

NURSERY INFORMATION

Please contact Trisha Vander Molen or Kaila Harssalaar at trishavk@hotmail.com or kswank15@outlook.com if you would be willing to help out with this ministry! **Nursery alert pagers are available in the nursery at check-in!**

- ⇒ 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 **2nd 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, through our FRC email list and now TEXT ALERTS!

SIGN UP for TEXT ALERTS on our website at sullyfrc.org on the home page at the bottom of the page. You will then be notified by a text when services are cancelled!

GIVING AT CHURCH

You can **Securely Give Online now** at www.sullyfrc.org. Your information is held securely by an SSL encrypted connection. This information will remain private and will never be given away to third parties, other than to process your scheduled contributions. You can also give by mail or our deacons pick up a weekly offering each Sunday morning.

ACH Contributions - ACH Contributions are a convenient way to give directly from your checking account. Contributions are taken out the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Stop into the church office to pick up a form.

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Sunday, January 23, 2022

Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.

Pastor Tom VandeBerg

Opening Song *"Hold On to Me"* Praise Team

*Welcome & Call to Worship

THE APPROACH TO GOD

*Songs of Praise

..... *"Even So Come"*

..... *"What a Beautiful Name"*

Children's Message Faye Brand

Worship Prayer

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

Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ &

Sacrament of Baptism for **Derrick Zimmerman**

Sacrament of Baptism for **Jacob Wilder**, son of

Derrick & Annette Zimmerman

*The Apostle's Creed—shown on power point

Announcements/Congregational Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Revelation 3:7– 13(pg.1010)

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

Pastor Tom VandeBerg

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*Closing Hymn *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

*Benediction

*Response *"God Is So Good"*

POSTLUDE Praise Team

*Indicates standing if able

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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: Philadelphia"

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

January 23, 2022

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

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

Monday, January 24

6:30 pm Consistory and Next Step Transition Team will meet with representatives from the Sending Network

Tuesday, January 25

1—4 pm Sewing Days in the Gathering Place

Wednesday, January 26

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

Friday, January 28

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

Sunday, January 30

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

LOOKING AHEAD
Sewing Days: February 1 & 15; March 1, 15 & 29 from 1—4 pm



PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAISE

- This morning we have the privilege of celebrating the profession of faith of **Derrick Zimmerman** along with the baptism of Derrick & Annette’s son, **Jacob Wilder**. We ask for God’s blessing on this family!

CHURCH FAMILY

- Barbara Van Sant** was able to return home after being a patient at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center this past week.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- We extend our Christian sympathy to **Scott & Valerie Rolffs and family and Cornelia Boat** in the death of their mother and sister, **Shirley Baarda**, age 84 who passed away Thursday, January 13. Funeral services were held here at FRC on Tuesday, January 18 with Pastor Tom VandeBerg presiding.
- We extend our Christian sympathy to **Bryce & Barb Van Der Wilt and family** in the death of Barb’s brother, **Myron Fraker**, age 70 who passed away unexpectedly Thursday, January 13. A Celebration of Life service was held on Friday, January 21 at Community Hope Church in Montezuma.

Address Update for Brandon Graham:
Brandon is now stationed in New Mexico and would love to hear words of encouragement from friends back here in Sully. **His new address is:** Brandon C Graham, 105 West Cochran Ave. Unit 18, Cannon AFB NM 88101-0359.

INFORMATION

Today is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.

Statistics compiled by Worldometers show that abortion was the leading cause of death worldwide in 2021, killing 42.6 million people. In America, just under 1 million babies are aborted every year. 63 million babies have been killed in the U.S. since Roe v. Wade in 1973. Today we celebrate God’s gift of Life, commemorate the lives lost, and commit to protecting Life at every stage.

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.

OFFERING

Offering for January 9 \$6,957.37
Offering for January 16 \$8,987.23

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

Media! It’s like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE li-brary of faith-based videos that you can access on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV. RightNow Media has videos for eve-ryone—kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults, working professionals—all aimed at helping you grow.

If you haven’t signed up yet, you can sign up at **www.sullyfrc.org/resources**. You will then receive an email from RighnowMedia. Once you find the email, simply click the link, sign up for an account, and you’re all set to explore more than 14,000 videos. We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing for you and your family!

JOIN FOR FREE

1. Open your invitation email to register for RightNow Media (please let us know if you do not receive an email.)
2. Click the Get Started button in the email.
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6. Download the RightNow Media app to your phone—access this Bible study library at any time!

MORNING SCHEDULE

January 23	MORNING SCHEDULE	January 30
Lisa D, Jennifer K Bentlee V	NURSERY	Suzanne R, Brenna D Katelyn N
Parents: Don & Hollie N Storyteller: Jeff K Leaders: Shelby S	CHILDREN IN WORSHIP	Parents: Logan & Taylor V Storyteller: Gerald D Leaders: Stephanie D
Shawn H Nick DP	PROJECTION LIVESTREAM	Teryl VP Josh R
Side: Kevin VW Ryan M Center: Kyle VR Wing: Kenton D Valet: Scott VK Rylan J	USHERS VALET PARKING	Side: Caden D Don N Center: Dan D Wing: Bruce D Valet: Scott VK Gerry VD

7 Churches “Looking In The Mirror” – Philadelphia

Revelation 3:7-13

Pastor Tom VandeBerg

9:30 a.m.

January 23, 2022

Hermeneutics.

We all face _____.

God _____

- *“To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.”*
- *“Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me”. 2 Corinthians 2:8*
- *“And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ”.*

An open door stands for an opportunity to be _____.

- *“Go sell all that you have and give your money to the poor and come and follow me”.*

There’s no tragedy like the tragedy of an abandoned _____

Are you _____ open doors?

- *These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David.*

A key is an image of _____.

- *“I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.” Isaiah 22:22*

Nothing can stop you from accomplishing what God wants you to do because _____ the keys.

- *I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. Revelation 3:8*
- *“I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.”¹² Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.¹³ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” Revelation 3:12-13*

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, Gary 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.

The Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA)

The EFCA believes that God created human beings male and female and that scripture grants two life-enhancing options for sexual behavior: monogamous marital relations between one man and one woman or sexual celibacy. Either is a gift from God. All homosexual behavior is specifically condemned as sin in both the Old and the New Testament.

The EFCA only ordains men as pastors and elders, although the EFCA offers a permanent Certificate of Christian Ministry credential which is available to both women and men. However churches are “autonomous” or free from ecclesiastical and hierarchical control. Some churches allow women to be Deacons.

On a national level, a theology conference is held annually. At that conference they try to address current issues and evaluate if there should be any changes made to the denomination’s statement of Faith. On the local level: each church is free to decide its structure.

It’s recommended but not required that each church in the organization pay 2% of their annual budget to the local district and 1% to the national level. The EFCA offers retirement and long-term disability plans to pastors. The local church has ownership of their property although if a church closes, the property will go to the district. The EFCA has the Trinity Evangelical Divinity Seminary in Deerfield, Illinois and Trinity Western University in Langley, British Columbia, Canada. The EFCA does not require any formal training to become a pastor. Pastoral candidates must write a 20 page paper on the Statement of faith.

The EFCA does not embrace specific creeds or confessions, and frequency of communion is decided on a local level. Communion is an open table to anyone who has professed Jesus as their Savior. The EFCA practices believer’s baptism, but some churches do infant baptism and this is allowed.

The EFCA has a mission’s organization called “Reach Global”, but because churches are autonomous they are free to support any missionaries they choose.

Website: <https://www.efca.org/>

Consistory Notes – January 19, 2022

The Consistory meeting opened with prayer. **The elders reported the following:**

- Derrick Zimmerman’s request for baptism and profession of faith in Jesus Christ was made. Derrick will be baptized and publically be received as a member at the January 23 worship service. Welcome Derrick!
- Jason & Bailey Huyser will have their son Clay baptized on Sunday, March 13, 2022.
- Cory and Amanda Van Zante along with daughter, Mia requested their membership be transferred to Newton Church of The Way, Newton, IA.
- The Next Step Transition team will work on new by-laws for the church in the event of First Reformed leaving the RCA.

The deacon board shared that December 2021 giving is as follows:

- December giving: General: \$37,918.20; Mission: \$20,701.72 (includes \$17,780 Christmas Offering); Sunday School: \$5,756.75; Building: \$9,235.16; Kaldenburg Trust: \$74.71
- A keypad lock for the parsonage front door will be purchased.
- Purchase Valentine gift baskets for our college students for \$40.
- Purchase of an iPad for accessories and general church usage was approved.

The full consistory reviewed the congregational needs and church family prayer needs. Our shut-ins and nursing home residents were also lifted up in prayer.

Committee reports:

- A Middle School Retreat will be held April 8-10 in Dayton, IA and Power Connection for our IMPACT Youth group will be July 26-31, 2022.
- The grand piano in the Gathering Place and the sanctuary will be tuned in February.
- Consistory reviewed the job description for the Lead Pastor position and also reviewed a Congregation Feedback Survey.

God is good!

For the Consistory,
Pastor Tom

CONSISTORY

Interim Pastor, Pastor Tom VandeBerg

ELDERS

Craig Maasdam (22)
Scott Van Kooten (22)
Kevin Van Manen (22)
Gary Van Genderen (23)
Jerry Vander Beek (23)
Loren Vos (23)
Ervin Arkema (24)
Brent De Jong (24)
Joel Jansen (24)

DEACONS

Blake Dunsbergen (22)
Brad Rozendaal (22)
Logan Vos (22)
Coltin Collins (23)
Nick De Penning (23)
Tim Dunsbergen (23)
Tyler Harsselaar (24)
Nick Harthoorn (24)
Josh Rozendaal (24)

OFFICERS OF CONSISTORY

Vice President – Gary Van Genderen (23)

Clerk – Scott Van Kooten (22)

Deacon Chairman – Tim Dunsbergen (23)

Deacon Secretary – Nick De Penning (23)

General/Maintenance Fund Treasurer – Blake Dunsbergen (22)

Ass’t General Fund Treasurer – Nick Harthoorn (24)

Mission Fund Treasurer – Brad Rozendaal (22)

Ass’t Mission Fund Treasurer– Coltin Collins (23)

Committee Contacts

Buildings & Grounds – Logan Vos

Calendar Activities – church office

Music Committee – Jerry Vander Beek

Hospital Equipment–Ron Dunsbergen

Pulpit Supply – Gary Van Genderen

Women with Purpose – Desiree Hardeman

Service Committee – Velma Rozendaal

Legacy Kitchen – Shirley Dunsbergen

The Well Kitchen – Barb Jansen

The Well Kitchen Rental – Lynn Dunsbergen

Power Point Projection – Teryl Ver Ploeg

Audio/Visual – Josh Rozendaal

Sound System – Blake Dunsbergen

Coffee Time Committee– Kevin & Julie Van Wyk

Van Committee – Craig Maasdam



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

