

# Reformed *Informer*

FEBRUARY 2021  
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SULLY, IA



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## "YOUR SOURCE OF HAPPINESS"

Dear Friends,

Across from the parsonage, is what our church non-ceremoniously calls the "south parking lot". Over the years as I have looked out the window of my home, I have seen it used by the local young and older youth in both summer and winter as an unofficial playground. The basic difference in their creative play was that the older youth use this stretch of prime flat surface area as a perfect area to do "donuts" in the winter and to do four wheeling on the mountainous snow piles leftover from snow removal!

The younger kids love those snow piles for sledding! After the heavy snow fall this past week, those snow piles received heavy use! I noticed kids sledding down these slopes in every direction. In addition to which looked like ants storming an ant hill, there were boys and girls, shovels in hand, digging snow caves and making snow forts!

What fun!

Looking at all this activity brought me back to the enthusiasm of my youth when it came to enjoying a good freshly made snow mountain! As I looked at those kids, going up and down those snow piles, I thought of the unbridled energy they had!

I further thought when did I lose that ability to enjoy a good snow fall like those kids did! It must have something to do with growing older!

Likewise, I remembered a verse from Ecclesiastes 11:9-10 that says, "You who are young, be happy and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth." As the writer of Ecclesiastes does in his prose way, he ends with a pronouncement in verse 10... "for youth and vigor are meaningless."

Now, God is not leaving us in a futile no hope position as we live life. What this verse does is tell us to enjoy every aspect of every day -whether we are young or old. However, it brings us to the core of what happiness is. If we concentrate on our youth (or whatever we make as our god), we will lose that someday because the years will fade youth away and it will leave us feeling empty (have you ever heard of a mid-life crisis!)

What are we to do today? We are to build our lives on God who makes our foundation strong. This my friend, will not fade away. If you don't know how to do this, simply pray this prayer, Dear God, I am a sinner and I need your Son Jesus Christ to be in my life. I want to know you personally. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins and for raising from the dead. I ask you to come into my heart and be the Lord of my life. I receive you as my Lord and Savior. Thank you for forgiving my sins and the giving me the gift of eternal life. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

Pastor Wayne



**Who: ALL 6th—8th graders**  
**Impact Youth will be meeting EVERY SUNDAY at 4:59 pm in the WELL throughout the year!**  
**February Dates:**

**NO YOUTH GROUPS February 7**  
**February 14, February 21 , February 28**

**IMPACT Youth Group (6th-8th) meets Sunday evenings from 5—6pm in the Well**  
**Leaders:** Jeff & Alison Knouse, Caden & Brenna Dunsbergen and Cody & Kelly Kesling

**Youth & Ed Director—**  
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APR. 09-11, 2021 MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

**MAGNIFY**

Middle School Retreat is HAPPENING on April 9-11, 2021! Bradley Rees, a worship leader from Cedar Falls, IA, and the Northwestern College Worship Band will be leading you in the main sessions

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**FAITH WALKERS**  
 2 Corinthians 5:7

**FAITHWALKERS meet at 6:30 pm in the Well**  
**All 9th - 12th Grade invited**  
**Upcoming Events:**  
**NO YOUTH GROUPS February 7**

**February 14, February 21, February 28**

**Our Faithwalker Service will be Sunday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Faithwalkers Youth Group (9th—12th) meets every Sunday evening from 6—7 pm in the Well**  
**Leaders:** Jeff & Alison Knouse, Cody & Kelly Kesling and Shawn & ChyAnne Huyser.

**POWER CONNECTION**

**WONDER WANDER**

JUNE 25 - 27, 2021 BETHEL UNIVERSITY ST. PAUL, MN

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**YOU ARE I AM**

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**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!



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**February 17<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday** which marks the beginning of Lent. **Children 3 years old – 5<sup>th</sup> grade** will receive an age appropriate booklet to help their families prepare for Lent.



**Happy Valentine's Day** to all this month! The greatest gift of love that we can give others is to tell/show the love of Christ!

**Love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.** Deuteronomy 6:5

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart.** Proverbs 3:5a

**Let us love on another, because love is of God.** 1 John 4:7

**Teaching your Child How to Pray**

**Prayer Prompts**

 I'm so thankful that you gave me \_\_\_\_\_.

 I'm so glad that you helped me with \_\_\_\_\_ today.

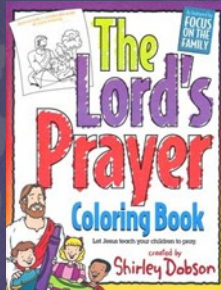
I love you God because you \_\_\_\_\_.

Please help me tomorrow as I \_\_\_\_\_.

Please watch over (person) \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Children in Worship** - Each child attending Children in Worship should receive a coloring book to assist with learning The Lord's Prayer.




**Think warm thoughts - Mark your calendars for July 12-15.** Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, as we discover that trusting Jesus pulls us through life's ups and downs.

Your Power Will Pull Us Through - Theme Song

**Volunteer Opportunity** - The VBS Committee is seeking someone to be a member of the steering committee to help plan and organize VBS. Please let Julie know if you are interested!

**Inscribe the Word**  
 February Scripture Writing Plan  
**FOR KIDS!**

Writing out Scriptures is a way to understand God's Word and Hear His voice without distractions. Each of the Scriptures below should take fifteen minutes to copy. So grab your journal, your bible, and some pretty pens, and let us INSCRIBE THE WORD together.



**The Books of**  
 2 John, 3 John, Titus, and Philemon

- 1. 2 John v. 1
- 2. 2 John v. 5
- 3. 2 John v. 9
- 4. 2 John v. 12
- 5. 3 John v. 1
- 6. 3 John v. 8
- 7. 3 John v. 15
- 8. Titus 1:1
- 9. Titus 1:4
- 10. Titus 1:7
- 11. Titus 1:11
- 12. Titus 1:15
- 13. Titus 2:1
- 14. Titus 2:7-8
- 15. Titus 2:11
- 16. Titus 2:14
- 17. Titus 3:2
- 18. Titus 3:4-5
- 19. Titus 3:7
- 20. Titus 3:9
- 21. Titus 3:15
- 22. Philemon v. 1
- 23. Philemon v. 4
- 24. Philemon v. 7
- 25. Philemon v. 10-11
- 26. Philemon v. 12
- 27. Philemon v. 21
- 28. Philemon v. 25

**How to Study the Bible:**

1. Read the Scripture out loud.
2. Write the Scripture in your journal.
3. Ask yourself how you can live out the Scripture.
4. Pray that Jesus would help you apply the Scripture.

## Missions UPDATE



Jeremy and Susan Beebout

### PRAY

- For wisdom as the Beebouts and their ministry partners increase services and intensify evangelism efforts at Clinique Olivia and as they build a new clinic in Dogon Doutchi, to open in 2020.
- For the nursing school, which opened in the fall of 2019 and is the first Christian university in Niger.
- For qualified missionary teachers each year at the Beebout children's school, Sahel Academy.
- For security in Niger as terrorist activity threatens the country from every side, and the need for proclamation of the gospel becomes more urgent.

### About the ministry

Beyond the gates of the compound stretches a busy dirt road bordered by small shops, a warehouse, and many worn down mud-brick houses. This is just one corner of Niamey, Niger's capital, where its one million residents are daily confronted with the challenges of climate, unemployment, and lack of basic necessities including food and basic health care. The compound is home to CADR, the development office of the Evangelical Church of the Republic of Niger. Clinique Olivia is part of CADR, as well as a new nursing school and a guesthouse.

The Beebouts work at CADR and at Clinique Olivia, which provides affordable healthcare to folks from all over the country who regularly battle with recurrent malaria, diarrhea, and respiratory infections. The clinic and CADR staff have created a welcoming community where health issues and other challenges, life stories, and faith in God are shared.

To learn more or support this ministry, visit:

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For all of us, the year 2020 has been a significant alteration from the norm. For many of us, for the first time in years, there has been ample opportunity for waiting during the downtime from COVID; whether we were inclined to do so or not. A few months back, I watched a short video by Francis Chan on the theme of getting off the treadmill, slowing down, and waiting upon the LORD. His conviction was that God has given us this extra time as a gift. God intends that we would use the time for 'waiting,' searching, and re-newing our relationship with Him.

### Give to Niger Medical Ministry

Providing quality healthcare to their poor and underserved Muslim neighbors is one part of outreach and witness for Dr. Susan Beebout and her ministry colleagues in Niger in partnership with the Evangelical Church of the Republic of Niger. A 24-hour health clinic in Niamey and a second clinic being built in the interior of the country with plans to become a hospital serve as the main points of care and outreach. In collaboration with local universities, the medical ministry also trains and equips medical students. Your gift helps subsidize and supplement the medical needs of the ministry while also bearing Christ's witness in the process.

## Chad & Dara Vanden Bosch



**New Harvest Farm (NHF)** is a community based agricultural initiative located in central Mozambique. NHF is a collaborative ministry effort of Audio Scripture Ministries, the Reformed Church in America and Associação Missão Passo a Passo. NHF

This is where our 2020 Sunday School Christmas offering went to.

This past week Chad and Dara asked for prayers as Cyclone Eloise was to hit Mozambique. This was the second cyclone in 3 weeks to affect their area. They were spared damage from this storm! The first storm caused damage to crops (pictured below).

Thanks to all of you who were lifting us up in prayer over the weekend!! Praise the Lord we were spared the worst from cyclone #Eloise. Continue to pray for those who were directly in the path of the storm as they pick up the pieces.

You can follow updates through Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/newharvestfarmMZ/> or their website at <http://newharvestfarm.org/>





## Caden & Brenna Dunsbergen

**Birthdays:** Caden— 9/9/98

Brenna— 8/8/99

**Anniversary:** October 10, 2020

Brenna Lanser grew up in the town of Lynnville. Her parents are Eric (Amber) Lanser and Rhonda (Paul) Carpenter and she has two sisters; Taeler who lives in Nashville and Kenzie who is from Lynnville as well. Brenna has a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Grandview. She works as a CNA at St. Francis in Grinnell as well as being a part-time student.

Tim and Nicole Dunsbergen are Caden's parents and he has two brothers; Blake (Cathryn) Dunsbergen who lives in Sully and Carson who is in the Army stationed in Korea. Caden attended DMAACC and has an Associates Degree in Business Management. He currently works for North Ridge Estates Builders.

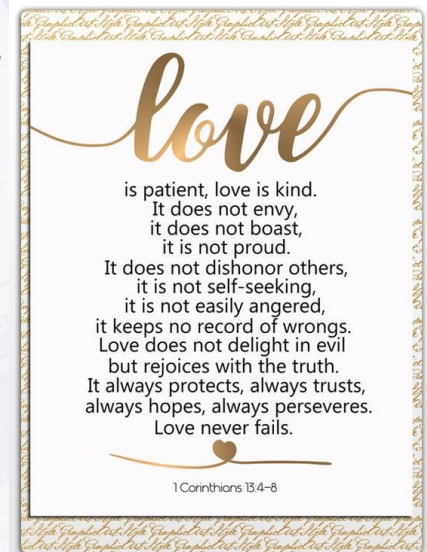
The Dunsbergen's have known each other since the first day they started in Kindergarten at Lynnville-Sully School. It was a beautiful 80 degree day in October when they tied the knot at First Reformed. Their parents surprised them during the ceremony by singing "the Blessing"

during one of their closing songs. They now make their home in Killduff and enjoy playing board games, attending local sporting events or traveling.

The Dunsbergen's value and respect the support of the church family at First Reformed and how everyone has made them feel welcome as well as part of a community.

Caden and Brenna just have to laugh as it seems like yesterday they were going to Faithwalkers youth group at church themselves in high school and now they are leaders of the Jr. High youth group, Impact! Funny how those things work out!

Thanks Caden and Brenna Dunsbergen for letting us "Get To Know You" better!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, February 6—Food & Fun Night** at Sully Christian School

**Friday, February 12, 6:00 pm—818 Forward With Faith Dessert Dash 2021**—held at Pella Christian High School with speaker, Jen Diers. Please **RSVP** to contact@forwardwithfaith.org.

**The Annual Cadet Pinewood Derby** races have been set for **Wednesday, February 24**. This is the same night as the GEMS soup supper. The congregation is welcome to come out for some soup and head to SCS at 7:00 for a night of racing. If you are interested in entering a car, the Cadets are offering them again this year. Please contact a counselor to get one. There will be no concessions at the races.

**LifeServe**  
BLOOD CENTER

**Your Blood. Your Hospital. Your Neighbors.**

**Tuesday, February 16 from 1—7 pm**  
The Sully Blood Drive through Live Serve will be held here in the Gathering Place due to the Sully Community Center being renovated.

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**February 1**

Nicole Dunsbergen ~ Dylan Roozeboom  
Pavlos Vasileiadis

**February 2**

Donavon De Penning

**February 3**

Judy Zegers

**February 4**

Lincoln Torres

**February 5**

Scott Rolffs ~ Kacey Kesling  
Nick Beyer ~ Lucy Van Wyk  
Brody Schnell

**February 6**

Jim Van Zante

**February 7**

**Charles Brand (86)**  
Kendra Van Wyk ~ Lorna Christensen

**February 8**

Ervin Arkema  
Marlis Van Zante ~ Megan Van Zante

**February 9**

Mary Ann Van Maaren  
**Gilbert Van Wyk (88)**

**February 10**

Katelyn Beyer  
Rowyn Vos

**February 12**

Kaiser Kesling

**February 14**

**Iva Baarda (88)** ~ Caroline Rozendaal  
Jean Van Der Kamp ~ Joel Van Wyk

**February 17**

Arie Scholten

**February 24**

Dustin Dunsbergen ~ Parker Nees

**February 25**

Gabe Rozendaal ~ Steve Vos  
Brooklyn Chapman

**February 27**

Jordan Vos

**February 28**

Patty Sneller

**February 1**

Darrell & Susan Maasdam—24 years

**February 2**

Ken & Verna Hackert—60 years

**February 5**

Cody & Kelly Kesling—17 years

**February 10**

John & Jennifer Kramer—25 years  
Ervin & Carolyn Van Waardhuizen—60 years

**February 13**

Marvin & Iva Baarda—68 years

**February 15**

Gilbert & Marlene Van Wyk—64 years

**February 18**

Verlan & Helen Brand—55 years

**February 23**

Alvin & Shirley Rozendaal—59 years

**February 26**

Melvin & Shirley Dunsbergen—56 years

**February 27**

Beryl & Velda Dunsbergen—51 years

# Inscribe the Word

## FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

WRITING OUT SCRIPTURES IS A WAY TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD AND HEAR HIS VOICE WITHOUT DISTRACTIONS.  
EACH OF THE SCRIPTURES BELOW SHOULD TAKE FIFTEEN MINUTES TO COPY. SO GRAB YOUR JOURNAL, YOUR BIBLE, AND SOME PRETTY PENS,  
AND LET US INSCRIBE THE WORD TOGETHER.



Day 1: John 3:16-17  
Day 2: 1 John 4:7-9  
Day 3: 1 John 4:10-11  
Day 4: 1 John 4:12-14  
Day 5: 1 John 4:15-16  
Day 6: 1 John 4:17-19  
Day 7: 1 John 4:20-21

Day 8: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10  
Day 9: Luke 10:26-28  
Day 10: John 14:23-24  
Day 11: Ephesians 2:4-7  
Day 12: Proverbs 3:11-12  
Day 13: Galatians 2:19-21  
Day 14: Amos 5:14-15

Day 15: Deuteronomy 10:16-19  
Day 16: 2 Thessalonians 3:3-5

Day 17: Jude 1:20-22  
Day 18: Ephesians 3:17-19  
Day 19: Deuteronomy 11:13-15  
Day 20: Ephesians 4:1-3  
Day 21: 1 Peter 4:8-10

Day 22: John 15:11-14  
Day 23: 2 John 1:5-6  
Day 24: Mark 12:29-31  
Day 25: Leviticus 19:16-18  
Day 26: Matthew 5:43-46  
Day 27: Romans 13:8-10  
Day 28: Colossians 3:12-14


*Proverbs 3:3-5*

MY CHILD, KEEP MY WORDS AND STORE UP MY COMMANDS WITHIN YOU.  
KEEP MY COMMANDS AND YOU WILL LIVE.  
GUARD MY TEACHINGS AS THE APPLE OF YOUR EYE.  
BIND THEM ON YOUR FINGERS.  
WRITE THEM ON THE TABLET OF YOUR HEART.



# February

# 2021 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Shannon, Edna & Zayleana Dunsbergen	2 Tim, Nicole & Carson Dunsbergen	3 Dan, Stephanie, Emily, Will, Zachary & Jacob Dykema	4 Glenn & Rhonna Fiihr	5 Chad, Lynnette, Evan, Kendra & Laura Fikse	6 David, Lisa & Cale Foster
7 Bryan & Abby Freese	8 Joan Gose	9 Eileen Gruver	10 Jamie, Cindy, Acea & Callista Hackert	11 Ken & Verna Hackert	12 Karen Hackert	13 Chris, Jodi, Brevin & Brittney Hansen
14 Tim, Desiree, Brayden, Brooke, Bryson & Bristol Hardeman	15 Tyler, Kaila, Abel & Cale Harselaar	16 Carroll & Norma Harthoorn	17 Joel, Liz, Joah, Major, Tre, Grace & Faith Harthoorn	18 Kurt & Arloa Harthoorn	19 Nick, Amy, Kate, Brooke, Aubrey & Colton Harthoorn	20 Madison, Trisha, Paisley & Bentley Hay
21 Danis Hedrick	22 Cole, Kayla, Will & Evie Kelly & Brooks Henkle	23 Denise Horman	24 Gale Horman	25 Alex, Kenzie, Hailey & Lucas Huyser	26 Dale & Minnie Huyser	27 Doug & Sheri Huyser
28 Doyle & Linda Huyser			 <p>DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO <i>Prayer.</i> COLOSSIANS 4:2</p>			





# 2021 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 1-4 pm Sewing Days	3 5:30 To Go Meals 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	4	5 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	6
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