

Reformed *Inform*er

JUNE 2020—FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SULLY, IA

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"The Good News"

Back in 1983 (I know that was few years ago) a song by Ann Murray (you might have to look her up for those under 40) was popular on the radio. It was entitled "I Sure Could Use a Little Good News." The very same events that we face today (Minus COVID-19) were outlined in the song.

One phrase echoed the wish "Just once, I'd like to open the newspaper and find the headlines saying, can't find anything bad to say, not much to print today..."

The message and the transitions of the song then listed the many things in reverse order of the people and events we should be thankful for and that are good around us!

Thankfully for the Christian we have the Good News in Jesus Christ!

I have a Bible that is entitled the Good News Bible. It is the Bible in today's English version. What it says in the preface outlines what we can be thankful for today in the face of the bad news that seems to always blare from our TV's and computers. The Bible preface states...it is the hope that the reader will find a saving hope through faith in God who made possible this message of Good News for all people!

When we expand the Good News that God has given to us, we can apply it to "Every good and perfect gift." James 1:17 that God gives us!

So today, my friend, I'd like for you to take stock of the things that have made you smile and say "Thank you God today!"

When we look at our church, we see the beginning phases of again worshipping in-person that started last week (I never heard of the phrase "in person worship" until this pandemic!)

I learned that I took community and fellowship for granted when I experienced the absence of congregational activity!

We can also celebrate the new life that is represented by the four babies born this past month to our faith family!

Babies don't choose to be born in times of pandemics but they represent the life and hope of the next generation to come!

Graduations still happen. The ceremonies look different in "the pomp and circumstance" that we were used to celebrating but we still cheer on the achievement of the graduate and their milestone of wisdom!

Our list of "good news" can go on and on when we intentionally thank God and look for blessings all around us!

I hope you have been reminded that good will overcome bad. God is in charge! "And this small and temporary trouble we suffer will bring us a tremendous and eternal glory, much greater than we have suffered. For we fix our attention, not on things that are seen, but on things that are unseen!"

Have a great summer and enjoy God's gifts!

In Christ,
Pastor Wayne



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ROOTED: DIGGING DEEP INTO GOD'S WORD

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Begins Sunday, May 31 and Wednesday June 3

Weekly Bible study for junior high, high school & college aged students.

Junior high: 5:00 pm Sunday nights

High school: 6:30 pm Sunday nights

College age session: 7:00 pm Wednesday nights

Jeff Knouse will be leading this Bible Study in the Well (basement) at FRC

Our goal of this study is to grow closer to Jesus by rooting ourselves in His holy Word, to gain a better understanding of the Bible by learning new techniques of how to read and unpack Scripture, and strengthen our bond as brothers and sisters in Christ through conversation and prayer.

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**ROCKY MOUNTAIN
HIGH UPDATE:** It is
with a heavy heart that

we announce that Rocky Mountain High has been postponed to the summer of 2021. We thank the Synod of the Heartland Youth Ministries team for their hard work and prayerfulness as they came to this decision. If you would like to know more, click on the video below for more information from the Synod directly. If you have any questions you can contact Jeff at jkfrcsully@gmail.com. We look forward to Rocky 2021 and how the Lord will use it to bless our students!

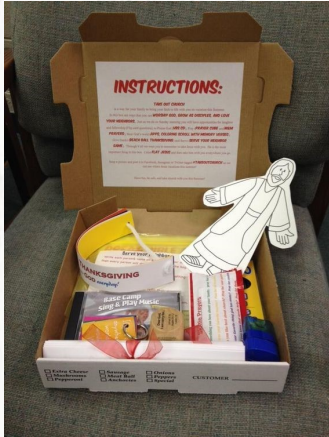
Exciting times are upon us! Restaurants, stores, amusement parks, and more are beginning to open back up. We have just started gathering together again on Sundays for worship, and soon we will be gathering youth back together for Bible studies! How exciting it is to be back together again. What I hope and pray we don't forget as we move in the direction of "normal" is how to slow down and just be with God. Although God did not create this virus, God used it for the good of reminding us who He is and why we worship Him.

This month we are starting a Bible study series called "Rooted" which we are offering to junior high, high school, and college-aged students. Check out the bulletin or our social media platforms for more information. Our hope and our prayer for this series is that we will dig our roots into the Word of God and in doing so root our lives in Jesus. We are looking forward to it!

Happy Summer, Everyone!



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Summer will definitely look a little different for families this summer! However, the one thing that remains the same is that God is with us each and every day – even on vacation. **Each family with children 3 years old – 4th grade** will be receiving a **CHURCH TO GO** box filled with faith nurturing activities for the summer. **The boxes labeled with your family name are located on a table just outside the church office. Please let me know if you would prefer your box dropped off at your home.**

CHURCH TO GO is a way for your family to bring your faith to life with you on vacation this summer. In the box are ways that you can worship God, grow as disciples, and love your neighbors. Just as we do on Sunday morning you will have opportunities for laughter and fellowship, to praise God, pray, hear God's word, give thanks, and serve. To help you remember to take Jesus with you, you will find a Flat Jesus (like Flat Stanley) included in the box. Finally remember to have fun on summer vacation, but don't take a vacation from God.

As you capture a few rays of sun...remember to let the light of the SON shine in your hearts and lives this summer!

Julie

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Genesis 1:3

It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter." Psalm 74:17

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LAKE VIEW CAMP UPDATE: CAMP FAMILY // It's with broken hearts that we are announcing the cancelation of Lake View's camps (Day Camps, Overnight Camps, Angel Tree Camps, + Mission Camps) as scheduled for Summer 2020. Click the link in our bio or www.lakeviewconference.com + click this picture to read a letter from Director Diana Brummel. Also, please keep checking in to our website + FaceBook + Instagram pages as we will be sharing updates on summer activities, staff videos, games, + more! We love you all + are praying for you!!



Vacation Bible School Update! Due to the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19 **we will not be holding in-person VBS this year July 6-9, 2020, and are postponing it until 2021.** The committee is working on other Spiritual Growth options at the moment. To keep up to date on these options, please visit our Sully VBS Facebook page.



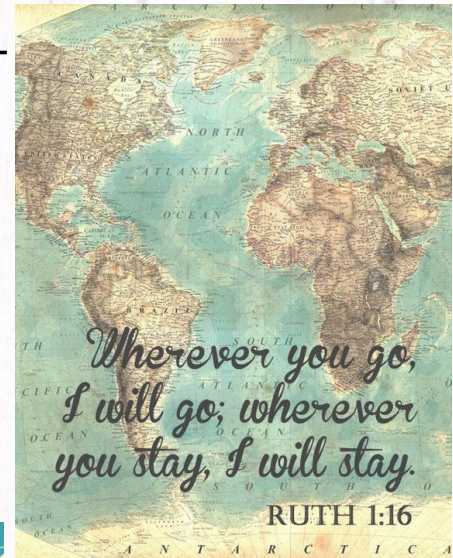
Makayla Rozendaal – Graduated from DMACC Ankeny with a Registered Nursing Degree. She will begin working as an oncology nurse at Mercy One in Des Moines this summer. This fall she will be obtaining her Bachelors of Science and Nursing Degree through the University of Iowa

Hailey (Scandridge) Rolffs— Graduated from DMACC with an AAS in Real Time Court Reporting. She and her husband Jaden will be moving to Springfield where Jaden will attend Missouri State University and play baseball and study for a business degree.

Tyler Van Zante – Graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a degree in Finance. He will be starting work on June 1 at Equity Trust in Sioux Falls, SD. He is getting married on August 15 to Bri Brandt in Hill City, South Dakota.

Kristen Van Der Wilt – Graduated from Mount Mercy University with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Nursing. She accepted a position at Unity Point— Des Moines nurse residency program on the telemetry floors and a PRN position in mental health. Kristen will be getting married to Colton Bradley on September 12.

Marissa Vos – Graduated from Dordt University with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She will be teaching 5th grade at Newell-Fonda Schools in north central Iowa this fall.



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

IN PERSON WORSHIP

Join Us each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.
We are at 50% capacity with overflow in the
Gathering Place!

Live Stream worship is always available at
www.sullyfrc.org

Guidelines:

- Masks are available
- Hand sanitizer at each entrance
- Chairs are set up according to guidelines



PAUL & PATTY SNELLER
Birthdays: Paul— 11/6/52
Patty— 2/28/56
Anniversary: July 30, 1977

When Paul and Patty Sneller walked down the aisle to be married at St. John’s Lutheran church in Galva, Iowa, it was back in the days when churches had no air conditioning! Of course, as is common in July, the weather was extremely hot! Nonetheless, they were wed, and began their married life together. Their family includes two sons, their spouses and grandchildren: John, Anne and Hayden Sneller and Luke, Karen, Emma and Jase Sneller.

Paul is the son of Edwin and Alice Sneller and he has one brother Kent (Becky) Sneller from Sioux Center, Iowa. Northwest Iowa is the area where Paul grew up and he achieved a BA from Westmar College, in LeMars, Iowa. He spent 20 years in plumbing

and heating sales as well as 15 years in the sales of office supplies. Patty is the daughter of Vergil and Ruth Adams and her siblings Paul (Marilyn) Adams of Thief River Falls, Minnesota and Brenda (Bern) Mouw of Des Moines grew up around the Galva area. She is a graduate of UNI and Drake and was a Special Education Teacher for many years.

The Snellers are recently retired and live in the Lake Ponderosa area by Montezuma. As is common when you live by the water, the Snellers enjoy boating, and spending time with their family. Other activities you may catch them doing are biking, yard work or taking care of their flower beds.

Thanks to Paul and Patty Sneller for letting us “Get To Know You Better!”



About the ministry

As Chad Vanden Bosch walks on the dirt path through the fields, his steps kick up dust. This area of Mozambique hasn’t seen rain in months, but the irrigation ponds are full, thanks to natural springs. At New Harvest Farm, crops are growing: pineapple plants, banana trees, peppers, tomatoes, and greens. In another field, black-eyed peas grow, enriching the soil with nitrogen while providing a crop. In an adjacent pasture, six speckled goats graze.

Extreme weather conditions in Mozambique make farming difficult, and many people can only focus on where to get their next meal. New Harvest Farm teaches resilient farming practices so farmers can better provide for their families. Chad and Dara serve in partnership with Audio Scripture Ministries, also providing palliative care and distributing audio Bibles. At the heart of everything they do is sharing the gospel in the language of people’s hearts.

To learn more or support this ministry, visit:

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We would like to ask you to pray a bold prayer with us. Will you pray for God to have mercy on Mozambique (and other developing nations) and pour out an extra measure of grace?

Pray that the virus will NOT hit these already weak health care systems as severely as the rest of the world has experienced. There are so many areas of the health system that struggle to function without an added pandemic. This virus needs to be prevented from becoming catastrophic. Like many places, the economic impact is already playing a role. But when you take away from the poorest of the poor there are NO reserves.

We need God’s protection over this land! Please pray with us. On another note, regarding our adoption process, the courts are also working on a smaller staff and are focusing on “emergency/urgent cases.”

PRAY

- That Chad, Dara, Nede, and Zinha would find balance as a family with ministry and homeschooling, and that Zinha’s adoption would be finalized at last.
- For health and encouragement in the midst of darkness and opposition.
- For the communities Chad and Dara serve to have an openness to Jesus and a growing understanding of their need for a savior.
- For a plentiful harvest as the result of the agriculture institute, both in crop yields and in discipling relationships.





- June 1**
Tre Harthoorn ~ Kendall Jansen
- June 2**
Brooke Hardeman
- June 3**
Kelly De Jong
- June 4**
Jarret Van Maanen
Henry Zuidema (85)
- June 5**
Curtis Maasdam ~ Hailey Huyser
Alison Knouse ~ Lane Van Wyk
- June 6**
Brooke Harthoorn
- June 7**
Velda Dunsbergen ~ Lisa Foster
Kennedy Kesling
- June 8**
Dave Foster
- June 9**
Gary Creasy ~ Drew Shinkle
- June 10**
Melvin Van Genderen
Asher Schechinger
- June 12**
Abigail Brand ~ Paisley Vos
- June 13**
Chet Schnell
- June 14**
Elaine Droppert ~ Donna Liekweg
Kemper Lukehart
Marilyn Rozendaal (86)

June

- June 15**
Reda Daniels
- June 16**
Brooke Baarda ~ Tyler Van Zante
- June 17**
Denise Horman ~ Troy Jansen
Kyle Bonnema ~ Velma Rozendaal
Denamae Maasdam (81)
- June 18**
Tyler Jansen ~ Marla Van Rees
- June 19**
Jacob Van Manen
- June 21**
Ashton Rozendaal
Dave Winegar (80)
- June 22**
Eileen Gruver
- June 23**
Caleb Vander Molen
Edith Van Wyk (94)
- June 25**
Evelyn Kelly
- June 26**
Deb Van Wyk
Betty Zuidema (85)
- June 27**
Gale Horman
- June 28**
Jill Van Dyke
- June 29**
Sheryl Baarda
- June 30**
Randy Rozendaal ~ Tammy Sneller



Facing My Fears

- Day 1:** Romans 8:15
Day 2: Isaiah 41:10
Day 3: 1 John 4:18-19
Day 4: Joshua 1:9
Day 5: Psalm 23:4
Day 6: John 14:27
Day 7: Psalm 27:1
Day 8: Isaiah 43:1
Day 9: Deuteronomy 31:6
Day 10: 1 Corinthians 16:13
Day 11: Hebrews 13:6
Day 12: Psalm 34:4
Day 13: Psalm 118:6
Day 14: Isaiah 41:13
Day 15: 1 Peter 3:14
Day 16: 2 Timothy 1:6
Day 17: Psalm 56:3-4
Day 18: Proverbs 12:25
Day 19: Matthew 6:34
Day 20: Psalm 55:22
Day 21: Romans 8:38-39
- Day 22:** Psalm 27:3
Day 23: Mark 5:36
Day 24: Proverbs 29:25
Day 25: Psalm 94:19
Day 26: Isaiah 26:3
Day 27: Proverbs 3:5
Day 28: Psalm 91:7
Day 29: Isaiah 35:4
Day 30: Psalm 112:7



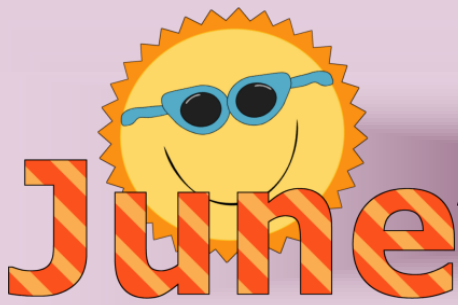
- June 1**
Doyle & Karna Ver Ploeg—47 years
- June 2**
Jeremy & Becky Rozendaal—8 years
Melvin & Shirley Van Genderen—48 years
- June 4**
Pastor Wayne & Tammy Sneller—44 years
- June 5**
Chad & Lynnette Fikse—21 years
Warren & Alma Terpstra—51 years
- June 6**
Joel & Heidi Van Wyk—28 years
Jerry & Lorna Elscott—45 years
- June 8**
Kevin & Julie Van Wyk—36 years
Corey & Shelby Van Der Wilt—1 year
- June 10**
Teryl & Carol Ver Ploeg—43 years
Blake & Cathryn Dunsbergen—3 years
- June 11**
Chet & Alison Schnell—15 years
Nate & Lindsay Nees—4 years
- June 12**
Dick & Joyce Ver Ploeg—67 years
Craig & Sheryl Baarda—46 years
- June 14**
Duane & Donna Brand—63 years
Josh & Suzanne Rozendaal—17 years
- June 15**
Alan & Brenda Newell—29 years
- June 16**
Henry & Betty Zuidema—65 years
- June 17**
Don & Karen Jansen—60 years
Doug & Shawna Maasdam—26 years
- June 19**
Jerry & Linda Jansen—55 years
- June 20**
Cole & Shelly Vos—11 years
Doug & Sheri Huyser—45 years
- June 21**
Bryce & Katelyn Doane—6 years
Rod & Dana Rozendaal—23 years
- June 22**
Austin & Lysandra Newell—1 year
- June 24**
Duane & Joni Collins—32 years
Dennis & Lisa Dunsbergen—37 years
Kendall & Marlene Rozendaal—32 years
Kyle & Mikayla Bonnema—3 years
- June 25**
Steve & Rita Vos—38 years
- June 26**
Nick & Amy Harthoorn—16 years
- June 27**
Chris & Jodi Hansen—22 years
- June 28**
Chuck & Deb Johnson—17 years
- June 30**
Chris & Kara Warrick—8 years





Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Doyle & Linda Huyser	2 Howard Huyser	3 Jason & Bailey Huyser	4 Randy & Nancy Huyser	5 Shawn, ChyAnne, Dylann, Jager, Tatum & Chayse Huyser	6 Becca Imhoff
7 Dan, Morgan & Mae Jameson	8 Brooke Jansen & Elias	9 Chase Jansen	10 Darrel & Barb Jansen	11 Don & Karen Jansen	12 Gene & Eleanor Jansen	13 Jerry & Linda Jansen
14 Joel & Deann Jansen	15 Kendall & Darci Jansen	16 Maddison Jansen	17 Mike & Susan Jansen	18 Tim, Brenda, Baylee & Tyson Jansen	19 Tyler, Ryanne, Hinley & Archer Jansen	20 Chuck & Deb Johnson
21 Jamie, Julie, Daniel & Laci Keen	22 Cody, Kelly, Kennedy, Kacey & Kaiser Kesling	23 Jeff & Alison Knouse	24 Austin Kramer	25 Corey Kramer	26 John, Jennifer & Luke Kramer	27 Kyle Kramer
28 Marjorie Kramer	29 Jerald & Charlotte Kunce	30 Eric & Amber Lanser				



Activity Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7 pm College age Bible Study	4	5	6
7 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller No Evening worship 5 pm Jr. High Bible study 6:30 pm High school Bible Study	8	9	10 5:45 am Promise Keepers 7 pm College age Bible Study	11	12	13
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28 Building Fund Offering 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller—Communion 12 pm Shower in Gathering Place No Evening worship 5 pm Jr. High Bible study 6:30 pm High school Bible Study	29	30				

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