

# Reformed *Informer*

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER  
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SULLY, IA

## "The Blessing"



This past Sunday, September 26 we said "See you Later" to some pretty special people. Pastor Wayne & Tammy Sneller have been ministering to us for the past 12 years here at FRC and Sunday he preached his final sermon as a full time minister of the word.

It was a service filled with beautiful music, words of encouragement from our Classis Leader, Rev. Carl Boersma and Bryan De Jong, Vice President of consistory, a message entitled, "The Church That Goes the Distance", a couple videos made by the kids at FRC and memories from the past, and a special song "The Blessing" sung by combined praise teams and the 3 yr. olds—5th grade Sunday school departments to close out the service.

A wonderful meal of smoked pork, cheesy potatoes, green beans, salad and a variety of delicious cake made by some wonderful bakers was enjoyed by over 400 people. Thank you to the many individuals who made this day possible! Many hands make light work!

Though we are sad to see them go, we celebrate with them their many years of faithful ministry throughout these past 42 years. We pray that retirement will be a great change of pace for them both and we are excited for them to spend some quality time together and with family. God is Good!



Dear Friends, well done First!

We cannot thank you enough for the celebration service that lifted up the closure of our ministry at First Reformed Church for the past 12 years and from my retirement from the gospel ministry.

Tammy and I were overwhelmed with your love offering and the 400 people who attended the worship service and the meal afterwards.

Thank you for the financial gift of \$7,450, the gracious way you as a congregation showed your Christ like love and care for our family and us. Thank you also to the volunteers that prepared the meal, my consistory and a special note of thanks to my First Reformed Church staff. We had great chemistry and our gifts matched so that the congregation could be served for the glory of God.

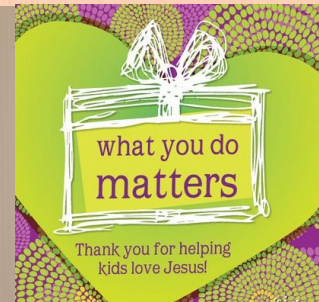
We moved on Tuesday, September 28 (a hot day) and arrived safe at our new home in Luverne, Minnesota on September 29. Thank you to all who gave boxes and helped in

the process of moving. We could not have done it without you.

Words cannot express adequately our love for you but we know God brought us together to honor Him for the past 12 years and now prepares all of us for the next part of our spiritual journey.

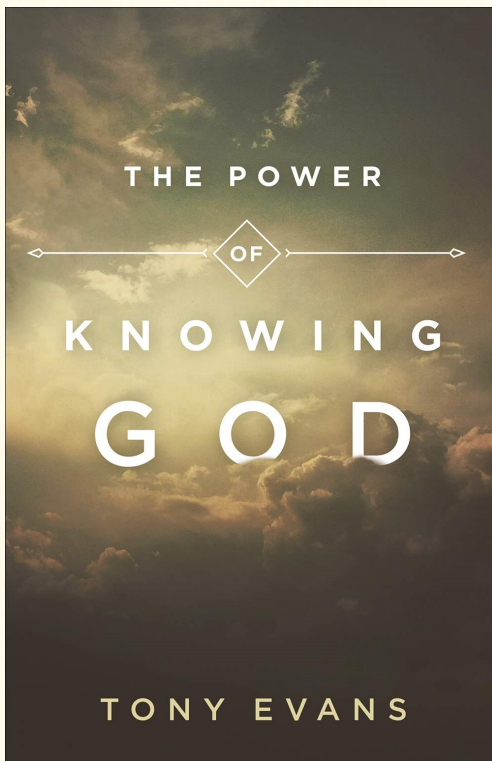
Our new address is 604 Uithoven Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156. God bless!  
In Christ until we meet again,  
Pastor Wayne & Tammy Sneller





**Pictured:**  
Jeff, Alison and Jay Knouse  
Jeff is our Youth & Education Director for the past 4+ years.

**Pictured:**  
Kevin & Julie Van Manen  
Julie is our Children's Ministry Director and STARS After School Director for the past 4 years.



**DATE:** Sundays, October 24—December 5 (will take November 28 off)  
**TIME:** 6 pm  
**PLACE:** Gathering Place  
**Leaders:** Sandy De Jong & Becky Rozendaal

Please sign up by **Wednesday, October 13** so books can be ordered.

**Questions:** Please contact Sandy De Jong at 515-681-5744 or Becky Rozendaal at 641-780-0869

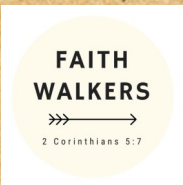


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# YOUTH Activities



**IMPACT YOUTH GROUP—6th—8th grade**  
 We will meet EVERY Sunday evening at 5:00 pm in the Well (downstairs in the basement)



**FAITHWALKERS—9th-12th grade**  
 We will meet EVERY Sunday evening at 6:30 pm in the Well (downstairs in the basement)

**October dates:**

- October 3
- October 10
- October 17 - Geisler Farms outing in Bondurant, IA
- October 24—pumpkin carving
- October 31

**Faithwalker Leaders:** Jeff & Alison Knouse, Cody & Kelly Kesling and Shawn & ChyAnne Huyser

**Leaders:** Jeff & Alison Knouse, Cody & Kelly Kesling & Caden & Brenna Dunsbergen

**Prayer Breakfast**  
Free Jesus, and donuts.

Every Friday morning at 7:30 am all 6th—12th grade are invited to come for donuts, chocolate milk, orange juice and prayer.

Invite your friends! It's a great way to end the school week!



**Wednesday evenings** We begin serving MEALS at 5:30 during the school year.

Every month when it's time to write these Informer articles, I find it harder and harder to believe that another month has passed. If we are thinking in school or sports terms, we are now in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021! So let's finish strong!

I feel like we have finally settled into the flow of our Christian education here at First for this school year. Sunday School has been meeting for 4 weeks, Wednesday night class for 4 weeks, and youth group for 3 weeks. The groundwork has been laid for a year full of learning about who Jesus is, who we are, and how we are to live.

But even though our education is consistent, as a church we find ourselves with a missing piece. What a joy it was to celebrate and honor Pastor Wayne, and we will miss him dearly. And while every facet of our church, even our education, will experience a change, there is truth that we can take refuge in. The memory verse for our STARS kids this past week was Hebrews 13:8, *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* While the world and even our church is changing, Jesus does not change. He is with us in every area of our lives, including the transition.

So in this last quarter of the year, that's what I want to teach our students. They need to know that no matter what life throws at them, Jesus is with them, and He does not change. I hope you meditate on that as well. Happy October!

**On NOVEMBER 14** the youth groups will be packaging shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child! Suggestions are listed below if you would like to help out in any way! There will be a box in the Gathering Place to drop off!

**SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS**

**"WOW" ITEM**

- soccer ball with pump
- doll
- stuffed animal
- shoes

**TOYS**

- toy cars
- jump ropes
- yo-yos
- toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

**ACCESSORIES**

- socks
- sunglasses
- jewelry and watches
- flashlights (with extra batteries)

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

- pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- notebooks and paper
- coloring and picture books
- solar calculators

**NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS**

- toothbrushes
- bar soap
- washcloths
- combs

**Do Not Include:** candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit [samaritanaspurse.org/bcc](http://samaritanaspurse.org/bcc)



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# SUNDAY SCHOOL



Pastor Wayne Sneller holding a jar where children that were in front for the children's message placed rocks in representing 130 baptisms that Pastor Wayne had done since being at First Reformed Church 2009-2021.



Fall programming is in full swing! Around 48 energetic children are meeting each Wednesday after school for the STARS program.

They have been learning the stories of the Old Testament. The first week they created pictures with their thumbprints while talking about how each one is uniquely made. To experience God's creation using their five senses a trip to the park was made on a beautiful fall day!

They are enjoying learning new songs and Bible verses. The first family meal will be held on October 13.

As the STARS children are learning even though the seasons change - *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*  
**Hebrews 13:8 NIV**



Kindergarten/1st graders learning about creation as they created examples with play dough & ThumbFun



**TRUNK OR TREAT – We are excited to announce that TRUNK OR TREAT will return this year!** Mark your calendars for Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the church office or Julie if you are interested in decorating your trunk or donating candy!.



**John & Julie Roozeboom**  
**Birthdays:** John—3/10/67  
 Julie—3/29/73  
**Anniversary:** March 12, 1993

When John and Julie Roozeboom reflect on memories of First Reformed, the first one that comes to mind is when they were married. (There was a snowstorm right after the wedding!) They were married in this church, and they had their three children baptized at this church. All three of their children were married here and Pastor Wayne officiated all three of the weddings! Their roots in this church are definitely deep and they enjoy the friendliness of the congregation as well as the feeling of a close-knit community.

John Roozeboom grew up in the Pella area, attending Pella Christian High School. His parents, Dennis and Tena Roozeboom raised John and his siblings; Deb (Jeff) Van Wyk of Sully; Jim Roozeboom of Pella, and Tom Roozeboom of Indiana. John makes a living farming with his father-in-law, Dennis Van Maanen on their farm north of Kellogg.

Dennis & Linda Van Maanen are Julie's parents and her sister Lisa complete their family. They grew up in the country around Kellogg and Julie attended and graduated from Newton High School. Julie is a

nurse but spends most of her time helping out at La Rose Marie Bakery and Boutique in Sully. (which her daughter owns)

The Roozebooms have three children: Katelyn (Bryce) Doane and their children Brinley and Kinsley; Karli (Cody) Nikkel and their daughter Emersyn; and Dylan (Jodie) with a little one to arrive in February. The Roozeboom's love to go out to eat at different places and spending time with their family is one of their greatest joys!

Thanks Roozeboom's for letting us "Get to Know You Better!"



**Our primary ministry focus.** We're not yet sure if the Bible Project will ask us to translate more video series in their digital library. So how will we, in the mean-time, keep "Growing in the knowledge of God's Living Word while helping others do the same"? What we'd like the most, is supporting online Bible study tools or programs for Greek speakers, so please pray for the right doors to open for us to stay engaged in this work. Otherwise, Pavlos' programming and IT skills are always in demand at various minis-tries, so please pray we'll be able to discern the next best focus that we can uniquely fill as a couple.

**You guys don't live in Athens anymore. How long will you be living in Lesvos?**

If you've been following our news, you'll remember that we had come to a transition point as a family back in the winter of 2020. Our work at the Bible College and the Church

Plant had reached a satisfying conclusion, and we would either have to set new goals or change our primary ministry focus. Then Covid-19 hit, and it re-directed where we were looking for our next step. This led us to Lesvos, where we knew of a family who were homeschooling their children like us, while building relationships among the refugee community. Their life and work intrigued us enough to want to explore the possibilities here for our family, and our online work meant we could be based anywhere.

Originally, we came just for the summer of 2020, but it wasn't long before we turned Lesvos into our new home. Our education plans changed, however, and now the kids attend a nearby Greek public school. We're very happy with how this helped the kids' Greek progress. Please pray with us as we seek our next ministry opportunities.

After a health scare this spring, pray for discernment and peace for the best treatment plan for Meggan's mental health.



**Pavlos & Meggan Vasileiadis**  
 Theodore, Matthew & Risa  
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**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](http://www.sullyfrc.org), through our FRC email list and now **TEXT ALERTS!**



Sign up for text alerts.

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on our website at [sullyfrc.org](http://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!



# October



- October 1**  
Tim Dunsbergen ~ Dennis Van Maanen  
Olivia Wichhart
- October 2**  
Majesta Vos ~ Cody Kesling
- October 4**  
Cale Van Wyk ~ Matthew Vasileiadis  
Trisha Hay
- October 5**  
Corey Kramer
- October 7**  
Trisha Vander Molen
- October 8**  
**Sandy Beyer (96)**  
Braden Larson
- October 10**  
Karissa Chapman ~ **Joyce De Goey(84)**  
Dana Dunsbergen ~ Tim Jansen
- October 11**  
Hinley Jansen ~ Cathryn Dunsbergen
- October 12**  
Tatum Huyser ~ Mikayla Bonnema
- October 13**  
Kaylee Maasdam ~ Katelyn Nikkel
- October 14**  
Cooper Scandridge
- October 15**  
Mark Scholten
- October 16**  
Luke Kramer
- October 17**  
Ron McKeag

- October 18**  
Miranda Vos
- October 20**  
Kevin Van Wyk
- October 21**  
Alex Huyser ~ Morgan Vander Molen
- October 22**  
Justin Deal
- October 23**  
Bryan De Jong ~ Taylor Vos  
Adler De Hoedt
- October 24**  
Caulen Deal ~ Abel Harsselaar  
Bentley Hay
- October 25**  
**Shirley Baarda (84)** ~ Gerald Droppert  
Minnie Huyser ~ Linda Jansen
- October 27**  
Eric De Jong ~ Brinley Doane
- October 28**  
Dennis Dunsbergen
- October 29**  
**Delia De Jong (90)**  
Mathias Torres
- October 30**  
Dawn Terpstra
- October 31**  
Cindy Hackert

- October 1**  
Tyler & Kaila Harsselaar—5
- October 2**  
Russ & Lois Rozendaal— 51
- October 5**  
Jamie & Julie Keen— 25  
Zach & Delaney Brimeyer—2
- October 7**  
Shawn & ChyAnne Huyser—21
- October 8**  
Drew & Leah Van Rees—5
- October 10**  
Caden & Brenna Dunsbergen—1
- October 15**  
Tim & Brenda Jansen—27
- October 16**  
Ken & Lorie Van Soelen—40
- October 24**  
Darrel & Barb Jansen—60  
Tim & Marsha Vanden Hoek—34



### GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP:

**Weekly Grief Support Group meets at Grinnell Friends Church, 1115 Hwy 146 S., Grinnell, IA 50112 on Mondays at 6:30 pm.** Dates are September 13, 20 & 27, October 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13 & 20. You are welcome to begin at any point. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn & Joan Van De Krol at 641-236-6435 or 641-990-1143.

### JASPER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Jasper County participates in the Alert Iowa statewide system for emergency notifications that enables State and local officials to communicate emergency information directly to citizens.

Residents are able to sign up through a web portal— [alert.iowa.gov](http://alert.iowa.gov), via text message—send a text to 672-83 with COUNTYNAMEIA (example— JASPER-IA) or by downloading the Smart911 App.

Alerts might include weather notifications or county/community specific alerts.

### FAMILY NIGHT IS IN NEED OF HELP

**Donations needed: Please drop off in the Legacy Kitchen**

- Hamburger
- Boxes of Corn Flakes
- Peanut butter
- #10(large) cans of green beans
- Mini Marshmallows      Butter
- White corn syrup
- Cream of chicken soup (lg. can)
- #10(lg.) cans of peaches
- Walmart or Fareway gift cards
- Large cans of Bush's Baked Beans

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Our morning service is livestreamed through our website

# October 2021 Prayer Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Caden & Brenna Dunsbergen	2 Dennis & Lisa Dunsbergen
3 Dustin, Dana Josh, Mason, Carter & Reese Dunsbergen	4 Kenton, Kayla & Brody Dunsbergen	5 Melvin & Shirley Dunsbergen	6 Ron & Julie Dunsbergen	7 Shannon, Edna & Zayleana Dunsbergen	8 Tim, Nicole & Carson Dunsbergen	9 Dan, Stephanie, Emily, Will, Zachary & Jacob Dykema
10 Glenn & Rhonna Fiihr	11 Chad, Lynnette, Evan, Kendra & Laura Fikse	12 David, Lisa & Cale Foster	13 Bryan & Abby Freese	14 Joan Gose	15 Eileen Gruver	16 Jamie, Cindy, Acea & Callista Hackert
17 Ken & Verna Hackert	18 Karen Hackert	19 Brevin & Makayla Hansen	20 Chris, Jodi & Brittney Hansen	21 Tim, Desiree, Brayden, Brooke, Bryson & Bristol Hardeman	22 Tyler, Kaila, Abel, Cale & Colt Harsselaar	23 Carroll & Norma Harthoorn
24 Joel, Liz, Joah, Major, Tre, Grace & Faith Harthoorn	25 Kurt & Arloa Harthoorn	26 Nick, Amy, Kate, Brooke, Aubrey & Colton Harthoorn	27 Madison, Trisha, Paisley & Bentley Hay	28 Danis Hedrick	29 Cole, Kayla & Brooks Henkle Will & Evie Kelly	30 Denise Horman
31 Gale Horman						

# October 2021 Activity Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast 6 pm Shower in the Gathering Place	2
3 9:30 am Pastor Tom VandeBerg— Communion 10:45 am Sunday School for all ages 5 pm IMPACT 6:30 pm Faithwalkers	4	5	6 3:30 STARS After- school Program 5:30 pm Family Night Meals 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	7	8 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	9
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17 9:30 am Laity Sunday 10:45 am Sunday School for all ages 5 pm IMPACT 6:30 pm Faithwalkers	18	19	20 3:30 STARS After- school Program 5:30 Family Night Meals 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th 6:30 pm Elders Mtg. 6:45 pm Deacons Mtg. 7:30 pm Consistory	21	22  7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	23
24 3rd Grade Bible Blessings 9:30 am Pastor Tom VandeBerg 10:45 am Sunday School for all ages 5 pm IMPACT 6:30 pm Faithwalkers	25	26	27 3:30 STARS After- school Program 5:30 Family Night Meals 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	28	29  6-8 pm Trunk or Treat	30
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