

Dear Friends,

The Lord has been Gracious! As we enter the New Year we have many things to be thankful for! We have golden opportunities to serve our God and can look forward to the results of being a committed people doing a ministry that

makes a difference.

I know of no better way of beginning the year than by being a people of prayer. If we begin our day before the Lord, we will be freed from the doubt and "redo's" of life. By being a people of prayer, released to take a fresh look of God's work in First Reformed and our lives in a renewed way. Pray for your consistory, your pastor, your staff, your leaders, your teachers, the Phase 2 Team and each other. Pray that together we will continue to develop a productive Christ centered church that embraces the plan that God has for us for our future!

What I do know in a world filled with uncertainty is that 2018 will be a year where God will use you in

the body of First Reformed!

Happy New Year! In Christ,

Pastor Wayne Sneller

Left to right: Dan Dykema, Rusty Van Wyk, Rod Rozendaal, Dennis Dunsbergen, Nick Harthoorn, Mark Scholten, Gerald Droppert, Melvin Van Genderen, Jeremy Rozendaal, Jeff Van Wyk, Kendall Jansen, Ervin Arkema, Kurt Harthoorn, Chuck Johnson, Cole Vos, Andy Dunsbergen & Duane Van Rees. Pastor Wayne Sneller is seated.





Wouth news

IMPACT

pacting lives for Christ

Who: ALL 6th—8th grad-

ers

Impact Youth will be meeting EVERY SUNDAY at 4 pm in the WELL throughout the year!

January Dates:

January 14

January 21

January 26—Winter Jam in Des Moines

January 28—No meeting—We will be having our An-

chor Service tonight at 6:30 pm

IMPACT Youth Group (6th-8th) meets 2nd & 4th Sunday evenings from 4-5 pm in the Well.

Leaders: Jeff Knouse Alan & Brenda Newell and Dennis

& Donna Liekweg

Youth & Ed Director— Jeff Knouse

Office Hours: Tuesday—Friday

& Sunday's

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

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/



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Faithwalkers Youth Group (9th—12th) meets every Sunday evening from 6—7 pm in the Well Leaders: Jeff Knouse, John & Jennifer Kramer, Brent & Sandy De Jong and Cale Van Wyk

Prayer Breakfast

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!

Sunday, January 28 6:30 p.m.



Hebrews 6:19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul





Children's Ministry Director—

Julie Van Manen

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Sunday school resumes for all ages on Sunday, January 7 at 10:45 a.m.



(above) 1St-4th grade

Christmas

Program



(below) 3 yrs—K



2018 has arrived and we're all getting back in the regular pace of life (hopefully!). We hope you all had a wonderful and blessed Christmas. Even when the snow is flying, we're here to help your children learn about Jesus.

STARS begins Wednesday, January 10 and will be held each Wednesday from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. until March 7. Family meals will be held January 31st and March 7th.

Children will learn about the life of Jesus as a boy and the miracles He performed and the lessons He taught before He died on the cross and rose again.

Winter Activities

- Cook Something Children love to help measure ingredients and work with food.
- Family Movie Night Pop some popcorn and enjoy a movie together. (Remember to use Right Now Media)
- Snow Games Go sledding or just simply play some games in the snow.
- Board Games/Cards A great way to create family memories.

Kidz Movie Nit

<u>Kindergarten—3rd Grade</u> Saturday, January 13 5:30—8:30 pm



Food, chips and a beverage Craft, game and a movie! Invite your friends to join you!

Bring your favorite pillow or sleeping bag to lay on the floor while watching the movie

Registration requested by: Thursday, January 11 Please call 594-2935 (church) or 641-891-4864 (Lynn Dunsbergen)

Email: frcsully@netins.net Please register your kids by going to http:// www.sullyfrc.org/kidzmovienite-route45.cfm on our church webpage. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at frcsully@netins.net or 641-594-2935 ext 1

The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.

Billy Graham, evangelist



ALL 4th and 5th Graders

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Watch for details!



THIS SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN IS DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-10. EACH OF THE SCRIPTURES BELOW SHOULD TAKE TEN MINUTES TO JOURNAL YOU CAN USE THIS PLAN IN CONJUNCTION THE ADULT WRITING PLAN AS A FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY, OR HOMESCHOOL CURRICULUM, WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THIS TIME LEARNING ABOUT JESUS AS YOU INSCRIBE THE WORD

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Day 2: Matthew 5:16

Isaiah 43:18-19a

Romans 13:12 Hebrews 10:23

Hebrews 10:24

Day 9: Psalms 34-8

Day 10: 1 Chronicles 4:10

Day 11: Joshua 1:6 Day 12: Joshua 1:8

Day 13: Psalms 119-16

Day 16: Ezekiel 36:26 Day 18: Philippians 3:14 Day 25: Psalms 118:24 Day 26: Proverbs 19:21 Day 27: Psalms 20:1 Day 28: Psalms 20:4

Day 23: Hebrews 4:16 Day 24: Psalms 51:10

Day 19: Hebrews 12:11

Day 20: Ecclesiastes 3:11 Day 21: Isaiah 60:19a

Day 30: Romans 8:28 Day 31: 1 Chronicles 16:11



Ken & Verna Hackert

Birthdays: Ken—July 11

Verna—November 5

Anniversary: February 2, (it will be 57 years)

On the day Ken & Verna Hackert were married, there was a huge snowstorm, starting the day before and continuing the day of the wedding. Ken's brothers buried their car in the snow so they couldn't leave!

Ken & Verna raise evergreen and shade trees for a living on a farm between Lynnville and Sully. Verna grew up south of Sully being the daughter of Art and Wilma Vanderpol. Her siblings are Glenn (Thelma, deceased) and Wanda (Melvin) Lanser. A farm south of Sully is also where Ken was raised with his family: Jerry (Phyllis) Hackert, Paul (Karen) Hackert, LaVonne (Forrest) Van Wyk (both deceased) as well as his twin sister Karen (Don) Jansen. Their parents were Carl and Christine Hackert.

The Hackert's were blessed with four children: Brenda (Brent) Rolffs, Cheryl (Rick) Nikkel, Heidi (Joel) Van Wyk and Jamie (Cindy) Hackert. They have ten grandchildren (four married) and one great grandson with another great grandchild on the way!

Raising their children in the church has been a huge blessing! Many different teachers and leaders have had a great influence on their children's lives! They feel the "Gathering Place" has also helped the congregation become more acquainted with each other. The new addition has been used frequently for fellowship! They pray for the outreach of the STARS afterschool program in touching many families who do not have a church home. Ken and Verna enjoyed the Music night/Candlelight service held recently which really showcased many of the musically talented people there are at First Reformed!

Thank you Ken and Verna for letting us "Get to Know You Better!"







Chad & Dara Vanden Bosch Email: chad@asmtoday.org

Web: www.rca.org/

Nearly one billion people worldwide can't study the Word of God because they can't read. This is especially true in the country of Mozambique, where just 20 percent of the population is considered literate. Mozambique now has one of the fastest growing churches in all of Africa, but due largely to a lack of access to the Scriptures, spiritual growth and discipleship have been severely hampered. In Mozambique, as in many parts of the world, making the Bible available means providing Scriptures in audio form.

As director of African operations for Audio Scripture Ministries (ASM), Chad oversees audio Scripture recording and distribution projects throughout Africa. He travels from his base in Mozambique to new project locations in order to set up recording and distribution programs and train personnel in recording equipment and techniques. Dara is a trained nurse who coordinates ASM's compassionate ministry projects in Mozambique. At the core of compassionate ministries is health awareness training and a hospice and palliative care program. The palliative care program strives for dignity in death and uses audio Scripture material to comfort patients and their families and friends.

Prayers: For the compassionate care ministry team as they bring encouragement to those who are at the end of their lives. • For those who have had to flee their villages, and for peace as political instability continues in Mozambique.



Singles Christmas Party - 55+

What a fun night! We had 21 guests!! We did a fun mixer, played nativity bingo, Pictionary, name that tune, and sang some Christmas songs. And of

course – we ate! Everyone was so appreciative and a few of the folks expressed an interest in getting together again. If you would like to help out with this ministry, please contact the church office at frcsully@netins.net or 594-2935.





















January 1

Stephanie Dykema ~ Shawn Huyser

January 2

Eleanor Jansen

January 3

Michelle Van Zante

January 5

Christian Dunsbergen

January 7

Frances De Cook (89)

Blake Dunsbergen ~ Drew Van Rees

Mason Wichhart

January 8

Melvin Dunsbergen

Marsha Vanden Hoek

January 9

Darci Jansen

January 12

Carter Dunsbergen ~ Julie Van Wyk

January 13

Craig Baarda ~ Joni Collins

Duane Van Rees ~ Brandon Vos

Linda Zegers

Marvin Baarda (88)

January 14

Carroll Harthoorn

January 15

Shaun Baarda ~ Jerry Vander Beek

Stephanie Young

January 16

Karna Ver Ploeg

January 17

Brett Maasdam ~ Pam Vander Beek

Sharla Van Wyk

January 18

Laura Lee Creasy

January 19

Kenton Dunsbergen ~ Logan Terpstra

January 20

Esther Van Wyk (90)

Ileen Zegers (80)

January 22

Elizabeth Torres

January 24

Julie Dunsbergen

January 25

Carter Brand ~ Deann Jansen

Archer Jansen

January 26

Justine Wyma

January 27

Valerie Rolffs

January 28

Austin Newell ~ Jesse Van Wyk

January 30

Dayton Mortvedt

David Winegar

Chris Hansen

January 31

Karli Roozeboom

Tia Torres

January 2

John & Dawn Terpstra (23)

January 9

Eric & Amber Lanser (2)

January 11

Marlin & Laureen Van Wyk (38)

January 15

Don & Hollie Nunnikhoven (7)

January 16

Joel & Deann Jansen (30)

January 17

Dan & Stephanie Dykema (9)

January 19

Bob & Diana Scandridge (26)

January 26

Ron & Deloris McKeag (45)

Encourage ONE ANOTHER AND BUILD EACH OTHER UP to Thessalongus 5:

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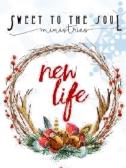
Evening Worship— Starting Sunday, **January 7, 2018 at 6:00 pm** evening worship will be held in the Gathering Place.

<u>Consistory Retreat</u>—Saturday, January 27 from 8—1 pm—meet in the Gathering Place

Sewing Days— January 9 & 23, February 6 & 20, March

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FAMILY NIGHT MEAL

*Velveeta *Cornflakes *Peanut butter *Macaroni noodles *Hot dogs *Spaghetti sauce





DAILY READING LIST

1. READ 2. REFLECT 3. RELATE 4. PRAY 5. REMEMBER

- Jeremiah 31:25 Ecclesiastes 1:9 2 Corinthians 4:16 1 Peter 1:3
- l 6 2 Chronicles 7:14 l 7 Joel 2:25
- □ 8 1 Peter 5:10 □ 9 Romans 12:2
- □ 10 Isaiah 40:31□ 11 2 Corinthians 5:17

Ezra 9:9

- ☐ 12 Psalm 98:1 ☐ 13 Romans 6:4
- □ 14 John 13:34 □ 15 Matthew 26:28
- ☐ 16 Psalm 71:20 ☐ 17 Titus 3:5
- □ 18 Deuteronomy 32:2□ 19 Psalm 40:3
- ☐ 20 Ezekiel 36:26 ☐ 21 Psalm 119:37
- □ 21 Psalm 119:37
 □ 22 2 Corinthians 13:9
- □ 23 Romans 7:6
- ☐ 24 Zephaniah 3:17
- 25 Lamentations 3:22-2326 Psalm 51:10
 - □ 27 Psalm 90:5-6□ 28 2 Corinthians 13:11
- ☐ 29 Lamentations 5:21 ☐ 30 Psalm 19:7
- □ 31 Isaiah 43:19



2018 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Emily Van Manen	Jacob, Kate & Kennedy Van Manen	Kevin & Julie Van Manen	Drew & Leah Van Rees	Duane, Marla & Jade Van Rees	Kyle Van Rees
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Barbara Van Sant	Brooke Van Soelen	Ken & Lorie Van Soelen	Ervin & Carolyn Van Waardhuizen	Aaron & Amber Van Wyk	Abby Van Wyk	Cale Van Wyk
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Cody Van Wyk	Courtney Van Wyk	Edith Van Wyk	Esther Van Wyk	Gilbert & Marlene Van Wyk	Jeff, Deb & Brady Van Wyk	Joel, Heidi, Rachel & Jesse Van Wyk
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Katelyn Van Wyk	Kevin & Julie Van Wyk	Marlin & Laureen Van Wyk	Ralph & Ruby Van Wyk	Rusty, Sharla, Ross & Shaleah Van Wyk	Sarah Jonella Van Wyk	Cory Van Zante & Mia
28	29	30	31			
Jim & Marlis Van Zante	Jason, Michelle, Tyler & Megan Van Zante	Pavlos, Meggan, Theodore & Matthew Vasileiadis	Henry & Alma Jane Veldhuizen		Devo	E YOURSELVES TO ONE ONE ONE ONE ONE ONE ONE ONE ONE O



2018 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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