

# Reformed *Informer*



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DECEMBER 2019 FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SULLY, IOWA



## "Perfect Timing"

Dear Friends,

When it comes to the Christmas story we have had many opportunities to listen to it. Many times to tell it and many times to read it.

Each year when I enter the Advent season I reflect on what is God going to reveal to me afresh!

The birth of Jesus was set in a time where the nation of Judah was waiting for God to reveal himself! This time is called the 400 years of silence. That is from the last historical event recorded in the book of Malachi and the introduction to the historical record of Jesus' ancestors in the first chapter of Matthew.

These so called "silent" years of the inter-testamentary period would usher in what the Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Galatians that says "When time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman." (Galatians 4:4) In other words, the time of Jesus' birth was God's appointed hour!

It was God's perfect timing!

From the time period where it seemed nothing was happening at all in God's revelation to mankind, you will see the "players" of the Christmas story coming and going. Mary going to Elizabeth, Joseph and Mary journeying to Bethlehem, the shepherds hurrying to see baby Jesus, and later the baby Jesus taken to the temple!

It doesn't stop there! We read the wise men travel to Bethlehem but go home by another route!

God's plan was literally in motion. The prophecies of the Messiah were being fulfilled.

It brings to my mind that as a people of God we have a purpose. Our purpose is to glorify our Creator and to exhibit and share this wonderful news that Jesus Christ was born!

May you have a purpose filled Advent season and a Christmas where you celebrate the fullness of God in you and your family's lives!

May Christ be in your Christmas!

Pastor Wayne







**IMPACT YOUTH GROUP—6th—8th grade.** We will meet **EVERY** Sunday evening at 5:00 pm in the Well (downstairs in the basement)

**Who: ALL 6th—8th graders**  
**Impact Youth will be meeting EVERY SUNDAY at 4 pm in the**

**WELL throughout the year!**

**December Dates:**

**December 1— Advent**

**December 8— Parent Night**

**December 15— Christmas Party**

**December 22, 6:00 pm—Candlelight Service**

**December 29—No Meeting**

**Leaders:** Jeff & Alison Knouse, Denny & Donna Liekweg, & Caden Dunsbergen

**Youth & Ed Director—**

**Jeff Knouse**

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**FAITHWALKERS—9th-12th grade**

We will meet **EVERY** Sunday evening at 6:30 pm in the Well (downstairs in the basement)



**FAITHWALKERS**

**All 9th - 12th Grade invited**  
**Upcoming Events:**

**December 1—6 pm—Worship Series Week 4**

**December 8—6:00 pm—Parent Night**

**December 15—6:00 pm—Christmas Party**

**December 22—6:00 pm—Candlelight Service**

**December 29—No Meeting**

**Leaders:** Jeff & Alison Knouse, Cale & Kendra Van Wyk, Shawn & ChyAnne Huyser and Cody & Kelly Kesling



**Prayer Breakfast**  
Free Jesus, and donuts.

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!



**December 7, 11—1 pm**

Our **Faithwalker Soup Dinner** will be held in the Gathering Place.



**IMPACT youth will be hosting a Bake Sale** during the soup dinner.







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# STARS

On November 20, the STARS after school program concluded the fall session with a family meal followed by the children singing *Counting Every Blessing* and reciting their memory verse. The last four weeks of STARS we focused on lessons on Thankfulness including the following themes: creating us, sending Jesus, blessings, and serving others. The children wrote Thank you's and packed shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

**STARS will begin again Wednesday, January 8, and will meet each Wednesday from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. until Wednesday, March 11.**

## Focus on the Reason for the Season

As we enter the Advent Season – we enter an exciting time for children. In our many preparations for Christmas let us remember to share the real Christmas story with our children as we give them the gift of time. One of the ways you can do this is by sharing daily advent devotion. Each family with a 3 year old – 4<sup>th</sup> grader will receive an advent chain and Advent calendar to assist you in your preparation for Christmas. In addition, you may create a new tradition with *Shepherd on the Search*, a Christian alternative to Elf on the Shelf. May you enjoy this Christmas time and may you create memories that last a lifetime as you focus on the birth of the Christ child this month.



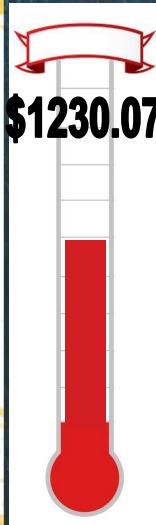
## Sunday School Christmas Program



To celebrate the birth of our Savior, our Sunday School departments will present, **The Nativity**, on **Sunday, December 16th, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 pm—** Sunday school Christmas Program for our Beginner (3 yr—K) and Primary (1st—4th grade) Departments. A coffee time will be held after the service!

**Last day of Sunday school is December 22. No Sunday school on December 29. We will resume classes on January 5, 2019.**



The entire Sunday School department has a goal to raise \$2500 for a special Christmas offering to **Build a Home for a Family through Samaritans Purse**. After hurricanes, earthquakes and other disasters families and, at times, whole communities are left with damaged or destroyed homes. The offering for this project will begin Sunday, November 3 and **conclude Sunday, December 15.**

## OPEN MY EYES December



The Open My Eyes Scripture Writing plan is focused on children ages 4-10. Each of the Scriptures below should take ten minutes to write. You can use this plan in conjunction with the adult writing plan as a family devotional, Family Bible Study, or handwriting practice for your Kindergarten to Fifth grader.

### THE NAMES OF JESUS

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| Day 1: <b>ADVOCATE</b><br>1 John 2:1                                 | Day 13: <b>ROSE OF SHARON</b><br>Song of Solomon 2:1              | Day 25: <b>WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE</b><br>Isaiah 9:6 |
| Day 2: <b>LAMB OF GOD</b><br>John 1:29                               | Day 14: <b>ALPHA and OMEGA</b><br>Revelation 22:12                | Day 26: <b>ONLY BEGOTTEN SON</b><br>John 3:16   |
| Day 3: <b>RESURRECTION &amp; LIFE</b><br>John 11:25                  | Day 15: <b>TEACHER</b><br>John 3:2                                | Day 27: <b>DAYS PRING</b><br>Luke 1:78  |
| Day 4: <b>SHEPHERD &amp; GUARDIAN</b><br>1 Peter 2:25                | Day 16: <b>THE BELOVED</b><br>Ephesians 1:6                       | Day 28: <b>REDEEMER</b><br>Job 19:25  |
| Day 5: <b>JUDGE</b><br>Acts 10:42                                    | Day 17: <b>SAVIOR &amp; MEDIATOR</b><br>1 Timothy 2:5             | Day 29: <b>ALMIGHTY</b><br>Revelation 1:8   |
| Day 6: <b>KING OF KINGS &amp; LORD OF LORDS</b><br>1 Timothy 6:14-15 | Day 18: <b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD</b><br>John 10:11                    | Day 30: <b>ROOT and OFFSPRING of DAVID, BRIGHT and MORNING STAR</b><br>Revelation 22:16           |
| Day 7: <b>MAN OF SORROWS</b><br>Isaiah 53:3                          | Day 19: <b>LIGHT of the WORLD</b><br>John 8:12                    | Day 31: <b>THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE</b><br>John 14:6  |
| Day 8: <b>AMEN &amp; FAITHFUL Witness</b><br>Revelation 3:14         | Day 20: <b>THE WORD</b><br>John 1:1                               |   |
| Day 9: <b>THE ROCK</b><br>1 Corinthians 10:4                         | Day 21: <b>CHIEF CORNERSTONE</b><br>Ephesians 2:20                |   |
| Day 10: <b>HIGH PRIEST &amp; ANCHOR</b><br>Hebrews 6:20              | Day 22: <b>IMAGE of the INVISIBLE GOD</b><br>Colossians 1:15      |   |
| Day 11: <b>THE DOOR</b><br>John 10:9                                 | Day 23: <b>AUTHOR &amp; FINISHER of OUR FAITH</b><br>Hebrews 12:2 |   |
| Day 12: <b>BREAD OF LIFE</b><br>John 6:35                            | Day 24: <b>IMMANUEL</b><br>Matthew 1:23                           |   |





## Josh & Suzanne Rozendaal

**Birthdates:** Josh 7/5/79,  
Suzanne 9/22/80  
Corrina 3/17/07,  
Jordyn 8/18/09  
Gabe 2/25/14

**Anniversary:** June 14, 2003

First Reformed Church holds a special place in Josh and Suzanne Rozendaal's life as it is where they were united in marriage as well as where their children were baptized. Other memories or maybe embarrassing moments occurred at church when they were asked to do an Advent reading. Suzanne recalls attempting to light an Advent candle that refused to light! Thankfully, she says, they have never been asked to do that again!! Fun memories!

Josh Rozendaal and Suzanne Scholten were high school sweethearts, both attending and graduating from Lynnville-Sully High School. They also went to Faithwalkers at First Reformed, as well as Rocky Mountain High and travelled to Kentucky on the very first work trip. Josh grew up on a farm south of Lynnville and Suzanne grew up in Sully. They were both the youngest kid in the family with each of them having one older brother and one older sister. Josh is the son of Earl and Marcia Rozendaal and Suzanne is the daughter of Arie and Elaine Scholten. Suzanne went on to attend school at Mount Mercy and the University of Iowa to get her degree in Social Work. She currently works at Capstone Behavioral Healthcare. Josh has worked as a technician for Sully Telephone in Sully for over 20 years.

They were married on June 14, 2003 (Flag Day) at First Reformed Church. As with any wedding, there were unexpected events, but most noticeable was the fact their wedding party switched out their "getaway vehicle" replacing it with a parade float covered in American flags, pulled by an old Chevy Caprice Classic painted up like an American flag. As June 14 is Flag Day, the wedding party thought it was a very fitting way to leave the church!

The Rozendaals' enjoy taking a weekend to go camping with the family when the time allows. Other family interests include cooking, baking and trying new foods. Josh has also been very involved in the Phase 2 sanctuary remodel and they are excited to see how the congregation will use the space in the years to come!

Thank you Josh and Suzanne for letting us "Get to Know You Better!"



**Sunday,  
December 22—Candlelight  
Service  
at 6:00 pm**



This will be a night to sit back and enjoy an hour of inspiring Christmas Bible stories and music, celebrating the birth of our Savior. Coffee time will follow in the Gathering Place



Day 1: James 1:17	Day 17: Psalm 68:9-11
Day 2: Luke 11:9-13	Day 18: Psalm 68:19-21
Day 3: John 4:7-10	Day 19: Matthew 5:23-24
Day 4: John 4:11-15	Day 20: 1 Corinthians 16:1-3
Day 5: 1 Samuel 1:17	Day 21: Hebrews 11:24
Day 6: Romans 5:15-16	Day 22: 1 Timothy 6:6-8
Day 7: Romans 6:23	Day 23: 1 Timothy 6:17-19
Day 8: Psalm 76:11	Day 24: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
Day 9: 2 Corinthians 9:6-9	Day 25: Jeremiah 33:6
Day 10: 2 Corinthians 9:10-15	Day 26: 1 Peter 1:18-19
Day 11: Ephesians 2:4-7	Day 27: Hebrews 9:15
Day 12: Ephesians 2:8-10	Day 28: Matthew 5:11-12
Day 13: Ecclesiastes 5:19	Day 29: Matthew 6:38
Day 14: John 3:16	Day 30: 1 Timothy 3:15-16
Day 15: Revelation 2:10	Day 31: Romans 5:8-11
Day 16: Psalm 68:3-6	

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.  
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*

*The Ruffled Mango*





# DECEMBER

## December 1

Oaklynn Vos

## December 2

Austin Kramer ~ Scott Van Kooten  
Emily Van Manen

## December 3

Laura Fikse ~ Ada Kay Van Maanen  
Randy Huyser

## December 4

Shawna Maasdam ~ Julie Van Manen  
Lindsay Nees

## December 5

Jodi Hansen ~ Max Van Rees

## December 6

Dylann Huyser ~ Chuck Johnson  
Brady Van Wyk ~ Meldon Vos  
Kreighton Vos ~ Kennedy Van Manen

## December 7

Rhonna Fiihr ~ Nathan Young

## December 8

**Corky Boat** ~ Lucas Rozendaal  
Shelby Shinkle

## December 9

Dick Schnell ~ Brittney Hansen

## December 12

Jeff Van Wyk ~ Angela Corell  
Jason Huyser

## December 13

Rita Vos

## December 14

Coltin Collins ~ Kaylee Van Maanen

## December 16

Marissa Vos

## December 17

Glenn Fiihr ~ Brooke Jansen  
Allen Scholten ~ Bentlee Vos

## December 18

Brody Dunsbergen

## December 19

**Deloris McKeag (82)**

## December 20

Aiden Chapman ~ Shirley Dunsbergen

Dana Rozendaal ~ **Dorothy Van Maanen (80)**

Derrick Zimmerman

## December 24

John Kramer

## December 25

Craig Maasdam ~ Marlene Rozendaal

## December 26

Joel Harthoorn ~ Hollie Nunnikhoven

Amelia Rozendaal

## December 29

Carol Lukehart ~ Susan Maasdam

Zoey Nunnikhoven ~ Tessa Van Maanen

Mandeesa Vos

## December 30

Alivia Nikkel ~ Nora Vos

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## December 3

Tim & Nicole Dunsbergen (26)  
Clarence & Lynn Wyma (54)

## December 9

Jeff & Deb Van Wyk (31)

## December 16

Jeff & Alison Knouse (2)

## December 17

Chris & Kelly De Jong (3)

## December 21

Drew & Shelby Shinkle (5)

## December 22

Keith & Glenda Renaud (48)

## December 27

Meldon & Eloise Vos (28)

## December 30

Dennis & Linda Van Maanen (54)  
Lucas & Leah Rozendaal (2)

## December 31

Garrett & Jade DeHoedt (1)

## Looking Ahead...

**Sunday, December 8, 9:30 am** - Installation/Ordination of Elders & Deacons.  
**11:00 am** orientation for newly elected Elders and Deacons

**Sunday, December 15, 6 pm** – Beginner & Primary Sunday school Christmas Program

**Wednesday, December 18** – Elder, Consistory and Deacon Meetings

**Monday, December 22, 6:00 pm** – Candlelight Service

**Wednesday, December 25, 10 am** – Christmas Day Service

**Sunday, December 29** – NO Sunday school classes & No Evening worship service

**Thursday, January 2, 6:30 pm** – Consistory Supper in the Gathering Place

**Wednesday, January 8, 3:30 pm** – STARS Afterschool Program starts back up

**Tuesday, January 7, 9:00 am** - Sewing Days begin in the Gathering Place. Other dates are: January 21, February 4 & 18 and March 3.



**SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE:** The tree with the Angel tree tags will be located near the nurseries and elevator. The tags will have a child's age & gender. The ages are 1 – 14. Gifts are **NOT** to be wrapped, put in a plastic bag and attach the tag to the bag. **Due date is Wednesday, December 11** and will be delivered to Newton on this date. Last year we delivered over 40 gifts! Any questions please contact Any questions please contact Velda Dunsbergen at 641-891-1677 or Karna Ver Ploeg at 641-891-9560



Sign up for text alerts.

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 service. Church meetings will be cancelled if the Lynnville-Sully School cancels classes or is dismissed early for bad weather. Cancellations will be announced on KGRN, KCCI, WHO TV and [www.sullyfrc.org](http://www.sullyfrc.org), through our FRC email list and now **TEXT ALERTS!**

**SIGN UP for TEXT ALERTS** on our website at [sullyfrc.org](http://sullyfrc.org) on the home page under the service times (join FRC Text)! You will then be notified by a text when services are cancelled! You can also sign up for volunteer opportunities as well!



# Thanksgiving Eve Service 2019

# Thanksgiving Blessings



We had a great message "No Fear: The Best is Yet to Come" by Pastor Wayne Sneller and food donations were collected! Our STARS After school kids sang "Counting Every Blessing" led by Jeff Knouse. **Thank you all for your support** by all the food that was brought in on Wednesday evening at our Thanksgiving Eve Service. 18 families in the surrounding communities have been helped out through your generosity! Thank you to those who helped make our Dessert Fest another successful event! The Gathering Place was buzzing with fellowship and lots of great desserts! **You may still bring give your Thanksgiving offering in Sunday, December 1.** We are so thankful for your generosity through the monetary gifts as well as the food brought in throughout this past month. God has richly blessed us! God is good!



So much to be thankful for!  
God is good!





# December 2019 Prayer Calendar




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Rod, Dana, Makenzy & Makayla Rozendaal	2 Russ & Lois Rozendaal	3 Wilma Rozendaal	4 Bob & Diana Scandridge	5 Cooper Scandridge	6 Hailey Scandridge	7 Payton Scandridge
8 Matt, Dawn, Asher, Peyton, Lucy & Samuel Schechinger	9 Chet, Alison & Brody Schnell	10 Dick & Linda Schnell	11 Allen Scholten	12 Andrew Scholten	13 Arie & Elaine Scholten	14 Mark & Sarah Scholten
15 Drew, Shelby & Carter Shinkle	16 Paul & Patty Sneller	17 Pastor Wayne & Tammy Sneller	18 Kevin, Kelly & Riley Terlouw	19 Henrietta Terpstra	20 John & Dawn Terpstra	21 Logan Terpstra
22 Warren & Alma Terpstra	23 Felix & Tia Torres	24 Jennifer Torres and Marlee	25 Tony, Deana, Destiny, Mathias, Elizabeth, Ellie & Linkoln Torres	26 Margaret Vande Krol	27 Tena Vanden Hoek	28 Tim, Marsha & Brett Vanden Hoek
29 Jerry & Pam Vander Beek	30 Dorothy Van Der Kamp	31 Roger & Jean Van Der Kamp				

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**Next Deadline: December 25**

# December 2019 Activity Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9:30am Pastor Duane Laman 10:45 am Sunday School 12 pm Reunion 12 pm Reunion-Well NO EVENING WORSHIP 5 pm Impact 6 pm Faithwalkers</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 12 pm Staff Christmas Party</p>	<p>4 5:45 am Promise Keepers 5:30 pm Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast</p>	<p>7 11—1 pm Faithwalker Soup Dinner  11—1 pm Impact Bake Sale</p>
<p>8 9:30am Pastor Wayne Sneller- Installation of Elders/Deacons 10:45 am Sunday School for all ages 11 am New Deacon/ Elder Orientation 5 pm IMPACT 6:30 pm Faithwalkers 6 pm Bob Hammann</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 5:45 am Promise Keepers 5:30 Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 10:45 am Sunday School for all ages 5 pm Impact 6 pm Sunday School Christmas Program 6:30 pm Faithwalkers</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 5:45 am Promise Keepers 6:30 pm Elders Mtg. 6:45 pm Deacons Mtg 7:30 pm Consistory</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast</p>	<p>21 10—3pm Reunion</p>
<p>22 Building Fund Offering 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 1045 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Candlelight Service</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 4—10 pm Reunion in the Well</p>	<p>25 10 am Christmas Service  </p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 3—10 pm Reunion in the Gathering Place</p>	<p>28 9—2 Reunion 4—10 Reunion</p>
<p>29 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller No Sunday School No Evening Service</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				