



Thanksgiving

CANNED DRY GOODS FOOD DRIVE

PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR CANNED DRY GOODS IN OUR OLD NORTH ENTRY OR THE NORTH ENTRY BY THE CHURCH MAILBOXES BY **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29** THIS WILL LOOK DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST, BUT WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO HELP OUT THOSE IN NEED THIS THANKSGIVING! ALL DONATIONS ARE GOING TO FAMILIES IN NEED IN THE LYNNVILLE SULLY DISTRICT AS WELL AS THE EAST JASPER CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY



UPDATED GUIDELINES 11/15/2020

As COVID-19 cases continue to surge in our area and around the state, the surrounding Hospital & Clinics urge community members and businesses to join our efforts and do your part to flatten the curve and prevent the spread of the disease. We urge everyone to do all that they can to help manage the health and safety of our community and your family, friends, and co-workers during this pandemic.

The elder's met via phone/text and have decided to have **NO IN PERSON WORSHIP for the next two weeks (November 15 & 22)**

We will be **Livestreaming our service** on Sunday morning with Jeff Knouse preaching the Word.

Please join us on Livestream for the next couple of weeks (November 15 & 22) at 9:30 a.m.

As new details arise throughout the week, we will keep you informed via email/text or our church website and Facebook page!

We pray for everyone to stay healthy during this time and we can all return and worship together in person on November 29.

"Hold Fast"

"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil."

Hebrews 6:19

First Reformed Church

Sully, IA

November 15, 2020

INFORMATION

Sunday, November 15, 2020
Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.
First Reformed Church, Sully, Iowa
Jeff Knouse

Welcome

Songs

*"Raise A Hallelujah"

*"Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

Prayer

Video— "Jesus Loves Me"

Announcements

Scripture—Hebrews 6:13-20

Message— "Hold Fast"

Prayer

Benediction

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED AT THIS TIME (the next 2 weeks)—No Youth Groups, Wednesday night Bible Studies, Sunday school, Knotting Ladies, Consistory/ Elder/Deacon Meetings. **Watch for details** on Zoom meetings and online Sunday school for our youth!

Wednesday night meals will continue for Take Out Only and Pick up only at the Kitchen door. No in house dining.

Please have your **Operation Christmas Child donations in by today, Sunday, November 15**. Jeff & Julie will be sorting and packaging these this week to be sent off by Thursday, November 19. **Please drop off** at either north entry of the church.

Our Reverse Offering, that was going to be **distributed on Sunday, November 15, is postponed until Sunday, November 29**. The deacons will be distributing this on that Sunday. If you would like your Reverse offering delivered to you please notify the church office and we will get that to you! You can also pick up in the church office during the week.

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 morning worship service on Sunday, November 29.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CARE TEAMS: If you have the following gifts - shepherding, mercy, hospitality, wisdom, counseling, intercession please think and pray about becoming a part of this ministry. Please contact Pastor Wayne at wsneller@netins.net or the church office at frcsully@netins.net if you would like to know more about this ministry!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS - At the November 8, 2020 annual congregational meeting, the selection of elders drawn by lot resulted in the election of Gary Van Genderen, Jerry Vander Beek & Loren Vos. Deacons elected by lot were Coltin Collins, Nick De Penning & Tim Dunsbergen.

Pastor Wayne also shared that he would be retiring from the ministry next year after more than 40 years as a minister. He will be working with Classis and our consistory in setting a final date for sometime in the latter part of 2021. He will have served at First Reformed, Sully for 12 years.

New business consisted of discussing concreting the south parking lot. The Consistory will explore details on status of getting it completed.

A **2020 Congregational Report** may be picked up at the church office or at the welcome desk and north church entrance if you didn't receive one on Sunday.

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/>

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Brittney Van Zee** continues to be a patient at the University of Iowa Hospital & Clinics in the neonatal unit. She is 29 weeks pregnant. She is in good spirits and each day that the baby is able to grow bigger and stronger is a blessing.
- **Henry Veldhuizen** has tested positive with Covid-19. His symptoms have been mild. We continue to pray for him and for a complete recovery!
- **Pastor Wayne & Tammy Sneller** are experiencing Covid-19 symptoms and are quarantining at home for the next two weeks.
- **Ronda Van Soelen**, daughter of **LeRoy & Ruth Van Maanen**, was taken by life flight to Des Moines on Thursday, November 5. They discovered she had a blockage in her heart. She was able to return home on Wednesday, November 11 and will be wearing a vest that will monitor her heart at all times. We pray for complete healing restoration of her heart!