

NURSERY INFORMATION

Please contact Trisha Vander Molen or Kaila Harssalaar at trishavk@hotmail.com or kswank15@outlook.com if you would be willing to help out with this ministry! **Nursery alert pagers are available in the nursery at check-in!**

- ⇒ A **nursery** is provided **from birth to age 3**. Our nurseries are located right next to the Welcome Center located on the south west corner of the sanctuary.
- ⇒ **Children In Worship Activities—3 year old—Kindergarten** are dismissed during the service and meets downstairs (stairway in the Gathering Place by the elevator)
- ⇒ The **AED Defibrillator is located in the church office on the 2nd shelf on east wall**
- ⇒ **Cookies will be served in Children in Worship for 3 yrs.—Kindergarten**

In **case of inclement winter weather** the decision to cancel services will be made by **7:30 a.m. for the morning service and 3 p.m.** for the evening activities. Church meetings will be cancelled if the Lynnvile-Sully School cancels classes or is dismissed early for bad weather. Cancellations will be announced on KGRN, KCCI, WHO TV and www.sullyfrc.org, through our FRC email list and now TEXT ALERTS!

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!

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.

ACH Contributions - ACH Contributions are a convenient way to give directly from your checking account. Contributions are taken out the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Stop into the church office to pick up a form.

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Sunday, December 26, 2021

Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.

Pastor Tom VandeBerg

Opening Song*"Joy to the World"*Praise Team

*Welcome & Call to Worship

THE APPROACH TO GOD

*Songs of Praise

.....*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

.....*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

Ordination & Installation of Elders & Deacons

Children's Message Julie Van Manen

3 yr. olds thru Kindergarten dismissed for Children & Worship Activities- Legacy Addition basement!

Announcements/Congregational Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD

ScriptureMatthew 16:13-16(pg.794)

Message: **"Is Jesus Changing You?"**
Pastor Tom VandeBerg

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

Closing Hymn"All Glory Be to Christ"*

*Benediction

Response chorus—"All Glory Be to Christ"*

POSTLUDEPraise Team

*Indicates standing if able CCLI License # 790003



Please pick up your poinsettias after the morning worship service!



***Children's activity bags** are available in the south coat rooms & wing.

***Offering Boxes** are at each of the door entrances—your Sunday offering can be placed in these!

***Coffee time** will be served in the Gathering Place this morning!

*The **back 5 rows of chairs on both sides of the sanctuary** will be reserved for parents with young children

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"IS JESUS CHANGING YOU?"

"Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:16



December 26, 2021

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Sunday, December 26
9:30 am **Morning Worship**– Pastor Tom VandeBerg— Ordination & Installation of Elders & Deacons
Sunday, January 2
9:30 am **Morning Worship**– Pastor Tom VandeBerg— Communion

***NO SUNDAY SCHOOL December 26 & January 2**
***NO YOUTH GROUPS December 26 & January 2**

~~~~ **ORDINATION & INSTALLATION of Elders and Deacons today** ~~~~  
Our newly chosen elders and deacons will be ordained and installed today during the morning service. Ordained & installed to the office of deacon is **Tyler Harsselaar** and installed to the office of deacon are **Nick Harthoorn & Josh Rozendaal**. Ordained & installed to the office of elder are **Brent De Jong, Joel Jansen & Jeff Knouse** and installed to the office of elder is **Ervin Arkema**. They will begin their terms on January 1, 2022.  
We want to thank **Bryan De Jong, Beryl Dunsbergen & Doug Huyser** who have served as elder the past three years. We want to also thank **Gale Horman, Matt Schechinger & Jeff Vander Molen** who have served as deacon.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Sewing Days** will begin Tuesday, January 4 from 1– 4 pm in the Gathering Place. Other dates will be January 18, February 1 & 15.  
**Monday, January 17, 6:30 pm** Consistory/Staff supper catered by Prime Country.

## WAY TO GO FRC!!

**We have raised \$7,642.55! We were able to build 5 homes!** The entire **Sunday School** department had a goal to raise \$1,500 for a special Christmas offering to Build a Home for a Family in Haiti. After hurricanes, earthquakes and other disasters families and, at times, whole communities are left with damaged or destroyed homes. Thank you all so much for helping out with this project!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

# PRAYER REQUESTS

**Dear Friends of Sully First Reformed,**  
Thank you so much for the many sympathy cards and words of encouragement following the death of my mother, Carol Sneller. The floral arrangement was beautiful from the congregation! We will continue to use it for the Christmas season. You made us feel hugged and embraced by your love in Christ. My mom lived a full and blessed life and was ready as the Bible proclaims “ to live for Christ and to die is gain” Philippians 1:21. She was a beautiful lady inside and out! Thank you again for remembering us in our loss!  
**In Christ, Pastor Wayne and Tammy Sneller**

Andy & I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and also those who gave us their time and shared resources Saturday to come help clean up after the storm. We are blessed to have a church family that comes together in times of need to help others out. The Lord has a plan through all of this and we praise Him.

**Andy & Jamie Dunsbergen**



**BABY BLESSING BASKETS:** There are two baby blessing baskets set out in the Gathering Place for our newest little ones: **Kennadi Marie**, daughter of **Brandon & Nicole Dunsbergen** born Monday, December 13. And to **Myles Edward**, son of **Drew & Leah Van Rees**, born Thursday, December 16.

**High School Wednesday night class needs a Bible Study Leader**—if this is something you could help out with please contact Jeff Knouse at [jkfrcsully@gmail.com](mailto:jkfrcsully@gmail.com)

**CHURCH TREASURERS:** A reminder for all treasurers to turn in your books, and financial reports for 2021, bank statements and cancelled checks to the church office for our annual report and for auditing by January 16, 2022.

**The Deacons at FRC would like to thank the congregation for your faithful giving throughout this past year! God is good!**

As the end of the year comes to a close let’s remember how God has richly blessed us! Your year-end giving must be post marked by December 31 for 2021 tax purposes.

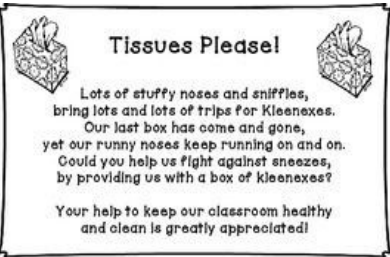
**REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR MAIL IN YOUR CHURCH MAILBOX !!**

# OFFERING

**OFFERING for the week of December 19..... \$12,082.50**  
**Quarterly Building offering ..... \$5,481.00**

# INFORMATION

**Bless the Classroom with Tissues:** We will be collecting boxes of tissues for the local schools ! If you can help out please place the tissues on the table in the Gathering Place!



**VALET PARKING** - This service will be available at the south car port door only. You may drive your vehicle to the car port where a valet attendant (church volunteer) will park your vehicle. If you would like to help out with this ministry, please contact the church office 594-2935 ext 1 or [frcsully@netins.net](mailto:frcsully@netins.net).

# MORNING SCHEDULE

| December 26                                                                                                          | MORNING SCHEDULE                          | January 2                                                                                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Marla VR, Liz H<br>Ellie D                                                                                           | <b>NURSERY</b>                            | Annette Z, Stephanie R<br>Bristol H                                                                               |
| <b>Parents:</b> Jeremy & Becky R<br><b>Storyteller:</b> Gerald D<br><b>Leader:</b> Shelby S                          | <b>CHILDREN IN WORSHIP</b>                | <b>NO Children In Worship Activities Today!</b>                                                                   |
| Shawn H<br>Nick DP                                                                                                   | <b>PROJECTION LIVESTREAM</b>              | Teryl VP<br>Josh R                                                                                                |
| <b>Side:</b> Don N<br>Brandon D<br><b>Center:</b> Ryan M<br><b>Wing:</b> John K<br><b>Valet:</b> Scott VK<br>Rylan J | <b>USHERS</b><br><br><b>VALET PARKING</b> | <b>Side:</b> Dan D<br>Bruce D<br><b>Center:</b> Bob S<br><b>Wing:</b> Matt S<br><b>Valet:</b> Scott VK<br>Mason D |

## “Is Jesus Changing You?”

Matthew 16:13-16

**Pastor Tom VandeBerg**

**9:30 a.m.**

**December 26, 2021**

**Is Jesus \_\_\_\_\_?**

- “And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:18

**Our \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ should be bringing \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.**

- “let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us”. Hebrews 12:1

**Jesus begins by asking the disciples who \_\_\_\_\_ think He is.**

**Jesus asks, but who do \_\_\_\_\_ say that I am?**

“As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4:18-21

“When Jesus came to Peter’s house, he saw Peter’s mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him. When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. Matthew 8:14-16

“Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage. It is I. Don’t be afraid.” “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt!” Matthew 14:27-31

Peter said, “Explain the parable to us.” Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. Don’t you see that whatever ENTERS the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? But the things that COME OUT of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man “unclean.” For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what makes a man “unclean;” but eating with unwashed hands does not make him “unclean.” Matthew 15:15-20

**What events is God using to bring about change in \_\_\_\_\_ life?**

**\_\_\_\_\_ should be the evidence that we believe Jesus.**

**I’m going to turn \_\_\_\_\_ loose.**

**Jesus wants to transform \_\_\_\_\_. And then He wants to transform \_\_\_\_\_ us, \_\_\_\_\_ us.**

“You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill, cannot be hidden.” Matthew 5:13-14

## Consistory Notes—December 21, 2021

Our meeting opened with a devotion and prayer given by Pastor Tom VandeBerg. His devotion was entitled “Making Room for Jesus’ Birth at Christmas“.

Installation and ordination will take place on Sunday December 26, 2021.

### The deacons shared:

- November giving: General: \$27, 601.86; Mission: \$19,021.00 (Thanksgiving Offering \$17,712.00); Sunday School: \$1885.80; Building Fund: \$67,967.11; Kaldenburg Trust: \$25,000.00; M/S/C to put \$705.00 interest from CD into Mission Fund.
- It was reported that the only thing left on the new parking lot is painting new lines, which will be done this coming spring and everything that is done has been paid for.
- The Christmas offering is designated 100% to the Mission Fund.
- It was supported to purchase a new computer for the sanctuary for the projection system with an approximate cost of \$2,000.
- Year-end giving is as follows: Lakeview Camp: \$500
  - Northwestern College: \$500
  - Teen Challenge: \$1000
  - KCWN: \$500
  - Talking Bibles: \$500
  - Meggan & Pavlos Vasileiadis: \$1000
  - Faithwalkers: \$1000
  - East Jasper Christian Food Pantry: \$500
  - Daniel & Sarah Zagami: \$1000
  - The Well: \$1500
  - New Life Prison Church: \$500
  - Hope Ministries: \$1000
  - Christian Opportunity Center: \$1000
  - TEC: \$500
  - Impact: \$1000
  - Teen Serve-New Sharon/Montezuma/Lynnvile/Sully/Taintor/Rose Hill/Barnes City/Peoria \$500
- Rozendaal Mission Fund Shares: Jeremy and Susan Beebout, Niger, Africa \$6,400.00; Tom and Aichatou Johnson, serves as the Director of Equipping Christian Leaders Among French-Speaking People Groups in partnership with the Coram Deo Association of Churches, \$6,400.00; Chad Vanden Bosch, Audio Scripture, \$3,200.00; Brett Rockvam, Center of Hope, Sioux Falls, SD, \$3,200.00; Mission India, \$3,000; Meggan and Pavlos Vasileiadis, \$3,000; Lake View Camp, \$1,000; Infaith Org., Bonnie Ellis, \$1,500; Kathryn De Penning, \$3,000.

### The elders shared:

- Communion will be held Sunday, January 2, 2022.
- The baptism of Jacob Wilder, the son of Derrick and Annette Zimmerman was approved.
- The baptism of Maren Jean, daughter of Brandon and Andrea Vos was approved.
- Gelene Evans has requested transfer from First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, Newton, IA to First Reformed Church, Sully.

The full consistory reviewed our care team assignments and also reviewed the physical and spiritual needs of the congregation.

### Old Business:

- The results of the evening worship survey were given: 99 total surveys were turned in; Would you attend an evening worship service? 22.2% yes and 79.8% no; Would you attend a Sunday night Bible study? 52.2% yes and 47.8% no. Are you currently attending a Sunday night Bible study? 26.7% yes and 73.3% no. A motion was made to discontinue the evening worship service after the results of the survey were read. This was a unanimous decision by the consistory.

### Information:

- We are looking to retain Paul Hietbrink as our lawyer to rewrite the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation with the intent to leave the RCA pending congregational approval. This was a unanimous decision by the consistory.

For the Consistory,

Pastor Tom



**Julie Van Manen,**  
**Children's Ministry**  
**Director**



## Sunday School — 10:45

**a.m.**

\*All those 3 years old—Kindergarten please go to room # 8 & 9 located on the southeast side of the basement.

\*All those in 1st—5th grade go to room #6 on the southwest side of the basement.

## God's Little Wonders - 3 year old—Kindergarten

**Rebecca Rozendaal & Cathryn Dunsbergen Opening ex-**

**ercises** east side of basement rooms #8 & 9

*We will begin here with singing and then walk with their teachers to their rooms. All classrooms are marked with the teachers name and names of students on the outside of each door.*

### **3 year olds – Room #9 (Little Lambs) - Hands on Bible:**

**Teachers:** Amy Harthoorn & Hollie Nunnikhoven, Skyler Young & Lisa Dunsbergen

### **4 year olds – Room #7 (Zacchaeus' Treehouse) - Hands on Bible**

**Teachers:** Liz Harthoorn, Kayla Henkle, Shaleah James & Elaine Droppert

### **Kindergarten –Children in worship area – Room #10 (Builders) - Imagine**

**Teachers:** Monica Nikkel & Lysandra Newell

## All kids in Children in Worship downstairs will be led to opening exercises.

\*\*3 yrs.—Kindergarten will have cookies during Children in Worship—1st—5th will be served cookies before opening exercises.

## Faith Seekers—1st—5th Grade (west side of basement)

**Dawn Schechinger—Opening Exercises** Rm. #6- West side—We will begin singing here and then go to their individual classrooms.

### **1st Grade—Room #4—(Lion's Den) - Imagine**

**Teachers:** Emily Larson & Carrie Mortvedt

### **2nd & 3rd Grade – Room # 3 (Commandment Center) - Wonder**

**Teachers:** Joni Collins & Hannah De Penning

### **4th Grade- Room #1 (Creation Station) - Marvel**

**Teachers:** Katelyn Beyer & Julie Van Manen

### **5th Grade—Room # 11 (Trailblazers) Children in worship area—Marvel**

**Teacher:** Eloise Vos



**Jeff Knouse,**  
**Youth & Education Director**

## **Middle School— Youth With Heart 6th—8th grade**

### **Nick De Penning—Superintendent**

(The Lighthouse -opening exercises upstairs above wing)

**6th—8th Grade – The Lighthouse— Dive—Year 1**

**Teachers:** Nick De Penning, Mel Vos & Tim Vanden Hoek

## **High School— Souls Ignited 9th—12th grade**

**9th & 10th Grade – The Well** (west side of basement)

**Teacher:** Kurt Harthoorn—Heidelberg Catechism

**11th & 12th Grade – The Well** (east side of basement)

**Teacher:** Ryan Mortvedt - Right Now Media

\*All 6th—8th grade classes are held upstairs in the Lighthouse (area above the wing)

\*All 9th—12th grade classes are held in The Well (northwest side of the basement)

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

**Adult Sunday school –meet in the Legacy Center—All adults are invited to join!**

**Bible Study—Apostle's Creed**

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- **NOTE: The 5th grade will now be meeting downstairs!**
- If you haven't attended a Sunday school class or you are new to FRC this year, you are invited to join a class!
- Your children can be picked up at 11:30 a.m. each Sunday.
- An offering will be collected each Sunday. This is a great way to teach kids how to tithe.

## **YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION**

5:00 pm **IMPACT Youth Group** meets in the Well (basement) open for all 6th—8th grade!

6:30 pm **Faithwalkers Youth Group** meets in the Well (basement) open for all 9th—12th grade

**EVERY Friday morning** at 7:30 am for 6th—12th grade—**Prayer Breakfast—**

Donuts and milk before school—meet in the Gathering Place

