

# Reformed *Inform*er

JUNE 2021—FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SULLY, IA

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## "Where do we go from here?"

Dear Friends,

Last month, two meetings were held after our worship services that shared why our church (First Reformed) is on the road to leave the Reformed Church in America.

This is a decision that is historical as our roots go down deep into this denomination.

The meetings we held were very well attended and good questions were asked.

I want to put in print as a reminder of how we got to this point before all the details of where we are going and how we are planning to leave the denomination become the prominent focus of our attention!

The issues: There are two. The authority of scripture and a traditional view of marriage.

The authority of scripture: We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and the final authority in all things is the Bible.

The traditional view of marriage. We believe marriage is between one man and one woman.

The result: These two statements are brought together when we believe that the Bible does not bless same sex marriages!

The frustration in keeping this as our (The RCA) official proclamation as a denomination goes back at least forty years. As the years have gone by, some Classis (groups of churches) have allowed same sex marriage between their pastors and also allowed their pastors to perform same sex marriages.

What once was done behind "closed doors" has become a "in your face I dare you attitude" when it comes to a denominational stand on marriage!

The Catch 22—the way we govern ourselves as a denomination has resulted in a stalemate. One "side" cannot get the majority of votes needed for discipline because of this issue.

The time is now! After years of this, a movement has been born of conservative Reformed Churches. There has been no desire or pleasure in leaving our denomination but it is felt the Bible has to be obeyed and we cannot do this faithfully by sharing an official view of the RCA today!

Where are we going and how? Many details need to be worked out but we look to join a newly formed group of Reformed Churches called ARC or Alliance of Reformed Churches. This will be done by issuing a letter of intent to leave the denomination and then a petition to leave.

When will this happen? The process could begin this fall and continue through next year. Along the way, there will be Classis and denominational meetings that will clarify our position in this journey!

The destination—I believe that in the end where "we land", will give us the opportunity to be more effective in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and obedience to scripture.

I would like to close with this verse from Psalm 37:5, "Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him and he will help you...the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun."

Stay tuned for details as we make this journey together!

In Christ,

Pastor Wayne



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Summer is upon us!

With the cancellation of all our trips last summer I could not be more excited for this summer! As you are reading this a group of students is in rural Kentucky on a work trip, loving and serving the people there by doing necessary work projects. In a few short weeks a group of junior high students will be attending Power Connection in Pella and will have a chance to take their relationship with Jesus to a deeper level. And in only a little over a month our high school friends will be heading out to Colorado for Rocky Mountain High!

Some of you have attended these same retreats/trips when you were younger, and know how impactful they can be on the life and faith of a student, so would you please be in prayer for our students as they embark on these retreats? Pray that their experiences translate back into their day to day lives as they seek to live their lives as followers of Jesus. With a church praying, I fully expect God to do amazing things in the lives of these students!

**Wonder** is found when we encounter something new, inexplicable. But sometimes we **wander** through life unaware of the wonder we are missing because of our wandering. Similar to the Israelites in the desert, God was working but they weren't looking. Yet God's **wonder** can simply be found when we stop focusing on ourselves and start focusing on God. The main sessions of Power Connection will walk through Psalm 78 and the story of the Israelites during their 40 year wander in the desert.





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**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - On May 9, 3 year old - Kindergarteners enjoyed Muffins with Mom as their mothers joined them during opening exercises.



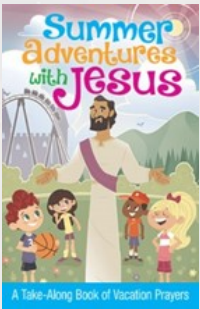
**Make Time for the Three R's:  
 Rest, Renewal, and Reflection as You Keep  
 the SON in Your Eyes This Summer!**

As summer begins, most families with school-age children breathe a sigh of relief that hectic schedules are ending for a while. Before you fill the "lazy" days of summer with nonstop activities, take a much-needed break to consider the many benefits of rest.

Children and parents all need permission and space to unplug, reflect, and be renewed. Denise Pope at Stanford's Graduate School of Education reminds parents that children of all ages need PDF— playtime, downtime, and family time—every day. Being constantly on the go takes a toll on children and families. Joanne Kraft, author of *Just Too Busy*, says God created us with a "Sabbath DNA," or a need for rest as part of our routine maintenance. She urges parents to resist the culture's "busyness" mindset by finding ways to rest, laugh, and **eat and worship together**.

Ideas include creating forts or comfy "nests," going on nature walks and picnics, enjoying a meal of just finger foods, singing together, and unplugging devices regularly. Backyard baseball, water balloons, and star gazing are some other ideas.

*Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."*  
 Source credit: Group's Parenting Christian Kids (Paraphrase)



On the last day of Sunday school, each family (3 year olds - 5<sup>th</sup> graders) was given a summer fun bucket

that included a booklet of vacation prayers and activities to help them keep the SON in their eyes this summer. Please contact Julie if you did not receive your bucket.



Above: 5th grad Sunday school class!

On May 16, Dads joined the children for Donuts with Dad.



**DEDICATION SUNDAY—June 13, 2021, 9:30 am**  
 On Sunday, June 13, 3 yr. olds - 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be singing during the morning worship service. Please have children in their respective opening exercise areas by 9:10 a.m.



Mark your calendar! Come learn how Jesus' power helps us! The train departs:  
**When:** July 12 -15, 2021  
**Time:** Supper will be 5:30-5:45pm with VBS from 6—8 pm  
**Where:** Supper, all drop offs & pickups will be at First Reformed Church.  
**Who:** K-6th grade in the fall

There are **donation sign up sheets** on the table in the Gathering Place for anyone wishing to donate items for VBS this year.

**Registration for children and volunteers** is still open and can be done online at <http://sullyfrc.org/vbs-2021/> or by placing forms in Julie Van Manen's mailbox!

**VBS 2021 Offering:** This year we will be collecting food and baby items to donate to local food pantries to help families in our local area.

# COLLEGE GRADUATE



**Makenzy Rozendaal** – Chamberlain University with her BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing).



## About the ministry

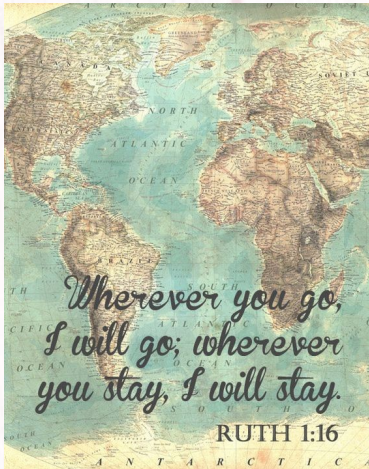
Community and family are the foundation of life in Nicaragua. Half of rural Nicaraguan families face extreme poverty, with lack of access to food, basic services, and education. Phil and Olivia work with local partners to help meet Nicaraguans' physical and spiritual needs.

Olivia facilitates church partnerships and volunteer opportunities for the Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua (CEPAD). Through faith-based leadership development, pastoral training, and food security programs, CEPAD ministers to the marginalized and helps communities break the cycle of hunger and poverty.

Phil serves as an associate structural engineer for Engineering Ministries International Nicaragua (EMI). He designs for Christian projects and disciples young professionals. EMI desires to see people restored by God and the world restored through design.

To learn more or support this ministry, visit:

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## PRAY

- That people come to know God's love through the CEPAD staff and their efforts to reduce rural poverty in Nicaragua.
- For the EMI Nicaragua office to be united and effective in their work and gospel witness.
- For grace and guidance as Phil transitions into EMI and continues to study Spanish.
- That God sets a strong foundation in Phil and Olivia's marriage, rooted in their identity in Jesus Christ.

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Dedication of our sanctuary will be Sunday, June 13, 2021. A luncheon will follow the service.

**ALL 3 yr. olds – 5<sup>th</sup> graders** will be singing during the morning worship service. Please have children in their respective opening exercise areas by **9:10 a.m.**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

## Dedication of our Sanctuary Luncheon

<p><b>SUNDAY</b>  <b>JUNE 13, 2021</b>  <b>AFTER THE MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 AM</b>  <b>IN THE GATHERING PLACE</b></p>	<p><b>MENU:</b>  <b>PULLED PORK SANDWICH</b>  <b>BAKED BEANS</b>  <b>POTATO SALAD</b>  <b>CHIPS</b>  <b>ICE CREAM</b>  <b>BOTTLED WATER &amp; COFFEE</b></p>
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### **Jerry & Charlotte Kunce**

**Birthdays:** Jerry—July 30, 1937

Charlotte—November 19/1938

**Anniversary:** August 24, 1958

Jerry & Charlotte Kunce moved to Sully in March of 1973 when Jerry became the General Manager of the Sully Cooperative Exchange. They purchased their home from Cecil & Minnie Van Rees. They still live in the same house but have made many renovations over the years. They enjoy their home and the city of Sully as well as their church family.

Jerry was born in Greene county and has three brothers and four sisters with one brother and one sister as well as his parents being deceased. He has many nieces and nephews. Charlotte was born in Audubon county and has two sisters who are now deceased.

Charlotte and Jerry met in their community while socializing with others. Charlotte started out in country school but graduated from Coon Rapids High School. Jerry started school in Jefferson, Iowa but moved to a farm in Scranton, Iowa when he was in second grade. He graduated from Scranton High School. He had the pleasure of playing football on Scranton's state champion football team in 1955. He spent the next two summers working on a slip form paving gang. The hours were long but the pay was good. The funds allowed them to buy a mobile home to live in since he was able to enroll at Iowa State University.

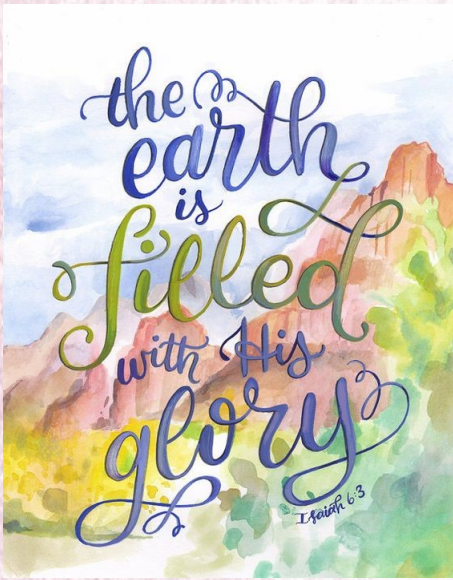
The Kunces were married in August of 1958 and Jerry started at Iowa State University in September. Charlotte started her job of putting her husband through college. There should be a degree for that! Jerry got his degree in Animal science and started in the Cooperative system in Sales at West Bend Elevator in 1963. In 1969, he became the General Manager at Hospers Cooperative. In the spring of 1973 Jerry & Charlotte and their two daughters, moved to Sully as Jerry had accepted the position as the General Manager of the Sully Cooperative Exchange. They were greeted with one of the worst snow storms ever!

Cindy, their oldest daughter is married to Danial Lender and lives in Chesterfield, Missouri. They have two boys. The oldest is Jared who is married to Emily and they have a daughter named Charlotte and make their home in St. Louis, Missouri. Joel, their youngest, also lives in St. Louis.

Cris, their youngest, is married to Glenn Lewis and lives in Lynnville. They have two children. Ryan is married to Francis and lives in Bakersfield, California with their three daughters; Brooklyn, Avery and Camryn. Becca is married to Kyler Kudart and has two boys; Kalen and Kaid. They live in Johnston, Iowa. The Kunces enjoy being around their grandchildren and great grandchildren. They cannot believe how savvy they are concerning the electronic world we live in today!

The Kunces are members of First Reformed church and have served on different committees over the years. Jerry served on the Legacy addition committee which was a challenge, but he had a great group of people to work with. It was dedicated on November 17, 2013, is very functional, well used for many occasions and was paid for in less than four years! Glory Be To God! Charlotte served on several flower and decorating committees as well as doing a lot of projects with Deloris McKeag. First Reformed has been a blessing to both Jerry and Charlotte, and will continue to be a blessing. They also want to thank Pastor Wayne and Tammy for the past 12 years. They appreciate what they and the staff have done for our church and community!

Thank you to Jerry & Charlotte Kunce for letting us "Get To Know You" better!



- June 1**  
Tre Harthoorn ~ Kendall Jansen
- June 2**  
Brooke Hardeman
- June 3**  
Kelly De Jong
- June 4**  
Jarret Van Maanen  
**Henry Zuidema (86)**
- June 5**  
Curtis Maasdam ~ Hailey Huyser  
Alison Knouse ~ Lane Van Wyk
- 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 (87)**
- June 15**  
Reda Daniels

# June

- June 16**  
Brooke Baarda ~ Tyler Van Zante
- June 17**  
Denise Horman  
Kyle Bonnema ~ Velma Rozendaal  
**Denamae Maasdam (82)**
- June 18**  
Tyler Jansen ~ Marla Van Rees
- June 19**  
Jacob Van Manen
- June 21**  
Ashton Rozendaal  
**Dave Winegar (81)**
- June 22**  
Eileen Gruver
- June 23**  
Caleb Vander Molen  
**Edith Van Wyk (95)**
- June 25**  
Evelyn Kelly
- June 26**  
Deb Van Wyk  
Cam Jansen
- June 27**  
Gale Horman
- June 28**  
Jill Van Dyke
- June 29**  
Sheryl Baarda
- June 30**  
Randy Rozendaal ~ Tammy Sneller



- June 1**  
Doyle & Karna Ver Ploeg—**48 years**
- June 2**  
Jeremy & Becky Rozendaal—**9 years**  
Melvin & Shirley Van Genderen—**49 years**
- June 4**  
Pastor Wayne & Tammy Sneller—**45 years**
- June 5**  
Chad & Lynnette Fikse—**22 years**  
Warren & Alma Terpstra—**52 years**
- June 6**  
Joel & Heidi Van Wyk—**29 years**  
Jerry & Lorna Elscott—**46 years**
- June 8**  
Kevin & Julie Van Wyk—**37 years**  
Corey & Shelby Van Der Wilt—**2 years**
- June 10**  
Teryl & Carol Ver Ploeg—**44 years**  
Blake & Cathryn Dunsbergen—**4 years**
- June 11**  
Chet & Alison Schnell—**16 years**  
Nate & Lindsay Nees—**5 years**
- June 12**  
Dick & Joyce Ver Ploeg—**68 years**  
Craig & Sheryl Baarda—**47 years**
- June 14**  
Duane & Donna Brand—**64 years**  
Josh & Suzanne Rozendaal—**18 years**
- June 15**  
Alan & Brenda Newell—**30 years**
- June 17**  
Don & Karen Jansen—**61 years**  
Doug & Shawna Maasdam—**27 years**
- June 19**  
Jerry & Linda Jansen—**56 years**
- June 20**  
Cole & Shelly Vos—**12 years**  
Doug & Sheri Huyser—**46 years**  
Braden & Emily Larson—**1 year**
- June 21**  
Bryce & Katelyn Doane—**7 years**  
Rod & Dana Rozendaal—**24 years**
- June 22**  
Austin & Lysandra Newell—**2 years**
- June 24**  
Duane & Joni Collins—**33 years**  
Dennis & Lisa Dunsbergen—**38 years**  
Kendall & Marlene Rozendaal—**33 years**  
Kyle & Mikayla Bonnema—**4 years**
- June 25**  
Steve & Rita Vos—**39 years**
- June 26**  
Nick & Amy Harthoorn—**17 years**
- June 27**  
Chris & Jodi Hansen—**23 years**  
Curtis & Chadera Maasdam—**1 year**
- June 28**  
Chuck & Deb Johnson—**18 years**
- June 30**  
Chris & Kara Warrick—**9 years**



## Joy

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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Day 1: Psalm 5:11      | Day 16: Luke 2:9-11          |
| Day 2: Psalm 16:11     | Day 17: Luke 6:22-23         |
| Day 3: Psalm 30:5      | Day 18: Luke 15:6-7          |
| Day 4: Psalm 32:11     | Day 19: John 3:28-30         |
| Day 5: Psalm 84:2      | Day 20: John 15:10-11        |
| Day 6: Psalm 95:2      | Day 21: John 16:20-21        |
| Day 7: Proverbs 10:28  | Day 22: Acts 8:7-8           |
| Day 8: Proverbs 12:20  | Day 23: Acts 15:3            |
| Day 9: Proverbs 15:23  | Day 24: Romans 15:13         |
| Day 10: Proverbs 17:22 | Day 25: II Corinthians 8:1-3 |
| Day 11: Isaiah 49:13   | Day 26: Philemon 1:7         |
| Day 12: Jeremiah 15:16 | Day 27: Hebrews 10:33-35     |
| Day 13: Matthew 2:9-10 | Day 28: James 1:2-3          |
| Day 14: Matthew 13:44  | Day 29: I Peter 1:7-9        |
| Day 15: Luke 1:43-45   | Day 30: III John 1:4         |

*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.*

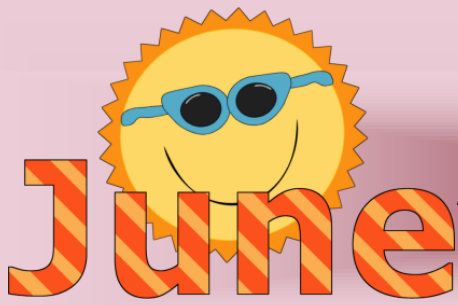




# Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Jerry & Pam Vander Beek	2 Dorothy Van Der Kamp	3 Roger & Jean Van Der Kamp	4 Lois Vander Leest	5 Caleb Vander Molen
6 Jeff & Shelley Vander Molen	7 Jeremy, Trisha, Kylie, Bailey & Carson Vander Molen	8 Morgan Vander Molen	9 Carlene Van Der Pol	10 Glenn Vanderpol	11 Bryce & Barb Van Der Wilt	12 Corey & Shelby Van Der Wilt
13 Maury & Stacie Van Der Wilt	14 Kayla Van Dyke  Kyle Van Dyke	15 Gerry, Jill Krystal & Klayton Van Dyke	16 Gary & Dorothy Van Genderen	17 Melvin & Shirley Van Genderen	18 Eldred Van Gorp	19 Scott & Deb Van Kooten
20 Dennis & Linda Van Maanen	21 Dorothy Van Maanen	22 Gilbert Van Maanen	23 LeRoy & Ruth Van Maanen	24 Marilyn Van Maanen	25 Terry Van Maanen Kaylee, Tessa & Jarrett	26 Conrad & Mary Ann Van Maaren
27 Jacob, Kate, Kennedy & Karter Van Manen	28 Kevin & Julie Van Manen	29 Drew, Leah & Max Van Rees	30 Duane & Marla Van Rees			

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# Activity Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Rozendaal/ Hansen Rehearsal	5 Rozendaal/ Hansen Wedding
<b>KENTUCKY WORK TRIP—May 29—June 6</b>						
6 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 12 pm Shower in the Gathering Place	7	8	9	10	11	12 12 pm Wedding reception in Gathering Place
13 <b>Sanctuary Dedication</b> 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller <b>Dedication Luncheon</b> after morning worship	14	15	16 6:30 pm Elders 6:45 pm Deacons Mtg. 7:30 pm Consistory Mtg.	17	18	19
<b>East Iowa Bible Camp—June 13—18</b>						
<b>Lake View Middle School Camp—June 14—18</b>						
20  9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller	21	22	23	24	25	26 <b>Power Connection - Central College, Pella, IA</b> June 25—27
<b>Lake View Day Camp—June 22-24</b>						
27 Building Fund Of- fering 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller— Communion	28	29	30	July 1	2	3
<b>East Iowa Bible Camp—June 30—July 2</b>						