

Reformed *Informer*

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH—JANUARY 2023



When do you feel alone? When you wake up from a bad dream? When your friends are excluding you at school? When you're up in the middle of the night with a sick child? When you're single and feel like you'll never find someone to share your heart with? When your spouse is gone and the cold winter days leave you stuck at home? I'm in the season of life that I'm up with the kids in the middle of the night for feedings, sickness and bad dreams—over and over and over. It's lonely and frustrating trying to get through those dark hours. But as their mom it's my job and privilege to comfort them—to help them feel less alone in the night.

When I was struggling with school and growing up I remember listening to this song by Go Fish called, "You're My Little Girl". The chorus says, "You're my little girl. You're the one that I created. No one on this world could ever be like you. When you're crying in the night all you need to do is call me. I'll be there for you. 'Cause you're my little girl." When I listened to this song it always reminded me that God is with me even in the night; I just have to call for Him.

When we have moments that we feel all alone and let down by friends, family—maybe we even feel like God has let us down—we can be comforted by remembering that Jesus has been there and understands what we're going through. He'll stay by our side even in the long, dark night.

Hebrews 4:15-16 says, *"For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weakness, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of Grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."*

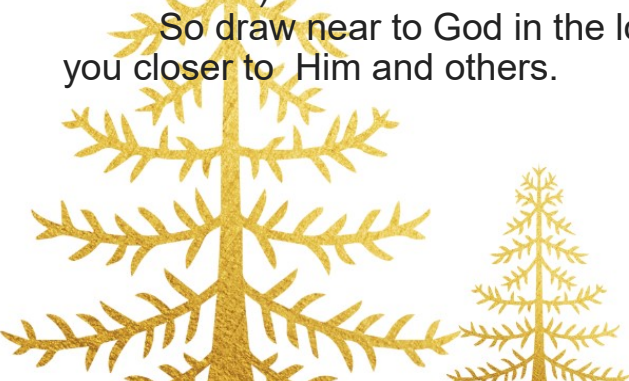
Psalms 68:6 says "God makes a home for the lonely". However, God doesn't want us to be alone. He wants us to seek Him and fellowship with others.

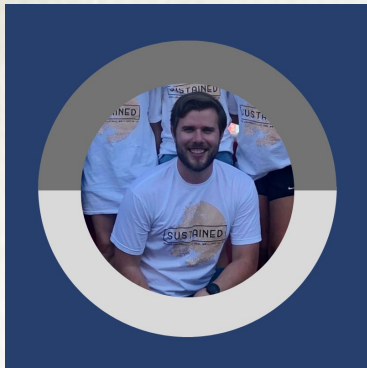
"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." (1 Corinthians 1:3-4)

So draw near to God in the lonely moments, and He will comfort you and bring you closer to Him and others.



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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 EVERY SUNDAY at 5 pm in the WELL throughout the year!

Upcoming events:
January 8, 15, 22 & 29

Leaders: Jeff & Alison Knouse, Logan & Taylor Vos, Payton Scandridge & Megan Van Zante

FAITH WALKERS
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2 Corinthians 5:7

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 Events:
January 8, 15, 22 & 29

Leaders: Jeff & Alison Knouse, Shawn & ChyAnne Huyser and Bob & Diana Scandridge

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!

Happy New Year!

The blur of the holidays is over, and a new year has begun. And whether you made it to midnight to see the ball drop or were in bed by 9:00 like me, it's now 2023 for all of us.

I never really liked New Year's growing up, it just seemed like any other day to me. But as I've gotten older, I've learned to really enjoy it. New Year's naturally offers us an opportunity to reflect on the year that has past and dream about what is to come. That's why people make resolutions! They want this year to be different, they want to change, they want to improve upon the lifestyle of the past year. But whether you keep your resolution for 2 months or 2 days, it doesn't change the fact that we can walk into a new year with the mindset that the best is yet to come.

What if we believed that as a church? What if we had faith that God has not done His best work already in our midst but instead has greater things in store for us? I'm trying to believe that both for our youth and our church as a whole, and I want to live my life in a way that reflects that.

So what does that attitude of the best is yet to come look like for you? For me it looks like another semester of education programs that have the capability to change the lives of our young people. It looks like retreats for our junior high students and a Kentucky mission trip and Rocky Mountain High for our high school students. It looks like trusting God to do something that only He can do.

I hope 2023 is your best year yet, but even more I hope that we will see God work in new and exciting ways in our very midst this year.



Merry Christmas

FROM THE SULLY FRC YOUTH GROUPS



CONSISTORY

Interim Pastor, Pastor Tom VandeBerg

ELDERS

Gary Van Genderen (23)
Jerry Vander Beek (23)
Loren Vos (23)
Ervin Arkema (24)
Brent De Jong (24)
Joel Jansen (24)
Kurt Harthoorn (25)
Kendall Rozendaal (25)
Jeff Van Wyk (25)

DEACONS

Coltin Collins (23)
Nick De Penning (23)
Tim Dunsbergen (23)
Tyler Harsselaar (24)
Nick Harthoorn (24)
Josh Rozendaal (24)
Brandon Dunsbergen (25)
Tyler Jansen (25)
Jeremy Rozendaal (25)

OFFICERS OF CONSISTORY

Vice President – Gary Van Genderen (23)
Clerk – Jeff Van Wyk (25)
Deacon Chairman – Tim Dunsbergen (23)
Deacon Secretary – Nick De Penning (23)
General Fund Treasurer – Nick Harthorn (24)
Mission Fund Treasurer – Coltin Collins (23)

Committee Contacts

Buildings & Grounds – Tyler Harsselaar & Jeremy Rozendaal
Calendar Activities – church office
Music Committee – Jerry Vander Beek
Hospital Equipment–Ron Dunsbergen, Darrel Jansen & Ron McKeag
Pulpit Supply – Gary Van Genderen
Women with Purpose – Kara Warrick
Service Committee – Glenda Renaud
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 – Kendall Rozendaal & Tyler Jansen



STARS Afterschool Program will begin again **Wednesday, January 4**, and will meet each Wednesday from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. until **Wednesday, March 8**.

The STARS program would not be possible without the time and talents of many dedicated volunteers. **Thank you** to all who have served and continue to serve in this ministry.



Our **Christmas Celebration for the widowed and singles ages 50 & over** was so much fun! Great food & fun along with lots of laughs and fellowship was shared throughout the evening! Thank you to all who came and to those who helped plan and serve!



PEACE
LOVE
JOY
FORGIVENESS

Nope

MERCY FAITH

Faithfulness

GOODNESS

BELIEVE IN JESUS

Celebrate

FOR GOD SO
LOVED THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE...

may your day be
Merry and Bright

HEARTLAND MUSEUM TOUR
FEBRUARY 18, 2023
7:00AM-5:30PM

YOU'RE INVITED TO
JOIN US AS WE TRAVEL
TO CLARION, IOWA,
TO TOUR THE
HEARTLAND MUSEUM
AND LAWRENCE
MAASDAM'S PERSONAL
COLLECTION.
SPONSORED BY FRC
WOMEN WITH
PURPOSE. INVITATION
OPEN TO MEN AND
WOMEN.



WE WILL MEET AT CHURCH
AT 7:00AM, DRIVE TO
CLARION TO VISIT THE
HEARTLAND MUSEUM,
LUNCH AT PIZZA RANCH,
THEN VISIT LAWRENCE'S
COLLECTION AT HIS HOME.
WE PLAN TO BE BACK IN
SULLY BY 5:30PM. COST IS
\$26.00 PER PERSON WHICH
INCLUDES LUNCH AND
MUSEUM FEE.

SIGN-UP SHEET LOCATED AT CHURCH OFFICE OR
CONTACT
CAROL VERPLOEG AT CVP_LS@YAHOO.COM
PLEASE SIGN UP BY 2-8-23.



Sewing Days are coming! We have scheduled two days in January, February and March.

Some will cut blocks, some assemble quilts, some sew binding and some knot blankets. You may take blocks home to sew quilt tops.

Bring your own scissors.

We will work from 1—4 pm and then share coffee time together.

We would love to have you join us with your time and talent to help keep someone warm!

Come join us!



Brad & Stephanie Rozendaal Family

Birthdays: Brad – September 1
Stephanie – March 23
Ashton – June 21
Owen – July 7

Anniversary: November 3, 2007

Brad is the oldest of three sons born to Randy and Shelly Rozendaal and grew up on a farm outside of Sully. He has two brothers, Brent who lives north of Sully; and Jeremy (Rebecca) and their family, live east of Sully. After his graduation from Lynnville Sully High School, he attended DMACC for his degree in Drafting. He is self-employed at Ro-

zendaal Tree Service, located in Sully.

Stephanie grew up in Pella and is the oldest child of Brian and Glenda Van Kooten. Trisha (Jeremy) Vander Molen and their family live in Sully; and Brent (Lisa) and their family who live in Leighton are Steph's younger siblings. Completing her years of high school at Pella Christian and then going on to Cosmetology school, she currently works for Sully Transport as a Log Auditor.

Brad Rozendaal and Stephanie Van Kooten were set up together by mutual friends. They were married at Second Christian Reformed Church in Pella on an absolutely gorgeous fall day in November! Their family has grown to include two sons, Ashton who is in the 7th grade and Owen who is in the 5th grade, both at Lynnville Sully.

Together, they love to camp, watch the kids sporting events, or travel when time allows. Brad is always thinking up his next project. He loves woodworking or tuning up his Chevelle and he and Owen always enjoy going to a good auction! Stephanie would rather spend time with family and friends, or read.

At First Reformed, they cherish each time their kids were baptized and all of the Youth opportunities for their kids. There is such a friendly atmosphere and to us it just feels like Home! Thank you Brad & Stephanie Rozendaal for letting us Get To Know You Better!



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
abebyomi@lbw.com.ni



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Go into all the world
and preach the gospel
to all creation.



MARK 16:15



January 1

Stephanie Dykema ~ Shawn Huyser

January 2

Eleanor Jansen

January 3

Michelle Van Zante

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 12

Carter Dunsbergen ~ Julie Van Wyk

Bryson Hardeman ~ Bristol Hardeman

January 13

Craig Baarda ~ Joni Collins

Duane Van Rees ~ Brandon Vos

Marvin Baarda (93)

January 14

Carroll Harthoorn (84)

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 (28)

January 8

Kevin & Julie Van Manen (35)

Eric & Amber Lanser (7)

January 11

Marlin & Laureen Van Wyk (43)

January 15

Don & Hollie Nunnikhoven (12)

January 16

Joel & Deann Jansen (35)

January 17

Dan & Stephanie Dykema (14)

January 18

Andrew & Emily Scholten (3)

January 19

Bob & Diana Scandridge (31)

January
Scripture Writing Plan

New Beginnings

- Day 1: Genesis 1:1-2
- Day 2: Jeremiah 29:11
- Day 3: Job 8:7
- Day 4: Lamentations 3:22-23
- Day 5: Psalm 30:5
- Day 6: Psalm 40:3
- Day 7: Isaiah 43:18-19
- Day 8: Isaiah 40:31
- Day 9: Isaiah 58:12
- Day 10: Ecclesiastes 3:1
- Day 11: Ecclesiastes 3:11
- Day 12: Isaiah 65:17
- Day 13: Ezekiel 11:19
- Day 14: Jeremiah 31:31
- Day 15: Matthew 26:27-28
- Day 16: Hebrews 12:1-2
- Day 17: 1 Peter 1:3
- Day 18: 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Day 19: Galatians 6:14-15
- Day 20: Colossians 3:8-9
- Day 21: Colossians 3:10-11
- Day 22: Romans 6:4
- Day 23: 2 Peter 3:10-11
- Day 24: 2 Peter 3:12-13
- Day 25: Philippians 3:13-14
- Day 26: Ephesians 4:21-22
- Day 27: Ephesians 4:23-24
- Day 28: Romans 12:2
- Day 29: Revelations 21:1-2
- Day 30: Revelations 21:3-4
- Day 31: Revelations 21:5

Commit 10 minutes each day to read each verse, write it out in your journal, meditate on it, and reflect on what it means to you.

Kingdom Bloggers



Sunday, January, 8 2022—9:30 am Communion
Monday, January 9, 6:30 pm—Consistory/Staff
 Supper in the Gathering Place
Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 pm Elders Mtg.;
7:30 pm Consistory Mtg.; 6:30 pm Deacons Mtg.



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 service. Church meetings will be cancelled if the Lynnville-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 under the service times (join FRC Text)! You will then be notified by a text when services are cancelled! You can also sign up for volunteer opportunities as well!



2023 Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Roger & Jill Barr	2 Nick, Kate & Blake Beyer	3 Sandy Beyer	4 Susan Beyer	5 Corky Boat	6 Audrey Brand	7 Charles Brand
8 Duane & Donna Brand	9 Eric, Faye, Carter & Abigail Brand	10 Verlan & Helen Brand	11 Zach, Delaney & Nora Belle Brimeyer	12 Travis, Karissa, Aiden & Brooklyn Chapman	13 Lorna Christensen	14 Coltin Collins
15 Duane, Joni & Cheyanne Collins	16 Mitch, Angela, Dorothy & Henry Corell	17 Gary & Laura Lee Creasy	18 Clint, Jessica, Clara, Ezra & Isla Cunningham	19 Wayne & Reda Daniels	20 Justin, Jayme, Connor, Chase & Caulen Deal	21 Carl & Joyce De Goey
22 Ryk & Jan De Goey	23 Garrett, Jade, Adler, Odin & Tate De Hoedt	24 Brent & Sandy De Jong	25 Bryan & Carna De Jong	26 Clarence De Jong	27 Delia De Jong	28 Dale De Penning
29 Donavon & Darlys De Penning	30 Howard De Penning	31 Nick, Hannah, Rose & Grant De Penning				

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2023 Activity Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 1-4 pm Sewing Days	4 5:30 Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	5	6 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	7 8-12 Rental in the Gathering Place 11-5 Rental in the Well
8 Communion 9:30 am Pastor Tom VandeBerg 10:34 am Sunday School 12 pm Rental in the Gathering Place 12 pm Rental in Well 5 pm Impact 6:30 pm Faithwalkers	9 6:30 pm Consistory/Staff Supper in the Gathering Place	10	11 5:30 Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	12	13	14
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