

⇒ **The back 5 rows of chairs on both sides** of the sanctuary will be reserved for parents with young children. **Children's activity bags** are available in the south coat rooms & wing

UPDATES: The **Nursery is OPEN!** The following precautions are in place:

- Temperature checks of those who will be assisting in the nursery and of the children being brought in. Hand sanitizer & Clorox wipes Special cleaning of all the toys after they are used. This will be done after hours by the nursery directors and the janitorial/secretarial staff.
- A **nursery is provided from birth to age 3.** Our nurseries are located right next to the Welcome Center located on the south east corner of the new addition. Please **contact Trisha Vander Molen and Kaila Harselaar at sullyfrcnursery@gmail.com** if you would be willing to help out with this ministry! Nursery alert pagers are available in the nursery at check-in!

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.

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!

The **AED Defibrillator** is located in the church office on the 2nd shelf on east wall

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Sunday, November 1, 2020 Morning Worship—9:30 a.m. First Reformed Church, Sully, Iowa Pastor Wayne Sneller

Prelude.....Rita Vos

Welcome

THE APPROACH TO GOD

*Call to Worship

Hymns of Praise #45....."Surely Goodness & Mercy"*
#58.....*"This Is My Father's World"*

*Worship Prayer

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

Announcements

Reverse Offering Update Duane Van Rees,
Deacon Chair

Congregational Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture.....Matthew 25:14-30(pg.803)

Message **"Counting the Cost!"** .Pastor Wayne Sneller

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

Closing Hymn #201....."Grace Greater Than Our Sin"*

*Benediction

Response #415 vs. 1....."He Giveth More Grace"*

POSTLUDERita Vos

*Indicates standing if able

* CCLI License # 790003

***Coffee time will be served in the Gathering Place this morning!** We will begin serving coffee time inside out of the windows in the kitchen. There will be 2 lines and will be separated by a table down the middle. Continue to practice social distance guidelines as you fellowship one with another!

*Cookies will be served in Children in Worship for 3 yrs—Kindergarten

*Cookies will be served in Sunday School Opening exercises for 1st—5th grade.

"We each have been given different gifts according to the grace given to us."

Romans 12:16

"COUNTING
the
Cost!"

First Reformed Church
Sully, IA
November 1, 2020

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Sunday, November 1

9:30 am **Morning Worship**—Pastor Wayne Sneller
 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—Meet in the Gathering Place

Monday, November 2

6:30 pm **Lynnville Sully Volleyball Banquet**

Tuesday, November 3

1—4:30 pm **Knotting Ladies** in the Gathering Place

Wednesday, November 4

5:30—6:30 pm **To Go Meals** for youth to eat at church and orders to go!

Meal: Creamed chicken on biscuit, green beans & cupcake.

6:15 pm **6th—8th Bible Study—in the Well**

6:45 pm **9th—12th Bible Study—in the Lighthouse**

Friday, November 6

7:30 am **Prayer Breakfast**

Saturday, November 7

12—5 pm **Reunion in the Gathering Place**

Sunday, November 8

9:30 am **Morning Worship**—Pastor Wayne Sneller

10:45 am **Sunday School for ALL ages!**

11:00 am **Congregational Meeting**

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

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

Looking ahead we have our annual **Operation Christmas Child service project** coming up on **Sunday November 15th**! If you would like to donate money or items for that project, please bring those to the church office. For more information go to samaritanspurse.org. There is information in the church office as well!

The entire **Sunday School department** has a goal to raise \$4,000 for a special Christmas offering for Chad & Dara Vanden Bosch, RCA Missionaries in Mozambique, Africa. The offering for this project will begin Sunday, November 1 and conclude Sunday, December 13. One of the immediate challenges that we are facing at the farm is in the area of operating expenses. The major infrastructure projects we are working on are transforming the farm, but are also needing lots of man hours to complete. Find out more at: <https://www.faithward.org/hardships-cant-stop-gods-work-on-this-farm-in-mozambique/>

DONATIONS
NEEDED!

**TO GO MEAL
MINISTRY**

HAMBURGER
CAKE MIXES
CANNED CHICKEN
CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

- **Brittney Van Zee** continues to be a patient at the University of Iowa Hospital & Clinics in the neonatal unit. She is 27 weeks pregnant. She is in good spirits and each day that the baby is able to grow bigger and stronger is a blessing.
- **Edith Van Wyk** was placed under hospice care at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Prayer for our nation and those that will be elected in the upcoming election: The upcoming election is the most important in our lifetime—with two diametrically different directions for this country on the ballot. Our only hope is in God, and we need to call out to Him for His help and intervention.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: SHARE YOUR FAITH STORY

On Sunday, November 22 we will be sharing **Faith Stories** from our members here at FRC. If you would like to share how you came to know Christ, please write a small paragraph explaining your own personal journey. This will be anonymous. Please drop off your story by emailing the church office, or leave in the church office. These will be shared through power point on that Sunday morning.

POINSETTIAS - Poinsettia plants are again being used to decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season. If you would like to give a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or would just like to share a plant for the holidays, please fill out an order form located in the church office & online at www.sullyfrc.org. The cost is \$8.

The **deadline for ordering** is **NOVEMBER 22** and Karna Ver Ploeg will pick the poinsettias up. Any time after Christmas you may pick up the poinsettia to enjoy at home or share with a friend. Any **questions call Karna Ver Ploeg at 641-891-9560** or contact the church office!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING envelopes are in your church mailbox. This year our Thanksgiving offering is designated to our Mission Fund. This will be collected at our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 25 as well as the morning worship service on Sunday, November 29.

DIRECTORY UPDATES:

Please **submit address and phone number changes to the office by Sunday, November 8** by email or online at: <http://sullyfrc.org/resources/church-directory-update/>

WEEKLY OFFERING

Offering week of October 25 \$5,585.50



Many thanks to our church family for the cards we received and the prayers offered on our behalf during my hip surgery and recovery. A special thanks to Charlotte Kunce for the goodies and Jeff & Deb Van Wyk for the delicious meal. All thanks to God for His healing mercies!

Kurt & Arloa Harthoorn

Thank you everyone for the wonderful cards and gifts we received from the Pastor Appreciation card shower! We feel so loved, and could not be happier to be a part of such an incredible church family. Thanks!

Jeff & Alison Knouse

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the cards and notes and other expressions of love for Pastor's Appreciation Sunday. Tammy and I loved the sheep that were our flock in front of our parsonage home. Thank you to the Sunday school children who wrote their name on each sheep. It was fun reading all of them. Although COVID-19 made celebrating this year a little different, it didn't dampen the delicious cupcakes served after church. We also thank the congregation for the \$200 given to us. We are putting it toward our vacation, that in one way or another, we will take this year! We are truly blessed to be able to serve with you our Lord Jesus Christ. You are loved by us! Blessings!

Pastor Wayne & Tammy Sneller

MORNING SCHEDULE

November 1		November 8
Joni C, Marla VR Megan Van Zante	NURSERY	Dawn S, Liz H Tatum Huyser
Parent: Cody & Kelly K Storyteller: Barb J Leader: Stephanie D	CHILDREN IN WORSHIP	Parent: Derrick & Annette Z Storyteller: Mary Ann VM Leader: Stephanie D
Teryl VP Chad F	PROJECTION LIVESTREAM	Gale H Evan F
Side: Joel VW Derrick Z Center: Jeremy VM Wing: Allen S	USHERS	Side: Corey K Cooper S Center: Brandon D Wing: Jeff VW

“Counting the Cost!” (Part 1 of 3)

Matthew 25:14-30

Pastor Wayne Sneller

9:30 a.m.

November 1, 2020

At the end of your life, how are you going to determine if your life was worthwhile or not?

Let’s look at what Jesus has to say about the principles of investing your life from his teaching in Matthew 25.

The Parable of the Loaned Money

1. The first Jesus gives is the principle of _____ .

- Everything I have _____ to God.
- Whose property is it? Circle verse 14
- The _____!

2. The second principle is _____.

- God has given everyone some _____ or gifts! *“We each have been given different gifts according to the grace given to us.”* Romans 12:16
- Definition of a talent – anything that God has _____ to my care.
- Notice – _____ differ
- Everybody receives _____.

3. Jesus teaches the principle of _____. *“After a long time their (the servants) master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used their money.”* Matthew 25:19

- God wants a _____.

4. The principle of _____ or the _____ use of my talents.

- We learn that God _____ me to put my talents into use.
- I am to make use of my _____.

Life lessons from Jesus. Vs. 16-18

- It is _____ to bury my talents
- Doing nothing reveals the sin of _____. Vs. 18

Application to our lives today

- God would have you _____ it rather than you not make an _____ of using your life for Him!
- Our faith is _____ when we take _____ in faith!
- So many Christians have _____ the joy in their spiritual lives because they have become _____ and stop growing in their faith.

Congregational Meeting Agenda

Sunday, November 8, 2020

11:00 A.M.

1. Call the meeting to order- Introduction
2. Scripture – Acts 11:19-28
3. Prayer – Pastor Wayne
4. Reading of 2019 minutes and approval
5. Selection of (3)Elders and (3)Deacons (drawn by lot)

A. Nominees

Elder Nominees

Brent De Jong
Joel Jansen
Gary Van Genderen
Jerry Vander Beek
Loren Vos
Meldon Vos

Deacon Nominees

Travis Chapman
Coltin Collins
Nick De Penning
Brandon Dunsbergen
Tim Dunsbergen
Ryan Mortvedt

B. Drawing of names

C. Recognition of Consistory members completing their terms

Elders: Gerald Droppert, Dennis Dunsbergen & Mark Scholten

Deacons: Andy Dunsbergen, Duane Van Rees & Cole Vos

6. Addressing any congregational items:
 - The consistory has been asked to provide an updated status on concreting the south parking lot. Rational:
 - ⇒ To provide an update on the status of concreting the south parking lot. With the sanctuary changes completed and virtually paid for, it would be good to identify a plan to complete the parking lot changes that were identified as an issue in the Phase II Lift meetings.
 - ⇒ When the north parking lot was hard surfaced; it was assumed the south parking lot would also be done at some point.
 - ⇒ This project looks doable given the church’s current financial position . Thank you for considering this request – Teryl Ver Ploeg
7. Review Highlights of the year
8. Phase 2 Completion and Dedication- December 6, 2020
9. Announcements
- Elected Nominees Installation, orientation dates and next consistory meeting to attend.
10. Reading and approval of 2020 minutes.
11. Motion to adjourn
12. Closing prayer by Vice President, Dennis Dunsbergen

Our purpose is to glorify God and show people the way of salvation in Jesus Christ through praying, preaching, teaching, witnessing, serving and giving sacrificially with enthusiastic and joyful Christ-like love.



Our Reverse offering will take place on Sunday, November 15, 2020!

What is it? The deacons have set aside \$12,500 whereby our members will receive \$50 per family or single member to use in any way you want towards a worthy cause.

How did this come about? In 2017, we also had a successful reverse offering. The blessings were enormous and the Lord blessed the giver and the receiver of these gifts.

We always wanted to do this reverse offering again. This offering was enabled by a gift from an estate from one of our members to be used for missions without any restrictions.

How will it be distributed? On Sunday morning, November 15 the deacons will be at every door after the morning worship, handing an envelope to each family. Another way to receive your envelope is to stop by the church office. If either one of these ways doesn't work you may contact an elder or deacon and they will deliver one to you. Any envelope not picked up after 2 weeks will be put back in the Mission fund.

Consider sharing your story via email or letter on where you blessed others! If you could return your Blessing story by December 13 to the church office, that would be great. You may do so anonymously if want!

God has blessed us richly and in the world of COVID-19 we can be his ambassadors of hope in so many ways!

Blessings!
Pastor Wayne

P.S. Our next 3 sermons, will highlight the principles of giving to God and how He uses a faithful witness to his blessings! Stay tuned!



Below are ideas for gifts that our youth groups and Faith Seekers (1st—5th) Sunday school department will be collecting items to pack & send off on November 15. If you would like to help out with this there is a box set up by the church off. Money donations are also welcome to purchase items as well as sending these boxes off as each box costs \$9 to ship. Please drop off donations by November 15! Thanks so much for your help!



Hats, Gloves, & Scarves



Fashion Accessories



Quality Crafts



Stuffed Animals



Hygiene Items



Quality Toys



Clothing



School Supplies



Games



Letter & Photo



\$9 Donation Per Shoebox



Prayer



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

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

Jeff Knouse,
Youth & Education Director

*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 9th—12th grade—**Prayer**

Breakfast—Donuts and milk before school—meet in the Gathering Place



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.



Julie Van Manen,
Children’s Ministry
Director

Teachers: Monica Nikkel & Lysandra Newell

God’s Little Wonders - 3 year old—Kindergarten

Kara Warrick & Rebecca Rozendaal *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, Julie Van Wyk & Lisa Dunsbergen

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

Teachers: Annette Zimmerman, Shaleah Van Wyk & Elaine Droppert

Kindergarten –Children in worship area – Room #10

(Builders) - Imagine

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)

Primary Department –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 & Desiree Hardeman

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

Teachers: Verlan Brand & Julie Van Manen

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

Teacher: Eloise Vos