

*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.
 * **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

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Sunday, October 25, 2020 Morning Worship—9:30 a.m. First Reformed Church, Sully, Iowa Pastor Wayne Sneller

Prelude..... *“Come Thou Fount”*Praise Team
 Welcome

THE APPROACH TO GOD

*Call to Worship
 *Hymns of Praise *“Yes I Will”*
 *“This Little Light of Mine”*
 *Worship Prayer

Sacrament of Baptism for **Cam Edward**, son of
Tyler & Rynne Jansen

Apostle’s Creed - I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilot, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Bible Blessing for 3rd Grade.....Julie Van Manen
3 yr. olds thru Kindergarten dismissed for Children & Worship Activities- Legacy Addition basement!

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Isaiah 64:8,12; 2 Corinthians 4:7-10(pg.941)

Message ..**“Sustaining Grace”** ..Pastor Wayne Sneller

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*Closing Hymn *“I Will Call Upon the Lord”*
 *Benediction
 *Response *“Doxology”*

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!



“Sustaining Grace”

“And yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter. We all are formed by your hand.”
 Isaiah 64:8



First Reformed Church
Sully, IA
October 25, 2020

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Sunday, October 25

9:30 am **Morning Worship**—Pastor Wayne Sneller—3rd Grade Bible Blessings during the worship service

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—**We will be meeting in the Gathering Place tonight!**

Wednesday, October 28

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

Meal: Hot dogs, Mac-n-cheese & peanut butter cookie

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

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

Thursday, October 29

6:30 pm **4-H Clover Kids meeting** in the Well (basement)

Friday, October 30

No Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, October 31

6—8 pm **Trunk or Treat** under the south Carport—revised this year. Julie VM will be handing out candy bags to kids who come by!

Sunday, November 1

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

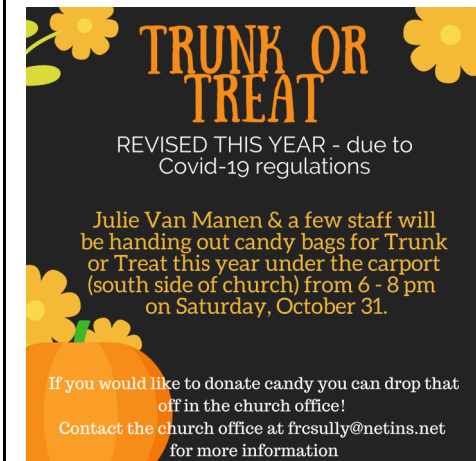
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DIRECTORY UPDATES:

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/>



TRUNK OR TREAT

REVISED THIS YEAR - due to Covid-19 regulations

Julie Van Manen & a few staff will be handing out candy bags for Trunk or Treat this year under the carport (south side of church) from 6 - 8 pm on Saturday, October 31.

If you would like to donate candy you can drop that off in the church office!

Contact the church office at frosully@netins.net for more information



DONATIONS NEEDED!

TO GO MEAL MINISTRY

- HAMBURGER
- CORNFLAKES
- KARO SYRUP
- CHOCOLATE CHIPS
- BUTTERSCOTCH CHIPS
- CAKE MIXES
- PEANUT BUTTER
- GREEN BEANS
- CANNED CHICKEN
- CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAISE

This morning we have the privilege of celebrating the baptism of **Cam Edward Jansen, son of Tyler & Rynne Jansen** We ask for God's continued blessing on this family!

• **Our Third Grade Bible Blessing children:** Zachary Dykema, * Chayse Huyser * Alivia Nikkel * Owen Rozendaal * Peyton Schechinger * Paisley Vos

CHURCH FAMILY

• **Ruby Van Wyk** has a new room at St. Francis Manor, Room #C9.

• **Johnnie & Delia De Jong** have moved to Fairhaven East in Pella, Iowa. Their address is: 607 E. 3rd. St. Apt. 406, Pella, IA 50219.

• **Brittney Van Zee** continues to be a patient at the University of Iowa Hospital & Clinics in the neonatal unit. She is 26 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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

• We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of **Esther Van Wyk**, age 92, who passed away Sunday, October 18. Her funeral service was held on Friday, October 23 here at FRC.

• We extend our Christian sympathy to **Henry Veldhuizen** in the death of his sister-in-law **Henrietta Veldhuizen**, age 86 who passed away Sunday, October 18. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 21 at Peoria CRC.

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.

We would like to thank the congregation for the cards, phone calls, food, and your prayers that we received during Ryk's hospital stay and his recovery at home. Thank you Pastor Wayne for your phone calls. Above all we thank God for healing.

Ryk & Jan De Goeij

Thank you to my church family for the prayers and cards after my hip injury and surgery. Also thank you to Kurt H. for helping Duane get the house set up so I could come home, and to Verlan Brand for his phone calls but most of all, thanks be to God for his healing mercies.

Duane & Donna Brand

Thank you for your many expressions of sympathy in the passing of our brother Case.

The Van Soelen Sisters and Brothers

WEEKLY OFFERING

Offering week of October 18 \$10,159.67

YOUTH INFORMATION

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!



BABY BLESSING BASKET: There is a baby blessing basket set out in the Gathering Place for our newest little ones: **Karter William, son of Jacob & Kate**

Van Manen born Monday, September 28 and **Olivia Lynn, daughter of Mason & Cayla Wichhart** born October 1.

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!

MORNING SCHEDULE

October 25		November 1
Barb M, Rynne J Ellie Dunsbergen	NURSERY	Joni C, Marla VR Megan Van Zante
Parent: Nick & Amy H Storyteller: Jeff K Leader: Barb M	CHILDREN IN WORSHIP	Parent: Cody & Kelly K Storyteller: Barb J Leader: Stephanie D
Shawn H Katelyn D	PROJECTION LIVESTREAM	Teryl VP Chad F
Side: Coltin C Cody K Center: Austin N Wing: Cooper S	USHERS	Side: Joel VW Derrick Z Center: Jeremy VM Wing: Allen S

“Sustaining Grace”
Isaiah 64:8, 12; 2 Corinthians 4:7-10

Pastor Wayne Sneller 9:30 a.m. October 25, 2020

The greatest joy I have as a pastor is watching people grow and reach their _____ in Christ.

God doesn’t just want to save you. He wants to _____ you through life!

God uses two characteristics of grace to live our lives more fully for Him.

1. _____ Grace

- The power to keep going on when you feel like _____ up. *“We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed but not driven to despair.”* 2 Corinthians 4:5
- This kind of grace allows us to stand _____ in the Lord.
- This kind of grace helps you through the most difficult things in life – even the _____ situations of life.

2. _____ grace

“We are the clay. You are the potter. We are all formed by your hand.”
Isaiah 64:8

- Transforming grace is the power to keep us from “_____ our _____ and allows us to experience the unbelievable blessings God has for us.
- We have an unbelievable God but for many of us we are like spiritual _____. We fail to believe and claim God’s _____!
- We put off making God our _____.

3. Jars of clay

“But we ourselves are like fragile jars of clay containing great treasure.”
2 Corinthians 4:7

- We are transformed for His _____.
- We are given power to _____ our lives.

The focus of God’s word was not on the perishable container but on the _____ – God’s power dwelling in us!

Thank God for _____ love!

Consistory Notes
October 21, 2020

Our meeting began with prayer and scripture led by Pastor Wayne.

It was shared that there will be a Town hall meeting at Otley Reformed on October 22 to discuss the denominational restructuring that might happen and to gather for a further understanding of the 2020 Vision Team Final Report. The purpose of this meeting is two-fold. First, to ensure our congregations are equipped to make important decisions and second to gather more information on the two groups/alliances that are considering the possibility of coming into being if the Reformed Church chooses to restructure due to the LGBTQ issues of ordination and marriage.

We currently have four elders and Pastor Wayne who are attending this meeting.

Time was spent reviewing our church family’s spiritual and physical needs. We have had many marriages, deaths and sick this month.

The deacons shared:

- September giving as follows: General - \$27,926.94; Mission - \$6,233.50; Sunday school - \$114.25; General Fund Balance - \$18,624.59; Mission Fund Balance - \$13,297.37.
- It was motioned to designate the Christmas offering to the Mission Fund.
- It was also decided to support Inspirations Childcare and Pre-school Center by giving \$500 each quarter starting in October 2020. This will be reviewed on an annual basis.
- Also, approved recommendations for church staff (except for Pastor Wayne as he has call status) increases for 2021.
- For information: CROP Walk offering was \$300 which was donated to East Jasper Christian Food Pantry. World Wide Communion offering was \$2,085. Our 3rd Quarter Building Fund offering was \$6,561. Our annual church assessments for 2021 will be \$34,828. It was decided to continue the Quarterly Building offerings.

Committee reports:

- Building & Grounds reported two trees in front of the parsonage were removed due to ash borer disease. New trees to replace those cut down will be planted in the spring.

Old business:

- Reporting we have a full slate of elder and deacon 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.

New Business:

- It was approved to place in our congregational meeting agenda study item by Teryl Ver Ploeg. A proposal to concrete the south parking lot as submitted.
- The November 8, 2020 congregational meeting agenda was approved. Our congregational meeting will be held after the November 8 morning service.

Other Information

- We will have a Reverse Offering on November 15. \$12,500 will be distributed to the congregation to bless others. \$50 will be distributed to each church family. Our purpose is to teach lessons in stewardship to our families and bless others. The follow through will include submitting stories (optional) on how we used this money to minister in the name of Christ. This is similar to what we did in 2017 and how we experienced God’s blessings! More details will follow.
- Pastor Wayne will be preaching on stewardship in a COVID-19 world.
- Sanctuary Dedication of our Renovated worship facilities will be held on December 6!
God is good!

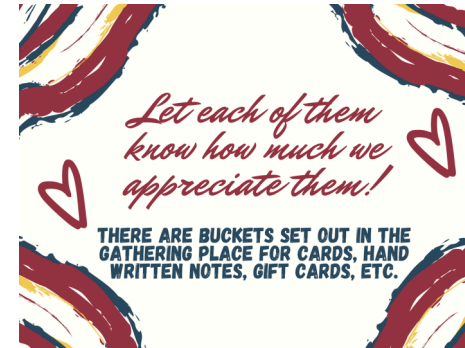
For the Consistory,

Pastor Wayne



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!




Pastor Wayne & Tammy Sneller



Jeff, Alison & Jay Knouse, Youth & Ed Director

PASTOR & MINISTRY LEADER APPRECIATION

• SUNDAY •



Join us after the morning worship for cupcakes in the Gathering Place.



Julie & Kevin Van Manen
Christian Ministry Director



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