

NURSERY INFORMATION

Please contact **Trisha Vander Molen** or **Kaila Harsselaar** at **trishavk@hotmail.com** or **kswank15@outlook.com** if you would be willing to help out with this ministry! Nursery alert pag-ers 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'S MINISTRY

Children In Worship Activities—3 year old—Kindergarten are dismissed during the service and meets downstairs (stairway in the Gathering Place by the elevator)
*Cookies will be served in Children in Worship for 3 yrs.—Kindergarten

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY

God's Little Wonders – 3 yr – Kindergarten – east side of base-ment
Faithseekers – 1st – 5th grade- west side of basement
Youth With Heart – 6th – 8th grade – upstairs - Lighthouse
Souls United – 9th – 12th grade – northeast side of basement
Adult Sunday School – meets in the Legacy Center
*All classes begin after the morning worship at 10:45 a.m.

GIVING AT CHURCH

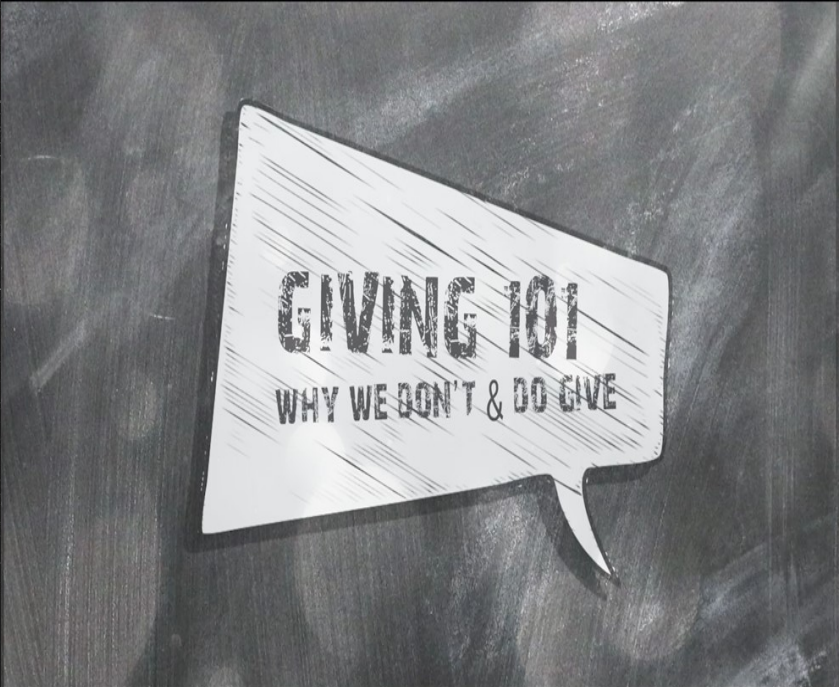
***Offering Boxes** are at each of the door entrances—your Sunday offering can be placed in these!
You can **Securely Give Online** now at **www.sullyfrc.org**. Your information is held securely by an SSL encrypted con-nection. **ACH Contributions** - ACH Contributions are a con-venient way to give directly 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. You can also give by mail or our deacons pick up a weekly offering each Sunday morning.

Sunday, March 6, 2022—1st Sunday of Lent
Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.
Jeff Knouse

- Prelude Rita Vos
- *Welcome
- *Call to Worship
- THE APPROACH TO GOD
- *Songs of Praise
 - #101 “His Name is Wonderful”
 - #103 “Blessed Be the Name”
 - #105 “He Is Lord”
- *Worship Prayer
- Children’s Message Julie Van Manen
- 3 yr. olds thru Kindergarten dismissed for Children & Worship Activities- Legacy Addition basement!
- Announcements/Congregational Prayer
- THE WORD OF GOD
- Scripture 2 Corinthians 9:8(pg.944)
- Message..... “Giving 101: Why We Don’t & Do Give”
Jeff Knouse
- THE RESPONSE TO GOD
- *Closing Hymn #202..... “Amazing Grace”
- *Benediction
- *Response #602..... “God Be With You”
- POSTLUDE Rita Vos
- *Indicates standing if able CCLI License # 790003
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- *Children’s activity bags are available in the south coat rooms & wing.
- *Coffee time will be served in the Gathering Place this morning!
- *The AED Defibrillator is located in the church office on the 2nd shelf on east wall

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“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. “
2 Corinthians 9:8

March 6, 2022

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Sunday, March 6—1st Sunday of Lent
9:30 am **Morning Worship**– Jeff Knouse
10:45 am **Sunday School for ALL ages**
12—4 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, March 7
6:30 pm **Consistory** meets with EPC representatives
Tuesday, March 8
6:00 pm **Rental** in the Gathering Place
Wednesday, March 9—Last Family night for the season
3:30 pm **LAST meeting for STARS After School program**
5:30 pm **STARS Family night meal**
6:15 pm **6th—8th Bible Study**
6:45 pm **9th—12th Bible Study**
Friday, March 11
NO Prayer Breakfast—Spring Break
Sunday, March 13—2nd Sunday of Lent
9:30 am **Morning Worship**– Pastor Tom VandeBerg
10:45 am **Sunday School for ALL ages**
10:45 am We will be serving cake for **coffee time** celebrating our **Newest Members** throughout this past year.
5:00 pm **IMPACT Youth Group**—6th—8th grade
6:30 pm **Faithwalkers Youth Group**—9th –12th grade



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sewing Days: March 15 & 29 from 1—4 pm
Sunday, March 27, 9:30 am—Faithwalker/Impact Youth Service
Sunday, April 10, Palm Sunday, 9:30 am—The Primary Sunday School Department will be singing
Thursday, April 14, 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
Sunday, April 17, Easter Sunday
7:15 am Sunrise Service under the carport
8—9:15 am—Easter Morning Breakfast in the Gathering Place
9:30 am Easter Morning Worship Service followed by our Celebration Coffee time
Sunday, May 1, 9:30 am Prayer for Crops and Industry
Sunday, May 15, 9:30 am Graduation Sunday—we honor our senior graduates

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

- Dick Jr. Ver Ploeg** was admitted to the Pella Regional Health Center and has returned home. We pray for continued strength & healing.
- Dennis Renaud** was able to return home Wednesday, March 2 after a liver procedure at Mayo in Rochester, MN. He was in a lot of pain but the doctors felt the procedure went very well. Continued prayers for healing and relief from pain.

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

- We extend our congratulations to **Cody & Karli Nikkel** in the birth of their daughter, **Holland Nova**, born Sunday, February 27 by emergency C-section. Everyone is doing well. Please continue to pray for her as she grows stronger in the NICU!



BABY BLESSING BASKET: There is a baby blessing basket set out in the Gathering Place for our newest little one: **Reagan Beth**, daughter of **Dylan & Jodie Roozeboom** born Saturday, February 12, 2022.

Thank you to everyone who came out for pancakes and sausage on our Lenten Pancake Night. We served roughly 400+ people. Many thanks goes out to our consistory members and others who helped prepare, serve and clean up! Also, many thanks to those who donated milk and juice and pancake batter for this evening as well! Your help was so much appreciated. Our free will offering was in the amount of **\$1,027.00**. God is good!



Lake View Camp registration forms will be handed out in the Sunday school classes or can be picked up in the church office. Early bird registration due by **May 1**. Our church will pay ½ the registration cost of one event for all those who attend FRC regularly.
INSTRUCTIONS if you register online: Since our church pays 1/2 of registration fee, no payment is required at registration. Print off confirmation and give to the church office for payment. Once the church has submitted payment you will get an email with your portion of balance due. Registration forms are also located by the church office.

OFFERING

Offering for February 27 **\$14,814.91**
Building Fund Offering envelopes are in your mailbox. Our next offering is **Sunday, March 27**. You may place your offering in the offering boxes located at the entrances.

INFORMATION

Grief Share—Weekly Grief Support Group at Grinnell Friends Church, Monday’s at 6:30 pm—March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25 & May 2. You are welcome to begin at any point. Contact information: Lynn & Joan Van De Krol—641-236-6435 or 641-990-1143.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION:



This year, Pathways of Pella is taking part in the **Baby Bottle Fundraiser**. Special baby bottles will be available to take home with you **starting February 27**. You can place change or any type of donation in the bottle and then return the bottle to your Sunday school rooms. The **Campaign will be done April 3** and all bottles should be returned for pick up.

MORNING SCHEDULE

| March 6 | MORNING SCHEDULE | March 13 |
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| Jamie D, Stephanie R Jager H | NURSERY | Marla VR, Liz H Connor D |
| Parents: David & Monica N Storyteller: Mary Ann VM Leader: Dawn S | CHILDREN IN WORSHIP | Parents: Jordan & Miranda V Storyteller: Barb J Leader: Dawn S |
| Ruth R Josh R | PROJECTION LIVESTREAM | Gale H Bryce & Katelyn D |
| Side: Bruce D Bob S Center: Matt S Wing: Jeff VW | USHERS | Side: Gale H Cody K Center: Joel VW Wing: Dwayne M |

Giving 101: Why We Don't and Do Give
2 Corinthians 9:8

Jeff Knouse 9:30 a.m. March 6, 2022

WHY WE DON'T GIVE

- 1. People don't give because they are not _____.
 - a. "but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us." 2 Cor. 8:5
 - b. What was the difference between Zacchaeus in the tree and Zacchaeus at his house? Only one thing: _____.
- 2. People don't give because they are not _____.
 - a. "of their *own accord*." 8 v.3
 - b. "so that your *readiness* in *desiring* it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have," 8 v.11
 - c. "so that it may be ready as a *willing gift*" 9 v.5
 - d. for God loves a *cheerful giver*." 9 v.7
- 3. People don't give because they're not _____.
 - a. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, *yet for your sake* he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich." 8 v.9
 - b. Jesus became _____ for our sakes that we in turn might have the _____ for our future.
- 4. People don't give because they're not _____.
 - a. "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 9 v.8
 - b. Circle the *all's*
- 5. People don't give because they're not _____.
 - a. "For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have." 8 v.12
 - b. All God is interested in is the _____ and _____ of your _____.

WHY WE DO GIVE- 5 MOTIVES

- 1. The motive of _____.
 - a. In the Old Testament it was _____ and I will bless you, now because of Jesus it is I have _____, now do this.
 - 2. The motive of _____.
 - a. "...so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 9 v.11
 - b. When you give, _____.
 - c. As Pastor Tom has said before, _____ got blessed, _____ got blessed, and _____ get blessed to.
 - 3. The motive of _____.
 - a. "And now brothers, we want you to know about the grave that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their *overflowing joy* and their *extreme poverty* welled up in *rich generosity*." 8 v.2
 - b. Sometimes the greatest joy that you have in giving is when it's _____.
 - 4. The motive of _____.
 - a. "so that in all things, at all times, having all you need, you will abound in every good work." 9 v.8
 - b. Our motive is not _____, but receiving God's blessing is one of the benefits.
 - 5. The motive of God's _____.
 - a. "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" 9 v.15
 - b. "so that you by his poverty might become rich." 8 v.9
- How can we withhold _____ from the one who gave it all for us?

CONSISTORY
Interim Pastor, Pastor Tom VandeBerg

| ELDERS | DEACONS |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Craig Maasdam (22) | Blake Dunsbergen (22) |
| Scott Van Kooten (22) | Brad Rozendaal (22) |
| Kevin Van Manen (22) | Logan Vos (22) |
| Gary Van Genderen (23) | Coltin Collins (23) |
| Jerry Vander Beek (23) | Nick De Penning (23) |
| Loren Vos (23) | Tim Dunsbergen (23) |
| Ervin Arkema (24) | Tyler Harsselaar (24) |
| Brent De Jong (24) | Nick Harthoorn (24) |
| Joel Jansen (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 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, Darrel Jansen & Ron McKeag
- 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

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 four different denominations, the Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC), the Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA), the Sending Network (a new denomination based out of Third Reformed church of Pella, IA), and the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Consistory members have also been invited to come to these informational meetings. This coming Monday the team plans to meet with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

The Next Step Transitional Team is researching various organizations that fit us theologically and missionally since the Reformed church in America no longer does.

Presbyterian Church of America (PCA)

The Next Step Transitional Team met with representatives of the Presbyterian Church in America denomination: Dr. Brian Janssen (pastor of Hospers Presb. Church) and Rev. Wayne Larson (pastor of Redeemer Presb. Church in Des Moines) were present and Rev. Larry Doughan (retired pastor and Stated Clerk of the Iowa Presbytery) and Dr. Bryan Chapell (Stated Clerk pro tempore of PCA denomination) joined the meeting via livestream.

The Presbyterian Church in America denomination began in 1973. It was formed by a group of churches leaving the Presbyterian Church in the United States (Southern) in opposition to the "long-developing theological liberalism which denied the deity of Jesus Christ and the inerrancy and authority of Scripture. Additionally, the PCA held to the traditional position on the role of women in church offices." (this information from the **denomination's website: pcanet.org**)

The denomination has two levels of church government above the local church: the presbyteries (similar to our classis) which meet approximately three times per year, and the national General Assembly (similar to our General Synod) which meets annually. The local church is governed by a session (board of elders, which includes the pastor), and a board of deacons. The pastors, deacons, and elders must agree to the denomination's statement on the inerrancy of scripture.

Revenue: They do not have required assessments to be paid. They have recommended amounts, which vary each year, and will be requested at the national and presbytery level

Pastor Benefits: The PCA has a retirement program for pastors, but it does not have a medical insurance program.

Property Ownership: The local church property is owned by the local church and is not owned by the denomination.

Seminaries: Their denomination has one college (Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Georgia) and one seminary (Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri). Candidates from other seminaries can be accepted upon examination.

Creeds: The PCA denomination adheres to the Westminster Confession of Faith and also the Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms. The denomination has a Book of Church Order, which can be downloaded from their church website: pcanet.org

Communion: Communion practices are determined by the local church. Some churches practice communion quarterly, some monthly, and some weekly.

Curriculum and Youth: Their national programs for youth are centered out of a camp in North Carolina called Ridge Haven. There is also a camp here in Iowa that is run by Ridge Haven. They have their own publication house for educational materials, but churches are not required to use their curriculum.

Missions: The PCA denomination has two mission committees called Mission to the World and Mission to North America. Local churches typically support some missionaries through the denomination and some missionaries outside of the denomination.

Homosexuality: The denomination set up an Interim Committee on Human Sexuality which reported to their General Assembly in 2020. Their report can be found under "PCA Position Papers" on the denomination's website: pcanet.org

Women in Office: Only men are allowed to serve as pastors, elders, and deacons.

Discipline: Discipline outside of the local church is handled at the presbytery level. The presbytery could discipline a church. The presbytery reads the minutes from the meetings of the session (board of elders) of the local church. The national General Assembly reads the minutes of the meetings of the presbytery.

Baptism: They practice infant baptism.



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:

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

