

Reformed *Informer*

JANUARY 2022 - FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SULLY, IOWA

"ONE WORD"

Many self-help books encourage you to choose a word for the New Year. After choosing it, you are then challenged to focus on that word throughout the next year. This one word would help you in the journey called life by allowing you to change your thoughts, actions, and perspectives to reflect it. There are many words to choose from: Contentment, Patience, Gratitude, Forgiveness, Joy, Hope, and Peace are just a few that come to mind.

My word for the year 2021 was TRUST. What I was going to do was trust God with my life. So often I worry and fret over many things, both big and small. I like to have control over things. I like to have things planned out. I like to solve problems on my own. I lose sleep at night stewing over things I can't even begin to fix.

In Philippians 4:6-7 it says, *"Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praise shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life."* The Message
I don't know how many times when I am at work that I have been concerned over an issue only to hear a voice from God saying, "Child have you talked to me about it? Have you even taken the time to pray and seek my help?" I have come to realize God is in control and He is the problem solver, not me. Psalm 55: 22 says, *"Cast your burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you. He will never allow the righteous to be shaken."*

Our family, as many have had trials over this past year. Some small and some that seem too big to handle. I would be remiss if I didn't say that my trust in God has faltered a few times. It has brought me to my knees in prayer, both at home in my bedroom and in a bathroom stall of a surgical waiting room. I can truly say these are the times when I have felt the closest to God. So often the verse that comes to mind is from Isaiah 54: 10, *"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you WILL NOT be shaken nor my covenant of PEACE be removed."* God's presence is the solid rock on which we can always stand.

So, for 2022 I am going to continue with the word TRUST and try to worry less! What will your word be? In these troubled times we are in can you put your trust in God, believing He is in control of all things?

Please pray with me this prayer:

Heavenly Father, I relinquish worry, stress, and undue concern over matters of which I have no control. I receive instead your peace and assurance that you are with me and have control over everything that touches my life. Create in me a calm and quiet spirit so that my heart and mind will be at peace. Amen.

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The Jr. high boys had a BLAST night at SkyZone!



**Puppies
for
Christmas!**



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

January Dates: January 9, 16, 23, & 30



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 9, 16, 23, & 30

Impact Youth Leaders: Jeff & Alison Knouse, Caden & Brenna Duns-bergen and Cody & Kelly Kesling

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

Happy New Year, First Reformed Church!

The new year brings many exciting new opportunities, but it's also an important time to do some reflection on the past year as well. When I look back on 2021 I think of:

- The well-done collaboration of both our youth groups for our youth service.
- Impactful retreats (Middle School Retreat, Power Connection, Kentucky Work Trip, Rocky Mountain High)
- The joy of our week-to-week youth groups.
- Students growing closer to Jesus.

What a wonderful year 2021 was! And my hope and prayer is that in 2022 we will see the Lord do even *more* in the lives of our students. Happy New Year!

Prayer Breakfast
Free Jesus, and donuts.

Every Friday morning at 7:30 am all 6th—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!



Children's Ministry

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Keeping the Christmas Spirit in the New Year

Many people get the "Christmas blues" this time of year, as the family festivities come to a close. We don't need to let go of the anticipation and joy of Christmas. We can carry the message of salvation with us all year long as we remember that God came as a human baby, and God is with us through our every trial.

Even though we will put away the Christmas tree and take down the Christmas lights and eat all the Christmas cookies, we do not need to stop being excited about Christmas. We can have Christmas spirit in January, February, March, April... all year long because GOD IS WITH US! Joshua 1:9 says, *"This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

We look forward to the second half of the **STARS Afterschool program** which will **begin Wednesday, January 5, from 3:30 to 5:30** and will meet each Wednesday until March 9. **Family meals** will take place on **February 2 and March 9**. The Bible stories will focus on the New Testament. Throughout the winter, children will have the opportunity to work on a variety of badge activities as well.

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

Remember, when the snow is falling and it is cold outside it is a great time get some extra lap time in! Happy New Year!



**Sunday School for ALL ages
resumes on
Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 10:45 a.m.**



**God's Little Wonders
3 yr - K**



**Faithseekers
1st-5th**

10 Biblical New Year's Resolutions

- 1 Pray Every Morning
- 2 Study a Book of the Bible
- 3 Memorize weekly Bible verse
- 4 Exercise Regularly
- 5 Eat healthier
- 6 Read a book on prayer
- 7 Save money
- 8 Do something nice for someone
- 9 Give rather than receive
- 10 Pray for wisdom

PrayerinEveryCity.com

BibleWise

Guess Who

Bible Review for young children.

Match the Bible Character(s) with the Bible story. Each letter is used once.



Characters

___ 1. He builds a huge boat.

___ 2. He is a shepherd who used a slingshot to stop a giant.

___ 3. They are thrown into a fiery furnace.

___ 4. He delivered the Ten Commandments from God.

___ 5. She is the mother of Jesus.

___ 6. He is Esau's twin brother.

___ 7. She talks to a snake.

___ 8. He walks on water.

___ 9. He is a king known for his wisdom.

___ 10. He is swallowed by a great fish.

A. Mary

B. Jacob

C. Noah

D. Jonah

E. Jesus

F. 3 Hebrew Boys

G. David

H. Moses

I. Eve

J. Solomon



2022 Consistory

Back: Tim Dunsbergen, Logan Vos, Kevin Van Manen, Scott Van Kooten, Tyler Harsselaar, Brent De Jong, Blake Dunsbergen & Josh Rozendaal

Front: Pastor Tom VandeBerg, Brad Rozendaal, Joel Jansen, Jerry Vander Beek, Nick Harthoorn, Loren Vos, Gary Van Genderen Nick De Penning & Ervin Arkema. **Not pictured:** Craig Maasdam & Coltin Collins



Joyce Mackenzie

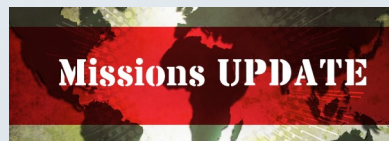
Birthdate: 11/17/1942

Joyce Mackenzie was one of four daughters born to Milo and Vera (Van Wyk) Kruseman. Their family, which included sisters, Jenice from Sully; Jean who lives south of Sully; and Julia, who passed away on May 2, 2021, lived just two miles south of town. Joyce learned to read and write in the country school from Kindergarten to the 8th grade and graduated from Lynnvile Sully High School.

Ken and Verna Hackert set Joyce up on a date with Jaron Van Maanen and in June of 1960, she married him at the Sully Community Church. Jaron tragically passed away in a plane accident in September of 1975. Joyce has four children, Jacqueline; Jerilyn; Jeffery and Jennifer. Being at home in Sully is something Joyce enjoys after doing a lot of traveling in her life.

Her best memories regarding First Reformed Church, are when she was younger, like Sunday School and Bible school, where at nine years old, she professed Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. The beautiful music during the church services uplift her spirits for the rest of the day. There are treasured friendships she has made throughout the years here in Sully and she is grateful for them.

Thank you Joyce 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.

To learn more or support this ministry, visit:

www.rca.org/bobb-kelly
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THEREFORE,
AND Teach all
Nations
matthew 28:19



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 ~ Henry Corell

January 7

Blake Dunsbergen ~ Drew Van Rees
Mason Wichhart

January 8

Melvin Dunsbergen ~ Gloria 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
Marvin Baarda (92)

January 14

Carroll Harthoorn (83)

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 (27)

January 8

Kevin & Julie Van Manen (34)
Eric & Amber Lanser (6)

January 11

Marlin & Laureen Van Wyk (42)

January 15

Don & Hollie Nunnikhoven (11)

January 16

Joel & Deann Jansen (34)

January 17

Dan & Stephanie Dykema (13)

January 18

Andrew & Emily Scholten (2)

January 19

Bob & Diana Scandridge (30)

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



Sewing Days— January 4 & 18, February 1 & 15
Our first Sewing Day will be **Tuesday, January 4** from
1—4 pm in the Gathering Place.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FAMILY NIGHT MEALS & Our NEW MEAL MINISTRY

Hamburger

White corn syrup

Marshmallows

Peanut butter

Walmart or Fareway gift cards

Boxes of Corn Flakes

Peaches

SWEET TO THE SOUL
ministries

DAILY READING LIST

I AM NOT alone

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

www.sweettothesoul.com

- ☐ 1 Psalm 73:23
- ☐ 2 Deuteronomy 31:6
- ☐ 3 Isaiah 41:10
- ☐ 4 Zephaniah 3:17
- ☐ 5 Revelation 21:3
- ☐ 6 Matthew 28:20
- ☐ 7 Psalm 23:4
- ☐ 8 Joshua 1:9
- ☐ 9 Hebrews 13:5
- ☐ 10 Romans 8:38-39
- ☐ 11 1 Corinthians 3:16
- ☐ 12 Revelation 3:20
- ☐ 13 John 14:16-17
- ☐ 14 Psalm 139:7-10
- ☐ 15 Ephesians 3:17
- ☐ 16 Joshua 1:5-6
- ☐ 17 John 14:23
- ☐ 18 Jeremiah 23:23-24
- ☐ 19 Matthew 18:20
- ☐ 20 John 10:27-30
- ☐ 21 Psalm 73:23
- ☐ 22 Exodus 33:14
- ☐ 23 Exodus 25:8
- ☐ 24 Isaiah 57:15
- ☐ 25 Judges 6:12
- ☐ 26 1 John 1:7
- ☐ 27 2 Corinthians 6:16
- ☐ 28 Psalm 91:1
- ☐ 29 Psalm 34:18
- ☐ 30 Psalm 145:18
- ☐ 31 Isaiah 43:2




2022 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Brent Rozendaal
2 Earl & Marcia Rozendaal	3 Ellen Ann Rozendaal	4 Harold & Velma Rozendaal	5 Jeremy, Becky, Jay, Case & Caroline Rozendaal	6 Josh, Suzanne, Corrina, Jordyn & Gabe Rozendaal	7 Kendall, Marlene & Asher Rozendaal	8 Marilyn Rozendaal
9 Makenzy Rozendaal	10 Randy & Shelly Rozendaal	11 Riley & Kim Rozendaal	12 Rod & Dana Rozendaal	13 Russ & Lois Rozendaal	14 Bob & Diana Scandridge	15 Cooper Scandridge
16 Payton Scandridge	17 Matt, Dawn, Asher, Peyton, Lucy & Sam Schechinger	18 Chet, Alison & Brody Schnell	19 Dick Schnell	20 Allen Scholten	21 Andrew & Emily Scholten	22 Arie & Elaine Scholten
23 Mark & Sarah Scholten	24 Drew, Shelby & Carter Shinkle	25 Paul & Patty Sneller	26 Pastor Wayne & Tammy Sneller	27 Kevin, Kelly & Riley Terlouw	28 Henrietta Terpstra	29 John & Dawn Terpstra
30 Warren & Alma Terpstra	31 Felix & Tia Torres					



2022 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

5Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						 11:30 Rental in Gathering Place
2 Communion 9:30 am Pastor Tom VandeBerg 2 pm Rental in Gathering Place	3	4 1 –4 Sewing Days	5 3:30 pm STARS After School 5:30 To Go Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	6 6 pm Consistory Mtg. with E-Free rep	7 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	8
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