

Reformed *Informer*

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FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SULLY, IOWA



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"WE MADE A GREAT TEAM!"

Dear Congregation of First Reformed,

This is a monthly newsletter I didn't want to write. I procrastinated until the last moment. However, time waits for no one! Why the reluctance to write this month's column?

Because I know it's the end of my ministry to a church that I have loved with all of my heart and soul! And I know that Jesus has whispered in my ear "It's time to slow down my good and faithful servant! It's Ok to pass the mantle to someone else."

And so I reflect on the goodness and blessings that God has given me as your pastor at First Reformed for the past twelve years. I began as a young intern with you as my first church 42 years ago and I now enter retirement with you as the last church I will serve in the full time Gospel ministry.

I have seen you come alive with Christ's love. You see Christ like love has to grow! It cannot be contained! It spreads. It touches people with hope. God's love prepares the next generation and steers the course for the current one. It's about relationships, relationships, relationships! First, with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and then with the body of Christ, your church community.

You have been gracious and giving! And you have had a sense of humor!!

Continue to be faithful to God's calling and you will experience what the Bible verse describes in Malachi 3:10 "...Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

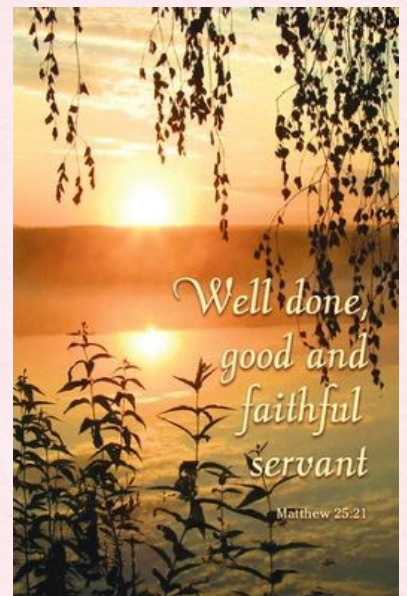
Retirement will bring a move for Tammy and I to Luverne, Minnesota. We have a daughter and family that live there and we are about 45 miles from the rest of our daughters and families (Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Sioux Center, Iowa respectively). My last Sunday with you will be on September 26 and the moving trailers come September 28.

I can't thank you enough for your prayers, love, encouragement and willingness to work in unity for the Glory of God! Continue to live out First Reformed's mission statement, "Impacting Lives for Christ".

It was because of the ministry I have had at Sully First Reformed that I learned you can't run from God because He has greater things planned than we do!!

We made a great Team First Reformed!
To God be the Glory!

In Christ,
Pastor Wayne





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YOUTH ACTIVITIES
BEGIN....
JOIN IN THE FUN!



IMPACT YOUTH GROUP—6th—8th grade
We will meet EVERY Sunday evening at
5:00 pm in the Well (downstairs in the
basement)
September 12—Kickoff—6 pm
September 19
September 26



Happy September!

This month brings the beginning of a new school year, a new year of youth groups, the start of Fall, plenty of new things!

As a youth leader, this is one of my favorite months of the year. There is so much excitement for all the new things happening in the lives of students. There is also excitement from our youth leaders for youth groups to start so we can spend more time with students!

Youth groups kick-off on Sunday September 12th with a combined junior high and high school hay-rack ride. If you are a junior high or high school student, we hope you will join us!

Would you pray for our students this year? Here are some prayer requests from the youth department: pray that students would have a personal encounter with our risen Savior, Jesus. Pray that students would realize their value and worth as children of God.

Pray that students would grasp the call that God has placed on their lives and commit to living for Him. Pray that students would be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community, seeking to serve wherever they are.

I eagerly look forward to what God will do with our students this year!

FAITH WALKERS

2 Corinthians 5:7

FAITHWALKERS—9th-12th grade
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at 6:30 pm in the Well (downstairs in
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The Chosen Season 2

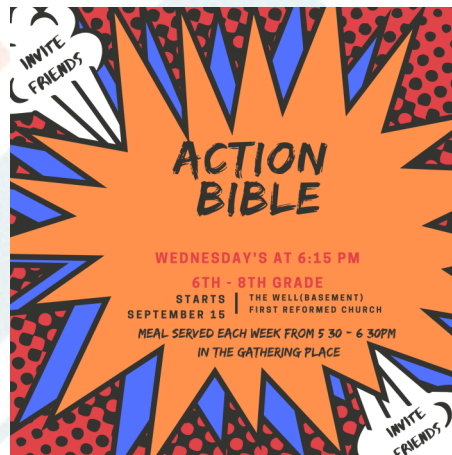
ALL 9TH - 12TH GRADE
SMALL GROUP

SEPTEMBER 8 2021

6:45 pm

Meet in the Lighthouse

Invite your friends



Every Friday Morning



NEW this year we are opening up to
ALL
6th - 12th grade
FRIDAY MORNINGS AT 7:30 AM

Prayer Breakfast

In the Gathering Place at First Reformed Church
with Jeff Knouse



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It is always an exciting time of year when we begin a new year in the area of Children's Ministry! Sunday school began on August 29th.

The three year olds and preschoolers are using Group's Hands-On Bible Curriculum. With **Hands-On Bible Curriculum**, kids experience the same powerful connections between Scripture and everyday life by engaging all five of their senses. The Bible comes alive! Kindergartners – fifth graders are in year two of Faith Alive's Dwell 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!

INFORMATION ON SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

God's Little Wonders - 3 year old—Kindergarten

Rebecca Rozendaal & Cathryn Dunsbergen—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 Harthorn & Hollie Nunnikhoven, Skyler Young & Lisa Dunsbergen

4 year olds – Room #7 (Zacchaeus' Treehouse) - Hands on Bible

Teachers: Liz Harthorn, Kayla Henkle, Shaleah Van Wyk & Elaine Droppert

Kindergarten –Children in worship area – Room #10 (Builders) - Imagine—Trusting God

Teachers: Monica Nikkel & Lysandra Newell

All kids in Children in Worship downstairs will be led to 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—Trusting God

Teachers: Emily Larson & Carrie Mortvedt

2nd & 3rd Grade – Room # 3 (Commandment Center) - Wonder—About God's Growing Family

Teachers: Joni Collins & Hannah De Penning

4th Grade- Room #1 (Creation Station) - Marvel—At God's Faithfulness

Teachers: Katelyn Beyer & Julie Van Manen

5th Grade—Room # 11 (Trailblazers) Children in worship area—Marvel—At God's Faithfulness

Teacher: Eloise Vos



We are excited to begin the STARS After School Program Wednesday, September 8! Register TODAY!

Thank you to all who serve in Children's Ministry by volunteering time and talents, providing monetary donations, and being prayer warriors!

As family calendars begin to be filled with fall activities, it is my hope and prayer that you have included church activities as well as family devotion/prayer. Looking forward to seeing everyone this fall!

WHO: Kindergarteners – 5th graders

WHEN: Wednesdays: September 8— November 17 and January 5—March 10 from 3:30 –5:30 p.m.

Family meal nights:

October 13, November 17, February 2 & March 9

Any questions please contact Julie Van Manen, Children's Ministry Director at 641-594-2935 ext. 5 or email julievfrcsully@gmail.com. You will also be able to register online at www.sullyfrc.org.

Pastor Wayne & Tammy Sneller's

FAREWELL LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 26 after the morning worship service!

- Luncheon:
- Smoked Pork
 - Cheesy potatoes
 - Green beans
 - Peach salad
 - Cake
 - water/coffee/lemonade

RSVP to frcsully@netins.net or 641-594-2935 ext. 1
(this is just for approximate food amount to order)
Everyone is invited!!

Retiring after 42 years in Ministry!



Help with the following areas:

- 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:00-7:00 pm time slots
- Football Throw & Temporary Tattoos
- Cupcakes or Cookies - 8 dozen needed

SULLY FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

FREE!
FREE!

FALL FAMILY NIGHT KICKOFF

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

Game Time & supper
5-7 pm

- inflatables
- football throw
- barrel train
- lots of food

- cake & cookie walk
- tattoos
- smoothies

Join us for FREE food and fun to kick off our fall family programs. Invite your friends and neighbors!

JOIN US FOR OUR REDEDICATION SERVICE

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 12
9:30 A.M.**



at the Lynnville Sully High School gym

**Speaker
Van Harden**

- A **nursery** is provided in the Middle School gym
 - **Coffee time** will be served after the service.
 - **Freewill offering** designated between The Well, Heart of Worship Food Pantry & East Jasper Christian Food Pantry
- Sponsored by Sully CRC & FRC churches
Everyone is invited!

Van is an Author, Inventor, Teacher & Radio Personality. He is married to Becky and has three grown children and seven grandchildren. As you know by listening to him on the radio, hearing him speak or reading his books, he is a true people lover, and is driven by serving God and people.

Supper will begin at 5:00 pm in the Gathering Place. Invite your friends and family to join us as we Kick Off another year of programming at FRC! **NO TAKE OUT MEALS TONIGHT!**

We will be serving:

Beef burgers, hotdogs, baked beans, chips & rice krispie bar.

New this year! Smoothies will be served!

All different Inflatables set up on the north parking lot.



Susan Beyer was the winner of the First State Bank's back to school supplies...she then in turn donated it to our back to school supply box. This was then divided and given to LS school and Sully Christian School! Thank you to everyone who donated to this!



Brevin & Makayla Hansen
Brevin—March 3, 2000
Makayla—July 12, 2001
Anniversary: June 5, 2021

When Brevin Hansen arrived on the campus of Lynnville-Sully school, as a new student from Grinnell, he never realized he would be meeting his future wife Makayla there. However, with the help of friends, they were set up on a date in October of 2016. The rest, as they say, is history!

Their wedding was held on June 5, 2021 at First Reformed Church. With a few minor glitches, like the keys of the caterer getting locked in their car, and the air conditioning making a mess on the tables at the reception, the young couple was married! They now live in Hudson, Iowa with their dog, Chef.

The Hansen family doesn't regret moving to Sully, as they gained a new daughter-in-law in the process! Chris and Jodi, along with their children Brevin and Brittney, settled in and made Sully their home. Brevin graduated from Lynnville-Sully and is currently a student at the University of Northern Iowa working toward his CPA. During the summer he coaches ball.

Makayla grew up as one of the Rozendaal girls, belonging to Rod and Dana. The family, along with sister, Makenzy, who now lives in Ankeny, live on the north side of Sully. Makayla graduated from Lynnville-Sully high school, is presently a student at the University of Northern Iowa and works with kids during the summer. She plans to get a degree in Supply Chain Management.

The Hansen's enjoy going on dates, traveling and playing with their dog. Brevin has a secret ambition to manage the Minnesota Vikings! He also likes watching football and basketball. Makayla's goal is to visit all 50 states and loves to be outdoors!

When asked about special memories of First Reformed, Brevin and Makayla both recalled the time they were called up to the front of the church, and made an example by Pastor Wayne! Makayla also remembered Pastor Wayne officiating her grandpa's funeral just as he became our new pastor. They love First Reformed and it feels like home! The people are so kind and loving! They couldn't be more thankful for their church family!

Thank you Brevin and Makayla Hansen for letting us "Get To Know You Better!"



REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA



GO & MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS




Felipe and Janelle de Waard-Silva

PRAY

- For energy, patience, perseverance, and wisdom while serving abroad with young children, far from family.
- For the opening of the church plant in January 2020.
- For Felipe and Janelle as they take on new roles in ministry with the church plant.
- For provision and guidance for a new climbing and education center, part of the five-year vision.



About the ministry

The click of an unlocked door marks the beginning of another busy day at Fără Limite Climbing Gym in Vulcan, Romania. Chalk instantly covers hands, and clouds of chalk dust fill the air. Music blasts as kids scale the walls for the next seven hours. Cheers of encouragement and warm embraces provide a glimpse into the family they've built here, a stark contrast to many of the kids' lives outside the gym walls.

In partnership with the New Horizons Foundation, Felipe and Janelle work with Roma youth in the Jiu Valley to build trust, perseverance, character, and courage through rock climbing. In a town where poverty forces many parents to move away for work, this ministry provides youth an environment where they can experience safety and respect, develop life skills, pursue education, and come to know the love of Christ. Felipe and Janelle are also planting a church in the community of Dallas.

To learn more or support this ministry, visit:

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September 1

Brad Rozendaal ~ Mark Wyma

September 2

Colton Nikkel ~ Destiny Torres

September 3

Beryl Dunsbergen ~ Deven Liekweg

Kyle Van Dyke

September 5

Barb Jansen

September 6

Nick Harthoorn ~ Jeremy Vander Molen

September 7

Rod Zuidema ~ Jodie Roozeboom

September 8

Ron Dunsbergen (81)

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 (81)

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 (84)

September 27

Janelle Maasdam ~ Shirley Rozendaal

September 28

Josh Dunsbergen ~ Marlee Torres

Brayden Hardeman ~ Risa Vasileiadis

Karter Van Manen

September 29

Kristen Bradley ~ Kathy Zylstra

September 30

Bruce Dunsbergen ~ Tena Vanden Hoek

Skyler Young

September 1

Jerry & Pam Vander Beek—**43 years**

Cole & Kayla Henkle—**3 years**

September 4

Donavon & Darlys De Penning—**40 years**

Bruce & Lynn Dunsbergen—**34 years**

Dwayne & Janelle Maasdam—**28 years**

September 6

Gary & Dorothy Van Genderen—**53 years**

Duane & Marla Van Rees—**36 years**

September 7

Braden & Christine Van Wyk—**2 years**

September 8

Cale & Kendra Van Wyk— **3 years**

September 11

Bryce & Barb Van Der Wilt—**57 years**

September 12

Riley & Kim Rozendaal—**3 years**

Colton & Kristen Bradley— **1 year**

September 14

Gerald & Elaine Droppert—**42 years**

September 16

Earl & Marcia Rozendaal—**50 years**

September 17

Brandon & Andrea Vos—**10 years**

Madison & Trisha Hay—**5 years**

September 19

Harold & Velma Rozendaal—**34 years**

Scott & Deb Van Kooten—**35 years**

September 20

Kevin & Kelly Terlouw—**35 years**

September 24

Dave & Karla Winegar—**48 years**

September 25

David & Lisa Foster—**28 years**

Gerry & Jill Van Dyke—**28 years**

September 26

Chase & Chelsie Jansen—**1 year**

September 27

Doyle & Linda Huyser—**47 years**

Jeremy & Trisha Vander Molen—**7 years**

September 28

Jamie & Cindy Hackert—**25 years**

September 30

Mitch & Angela Corell—**4 years**



It all starts in the heart...every action and every word. So, how are things with your heart? Join me as we explore how our hearts affect our lives.

- Day 1-Leviticus 19:17-18
- Day 2-Deuteronomy 6:5-9
- Day 3-Deuteronomy 8:2
- Day 4-1 Samuel 16:7
- Day 5-1 Chronicles 28:9
- Day 6-Psalm 51:6-7
- Day 7-Psalm 62:5-8
- Day 8-Psalm 86:11-13
- Day 9-Psalm 90:12
- Day 10-Psalm 119:9-11
- Day 11-Proverbs 4:20-23
- Day 12-Proverbs 7:1-3
- Day 13-Proverbs 16:21-23
- Day 14-Proverbs 24:17-18
- Day 15-Proverbs 27:19
- Day 16-Proverbs 28:13-14

- Day 17-Ecclesiastes 3:11
- Day 18-Jeremiah 17:9-10
- Day 19-Jeremiah 23:23-24
- Day 20-Ezekiel 36:26-27
- Day 21-Matthew 6:19-21
- Day 22-Matthew 12:33-35
- Day 23-Luke 6:43-45
- Day 24-Luke 16:14-15
- Day 25-John 2:23-25
- Day 26-11 Corinthians 4:16-18
- Day 27-Ephesians 6:5-8
- Day 28-Colossians 3:12-14
- Day 29-1 Peter 3:3-4
- Day 30-1 John 3:19-20

Questions to Ask: How are things in your heart? What is the heart a source of? What does God say about our hearts?



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



2020 PRAYER CALENDAR

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| | | | 1 Verlan & Helen Brand | 2 Zach, Delaney & Nora Belle Brimeyer | 3 Travis, Karissa, Aiden & Brooklyn Chapman | 4 Lorna Christensen |
| 5 Coltin Collins | 6 Duane, Joni & Cheyanne Collins | 7 Mitch, Angela, Dorothy & Henry Corell | 8 Gary & Laura Lee Creasy | 9 Wayne & Reda Daniels | 10 Justin, Jayme, Connor, Chase & Caulen Deal | 11 Carl & Joyce De Goey |
| 12 Ryk & Jan De Goey | 13 Garrett, Jade, Adler, Odin & Tate De Hoedt | 14 Brent & Sandy De Jong | 15 Bryan & Carna De Jong | 16 Clarence De Jong | 17 Delia De Jong | 18 Eric De Jong |
| 19 Tracy De Jong | 20 Dale De Penning | 21 Donavon & Darlys De Penning | 22 Howard De Penning | 23 Nick, Hannah & Rose De Penning | 24 Bryce, Katelyn, Brinley & Kinsley Doane | 25 Gerald & Elaine Droppert |
| 26 Andy, Jamie, Christian, Ellington, Siara & Gloria Dunsbergen | 27 Beryl & Velda Dunsbergen | 28 Blake, Cathryn & Penelope Dunsbergen | 29 Brandon & Nicole Dunsbergen | 30 Bruce, Lynn & Ellie Dunsbergen | | |



2021 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|-----|--|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | | 6 pm Van Wyk/ James rehearsal | 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast | 4 pm Van Wyk/ James Wedding |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 9:30am Pastor Wayne Sneller 10:45 am Sunday school for all ages | Labor Day— Office Closed  | | 5—7 pm Carnival Night 5:00 Family Night Meal 6:45 pm 9th—12th 6:30 pm Elders Mtg. 6:45 pm Deacons 7:30 pm Consisto- ry Mtg. | 10—2 pm Class Reunion in Gathering Place | 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 9:30 am Rededic- ation Service—LS Gym—Van Harden 12 pm Rededication Committee Lunch- eon 6 pm Faithwalkers & IMPACT Kickoff | | | 5:30 Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th | | 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast | |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |
| Building Fund Offering 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Farewell Luncheon 5:00 pm Impact 6:30 pm Faithwalk- ers | | | 5:30 Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th | | | |

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