

- 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

REVAMPED IN PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES

· Main sanctuary will return to normal worship seating.
· **The East wing will be designated seating for those wishing to practice social distancing in worship**

· Those that normally sit in the East wing can continue to sit there as well!

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 Harsseelaar at sullyfrcnursery@gmail.com** if you have questions.

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 8, 2020 Morning Worship—9:30 a.m. First Reformed Church, Sully, Iowa Pastor Wayne Sneller

Prelude..... *"I Lift Your Name"*Praise Team
Welcome

THE APPROACH TO GOD

*Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise

.....*"In the Name of the Lord/Blessed Be The Name"*

*Worship Prayer

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

Announcements

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD

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

Message**"The Inexcusable Investment"**

Pastor Wayne Sneller

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

Closing Hymn"Shout to the Lord"*

*Benediction

Response"Give Thanks"*

POSTLUDEPraise Team

*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.

Instructions for after the morning worship service today.

The **Congregational Meeting** that will take place at **11:00**

am, please grab your coffee and cookie and have a seat in the sanctuary as you wait for the meeting to begin.

"THE INEXCUSABLE INVESTMENT"

**First Reformed Church
Sully, IA
November 8, 2020**

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

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—in the Gathering Place
 6:30 pm **Faithwalkers Youth Group**—9th—12th grade meet in the Gathering Place

Wednesday, November 11

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 13

No Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, November 15

9:30 am **Morning Worship**—Pastor Wayne Sneller—Reverse Offering
 10:45 am **Sunday School for ALL ages!**
 5:00 pm **IMPACT Youth Group**—6th—8th grade—In the Gathering Place
 6:30 pm **Faithwalkers Youth Group**—9th—12th grade—Meet in the Gathering Place

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 samaritanaspurse.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/>

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/>

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 28 weeks pregnant. She is in good spirits and each day that the baby is able to grow bigger and stronger is a blessing.
- **Gene Jansen** had knee replacement surgery at Methodist West in Des Moines on Monday, November 2. He was able to come home Wednesday, November 4. He is getting along well!
- **Edith Van Wyk** was placed under hospice care at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of **Ruby Van Wyk**, age 95 who passed away Saturday, October 31. Family members are **son Brad Van Zante and family & step-daughter, Ruth Renaud and family.** Funeral services were held here at FRC on Friday, November 6.

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Hi Everyone! COVID has hit the Knouse house. Alison and Jay have both tested positive, and while I haven't had any symptoms, more than likely I have been positive as well. Because of this, it has been recommended that I quarantine at home until November 17. **So I will be working from home until that date. If you need anything from me give me a call at 563-299-7423 or shoot me an email at jkfrcsully@gmail.com.** In the meantime, we appreciate your prayers as we navigate this virus. We praise God that even though there have been symptoms, we are still healthy for the most part. We can't wait until we can see you all in person again. God bless!

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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!

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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.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

Offering week of November 1 **\$9,444.00**



Kevin and I would like to express our appreciation and gratitude for the lovely and awesome cards and gifts received for the Pastor Appreciation card shower. Your kind and encouraging words, prayers, and dedication to Children's Ministry are truly appreciated. I am humbled and grateful to serve such a caring and loving congregation. It is a joy to work with all of you and the precious children! Thanks again!

In Christian Love, Julie and Kevin Van Manen

Thank you for all the prayers and acts of kindness for our mom. Praise God she is now in heaven!

The Esther Van Wyk family

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.

MORNING SCHEDULE

November 8		November 15
Dawn S, Liz H Tatum Huyser	NURSERY	Lorie VS & Trisha VM Brooke Hardeman
Parent: Derrick & Annette Z Storyteller: Mary Ann VM Leader: Stephanie D	CHILDREN IN WORSHIP	Parent: Jordan & Miranda V Storyteller: Gerald D Leader: Ali S
Gale H Evan F	PROJECTION LIVESTREAM	Ruth R Nick DP
Side: Corey K Cooper S Center: Brandon D Wing: Jeff VW	USHERS	Side: Jeff VW Austin N Center: Tyler J Wing: Derrick Z

“An Inexcusable Investment!” Part 2

Matthew 25:14-30

Pastor Wayne Sneller

9:30 a.m.

November 8, 2020

The inexcusable investment in Jesus’ parable was the servant who buried his talent (silver). Vs. 27

Why? The servant did nothing. He hadn’t even tried. It was the sin of:

- _____
- The sin of _____

The application – I cannot please God by playing it _____ with my faith in life. The Bible says I have to take _____. *“Without faith it is impossible to please God.”* Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

Why do we play it safe?

5. The principle of _____.

- Satan’s favorite tactic is to place _____ in our hearts. Vs. 24
- Three kinds of fear that will prevent you from being what God wants you to be:
 - _____ – “I could never do that!”
 - _____ – “I am not going to try.”
 - _____ – “What will other people think!”

6. If I don’t use it I _____ it illustrates the application principle.

“Give it to the one with 10 bags of silver.” Vs. 28

- God has the _____ to take anything out of my life that I don’t _____ for Him!
- Whatever you need _____ of, start giving it _____ and watch how God will bless you!

Application to our lives today!

- Whatever you need more of, start giving away what you’ve got and _____ what happens?
- What you sow _____ you will reap _____! This is taught all through the Bible!

If you’ve lost your joy in your faith walk and it has gotten routine, your joy will return when you start giving your _____ away for Christ!

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
Next 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 2 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!



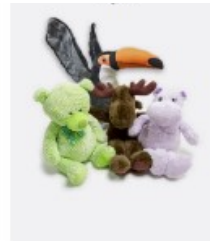
Hats, Gloves, & Scarves



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