

Reformed *Informer*

NOVEMBER 2021—FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SULLY, IOWA

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Pastor Tom & Joy VandeBerg

How amazing God is! After serving in fulltime ministry for 25 years, I am so excited about being able to serve you as interim minister. My wife Joy and I followed a call into ministry in 1986 while I was working as a DJ at a radio station in Webster City, Iowa. God had moved in our lives in incredible ways and so when God called us into ministry we sold most everything we had, moved into her parents basement in Des Moines, and said "Here we are Lord, use us." And he did, in many wonderful ways. From prison ministry, to singing and preaching in nursing homes, to leading a congregation of 1,400 in worship on Sunday mornings, and finally to me being lead pastor of a church. It has been an amazing journey, and Joy has been an incredible partner in ministry all the way.

We have 2 children, 4 grandchildren, and a Goldendoodle, and we love them all. I grew up in Fond du Lac Wisconsin and Joy grew up in Des Moines. I cheer for the Packers and Joy cheers for the Chiefs. I like New York strip steak and Joy likes Rib eye. Joy likes seafood and I'll take a nice thick burger. But one thing that Joy and I both like is riding motorcycles. We both have Harley Davidsons; she has a Street bob and I have a Soft tail slim. We love to ride county roads together when the weather is warm and stop at small town diners for lunch. We also love to go hiking at the many state parks in Iowa.

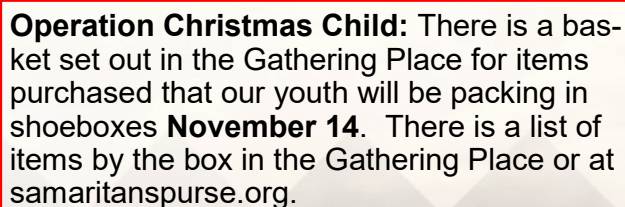
Joy and I love to travel, and we've gotten to see much of this beautiful earth that God has created. One thing that's still on Joy's bucket list is seeing the Northern lights. Although we've traveled to Iceland in December to see them, they eluded us, and so the hunt continues. We are looking forward to our journey together with you and know that the Lord will provide.

Peace,
PT and Joy

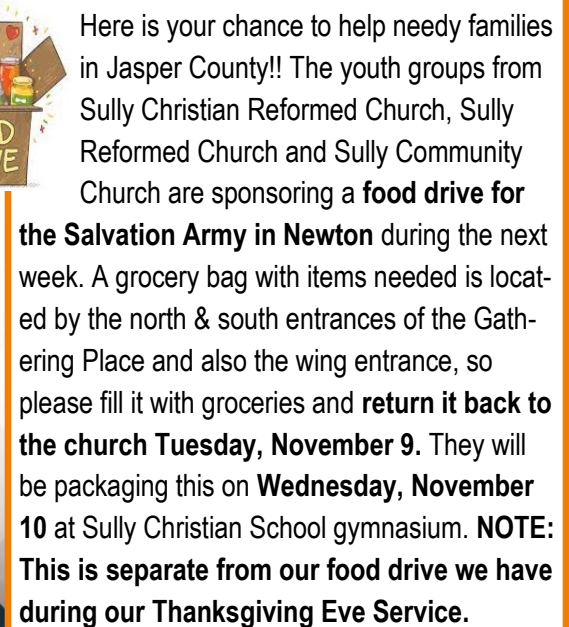
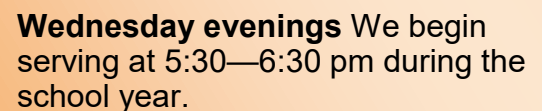


The first event is the Sully Community Youth Food Drive. Every year the Sully church youth groups partner together to collect food items to donate to the Salvation Army in Newton. This year's event will be held on Wednesday November 10th. That night we will sort the food items and load them to be delivered so that families can have food to eat this holiday season. Here's how you can help: there will be a paper grocery bag placed by the north & south entrances of the Gathering place as well as the wing entrance. If you're willing, fill it up with canned good/non-perishable items and return it to the church by the 10th. You too will be making a difference in the lives of families in our local communities.

A month full of being the church as Jesus called us to be, and I could not be more excited. Won't you help us serve those in need as well?

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the school week!





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Sunday School

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, December 12 at 9:30 a.m.—
Sunday school Christmas Program for
our God's Little Wonders (3 yr—K) and
Faithseekers(1st—4th grade) Sunday
School Departments.

STARS – The STARS children continue to learn about the stories from the Old Testament and are memorizing The Ten Commandments. Pumpkins were painted as we talked about growing pumpkins and how being a Christian is like a pumpkin. Kara Warrick from the Jasper County Extension Office presented an activity on Indian corn. The STARS children will be packing shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse this month. **The next Family Meal will be held on November 17.**

Volunteers are needed! Available positions include a crew leader shared position (twice a month) and substitutes to fill various positions each week.



CIW – Volunteers needed for 2022! Please consider sharing your talents with the Children in Worship team as either a storyteller or a leader.



Pictured: Aiden Chapman, Raelee Warrick & Brock Mortvedt

Doesn't the photo to the left put a smile on your face? At the end of October, the following third graders: Aiden Chapman, Brock Mortvedt, and Raelee Warrick received the precious gift of a Bible. Psalm 78 reminds us to "tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power and the wonders he has done." Bible Blessings Sunday is a significant moment in the life of our church, a blessing to each child and to the lifeblood of our congregation. How good it is to mark this rite of passage each year. May the excitement of these young children ignite our own and remind us of the timeless treasure we have in God's Holy Word.



Braden & Emily Larson

Birthdays:

Braden 10/08/92

Emily 12/02/94

Isabella 04/15/21

Anniversary: June 20, 2020

Covid 19 put an unusual spin on the wedding of Braden and Emily Larson. They decided to get married in the middle of a pandemic and less than a month before the wedding, the capacity limits for venues were lifted so they could have the wedding and reception as they had planned. When you have made plans A, B and C it's great you could go with plan A!

Braden Larson grew up around Briceyn, Minnesota with his brother Brock (Albert Lee, Minnesota) and parents, Mark and Mary Larson. He is the owner/operator of Larson Hoof Trimming and he primarily does cattle hoof trimming out of Minnesota. He met Emily Van Manen, daughter of Kevin and Julie Van Manen, online and they began dating. Emily was

raised in the rural Kellogg area with her brother Jacob (Kate). After high school, Emily went on to Iowa State where she majored in Agriculture and Life Sciences Education. She is the High School Ag and Biology teacher for Dowling High School in Des Moines.

The Larson household consists of new baby Isabella who was born in April of this year and the family lives in the rural Reasnor/Galesburg area. They are fans of the Minnesota Vikings Football team and the St. Louis Cardinals Baseball team and Emily enjoys baking. Emily's dream would be to start a Christmas Tree Farm and Event Venue which is highly supported by Braden so don't be surprised if this becomes a reality someday!!

The support of the church the Larson family has gotten throughout their big life changes of marriage and starting a family has been overwhelming! The church family has always been helpful and encouraging!

Thank you Larson family for letting us "Get to Know You Better!"

Sunday School Project 2021

Our **Sunday School Project** this year is raising money to rebuild homes in Haiti! The information is listed. The suggested amount for one home is \$1,500. Our goal is to for sure build one home, but let's see how many homes we can rebuild! Thank you in advance for your gifts!

REBUILD HOMES IN HAITI

A major earthquake followed by a hurricane has crippled Haiti's infrastructure. More than 61,000 homes have crumbled, leaving thousands of Compassion children & their families practically homeless. Offer a family immediate relief and hope for the future by helping to rebuild a home in Haiti.

SUGGESTED **\$1,500**

*GIFT SHARE **\$150**

*Your gift share will be added with others to provide a child and his or her family with this life-changing gift.

DISASTER RELIEF & RECOVERY



thankful AND blessed

10th Annual Thanksgiving Dessert Fest

Join us after the Thanksgiving Eve Service
in the Gathering Place for dessert!

This will be a great way to enjoy some
food and fellowship with friends and the church
family!

Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 7, 11:00 a.m.

- We will be drawing for 2022 Elders & Deacons

Important Dates and INFORMATION

Saturday, December 4, 11-1pm
Faithwalker/Impact Soup Dinner in
the Gathering Place

Sunday, December 12, 9:30 am:
God's Little Wonders & Faith Seek-
ers (3 yr.—5th grade) Sunday School
Christmas Program during the morn-
ing worship service

This year we will be celebrating
Christmas on **Friday, December 24,**
7:00 pm at our first Christmas Eve
Service



Sully CRC Cadet Hog Roast will be **Wednesday, November 17, 2021** from
5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Sully Christian School serving BBQ pork, pork
patties, baked beans and assorted desserts. The Cadets will again be
offering curbside pick-up, carry-out and dine-in options for your conven-
ience. We are also bringing back delivery service to our local shut-ins. For
Curbside orders call John DeBerg (319) 243-8761. For Delivery orders call
Scott Nikkel (641) 891-3834 or Dustin Ver Ploeg (641) 990-3581. All
curbside and delivery orders need to be in by noon on Nov. 17.



November 24, 7:00 p.m.

We want to invite the congregation to our
Thanksgiving Service this year as it will be held
on Thanksgiving eve at 7:00 p.m. **Nursery is pro-
vided.**

Each congregational member that at-
tends the service is encouraged to **bring
items of food (canned dry good, etc.)**
**that will be collected during the ser-
vice.** We will be having kids gathering
the food by wagons and bring to the
front during the service.



We work with the Lynnville Sully School
and food collected will go to families of our local
communities and the local food pantries. This
was a great success the last few of years and en-
joyed by everyone in the congregation. The re-
sult was that many families of our communities
were blessed by the generosity of your food do-
nations.

Come hear the Word of God preached
with a special Thanksgiving song. You will also
have an opportunity to give to the Lord and
thank Him for all his Blessings!

See you at church!

**Our Thanksgiving offering this year will
go towards our Mission Fund** (mission share sup-
port, missionaries, and other organizations that
we've not yet included in this year's offerings).
All undesignated offering will go towards the
support of these missions. You may also desig-
nate your offering to other missions and church
needs of your choice. **Give as the Lord has
blessed you!**





November 2

Carna De Jong ~ Jamie Keen
Harold Rozendaal (86)

November 3

Lucy Schechinger

November 4

Terry Van Maanen

November 5

Verna Hackert ~ Colton Harthoorn

November 6

Paul Sneller

November 7

Chayse Huyser
Gerry Van Dyke ~ Tim Hardeman

November 8

Joan Gose

November 9

Pastor Wayne Sneller

November 10

Jamie Hackert

November 11

Henrietta Terpstra (85)

November 12

Doyle Huyser ~ Kenzie Huyser

November 14

Lucas Huyser

November 15

Amber Lanser ~ Zachary Maasdam
Jeff Vander Molen

November 16

Lisa Dunsbergen

November 17

Mike Jansen ~ Joyce MacKenzie

November 18

Nick De Penning

November 19

Eloise Vos ~ Carleen Maasdam
Charlotte Kunce (83)

November 20

Kate Harthoorn ~ Mason Nikkel

November 21

Travis Chapman ~ Ellen Rozendaal

November 22

Alison Schnell ~ Laureen Van Wyk
Ervin Van Waardhuizen (82)

November 23

Acea Hackert ~ Callista Hackert

November 24

Kurt Harthoorn ~ Shelley Vander Molen

November 25

Casen Vos

November 26

Ross Van Wyk

November 27

Deana Torres

November 29

Jonella Van Wyk (92)
Warren Terpstra ~ HarLee Nunnikhoven

November 30

Reese Dunsbergen ~ Marcia Rozendaal

November 1

Shaun & Kristy Baarda (24)

November 2

Nathan & Stephanie Young (25)

November 3

Brad & Stephanie Rozendaal (14)

November 7

Loren & Tammy Vos (41)

November 9

Nick & Kate Beyer (2)

November 12

Carroll & Norma Harthoorn (62)

November 14

Dennis & Melanie Renaud (45)
Shannon & Edna Dunsbergen (1)

November 15

Logan & Taylor Vos (7)

November 17

Dale & Minnie Huyser (49)

November 18

David & Monica Nikkel (15)

November 19

Jacob & Kate Van Manen (5)

November 24

Dick & Linda Schnell (60)
Felix & Tia Torres (37)

November 28

Eric & Faye Brand (23)
Maury & Stacie Van Der Wilt (29)

November 29

Conrad & Mary Ann Van Maaren (47)

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN



GIVING THANKS FOR FAMILY

- ☐ 1. 2 Corinthians 6:16-18
- ☐ 2. Psalm 127:3-5
- ☐ 3. Ephesians 3:14-16
- ☐ 4. Psalm 128:1-4
- ☐ 5. Ephesians 1:3-6
- ☐ 6. Galatians 6:1-4
- ☐ 7. Galatians 6:5-10
- ☐ 8. 1 John 4:19-21
- ☐ 9. Deuteronomy 6:4-6
- ☐ 10. Deuteronomy 6:7-9
- ☐ 11. Joshua 24:14-15
- ☐ 12. Proverbs 6:20-22
- ☐ 13. Exodus 15:1-3
- ☐ 14. Psalm 100:4-5

- ☐ 22. Psalm 68:4-6
- ☐ 23. Luke 18:15-17
- ☐ 24. Matthew 5:21-23
- ☐ 25. Matthew 5:24-26
- ☐ 26. Romans 12:9-11
- ☐ 27. Romans 12:12-14
- ☐ 28. Romans 12:15-18

- ☐ 29. Luke 1:46-49
- ☐ 30. Psalm 145:4-7

STUDY USING THE W.O.R.D.

W - WRITE out your passage of Scripture.

O - OBSERVE key people, words, and themes.

R - How is the passage RELEVANT to you today?

D - DECLARE and pray the passage over your life.

- ☐ 15. Psalm 133:1-3
- ☐ 16. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- ☐ 17. Colossians 3:12-14
- ☐ 18. Colossians 3:15-17
- ☐ 19. Hebrews 10:23-25
- ☐ 20. Ruth 1:16-17
- ☐ 21. Ephesians 6:1-4



POINSETTIAS - Poin-

settia 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 28** 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!



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.

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!

November 2021 Prayer Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Alex, Kenzie, Hailey & Lucas Huyser	2 Dale & Minnie Huyser	3 Doug & Sheri Huyser	4 Doyle & Linda Huyser	5 Jason, Bailey & Clay Huyser	6 Randy & Nancy Huyser
7 Shawn, ChyAnne, Dylann, Jager, Tatum & Chayse Huyser	8 Rylan & Shaleah James	9 Chase & Chel- sie Jansen	10 Darrel & Barb Jansen	11 Don & Karen Jansen	12 Gene & Eleanor Jansen	13 Jerry & Linda Jansen
14 Joel & Deann Jansen	15 Kendall & Darci Jansen	16 Maddison Jansen	17 Mike & Susan Jansen	18 Tim, Brenda, Baylee & Tyson Jansen	19 Tyler, Rynne, Hinley, Archer & Cam Jansen	20 Chuck & Deb Johnson
21 Jamie, Julie, Daniel & Laci Keen	22 Cody, Kelly, Kennedy, Kacey & Kaiser Kesling	23 Jeff, Alison & Jay Knouse	24 Austin Kramer	25 Corey Kramer	26 John, Jennifer & Luke Kramer	27 Kyle & Ashlynn Kramer
28 Marjorie Kramer	29 Jerald & Charlotte Kunce	30 Eric & Amber Lanser				

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November 2021 Activity Calendar



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	1	2	3 5:30 pm Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	4	5 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	6
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21 9:30 am Jeff Knouse 10:45 am Sunday School for all ages 12 pm Reunion in the Well 5 pm IMPACT 6 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Faithwalkers	22	23	24 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service 8 pm Dessert Fest	25  11:30 am Reunion—The Well 12 pm Reunion—Gathering Place	26 No school	27
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