

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**  
**Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.**  
**Pastor Wayne Sneller**

Prelude .....*"Hallelujah"* .....flute solo—Gelene Evans , acc. by Laureen Van Wyk

\*Welcome & Call to Worship

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

\*Songs of Praise .....*"As We Gather"*  
.....*"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"*

\*Worship Prayer

Sacrament of Baptism for **Gloria Rae Dunsbergen**, daughter of  
**Andy & Jamie Dunsbergen**

Recognition of New Member through Profession of Faith for **Lucas Jones**

\*The Apostle's Creed—shown on powerpoint

Children's Message ..... Faye Brand

**3 yr. olds thru Kindergarten dismissed for Children &  
Worship Activities- Legacy Addition basement!**

Announcements/Congregational Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture ..... Acts 20:22-24(pg.903); Philippians 3:12-14(pg.959)

Message.....**"Living In God's Grace"** .....Pastor Wayne Sneller

**THE RESPONSE TO GOD**

\*Closing Hymn ..... *"This Is My Father's World"*

\*Benediction

\*Response ..... *"We Believe"*

**POSTLUDE** ..... Praise Team

\*Indicates standing if able CCLI License # 790003

\***Children's activity bags** are available in the south coat rooms & wing.

\***Offering Boxes** are at each of the door entrances—your Sunday offering can be placed in these!

\***Coffee time** will be served in the Gathering Place this morning!

\*The **back 5 rows of chairs on both sides of the sanctuary** will be reserved for parents with young children



*"I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us."*  
Philippians 3:14

# WEEKLY SCHEDULES

## Sunday, September 19

9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller  
 10:45 am Sunday school for ALL ages  
 5:00 pm Impact Youth Group  
 6:30 pm Faithwalker Youth Group

## Wednesday, September 22

3:30—5:30 pm STARS Afterschool Program  
 5:30 pm Family night meals  
 6:15 pm 6th—8th grade Small Group—Action Bible—Nick De Penning—meet in the Well  
 6:45 pm 9th—12th grade Small Group— The Chosen—Season 2—Gerald Droppert meets in the Light-house

## Thursday, September 23

5 pm Central Iowa Classis Meeting at Westview in Waukee, IA.

## Friday, September 24

7:30 am Prayer Breakfast for all 6th—12th grade- Gathering Place

## Sunday, September 26—Quarterly Building Fund Offering

9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller  
**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Farewell Luncheon in the Gathering Place—after the morning worship service

5:00 pm Impact Youth Group  
 6:30 pm Faithwalker Youth Group



### LOOKING AHEAD

Mark your Calendar - Friday, October 15.

Tentative plans – Daytrip for men and women - 9 am coffee time at church, going to: Soldiers Memorial and Matchstick Marvels in Gladbrook; Traer, a catered lunch at Brice Hoyt's Presbyterian Church and the Salt & Pepper Museum and ice cream shop; return back to Sully sometime after 5 for pizza at the Coffee Cup for those who care to do so. A cost will be determined for the trip for the noon meal and Museum costs. Ice cream treats and pizza will be on your own. Deadline to sign up October 3 - sheets placed by the offering boxes

# INFORMATION

We are in need of **volunteers to be responsible to decorate with flowers for the pulpit on Sundays.** The months available are February, March and June. Please contact **Karna Ver Ploeg at blackoak@netins.net** if you are able to help in this area of service.

College Address lists are in your mailbox!

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## PRAISE

- We extend our congratulations to **Derrick & Annette Zimmerman** on the birth of a healthy son, **Jacob Wilder**, born Friday, September 3. Everyone is doing great!
- Congratulations to **Aaron & Amber Van Wyk** in the birth of a healthy son, **John William**, born Tuesday, September 7. Everyone is doing great!
- This morning we have the privilege of celebrating the baptism of **Gloria Rae Dunsbergen**, daughter of **Andy & Jamie Dunsbergen**. We ask for God's blessing on this family!
- We also have the privilege of celebrating the profession of faith of **Lucas Jones**. Lucas works as a nurse in Des Moines. We ask for God's blessing on him as he continues his walk in faith

## CHURCH FAMILY

- Tate De Hoedt** infant son of Garrett & Jade was able to return home Thursday, September 16.

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- We extend our Christian sympathy to **Brenda Newell and family** in the death of her uncle, **Jerry Johnson**, age 63 who passed away suddenly on Saturday, September 4. His funeral service was held on Thursday, September 9 at Newton First Assembly of God.
- We extend our Christian sympathy to **Jake & Bailey Huyser** in the death of Bailey's father, **Keith Allen Smith Jr.**, age 56, passed away Sunday, September 12. Private burial was held Thursday, September 16 with Pastor Wayne Sneller presiding.



**BABY BLESSING BASKETS:** There are two baby blessing baskets set out in the Gathering Place for our newest little ones: **Jacob Wilder** son of **Derrick & Annette Zimmerman** born Friday, September 3, 2021; **John William**, son of **Aaron & Amber Van Wyk**, born Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

# OFFERING

**OFFERING for the week of September 5..... \$ 6,398.50 LABOR DAY OFFERING ..... \$6,110.00**  
**September 26 we will have our Quarterly Building Fund Offering. October 3 we will have our World Wide Communion Offering.** This is split between 1/3 Talking Bibles, 1/3 STARS Afterschool Program and 1/3 East Jasper Christian Food Pantry.

## MORNING SCHEDULE

September 19		September 26
Lisa D, Jennifer K Bristol H	<b>NURSERY</b>	Suzanne R, Nicole D Corrina R
<b>Parents:</b> Don & Hollie N <b>Storyteller:</b> Gerald D <b>Leader:</b> Lorna C	<b>CHILDREN IN WORSHIP</b>	<b>NO CHILDREN IN WORSHIP ACTIVITES</b>
Ruth R Nick DP	<b>PROJECTION LIVESTREAM</b>	Shawn H Bryce & Katelyn D
<b>Side:</b> Dwayne M Jeremy VM <b>Center:</b> Kevin VW <b>Wing:</b> Allen S	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>Side:</b> Joel VW Caden D <b>Center:</b> Ken VS <b>Wing:</b> Kurt H

**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

**Pastor Wayne Sneller**

**9:30 a.m.**

**September 19, 2021**

**The return from being broken resulted in the Apostle Paul giving us three illustrations of how we can express gratitude for God’s grace**

**1. I can show my gratitude for God’s grace by making my \_\_\_\_\_**

- When you understand the grace of God, you \_\_\_\_\_keep living in the same way you have always lived.
- Jesus Christ died for you. You are to use the \_\_\_\_\_ that God has given and live your life with that \_\_\_\_\_!
- Don’t waste your life! Make it count!
- “You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price, so you must honor God with your body.” I Corinthians 6:19b-20

**2. I can show my gratitude for God’s grace by becoming a \_\_\_\_\_ person.**

*“Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give.....And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” II Corinthians 9:7-8*

- What is Christ like? He is a \_\_\_\_\_!
- Are you going to \_\_\_\_\_ the God who gave His life for you?
- The truth is, you don’t really \_\_\_\_\_ anything.
- God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ His generosity!

**3. I can show gratitude for God’s grace by \_\_\_\_\_ the good news of grace.**

*“...my life is worth nothing unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus – the work of telling others of the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.” Acts 20:24*

- If someone died for you, you would like to \_\_\_\_\_ about it! Jesus did!

**Is anybody going to be in heaven because of you? Who am I going to \_\_\_\_\_?**

**Living in God’s grace is \_\_\_\_\_ the good news of God’s love! God’s grace!**

The consistory opened with prayer and devotions led by Pastor Wayne.

**The elders reported the following:**

- World Wide Communion will be held on October 3, 2021.
- Lucas Jones made profession of faith in Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was received as a member of First Reformed. He will be publically received on September 19, 2021.
- The baptismal request by Garrett and Jade De Hoedt for their sons Odin Duane and Tate Lee was approved. Tentative date for their baptism will be September 26, 2021.
- Fall Classis will be held in person at Westview Church, Waukee on September 23. Classis delegates are Pastor Wayne and elders Craig Maasdam and Teryl Ver Ploeg.

**The deacons reported the following:**

- August giving – General: \$32,021; Mission: \$865; Sunday school: \$15.50; Building Fund: \$2,752.53. General Fund balance: \$135,182.69; \$613.43 (Mission Disbursements for August (\$10,828.82); Building Fund balance: \$39,900.00.
- Thanksgiving offering will be designated to the Mission Fund.
- Transition support from Phil and Olivia Ikel (they transitioned to other job responsibilities) to Nicole Opgenorth in Nicaragua. (\$1,116 per year).

**Committee reports:**

- South parking lot paving project to start the week of September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Approved additional volunteers for educational positions (teachers, etc.)
- Reports shared from Children’s Director – Julie Van Manen and Youth reports from Jeff Knouse.
- Inter-Church Relations reported on Rededication Sunday on September 12 with Van Harden speaker.
- Pastoral relations shared that Interim pastor Rev. Tom VandeBerg will begin October 1, 2021. Pastor Wayne’s last Sunday will be September 26, 2021. (see new business)

**New Business:**

- Pastor Wayne signed the Dissolution of a Pastoral Relationship due to retirement effective September 27, 2021. His official date of retirement will be on December 31, 2021 but all pastoral duties with First Reformed will cease on September 27, 2021. First Reformed will provide salary, insurance and pension until 12-31-2021. It is also noted he will preside at a June 4, 2022 wedding at First Reformed.
- Pastor Wayne also signed a Covenant of Separation (also called Future Relationship) between his role as a pastor providing ministerial and pastoral leadership with First Reformed and his transition to friend of First Reformed. This role acknowledges he will encourage members to look to the new pastoral staff for care and leadership.
- These agreements were also signed by consistory and Rev. Carl Boersma, Classis pastor representative. These agreements will be forwarded to Central Iowa Classis and the Board of Benefit Service in New York where upon their reception retirement services can be initiated to Rev. Wayne Sneller.
- Nomination results were reviewed. 81 ballots were submitted for elder and deacon. Nominee assignments for elder and deacon for contact were given.

Pastor Wayne thanked the consistory for their leadership over the 12 years he has served First Reformed as their Pastor. He encouraged them to serve with a personal passion of Christ as Savior so that grace may abound in the church!

God is good!

For the consistory,

Pastor Wayne





Jeff Knouse,  
Youth & Education 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

\*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

## 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 Harthoorn & Hollie Nunnikhoven, Skyler Young & Lisa Dunsbergen

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

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

**Kindergarten –Children in worship area – Room #10**

**(Builders) - Imagine**

Teachers: Monica Nikkel & Lysandra Newell

**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)

**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 & Hannah De Penning

**4th Grade- Room #1 (Creation Station) - Marvel**

Teachers: Katelyn Beyer & Julie Van Manen

**5th Grade—Room # 11 (Trailblazers) Children in worship area—Marvel**

Teacher: Eloise Vos