

Reformed *Informer*

SEPTEMBER 2020

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SULLY, IOWA



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"What Next?"

Dear Friends,

What next?

Have you ever said those words as it refers to this year? The year 2020 has brought pandemics (affectionately known as COVID-19) and all the disruptions that has come with it. We also have experienced stomach wrenching roller coaster stock markets, a fierce straight line wind storm also called a derecho (which up until two weeks ago I've never heard of!), political polarization of our country with an election as a cherry on top and closer to home an emerging drought!

As a people of faith in God and a church community that has this message of hope, you and I have a powerful opportunity to live out this solution to our neighbor.

One of my favorite hymns is "Because He Lives". There is a phrase in the second verse that summarizes why Christians can face anything this world throws at us. It declares "But greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because He (Jesus) lives!"

For the church, we do not stop living our mission!

First Reformed will begin its fall schedule in late August and early September. We have had to modify some things and delay other things (STARS) but Sunday School, Youth groups, Bible Studies, Children's Church and nursery will again be held.

Our worship time will step by step reflect the return to "normalcy" and we will continue to adjust as the pandemic evolves and our care for one another stays a priority with our faith.

I am reminded that through all of this God is in control. Habakkuk 3:17 declares, "*Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and field produces no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior!*"

What next?

We are reminded that we are not out of reach from God's love! He knows what we are going through and calls us to come close to Him!

"Keep the faith!" as one of my professors would challenge us as weary seminary students! He would finish by declaring "God's not done using you!"

In Christ,

Pastor Wayne



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IMPACT YOUTH GROUP—6th—8th grade

We will meet EVERY Sunday evening at 5:00 pm in the Well

(downstairs in the basement)

Sunday, September 13—6 pm KICK Off for our Youth Groups!



FAITH WALKERS



2 Corinthians 5:7

FAITHWALKERS—9th-12th grade
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Prayer Breakfast

Free Jesus, and donuts.

Every Friday morning at 7:30 am all 9th—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!

Happy September, everyone!

This year looks a lot different, but that does not change the fact that we could not be more excited for the education year to start! We will be having our youth groups and our Wednesday night Bible studies as we would any other year, with certain steps to help maintain distancing in place. **Youth groups will kick off on September 13 at 6:00 pm!** Our **Wednesday night Bible studies** for junior high and high school will start on **Wednesday September 9** with junior high meeting in the Well at **6:15** with Nick De Penning and high school meeting at **6:45** in the Lighthouse with Gerald Droppert.

To Go Meals will be available for our students on Wednesday nights, be on the lookout for more info on that.

We will also be having a commissioning for our volunteers in education during the morning worship on September 13. If you can, we'd love to have you there to celebrate and commission those who will be teaching and guiding our students this year.

In a year that has been nothing short of crazy, we are looking forward to drawing closer to Jesus together. We are excited for what the Lord is going to do!



A couple of weeks ago I had the opportunity as did several other families from the community to participate in a Back to School Prayer Night led by Dustin and Angie Ver Ploeg. Following a time of worship and prayer, participants gathered at both Lynnville-Sully and Sully Christian for additional scripture reading and to pray over the schools. Following is scripture that can be used when praying over the schools each day of the week:

Monday - ENCOURAGEMENT

May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your heart and strengthen you in every good deed and word. (2Thesalonians 2:26-17)

Tuesday - PRESENCE

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

Wednesday - PEACE

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

Thursday - TRUST

The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still. (Exodus 14:14)

Friday - STRENGTH

So do not fear, I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

Sunday School Begins September 13, 2020!

You will see a few changes as Sunday School begins this fall. We will be using a **new curriculum for Kindergarten - 8th grade. Fifth graders will remain** downstairs as a part of this new opportunity. **The new curriculum, DWELL**, invites children to live into God's story of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration. And it encourages kids to live out of God's story every day as they respond to God's call. Each DWELL session provides fun, interactive ways for leaders and children to learn and explore as together they find their place in God's Big Story.

God's story is exciting—and it's ongoing!

We pray for health and safety as everyone begins the fall routine. In an ever changing world we are able to have hope and peace for we know the one thing that never changes is Jesus Christ! Happy back to school month! We can't wait to see you on September 13!

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STARS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

We are postponing the start of our STARS Afterschool program until later. We are waiting to see how the school year progresses and reassess after Thanksgiving. We hope to begin after the first of the year!

Children in Worship will resume September 13 for 3 year olds – Kindergartners. Please contact Julie if you would like to share your gifts as a storyteller for this ministry.

Upcoming EVENTS



TO GO MEAL MINISTRY
We will be making **TO GO MEALS** beginning **Wednesday, September 9** 5 - 6:30 pm

Please let the office know if you would like a meal prepared for pickup or delivery (in town only)! Call 594-2935 ext 1 or frcsully@netins.net. **Deadline for RSVP of a meal is Wednesday at noon!** **6th - 12th grade students** can also eat before their Bible Study classes begin!

THIS IS FOR ANYONE!!

DONATIONS NEEDED!

TO GO MEAL MINISTRY

**HAMBURGER
BAKED BEANS
MARSHMALLOWS
CHOCOLATE CHIPS
CHIPS
PEANUT BUTTER**

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SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

WRITING OUT SCRIPTURES IS A WAY TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD AND HEAR HIS VOICE WITHOUT DISTRACTIONS. EACH OF THE SCRIPTURES BELOW SHOULD TAKE FIFTEEN MINUTES TO COPY. SO GRAB YOUR JOURNAL, YOUR BIBLE, AND SOME PRETTY PENS. AND LET US INSCRIBE THE WORD TOGETHER.

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Day 1: Genesis 2:22-24	Day 15: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
Day 2: Proverbs 12:4, 18:22, 19:4	Day 16: Mark 10:6-9
Day 3: Ephesians 5:22-24	Day 17: Colossians 3:12-15
Day 4: Ephesians 5:25-28	Day 18: Colossians 3:16-17
Day 5: Ephesians 5:29-33	Day 19: Colossians 3:18-19
Day 6: Matthew 19:4-6	Day 20: James 1:19-21
Day 7: Ephesians 4:1-4	Day 21: Joshua 24:14-15
Day 8: Song of Solomon 8:6-7	Day 22: Proverbs 3:3-4
Day 9: 1 John 4:16-18	Day 23: 1 Peter 4:8-9
Day 10: 1 John 4:19-21	Day 24: Hebrews 10:23-25
Day 11: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12	Day 25: Ruth 1:16-17
Day 12: John 15:9-11	Day 26: Romans 12:9-12
Day 13: John 15:12-14	Day 27: Genesis 1:27-28
Day 14: Numbers 6:24-26	Day 28: Revelation 19:7-9
Day 29: Philippians 4:4-7	
Day 30: Song of Solomon 4:9-11	



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2020 NOMINATION BALLOTS

The consistory is requesting your **nominations for elders and deacons** for our annual congregational meeting scheduled for November 8, 2020. Ballots are available in the bulletin on the following Sundays: August 30, September 6 & 13. They are due on September 13. Ballots will also be sent out via email. Please fill in and place in the offering box at each entrance of the Gathering Place!



CROP WALK
Join us
September 27
5:00 p.m.

Communities Reaching Out to People in Need!
PURPOSE: to join the walk in the need to feed a hungry world in the witness of Jesus Christ!! A light coffee time will be served after the walk. Watch for more details!



Denise Horman

Birthday: June 17, 1957

Being surrounded by a community of believers, as well as the friendship and togetherness of the people of the church. This is what Denise Horman feels when she walks through the doors of First Reformed. With the addition of the Gathering place, fellowship became a huge asset in assisting with those things.

Denise lives in Sully now, but she grew up east of Galesburg. She is the daughter of Carl and Leona Horman of Pella and has one brother Gale. After graduation in 1975, she spent one year at the Northwestern Bible College in Roseville, Minnesota. She works as a Blast Chiller for a place called Mom's Meals in Grinnell. When she is not at work, Denise loves to read, sing, ride bike, spend time with

her grandchildren or watch them in sports or dance, go out to eat, and spend time with her family! A secret ambition of hers would be to be a gospel singer!

Her family includes her daughter Deanne (Chris) Tice with their children Makayla and Carter; and sons Darrin (Jennifer) Nunnikhoven, with their children Karleigh and Kiptyn; and Don (Hollie) Nunnikhoven, and their children Zoey, HarLee and Blane.

Thank you Denise Horman for letting us "Get To Know You Better!"



Brian and Elizabeth
Bruxvoort

PRAY

- For Brian's safety during flight.
- That Brian and Elizabeth will always be an example of Christ's love to those around them.
- For energy and health as Brian and Elizabeth live in ministry to those around them at the Mission Aviation Repair Center, in bush Alaska, and in their local community and church activities.
- For Brian and Elizabeth's adult children as each one of them is in the process of life change regarding living accommodations, ending higher education, or new jobs.



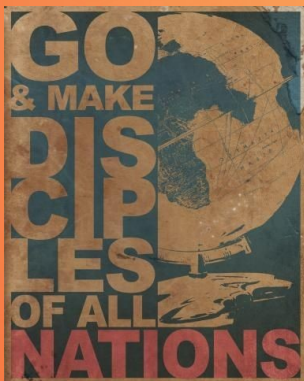
About the ministry

After all of the diagnostic tests are complete, Brian climbs into the small cockpit of his airplane. He checks all of his controls one last time before he's ready to navigate the uncertain Alaskan weather. Today's flight consists of village pastors on their way to a discipleship retreat. In a state with over 200 villages without road systems, aviation is the only way to efficiently move across Alaska, and it is often the only way small village churches have any connection with a larger faith community.

Brian and Elizabeth Bruxvoort work in partnership with the Mission Aviation Repair Center, where they provide transportation for pastors, missionaries, Bible camps, and various other ministries that bring the hope of Christ to remote Alaskan villages. Whether they are transporting passengers or providing maintenance service for other missionaries' or pastors' planes, the Bruxvoorts' goal is to be the hands and feet of Jesus in all of their work.

To learn more or support this ministry, visit:

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September 1

Brad Rozendaal ~ Mark Wyma

September 2

Colton Nikkel ~ Destiny Torres
Jessica Winegar

September 3

Beryl Dunsbergen ~ Deven Liekweg
Kyle Van Dyke

September 5

Barb Jansen

September 6

Nick Harthoorn ~ Jeremy Vander Molen

September 7

Rod Zuidema

September 8

Ron Dunsbergen (80)
Jamie Dunsbergen

September 9

Caden Dunsbergen

September 10

Kelly Kesling

September 12

Keith Renaud

September 13

Amy Harthoorn ~ Dwayne Ramer

September 14

Darlys De Penning ~ Dennis Renaud

September 15

Lynnette Fikse

September 16

Ryk De Goey ~ Diana Scandridge

September 17

Kelly Terlouw

September 19

Evan Fikse

September 20

Mia Van Zante

September 21

Chad Fikse ~ Sheri Huyser

Shirley Van Genderen

Alvin Rozendaal (80)

September 22

Alyssa Bassett ~ Suzanne Rozendaal

Elaine Scholten ~ Faith Harthoorn

September 25

Taylor Maasdam ~ Stacie Van Der Wilt

Chase Deal

September 26

Earl Rozendaal

Gilbert Van Maanen (83)

September 27

Janelle Maasdam ~ Shirley Rozendaal

September 28

Josh Dunsbergen ~ Marlee Torres

Brayden Hardeman ~ Risa Vasileiadis

September 29

Kristen Van Der Wilt ~ Kathy Zylstra

September 30

Bruce Dunsbergen ~ Tena Vanden Hoek

Skyler Young

September 1

Jerry & Pam Vander Beek—**42 years**

Cole & Kayla Henkle—**2 years**

September 4

Donavon & Darlys De Penning—**39 years**

Bruce & Lynn Dunsbergen—**33 years**

Dwayne & Janelle Maasdam—**27 years**

September 6

Gary & Dorothy Van Genderen—**52 years**

Duane & Marla Van Rees—**35 years**

September 7

Braden & Christine Van Wyk—**1 year**

September 8

Cale & Kendra Van Wyk—**2 years**

September 11

Bryce & Barb Van Der Wilt—**56 years**

September 12

Riley & Kim Rozendaal—**2 years**

September 14

Gerald & Elaine Droppert—**41 years**

September 16

Earl & Marcia Rozendaal—**49 years**

September 17

Brandon & Andrea Vos—**9 years**

September 19

Harold & Velma Rozendaal—**33 years**

Scott & Deb Van Kooten—**34 years**

September 20

Kevin & Kelly Terlouw—**34 years**

September 24

Dave & Karla Winegar—**47 years**

September 25

David & Lisa Foster—**27 years**

Gerry & Jill Van Dyke—**27 years**

September 27

Doyle & Linda Huyser—**46 years**

Jeremy & Trisha Vander Molen—**6 years**

September 28

Jamie & Cindy Hackert—**24 years**

September 30

Mitch & Angela Corell—**3 years**



**“Thus the Lord was moved by prayer for the land.”
—2 Samuel 24:25, NASB**

Prayer March 2020 from 12:00 noon- 2:00 PM on September 26 in Washington, D.C., but I also want you to be aware of another important event that is being held by Jonathan Kahn. It’s called “The Return” and it will take place in D.C. all day that same Saturday. While the two events are separate, we are totally supportive of both events which are intended to glorify Jesus Christ and lift up our nation in prayer during this unprecedented time. You may want to check out what The Return is doing as well. We’re asking for God’s mercy and help for this nation and that hearts would turn to Him.

Even if you can’t attend, be in prayer for our nation!

September



2020 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Dorothy Van Der Kamp	2 Roger & Jean Van Der Kamp	3 Lois Vander Leest	4 Caleb Vander Molen	5 Jeff & Shelley Vander Molen
6 Jeremy, Trisha Kylie & Bailey Vander Molen	7 Morgan Vander Molen	8 Carlene Van Der Pol	9 Glenn Vanderpol	10 Bryce & Barb Van Der Wilt	11 Corey & Shelby Van Der Wilt	12 Maury, Stacie & Kristen Van Der Wilt
13 Gerry, Jill, Kyle, Kayla, Krystal & Klayton Van Dyke	14 Gary & Dorothy Van Genderen	15 Melvin & Shirley Van Genderen	16 Eldred Van Gorp	17 Scott & Deb Van Kooten	18 Dennis & Linda Van Maanen	19 Dorothy Van Maanen
20 Gilbert Van Maanen	21 LeRoy & Ruth Van Maanen	22 Marilyn Van Maanen	23 Terry, Kaylee, Tessa & Jarret Van Maanen	24 Conrad & Mary Ann Van Maaren	25 Jacob, Kate & Kennedy Van Manen	26 Kevin & Julie Van Manen
27 Drew, Leah & Max Van Rees	28 Duane & Marla Van Rees	29 Kyle Van Rees	30 Barbara Van Sant			





2020 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	5
6 9:30am Pastor Wayne Sneller	7 Labor Day— Office Closed 	8	9 5:45 am Promise Keepers 5:30 Family Night To Go Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	10	11 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast 6 pm Van Der Wilt/ Bradley Rehearsal	12 5 pm Van Der Wilt/ Bradley Wedding
13 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 10:45 am Sunday School Begins! 6 pm Faithwalkers & IMPACT Kickoff	14	15	16 5:45 am Promise Keepers 5:30 Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th 6:30 pm Elders Mtg. 6:45 pm Deacons 7:30 pm Consisto- ry Mtg.	17	18 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	19
20 9:30am Jeff Knouse 10:45 am Sunday School for all ages 5 pm IMPACT youth 6:30 pm Faithwalk- ers	21	22	23 5:45 am Promise Keepers 5:30 Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	24 5:30 pm Central Iowa Classis Mtg. at Prairie City Reformed	25 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	26
27 Building Fund Offering 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 10:45 am Sunday School 5:00 pm Impact 5:00 pm CROP Walk 6:30 pm Faithwalk- ers	28	29	30 5:45 am Promise Keepers 5:30 Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	<div data-bbox="1016 1766 1544 2045" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #e1f5fe;"> <p style="text-align: center;">First Reformed Church 807 3rd St. PO Box 208 Sully, Iowa 50251 641-594-2935 frcsully@netins.net www.sullyfrc.org Our morning service is livestreamed through our website</p> </div>		