

Reformed *Informer*



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"YOU CAN'T LIVE IN THE PAST"

Dear Friends,

When you read this, we will have turned the calendar over to read the new year of 2021! We all know what 2020 brought and I don't have to list a litany of things that challenged us and changed every aspect of life. In fact, we still are dealing with the pandemic in 2021 but we have hope that the vaccine that has produced will slow and stop the virus known as COVID-19.

This all reminded me of a Bible verse I read the other day and a conversation that I had that followed.

The Bible verse that gave me encouragement was from 2 Corinthians 5:17. It said that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new creation (a new person) because the old life is gone and a new life has begun.

I love this verse because it describes the new life and attitude we have when we belong to Christ.

Now to my conversation! I recently was talking with a person and soon an album of old pictures came out. We laughed at days where we looked younger and fondly remembered some of the activities shown! As we paged through the pictures of the "good old days" where gas was cheap and you did math in your head instead of a calculator, my friend said something that put things into perspective, "You can't live in the past and expect to enjoy the present." It was our point of view that needed to change if we were to avoid missing the good things of today.

If we are to live abundantly in 2021 we need to look at what 2 Corinthians 5:16 says, "So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view." Instead we see the world through the eyes of Christ!....and all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ!

May you see each day of the new year of 2021 through the eyes of one who is living for Jesus! When you do, you will see a God that is in control and where this world gives us opportunities of encouraging others to know Him personally as well!

Happy New Year!

Pastor Wayne



2021 Consistory

Back: Scott Van Kooten, Bryan De Jong, Blake Dunsbergen, Gale Horman, Doug Huyser & Beryl Dunsbergen. Standing— Pastor Wayne Sneller

Middle: Brad Rozendaal, Jerry Vander Beek, Craig Maasdam, Coltin Collins, Matt Schechinger, Tim Dunsbergen

Front: Loren Vos, Jeff Vander Molen, Gary Van Genderen, Nick De Penning & Logan Vos. Not pictured: Kevin Van Manen



EVERY SUNDAY

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

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 January Events:

January Dates:

January 10, 17, 24 & 31

Impact Youth Leaders: Jeff & Alison Knouse, Caden & Brenna Dunsbergen and Cody & Kelly Kesling

Faithwalkers Leaders: Jeff & Alison Knouse, Shawn & ChyAnne Huyser and Cody & Kelly Kesling



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JOIN US FOR A LIGHT SUPPER FOLLOWED BY PRAISE & WORSHIP

DOOR PRIZES
 Must be present to win!

You're Invited!

YOUTH REVIVAL NIGHT

Wednesday, January 27, 6 - 6:45 pm:
Meal & Comedy hour: with Gerald Droppert & Rod Rozendaal
 Meal: Walking tacos, salad & cupcake - served in the Gathering Place at FRC

6:45 pm - Simon Says Contest

7 - 8:15 pm Praise & Worship in the Sanctuary
 Jeff Knouse & Jer Schnell will speak

ALL 6TH - 12TH GRADE INVITED

"I stand at the door & knock."

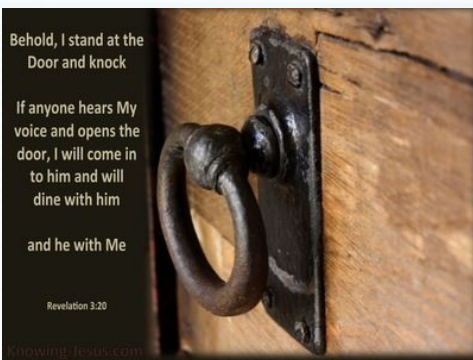


Happy New Year, everyone!

It feels very good to say that. 2020 was an unforgettable year and a year that I pray we won't experience again. With the new year upon us I look forward to all the different activities that our youth will (hopefully) get to experience in 2021, such as the Middle School Retreat, Power Connection, Kentucky Work Trip, and Rocky Mountain High! We have a jam-packed year of different activities that will help us grow closer to Jesus.

This month I am especially excited because we are having our first ever Youth Revival Night! On Wednesday January 27 all the local youth groups will gather here at FRC for a night of great fellowship, powerful worship, and Spirit-filled teaching. Would you pray that the Holy Spirit would touch hearts and change lives of our youth on that night? That God would use it to truly bring revival in all of our hearts.

I pray that 2021 looks much different than 2020 and look forward to all the ways God is going to continue His work in the youth of our church. Happy New Year!



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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2020 was certainly a year for the record books ... The pandemic not only was a health concern for all of us, but our schedules were pushed to the limit, as in, we were not able to do much of what we normally did. School and church schedules were put on hold or drastically restricted. Masks became part of our daily routine, as did the "three w's" (wear, wash, and wait) and virtual activities became a new word in our vocabulary. Some of you and/or your family members got sick. Others lost family members or friends they loved. We are so sorry for those losses as well. However, there were positive things we will remember in 2020. We WERE able to spend more time with family, and hopefully you all made the most of that! Weddings took place and babies were born. As Christians we were able to show the ones around us that even through these challenging times, our God is STILL in control!

I hope everyone is able to take advantage of the cold winter days to play some board games, bake a little, read God's word together and create some family memories. I will leave with the following quote from Barbara Bush: Your success as a family...our success as a nation ...depends not on what happens inside the White House, but on what happens inside your house.

Have a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

INFORMATION!

STARS – will not be meeting this winter/spring. We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall! Sunday School will begin again January 10, 2021.

CIW – Parents of Three Year Olds – Kindergarten watch your email and check your mailboxes the first week of January for a schedule and letter

Sunday School for ALL ages
resumes on
Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 10:45 a.m.



Our Faithseekers Sunday School Department played "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" with their hand bells! We were all blessed! Great job kids!!

Inscribe the Word

January 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.



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.

The Book of 1 John

- 1. 1 John 1:4
- 2. 1 John 1:5
- 3. 1 John 1:9
- 4. 1 John 2:1
- 5. 1 John 2:5
- 6. 1 John 2:9
- 7. 1 John 2:12
- 8. 1 John 2:15
- 9. 1 John 2:20
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- 20. 1 John 4:4
- 21. 1 John 4:7
- 22. 1 John 4:16
- 23. 1 John 4:18
- 24. 1 John 4:20
- 25. 1 John 5:2
- 26. 1 John 5:5
- 27. 1 John 5:11
- 28. 1 John 5:12
- 29. 1 John 5:14
- 30. 1 John 5:18
- 31. 1 John 5:21



- Jesus entrusted the task of feeding the hungry to his disciples. Each time you give people food, you also give them a good reason to thank the Lord. My \$50 became \$250 for the Newton Salvation Army food drive to feed the hungry in Jasper County.
- We took our \$50 and multiplied it and purchased next semester milk tickets for kids at school that have families struggling to pay bills.
- We received \$100 and doubled it to \$200. We then made \$50 donations to each of the following 4 organizations: Hope Ministries in Des Moines; Christian Opportunity Center in Pella, Meals from the Heartland in Des Moines and JDRF—Greater Iowa Chapter. The Pella Rolscreen Foundation will match each of our \$50 donations since I'm a Pella Corp employee, bringing the total to \$100 to each organization. Our \$100 quadrupled to \$400 just like that!

Shawn Huyser family

- We matched the \$50 from the Reverse Offering and donated \$100 to Heifer International, enough for 2 colonies of bees and 2 flocks of chicks to provide for families in poorer agricultural areas of the world.
- Our family used the \$50 to support two causes that are important to us, cancer and youth. Due to the reverse offering, we were able to increase our donations to the American Cancer Society and to Lakeview Camp.
- I used my Reverse Offering to buy stamps and sent cards to all of our shut ins and numerous individuals.
- We used our Reverse Offering for our community (Apache Junction, AZ) toy and money drive for the little kids that are homeless or in accident or abusive situations. At this time we have over 20 bicycles and many toys. The stage is full. A large amount of money has also been donated.
- We were able to use our reverse offering to help purchase a dining table and chairs for a family who just moved to a new home and had very little furniture. The boys and I were able to deliver the set and the family was excited to have a place to sit and eat together that night!
- I gave the \$50 and added \$50 for Missionaries Phil and Olivia Iekel. They are in Nicaragua. I heard a hurricane had hit the area around this time. Olivia was in our church one Sunday evening sharing the work they are doing there. I was very impressed with her presentation.
- We doubled the money and bought a goat and bed nets through World Vision.
- Our family discussed this and decided to bless someone who may not be able to get out and do their normal activities this year. At Thanksgiving, we had taken a meal, treats and some small gift items to our parents and aunt/uncle who are not leaving the home currently. We saw how much this meant to them, so asked the manager of a senior apartment complex to pick someone she knows who might enjoy a delivery of a little fun Christmas cheer. She picked a couple who is not currently leaving their apartment and has no children. We included a Christmas dinner to heat at their convenience, a variety of Christmas treats, a cozy blanket and several books full of photography of the Iowa countryside, tractors, and farm history. We hope that they can cuddle up under the blanket and enjoy the books and snacks together. Hopefully this will remind them of some enjoyable times and spur fun conversations. They now know that someone is thinking of them this holiday season.
- We are giving our reverse offering to Forward With Faith. It is an organization based in Pella that raises money to build special homes for special needs adults. Something very near to our hearts.
- We took our \$50 and made it \$144. We took a student at school and his two siblings shopping and get a treat and to get their single mom a Christmas gift from each of them. We took them to the Sanctuary in Pella and then took them for their first trip to Smokey Row for a hot chocolate. A place they had never been.
- We donated to the food bank.
- I matched the amount and bought food for the church food drive.
- We took our Reverse offering and gave a \$25 tip to a waitress at a local restaurant and a \$25 tip to a grocery store employee who would always bring our groceries to us when we had on-line orders. We felt it would uplift their spirit and a way of saying "thank you" for their hard work.
- We gave our Reverse offering of \$50 to Mission Aviation in Soldotna, Alaska of which \$25 went towards an aircraft oil change and \$25 to upgrade in radio aircraft communication. The gift was doubled by an anonymous donor.
- Our Reverse offering went to a benefit for a 14 year old young man suffering from bone cancer. He was able to see a make-a wish come true before passing away on December 28, 2020.
- Our \$50 Reverse offering was given to a young family who was having medical financial hardships.
- We gave our Reverse offering to the Red Kettle campaign that the Salvation Army sponsors. They had a special Tuesday where a donation would be doubled. Our \$50 was doubled to \$100.
- Charlotte and I have decided to match the \$50 with an additional \$150. We will be sending a check for \$200 to the Coates Ministries, Inc., in Kenya. Randy and Becky Coates founded CMI in 1996, Coates Ministries, Inc. www.coatesministries.viewspark.org. Their present project is Women at the Well, Not Yet. Together with their African brothers and sisters the Coates Ministries, Inc. has planted 120 plus churches throughout the country and have drilled more than 30 water wells.

Alan Newell family

Susan Beyer

Clarence & Lynn Wyma

Dan Dykema family

Ken & Verna Hackert

Pastor Wayne & Tammy Sneller



Brandon & Nicole Dunsbergen

Birthdates: Brandon—July 4, 1995

Nicole—January 21, 1997

Anniversary: August 8, 2020

Being the lead teacher in the Preschool room at Inspirations Daycare in Sully while working on getting her nursing license makes sure Nicole Dunsbergen has little spare time! She was born and raised in Indianola, Iowa and has one sister Taylor, who lives in Indianola and a brother Jason, who lives in Milo. Her parents are Tom Anania and Jodi Anania. After graduating high school, she went on to further her education at Mercy College of Health Sciences.

Brandon Dunsbergen is the third son of Dennis and Lisa Dunsbergen, and he has two older brothers; Andy and Jamie who live by New Sharon with their children Christian, Ellington and Siara; and Kenton and Kayla, who live with their son Brody by Kellogg.

Brandon studied at DMACC and is currently working as the Assistant Location Manager at Key Co-op in Sully.

Brandon and Nicole met online through friends and were married in a beautiful ceremony at First Reformed. Nicole's great grandmother had recently passed away and she had always loved cardinals, so when they saw a cardinal outside it made Nicole feel as if her grandmother was with them for their wedding day! They newlyweds make their home in the house where Brandon grew up located about five miles south of Sully. They have chickens, pigs and many cats to take care of on the farm.

First Reformed has many memories for Brandon as this is the church he grew up in. His fondest memory was being a part of the Christmas Program when he was little! Brandon and Nicole feel an abundance of love and kindness from everyone in the church! It's like we are one big family worshipping the Lord!

Thanks Brandon & Nicole for letting us "Get To Know You" better!



Adrian Bobb and
Bernardeth Kelly

PRAY

- For health and wellbeing for Adrian and Bernardeth's family.
- For protection and guidance for the kids at Tabitha's House.
- For fundraising and budgeting success now that they've opened a meal center in the Beholden neighborhood.
- For wisdom and energy for staff and volunteers in order to remain focused on sharing the gospel with love.



About the ministry

A line of laughing students streams into the meal center at 11:30 a.m., eagerly inhaling the scents of fresh bread and steaming pots of rice and beans. The chatter from children, pastors, midwives, and volunteers dwindles as they offer a song of praise. The kids are heading to school after this lunch, and their seats will be filled by a second wave of students arriving after their morning class before going home.

Tabitha's House provides medical training and healthcare, academic scholarships, shelter, nutrition, and spiritual nourishment to people who are impoverished and vulnerable in the town of Bluefields, Nicaragua, and adjacent villages. In partnership with the Central Moravian Church, the Bobb-Kellys support families in two neighborhoods and offer medical clinics in remote areas accessible only by boat, meeting practical needs with the good news of Jesus.

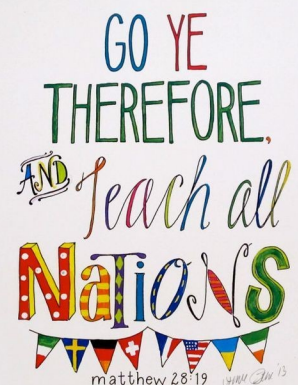
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Missions UPDATE





JANUARY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 1

Stephanie Dykema ~ Shawn Huyser

January 2

Eleanor Jansen

January 3

Michelle Van Zante

January 4

Jerry Elscott

January 5

Christian Dunsbergen

January 7

Blake Dunsbergen ~ Drew Van Rees

Mason Wichhart

January 8

Melvin Dunsbergen

Marsha Vanden Hoek

January 9

Darci Jansen

January 11

Lorna Elscott

January 12

Carter Dunsbergen ~ Julie Van Wyk

Bryson Hardeman ~ Bristol Hardeman

January 13

Craig Baarda ~ Joni Collins

Duane Van Rees ~ Brandon Vos

Linda Zegers

Marvin Baarda (91)**January 14****Carroll Harthoorn (82)****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

January 21

Desiree Hardeman ~ Nicole Dunsbergen

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

Chris Hansen

January 31

Tia Torres

Blane Nunnikhoven

January 2

John & Dawn Terpstra (26)

January 8

Kevin & Julie Van Manen (33)

Eric & Amber Lanser (5)

January 11

Marlin & Laureen Van Wyk (41)

January 15

Don & Hollie Nunnikhoven (10)

January 16

Joel & Deann Jansen (33)

January 17

Dan & Stephanie Dykema (12)

January 18

Andrew & Emily Scholten (1)

January 19

Bob & Diana Scandridge (29)

January 26

Ron & Deloris McKeag (48)

Encourage
ONE ANOTHER
AND BUILD EACH
OTHER UP *1st Thessalonians 5:11*

**Sewing Days— January 5 & 19, February 2 & 16, March 2**Our first Sewing Day will be **Tuesday, January 5 from 1—4 pm** in the Gathering Place.**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FAMILY NIGHT MEAL & Our NEW MEAL MINISTRY****Hamburger****White corn syrup****Spaghetti sauce/noodles****Peanut butter****Walmart or Fareway gift cards****Boxes of Corn Flakes****Peaches****Marshmallows**

NEW MEAL MINISTRY: Shelby Shinkle & Jamie Dunsbergen are beginning a meal ministry for our new moms and anyone who has been hospitalized, lost loved ones, etc. They will be making up meals once a month and putting freezer meals in the church freezer for anyone in need. Watch for more details and ways you can help!



January

New Beginnings

Day 1 – 2 Corinthians 5:17

Day 2 – Jeremiah 29:11

Day 3 – Isaiah 43:18-19

Day 4 – Ephesians 4:22-24

Day 5 – Lamentations 3:22-24

Day 6 – Isaiah 40:31

Day 7 – 1 Peter 1:3

Day 8 – Ezekiel 36:26

Day 9 – Philippians 3:13-14

Day 10 – Ecclesiastes 3:11

Day 11 – Matthew 7:7-8

Day 12 – Acts 3:19-20

Day 13 – Isaiah 65:17

Day 14 – Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 15 – Malachi 4:2

Day 16 – 2 Chronicles 7:14

Day 17 – Colossians 3:9-10

Day 18 – Psalm 73:25-26

Day 19 – Psalm 23:1-3

Day 20 – Romans 12:2

Day 21 – Romans 6:3-4

Day 22 – John 10:10

Day 23 – Isaiah 41:13

Day 24 – Philippians 4:6-7

Day 25 – Proverbs 16:9

Day 26 – Isaiah 60:1-2

Day 27 – Psalm 40:1-3

Day 28 – Galatians 6:14-16

Day 29 – Psalm 98:1-3

Day 30 – John 3:16-17

Day 31 – Revelation 21:4-5





2021 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Travis, Karissa, Aiden & Brooklyn Chapman	2 Lorna Christensen
3 Duane, Joni & Cheyanne Collins and Coltin Collins	4 Mitch, Angela & Dorothy Corell	5 Gary & Laura Lee Creasy	6 Wayne & Reda Daniels	7 Justin, Jayme, Connor, Chase & Caulen Deal	8 Carl & Joyce De Goey	9 Ryk & Jan De Goey
10 Garrett, Jade & Adler De Hoedt	11 Brent & Sandy De Jong	12 Bryan & Carna De Jong	13 Eric De Jong	14 Tracy De Jong	15 Clarence De Jong	16 Delia De Jong
17 Dale De Penning	18 Donavon & Darlys De Penning	19 Howard De Penning	20 Nick, Hannah & Rose De Penning	21 Bryce, Katelyn, Brinley & Kinsley Doane	22 Gerald & Elaine Droppert	23 Andy, Jamie, Christian, Ellington & Siara Dunsbergen
24 Beryl & Velda Dunsbergen	25 Blake, Cathryn & Penelope Dunsbergen	26 Brandon & Nicole Dunsbergen	27 Bruce, Lynn & Ellie Dunsbergen	28 Dennis & Lisa Dunsbergen	29 Dustin, Dana Josh, Mason, Carter & Reese Dunsbergen	30 Melvin & Shirley Dunsbergen
31 Ron & Julie Dunsbergen						



2021 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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3 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller	4	5 1 -4 Sewing Days	6 5:30 To Go Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	7	8 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	9
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