

## NURSERY INFORMATION

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- ⇒ A **nursery** is provided **from birth to age 3**. Our nurseries are located right next to the Welcome Center located on the south west corner of the sanctuary.
- ⇒ **Children In Worship Activities—3 year old—Kindergarten** are dismissed during the service and meets downstairs (stairway in the Gathering Place by the elevator)
- ⇒ The **AED Defibrillator is located in the church office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> shelf on east wall**
- ⇒ **Cookies will be served in Children in Worship for 3 yrs.—Kindergarten**

In **case of inclement winter weather** the decision to cancel services will be made by **7:30 a.m. for the morning service and 3 p.m.** for the evening activities. Church meetings will be cancelled if the Lynnvile-Sully School cancels classes or is dismissed early for bad weather. Cancellations will be announced on KGRN, KCCI, WHO TV and [www.sullyfrc.org](http://www.sullyfrc.org), through our FRC email list and now TEXT ALERTS!

**SIGN UP for TEXT ALERTS** on our website at [sullyfrc.org](http://sullyfrc.org) on the home page at the bottom of the page. You will then be notified by a text when services are cancelled!

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Sunday, January 16, 2022

Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.

Pastor Tom VandeBerg

Prelude ..... *"O Praise the Name"* ..... Praise Team

\*Welcome & Call to Worship

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

\*Songs of Praise

..... *"Amazing Grace"*

..... *"Graves Into Gardens"*

Children's Message ..... Julie Van Manen

**3 yr. olds thru Kindergarten dismissed for Children & Worship Activities- Legacy Addition basement!**

Recognition of New Member through Transfer for

**Gelene Evans**

Announcements/Congregational Prayer

## THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture ..... Revelation 3:1-6 (pg.1010)

Message..... **"7 Churches—Looking in the Mirror: Sardis"**

Pastor Tom VandeBerg

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

\*Closing Hymn ..... *"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"*

\*Benediction

\*Response ..... *"Sanctuary"*

POSTLUDE ..... Praise Team

\*Indicates standing if able CCLI License # 790003

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\***Children's activity bags** are available in the south coat rooms & wing.

\***Offering Boxes** are at each of the door entrances—your Sunday offering can be placed in these!

\***Coffee time** will be served in the Gathering Place this morning!

\*The **back 5 rows of chairs on both sides of the sanctuary** will be reserved for parents with young children

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# "7 Churches—

# Looking in the Mirror: Sardis"



"Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.:  
Revelation 3:6

## January 16, 2022



WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Sunday, January 16

9:30 am Morning Worship– Pastor Tom VandeBerg

10:45 am Sunday School for ALL ages

5:00 pm IMPACT Youth Group—6th—8th grade

6:30 pm Faithwalkers Youth Group—9th –12th grade

Monday, January 17

6:30 pm Consistory/Staff Supper in the Gathering Place

Tuesday, January 18

1—4 pm Sewing Days in the Gathering Place

Wednesday, January 19

3:30 pm STARS After School program

5:30 pm Family night meals

6:15 pm 6th—8th Bible Study

6:45 pm 9th—12th Bible Study

6:30 pm Elder’s Meeting. Anyone wishing to make a Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ, would like to transfer their membership to FRC, or request baptism, please contact Pastor Tom or an elder before the meeting.

6:45 pm Deacon’s Mtg.

7:30 pm Consistory Mtg.— Refreshments: Scott VK

Friday, January 21

7:30 am Prayer Breakfast—6th—12th grade

Sunday, January 23

9:30 am Morning Worship– Pastor Tom VandeBerg

10:45 am Sunday School for ALL ages

12:00 pm Rental in the Well

12:00 pm Rental in the Gathering Place

5:00 pm IMPACT Youth Group—6th—8th grade

6:30 pm Faithwalkers Youth Group—9th –12th grade

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, January 24, 6:30 pm Consistory and Next Step Transition Team will meet with representatives from the Sending Network  
Sewing Days: February 1 & 15; March 1, 15 & 29 from 1—4 pm

OFFERING

Updated offering will be in next week’s bulletin.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAISE

- We want to extend a warm welcome to **Gelene Evans** who joins FRC by letter of transfer from First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, Newton, IA

CHURCH FAMILY

- Shirley Baarda** was placed under home hospice. We ask for peace and comfort as they begin this journey.
- Barbara Van Sant** was admitted to the ICU at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center with trouble breathing.

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

- Please continue to pray for **Cody, Karli & Emersyn Nikkel and twin babies** due in May and also praise God for the miracle we witnessed last weekend. Both babies look healthy again. There will be many appointments and follow-ups needed in the coming weeks. Thank you for all the prayers offered up, God is good!
- Ryan Baarda** was admitted to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics with a blood clot. He was able to return home on Monday, January 10 and is doing well!



Thank you to each one of our church family for the support and encouragement shown to us in the passing of my brother Carl. We are grateful to God for His faithfulness and the assurance of salvation. *“He that hath the Son hath Life.”* 1 John 5:12

Ervin & Linda Arkema and family

INFORMATION

REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR MAIL IN YOUR CHURCH MAILBOX !!

**VALET PARKING** - This service will be available at the south car port door only. You may drive your vehicle to the car port where a valet attendant (church volunteer) will park your vehicle.

**CHURCH TREASURERS:** A reminder for all treasurers to turn in your books, and financial reports for 2021, bank statements and cancelled checks to the church office for our annual report and for auditing by **TODAY!**



A REMINDER that our church has access to an extensive, new video library called RightNow

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MORNING SCHEDULE

| January 16                                                                               | MORNING SCHEDULE            | January 23                                                                                  |
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| Shaleah J, Kaila H<br>Brooke Harthoorn                                                   | NURSERY                     | Lisa D, Jennifer K<br>Bentlee V                                                             |
| Leaders: Ali S, Dawn S &<br>Julie VM                                                     | CHILDREN IN WORSHIP         | Parents: Don & Hollie N<br>Storyteller: Jeff K<br>Leaders: Shelby S                         |
| Ruth R<br>Don & Hollie N                                                                 | PROJECTION LIFESTREAM       | Shawn H<br>Nick DP                                                                          |
| Side: Dwayne M<br>Ken VS<br>Center: Kurt H<br>Wing: John K<br>Valet: Keith R<br>Braden L | USHERS<br><br>VALET PARKING | Side: Kevin VW<br>Ryan M<br>Center: Kyle VR<br>Wing: Kenton D<br>Valet: Scott VK<br>Rylan J |

**“7 Churches – Looking in the Mirror: Sardis”**

Revelation 3:1-6

**Pastor Tom VandeBerg                      9:30 a.m.                      January 16, 2022**

**They \_\_\_\_\_ alive.**

- *"To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars."*

**“ \_\_\_\_\_ the God in whom you trust.”**

**Am \_\_\_\_\_ trusting Jesus?**

- *"I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup> Wake up!"*
- *"Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup> Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you."*

**Be \_\_\_\_\_, be \_\_\_\_\_, and alive to what’s going on in your Christian walk, otherwise you’ll get \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2 enemies of our spiritual life: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Is there any \_\_\_\_\_ complacency in your life?**

**“Watch what’s going on \_\_\_\_\_ of you.”**

**Live every day as though Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- *"Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes."*

**Where are we losing our \_\_\_\_\_?**

**What is it that makes a church alive?**

- A high level of \_\_\_\_\_.
- A heart for \_\_\_\_\_.
- A church is alive when it’s got a heart for \_\_\_\_\_.
- A church is alive when it has a heart for \_\_\_\_\_
- A church is alive when it has a heart that \_\_\_\_\_

*“He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels. <sup>6</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”*

**“You will be dressed in \_\_\_\_\_ for all eternity.”**

**Informational Update to Sully First Reformed Church congregation  
From the Next Step Transitional Team**

Our Consistory has set up a Next Step Transitional Team, consisting of members: Craig Maasdam (chairman), Ervin Arkema, Arloa Harthoorn, Ryan Mortvedt, Gar Van Genderen, and Eloise Vos. Interim Pastor Tom VandeBerg is also participating in the team’s meetings. The purpose of this team is to investigate denomination options for the future of our church here in Sully. Our church is a member of the (RCA) Reformed Church in America denomination. While the official standing and policies of our denomination have remained in line with our local church’s beliefs and practices, the denomination has failed to enforce their stance on various issues, particularly with regard to issues relating to human sexuality, i.e. same sex “marriage”. This has resulted in a deep division in our denomination. Many churches are leaving the Reformed Church in America denomination or making plans to do so.

The Next Step Transitional Team will evaluate potential denominations for our church to join. A recommendation will be made to the consistory. If the Consistory votes in favor of a change, a special Congregational Meeting will be held and 75% of the Congregation will be required to vote in favor of leaving the Reformed Church in America denomination and in favor of joining another denomination. If the outcome of the vote is to change denominations, the Next Step Transitional Team would then be in charge of preparing the numerous official documents to leave the denomination.

As of today, the Next Step Transitional Team has met with representatives of two different denominations, the Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC) and the Evangelical Free Church of America. Consistory members have also been invited to come to these informational meetings. In the near future, the team plans to meet with the Sending Network (a new denomination based out of Third Reformed church of Pella) and possibly with the Presbyterian Church in America, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, or others.

**Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC) website: <https://arc21.org>**

The Next Step Transitional Team is researching various organizations that fit us theologically and missionally since the Reformed church in America no longer does. So far, we have met with Representatives from the Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC) and the Evangelical Free church of America (EFCA).

The Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC) has these Strategic priorities: 1. Make disciples who follow Jesus. 2. Equip leaders for Kingdom work (personally, locally, regionally and globally). 3. Bring new ministries to life that share the gospel in their context.

ARC has 2 levels of organization, the national level being the “Alliance” level, and the “Network” level being groups of 30-60 churches. There are two staff members currently at the Alliance level of the organization. Each Network group will send one representative to serve on the national Board of Directors, and one representative to serve on the national Ministerial Oversight Team.

ARC wants as many decisions as possible to be made at the local church level. To join ARC, a church would apply to become a member and if accepted would become a member for five-year increments. At that point a church would evaluate whether they wish to continue, and ARC would evaluate if the church was abiding by the ARC’s Organizational Convictions.

Each church in the Alliance would pay 1% of their quarterly income to the national “Alliance” level of ARC and 2% of their quarterly income to the “Network” level of ARC. The local church will keep ownership of their property with the exception of if the church closes, the property would then revert to the ARC.

ARC is not affiliated with any Seminaries at this time. As long as Pastors agree to the statement of “Organizational Convictions” then a pastor can be credentialed with ARC. There is no formal missions program established at this time and churches are encouraged to support their current missionaries.

The ARC affirms the Great Lakes Catechism on Marriage and Sexuality as a confessional appendix to the Heidelberg Catechism. Marriage is between a man and a woman. They also affirm the Apostles, Athanasian and Nicene Creeds as members of the global church.

A part of ARC’s core belief is that men and women are created in God’s image and are gifted by the Spirit to equip and lead God’s people in ministry. The ARC respects individual churches positions and choices regarding ordained leadership. The ARC will always be infant baptizers. ARC believes in the Inerrancy of Scripture (the Bible is without error or fault in all its teaching and cannot be changed).



## Sunday School — 10:45 a.m.

\*All those 3 years old—Kindergarten please go to room # 8 & 9 located on the southeast side of the basement.

\*All those in 1st—5th grade go to room

#6 on the southwest side of the basement.

### **God's Little Wonders - 3 year old—Kindergarten**

**Rebecca Rozendaal & Cathryn Dunsbergen Opening exercises** east side of basement rooms #8 & 9

*We will begin here with singing and then walk with their teachers to their rooms. All classrooms are marked with the teachers name and names of students on the outside of each door.*

**3 year olds – Room #9 (Little Lambs) - Hands on Bible:**

**Julie Van Manen,  
Children's Ministry  
Director**

**Teachers:** Amy Harthoorn & Hollie Nunnikhoven, Skyler Young & Lisa Dunsbergen

**4 year olds – Room #7 (Zacchaeus' Treehouse) - Hands on Bible**

**Teachers:** Liz Harthoorn, Kayla Henkle, Shaleah James & Elaine Droppert

**Kindergarten –Children in worship area – Room #10 (Builders) - Imagine**

**Teachers:** Monica Nikkel & Lysandra Newell

### **All kids in Children in Worship downstairs will be led to opening exercises.**

**\*\*3 yrs.—Kindergarten will have cookies during Children in Worship—1st—5th will be served cookies before opening exercises.**

### **Faith Seekers—1st—5th Grade (west side of basement)**

**Dawn Schechinger—Opening Exercises** Rm. #6- West side—We will begin singing here and then go to their individual classrooms.

**1st Grade—Room #4—(Lion's Den) - Imagine**

**Teachers:** Emily Larson & Carrie Mortvedt

**2nd & 3rd Grade – Room # 3 (Commandment Center) - Wonder**

**Teachers:** Joni Collins & Hannah De Penning

**4th Grade- Room #1 (Creation Station) - Marvel**

**Teachers:** Katelyn Beyer & Julie Van Manen

**5th Grade—Room # 11 (Trailblazers) Children in worship area—Marvel**

**Teacher:** Eloise Vos

**Middle School— Youth With Heart 6th—8th grade**



Jeff Knouse,  
Youth & Education Director

## **Nick De Penning—Superintendent**

(The Lighthouse -opening exercises upstairs above wing)

**6th—8th Grade – The Lighthouse— Dive—Year 1**

**Teachers:** Nick De Penning, Mel Vos & Tim Vanden Hoek

### **High School— Souls Ignited 9th—12th grade**

**9th & 10th Grade – The Well (west side of basement)**

**Teacher:** Kurt Harthoorn—Heidelberg Catechism

**11th & 12th Grade – The Well (east side of basement)**

**Teacher:** Ryan Mortvedt - Right Now Media

**\*All 6th—8th grade classes are held upstairs in the Lighthouse (area above the wing)**

**\*All 9th—12th grade classes are held in The Well (northwest side of the basement)**

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

**Adult Sunday school –meet in the Legacy Center—All adults are invited to join!**

**Bible Study—Apostle's Creed**

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- **NOTE: The 5th grade will now be meeting downstairs!**
- If you haven't attended a Sunday school class or you are new to FRC this year, you are invited to join a class!
- Your children can be picked up at 11:30 a.m. each Sunday.
- An offering will be collected each Sunday. This is a great way to teach kids how to tithe.

## **YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION**

5:00 pm **IMPACT Youth Group** meets in the Well (basement) open for all 6th—8th grade!

6:30 pm **Faithwalkers Youth Group** meets in the Well (basement) open for all 9th—12th grade

**EVERY Friday morning** at 7:30 am for 6th—12th grade—**Prayer Breakfast**—Donuts and milk before school—meet in the Gathering Place

