



# Reformed *Inform*er

SEPTEMBER 2022

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SULLY, IOWA

There have been many seasons over the past 39 years since my first child was placed in my arms. Many times, I have felt like a failure as a mom. I prayed and prayed for a child, but God's plan and mine were very different. The adoption process was not an easy one. It was a long wait as the 1972 Roe vs. Wade became the law in America. Each phone call would end in, "I needed more patience since now only 1 out of 6 babies were placed into adoption. With so many now being aborted instead of being placed into adoption, the wait might lengthen." (The US statistics now state that every year there are 800,000 – 1 million abortions, with only 4% of unwanted pregnancies giving birth to children, which are then given up for adoption. That is 1 in 25.) Last month the 50-year law was overturned by the supreme court, and even after all the years I would rejoice that my birthmothers choose life instead of abortion for my precious children. Oh, how I love those young girls that choose LIFE!! It would take over 10 years of waiting, along with infertility treatments, but in February, 1984 my hopes and dreams become an answer to my prayers.

But with that prayer answered by adoption, I began to struggle with "Am I "going to be a good enough "MOM" for this precious child that He had entrusted to me?"

When I became the new mom, joy overflowed from me, and I so much wanted to be an attentive loving mom. But then the grind of caring for 2 children under the age of 3 gave me a feeling I was not what I hoped to be. Nothing prepares you through the years of raising middle school tweens and high school teens where the emotions and drama run high and every decision in their best interest turned into a battle of wills. And the graduation worries whether I was doing a good enough job of preparing them for the real world. And then you have the rebellious child and pray that God will soften their heart and turn back to God in His timing.

But by far the hardest season was becoming a single mom after separation and divorce. It was and still is a season consumed with daily worry over how the brokenness of our family might affect my children's hearts as well as my own. A season of carrying the weight of trying to be Mom and Dad and feeling like a failure at both. A season of perpetually longing to ease their emotional suffering, while at times knowing my own decisions or emotions are making things worse instead of better.

Regardless of the cause for a hard season or the ages of our children, the mind of a mom is where way too many battles take place. We constantly fight the lies of the enemy telling us we are not good enough and never will be.

Life is full of ups and downs, good times and bad, easy times and hard ones, but nothing is a shock to God. His plans are always perfect, including blessing us with the role of mother. Proverbs 3: 5-6 is always my fallback verse: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your path straight."*

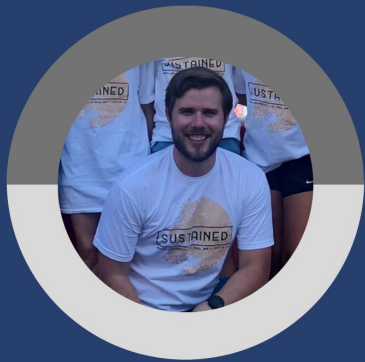
God knew the struggles you would face and even the mistakes my husband and I made, yet God made me the mom of my kids. The best one for the job of raising my children with unconditional love for them. It is powerful that even in the hardest days, you simply love them with your whole heart.

There is an unusual addition to my "Mom" story. In the last 6 months of my husband's life, we reconciled. Along with our reconciliation, the kids were able to reconcile with their father. In the final days of his life, joy instead of anger filled his room. We were so fortunate that God opened the seasons of our lives. It gave us a time to reflect on God's plans and his words: "For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven," Ecclesiastes 3:1. It is comforting to know that there is a time to be born and to die, plant and harvest, tear down and build up. A time for pain and healing, breaking, and mending, crying and laughing.

Isn't it wonderful knowing that we are enough with God's help? You are the best one for the job of raising your children whether born to you or by adoption!

Lord, help me to be the best mom I can be, no matter what my circumstances are. May I never forget to love you, myself and my children while standing in the truth that You have equipped me to be the mom I need to be -- mistakes, imperfections, and all. In Jesus Name. AMEN

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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 11—Kickoff—6 pm**  
**September 18**  
**September 25**

We've made it! Summer has come and gone, students are adjusting to being back at school, and activities are ramping up yet again. Which, as a youth director, gets me so excited because that means our programs are back! By the time you read this, we will have already had our first session of Sunday School, and the rest of our programs will start up shortly.

I've been reading a book recently called 3 Big Questions, which is about addressing the answers to 3 big questions that adolescents are asking: Who am I? Where do I belong? What is my purpose?

They can find answers to these questions in so many different areas: their athletic, academic, or musical achievements, the music they like, their friends or family, etc. The problem is that ultimately these things will let them down. There will always be someone faster or smarter, friendships break or drift apart, loved ones pass on. But we know that Jesus holds the answers for all these questions.

Their identity is in Christ, that He calls them His own. They belong in the family of God. They are called to live their lives for Him in whatever they do. These are simple answers, but they are true. Helping them discover them is a task that we must be up for.

So how can you speak truth into the adolescents who are a part of First Reformed Church? How can you as someone who is older and has more life experience intentionally disciple a young person in our community? This is our call too.

As we journey through this school year, I pray that you will consider those questions, and think about how you can play a role in the faith development of our young people.

Blessings, friends.

## FAITH WALKERS

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 2 Corinthians 5:7

**FAITHWALKERS—9th-12th grade**  
**We will meet EVERY Sunday evening**  
**at 6:30 pm in the Well (downstairs in**  
**the basement)**  
**September 11—Kick off—6 pm**  
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## SMALL GROUPS

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

6:15 PM - 6TH - 8TH GRADE IN THE WELL  
 NICK DE PENNING - FRANCIS CHAN STUDIES

6:45 PM - 9TH - 12TH GRADE IN THE LIGHTHOUSE  
 GERALD DROPPERT - THE CHOSEN - SEASON 3

Beginning Wednesday, September 7, 2022

## Every Friday Morning



**ALL 6th - 12th grade are invited**  
**FRIDAY MORNINGS AT 7:30 AM BEGINNING FRIDAY, AUGUST 26**

*Prayer Breakfast*

In the Gathering Place at First Reformed Church  
 with Jeff Knouse





**Sunday School BEGINS NEXT WEEK, August 28 at 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 south-west side of the basement.**

**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, Monica Nikkel & Lisa Dunsbergen

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

**Teachers:** Liz Harthoorn, Kayla Henkle, Shaleah James & Elaine Droppert

**Kindergarten –Children in worship area – Room #10 (Builders) - Imagine**

**Teachers:** Dawn Schechinger & Mel Vos

**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.**

Please contact the church office at [frcsully@netins.net](mailto:frcsully@netins.net) or Faye Brand at [fbrand@colinemfg.com](mailto:fbrand@colinemfg.com) with any questions

**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 Grade—Room #1—(Creation Station) - Wonder**

**Teachers:** Julie Van Manen & Annette Zimmerman

**3rd Grade – Room # 3 (Commandment Center) - Wonder**

**Teachers:** Joni Collins & Hannah De Penning

**4th & 5th Grade- Room #11 (Trailblazers) - Marvel**  
**Teacher:** Eloise Vos

**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 & Tim Vanden Hoek

**\*All 6th—8th grade classes are held upstairs in the Lighthouse (area above the wing)**

**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 9th—12th grade classes are held in The Well (northwest side of the basement)**



We are excited to begin the STARS After School Program Wednesday, September 7! Register TODAY!

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

**Family meal nights:**

October 12, November 16,  
February 1 & March 8

## After School STARS Program

**WHEN:** Wednesday's beginning September 7 – November 16, 2022 and January 4 – March 8, 2023

**WHERE:** First Reformed Church, Sully, IA

**WHO:** All Kindergarten – 5th Grade

**WHAT:** Bible Study, Learning Activities, Crafts, Music, Snack

**FREE!**

*You're Invited!*

We meet after school until 5:30 pm each Wednesday. The kids are walked from Lynnville-Sully School to the church. Those attending Sully Christian School can be dropped off. To register your child by August 31, please visit the church website [sullyfrc.org](http://sullyfrc.org) and complete the registration form under the children's ministries tab on home page, or contact STARS Coordinator Eloise Vos at [mevos@netins.net](mailto:mevos@netins.net) or 641-521-5861.



# Upcoming EVENTS

Sully Christian Reformed & First Reformed Churches  
Invite you to their

## REDEDICATION SERVICE

Robbie  
Robinson

speaking on

"Kingdom Ambassadors"



My name is Robbie Robinson, a man after God's own heart!  
I'm married to Emily Robinson and we have 6 children, Robquez, Diamond, Penelope, Eli, Izayah, and Maya. I am the Founder and Executive Director of Discover Hope 517 Ministry and Pastor of New Creation Church in Newton, IA. I love being loud and spending time with my family. I enjoy weight lifting and playing basketball. In my spare time sitting with the Lord!  
Sharing the gospel message is my heartbeat!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**  
**AT 9:30 AM**  
**AT THE**  
**LYNNVILLE SULLY HIGH**  
**SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

A nursery is provided at the LS middle school gym

**Bible League's The Power of the Word retreat is Thursday, September 22 at Calvary CRC in Pella.**  
Register online at [bibleleague.org/tickets](http://bibleleague.org/tickets) or phone Judy at 709-367-8546. Cost \$40 single/\$70 married couple.

### Give Thanks and Sing

For the Thanksgiving service **Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m.** there will be an opportunity to give thanks and sing in an SATB youth through adult choir. Two rehearsals will be held on **Wednesdays November 9 and 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.** Contact **Gelene Evans** by email, [gelene.evans@gmail.com](mailto:gelene.evans@gmail.com) or text, 641.521.5416 with your name, the part you prefer to sing—soprano, alto, tenor, or bass, and how you read music—well, kind of, or not at all.

*"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly... through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." Colossians 3:16*  
*"I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live." Psalm 104:33*



**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.

### **Kettle Corn & Smoothies will be served!**

All different Inflatables set up on the north parking lot.

### FAMILY NIGHT IS IN NEED OF HELP

**Donations needed:**

Please drop off in the Legacy Kitchen

Hamburger	Butter
Peanut butter	sliced dill pickles
Mini Marshmallows	Mustard
White corn syrup	
#10(lg.) cans of peaches	
lg. cans of cream of chicken soup	
Walmart or Fareway gift cards	
Large cans of Bush's Baked Beans	
#10(large) cans of green beans	
Boxes of Rice Krispies	





## Ross & Emily Van Wyk

**Birthdays:** Ross: 11/26/1997

Emily: 3/29/2001

**Anniversary:** June 4, 2022

Growing up in the Sully area, Ross Van Wyk remembers enjoying the Christmas candlelight services with his family at First Reformed. The church Emily Van Gorp grew up in had multiple generations of her family attending so she always got to sit with her great-grandmother every Sunday for the service. Emily loved listening to her wisdom and laughs she had to share every week! They appreciate all of the effort, work and love put into the Youth Department at First Reformed and would like to see more Bible study groups for young couples like themselves in the future.

Rusty and Sharla Van Wyk are Ross' parents and when he was growing up, he lived in Sully. Shaleah (Rylan) James is a sister to Ross and he graduated from Lynnville-Sully high school. After high school, he completed the welding program at DMACC in Newton. He works at Streeters in Prairie City as a machinist and farms part-time with his dad and brother-in-law. Ross loves anything outdoors, farm related or sports related. It's no secret he would love to be a full time farmer!

Emily grew up on a farm five miles outside of Sully with her parents Darrell and Jennifer Van Gorp. She has three brothers who all live at home; Kyle, Lukas and Owen. She also graduated from Lynnville-Sully high school and then went on to Iowa State University to get her Bachelor's of Science degree in Human Development and Family Studies. She works as the Care Coordinator at Agape Pregnancy Resource Center. She enjoys gardening, (wishing she could stay ahead of the weeds in the garden for one year, but that may be impossible!!) trying new recipes, and helping on the farm.

Ross and Emily both grew up in the Sully area, but reconnected while attending a wedding they were both invited to. They were married at First Reformed, and the first thing they did as a married couple was to stop at Caseys and pick up a Dr. Pepper!! They make their home on a farm between Killduff and Newton. Taking their dog Sadie on walks, watching movies, going to Bbops, and farming together are some of their common interests!

Thank you Ross & Emily Van Wyk for letting us "Get To Know You Better!"



### Discover Hope 5:17 Ministry *Stronger Together* Banquet 2022

Thursday, October 20th 2022  
Social Hour 5-6 pm  
Banquet 6 pm to 8 pm  
Community Heights Alliance  
2500 S 13th Ave E  
Newton, IA 50208

FELLOWSHIP, DINNER & KEY NOTE SPEAKER

TO GET THE REGISTRATION LINK PLEASE EMAIL [info@discoverhope517.com](mailto:info@discoverhope517.com)  
OR SEE QR CODE ON BACK

Discover Hope 517 Ministry cordially invites you to the annual Blessing Banquet! This year's theme is "**Stronger Together**". Join us in celebrating the amazing ways that God is using the Ministry to advance his Kingdom, as well as to bring awareness of Discover Hope to those that may be unfamiliar with our mission and vision. We will have guest speakers, ministry updates, vision casting, fellowship and delicious food! The event opens at 5:00 PM with fellowship and refreshments. The Banquet will begin promptly at 6:00 PM.

Attire is semi-formal, and we graciously request that attendees are adults only.

Discover Hope 517 is a faith-based 501(c)3 non-profit Recovery Community Organization (RCO), dedicated to providing recovery and restoration for those struggling with addiction.

Discover Hope believes in the power of God's Word, prayer, and

restoration. It is a place to find a community to believe in you while you work on your recovery.

"To Change A Life Is To Change A Community" YOU can make a difference.

To register for our Blessings Banquet, please click the link below: <https://discoverhope517.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1388904>

**\*\*Please note that if you would like to sponsor a table, 6 single seats will need to be purchased\*\***





#### September 1

Brad Rozendaal ~ Mark Wyma

#### September 2

Colton Nikkel ~ Destiny Torres

#### September 3

Beryl Dunsbergen ~ Deven Liekweg

Kyle Van Dyke ~ Jacob Zimmerman

#### September 5

Barb Jansen (80)

#### September 6

Nick Harthoorn ~ Jeremy Vander Molen

#### September 7

Rod Zuidema ~ Jodie Roozeboom

John Van Wyk

#### September 8

Ron Dunsbergen (82)

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

#### September 15

Lynnette Fikse

#### September 16

Ryk De Goey ~ Diana Scandridge

#### September 17

Kelly Terlouw ~ Ezra Cunningham

#### September 19

Evan Fikse

#### September 21

Chad Fikse ~ Sheri Huyser

Shirley Van Genderen

Alvin Rozendaal (82)

#### September 22

Alyssa Bassett ~ Suzanne Rozendaal

Elaine Scholten ~ Faith Harthoorn

#### September 23

Clay Huyser

#### September 25

Taylor Maasdam ~ Stacie Van Der Wilt

Chase Deal

#### September 26

Earl Rozendaal ~ Emery Bruck

Gilbert Van Maanen (85)

#### September 27

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—44 years

Cole & Kayla Henkle—4 years

#### September 4

Donavon & Darlys De Penning—41 years

Bruce & Lynn Dunsbergen—35 years

Rylan & Shaleah James—1 year

#### September 6

Gary & Dorothy Van Genderen—54 years

Duane & Marla Van Rees—37 years

#### September 7

Braden & Christine Van Wyk—3 years

#### September 8

Cale & Kendra Van Wyk—4 years

#### September 11

Bryce & Barb Van Der Wilt—58 years

#### September 12

Riley & Kim Rozendaal—4 years

#### September 14

Gerald & Elaine Droppert—43 years

#### September 16

Earl & Marcia Rozendaal—51 years

#### September 17

Brandon & Andrea Vos—11 years

#### September 19

Harold & Velma Rozendaal—35 years

Scott & Deb Van Kooten—36 years

#### September 20

Kevin & Kelly Terlouw—36 years

#### September 24

Dave & Karla Winegar—49 years

#### September 25

David & Lisa Foster—29 years

Gerry & Jill Van Dyke—29 years

#### September 26

Chase & Chelsie Jansen—2 years

#### September 27

Doyle & Linda Huyser—48 years

Jeremy & Trisha Vander Molen—8 years

#### September 30

Mitch & Angela Corell—5 years



# September

## Courage

Day 1 – Joshua 1:9	Day 20 – 1 John 5:14-15
Day 2 – Deuteronomy 31:6	Day 21 – Romans 8:15
Day 3 – 2 Timothy 1:7	Day 22 – Acts 1:8
Day 4 – Proverbs 28:1	Day 23 – Luke 10:19
Day 5 – Psalm 27:14	Day 24 – 2 Corinthians 12:9
Day 6 – Psalm 31:24	Day 25 – 1 Corinthians 4:20
Day 7 – Ephesians 6:10-11	Day 26 – Colossians 1:9-14
Day 8 – Psalm 112:6-8	Day 27 – Ephesians 3:14-19
Day 9 – Isaiah 41:10	Day 28 – Isaiah 40:29-31
Day 10 – Psalm 16:8	Day 29 – 2 Corinthians 3:9-12
Day 11 – Isaiah 12:2	Day 30 – Ephesians 3:20-21
Day 12 – Psalm 56:3-4	
Day 13 – Psalm 27:1-3	
Day 14 – 1 Corinthians 15:58	
Day 15 – John 14:27	
Day 16 – Ephesians 3:8-12	
Day 17 – Acts 4:29-31	
Day 18 – Hebrews 4:14-16	
Day 19 – Hebrews 10:19-23	




Our **Lead Pastor** and **Children's Director** employment opportunities are listed on our website and you may know just the person who needs to hear about this opportunity! More details, job description, and application process here: <http://sullyfrc.org/resources/employment-opportunities/>




# 2022 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Jaden & Hailey Rolffs	2 Scott & Valerie Rolffs	3 Gary & Janice Roorda
4 Dylan, Jodie & Reagan Roozeboom	5 John & Julie Roozeboom	6 Alvin & Shirley Rozendaal	7 Brad, Stephanie, Ashton & Owen Rozendaal	8 Brent Rozendaal	9 Earl & Marcia Rozendaal	10 Ellen Rozendaal
11 Harold & Velma Rozendaal	12 Jeremy, Becky, Jay, Case & Caroline Rozendaal	13 Josh, Suzanne Corrina, Jordyn & Gabe Rozendaal	14 Kendall, Marlene & Asher Rozendaal	15 Marilyn Rozendaal	16 Makenzy Rozendaal	17 Randy & Shelly Rozendaal
18 Riley & Kim Rozendaal	19 Rod & Dana Rozendaal	20 Russ & Lois Rozendaal	21 Bob & Diana Scandridge	22 Cooper Scandridge	23 Payton Scandridge	24 Matt, Dawn, Asher, Peyton, Lucy & Sam Schechinger
25 Chet, Ali & Brody Schnell	26 Dick Schnell	27 Allen Scholten	28 Andrew & Emily Scholten	29 Arie & Elaine Scholten	30 Mark & Sarah Scholten	October 1 Drew, Shelby, Carter & Henry Shinkle



# 2022 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>First Reformed Church</b> 807 3rd St. PO Box 208 Sully, Iowa 50251 641-594-2935 <a href="mailto:frcsully@netins.net">frcsully@netins.net</a> <a href="http://www.sullyfrc.org">www.sullyfrc.org</a> Our morning service is livestreamed through our website				1	2  7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	3
4  9:30 am Pastor Tom VandeBerg 10:45 am Sunday school for all ages	5  Labor Day— Office Closed  	6	7  3:30 pm STARS After school program begins! 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th –12th	8	9  7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	10
11  9:30 am Rededication Service—LS Gym—Robbie Robinson 6 pm Faithwalkers & IMPACT Kickoff	12	13	14  3:30 pm STARS 5—7 pm Carnival Night 5:00 pm Fall Kick off Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	15	16  7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	17
18  9:30am Pastor Tom VandeBerg 10:45 am Sunday School for all ages 5 pm IMPACT youth 6:30 pm Faithwalkers	19	20	21  3:30 pm STARS 5:30 Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th 6:45 pm 9th—12th 6:30 pm Elders Mtg. 6:45 pm Deacons 7:30 pm Consistory Mtg.	22  5:30 pm Central Iowa Classis Mtg.	23  7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	24
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