CHURCH

- You can Securely Give Online now at www.sullyfrc.org. Your information is held securely by an SSL encrypted connection. This information will remain private and will never be given away to third parties, other than to process your scheduled contributions. You can also give by mail or our deacons pick up a weekly offering each Sunday morning.

Next Building Fund Offering—
September 27, 2020

Left to pay: \$38,838



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