

## **GLORIFY, GROW AND GO!**

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SIBLEY, IOWA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** LUKE 2:21-40 PG. 1591

### **TODAY'S MESSAGE:**

*"FIRST CHRISTMAS STORIES FROM THE BIRTH OF CHRIST—  
A PROMISE FULFILLED"*

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**Welcome Guests!** We are delighted and honored that you are worshipping with us today. We strive to be a warm, welcoming place for you to glorify God. We encourage you to please fill out an information card and place it in the offering plate as it is being passed. To find out more about First Reformed Church, stop at the Information Center in the Narthex, or visit our website: [www.sibleyfrfc.org](http://www.sibleyfrfc.org).

### ***Glorify! God With Worship***

#### **9 am - Cornerstone Service**

*Children and Worship (3 yrs.—Kindergarten)*

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**10:10-10:50 am**

#### **Coffee Fellowship**

**NO Sunday School due to Christmas Break**

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#### **Open Door Service-11 am**

Join us for a time of praise and worship by use of music, prayer, scripture and a Bible Talk.

*Children and Worship (3 yrs.—Kindergarten)*

**Offerings: Dec. 24, 2017:** General Fund—\$4,881; Benevolent Fund—\$1,305; Building—\$105; Lighting—\$130; **Special offering for January** is Osceola County Love Bank. Christmas Eve Offering: \$3,888.

## ***Grow! In His Word***

**Sunday, December 31** This morning, Pastor Luke will conclude his sermon series, "First Christmas Stories From the Birth Of Christ — A Promise Fulfilled"

- **8:20 am:** Senior Choir will meet.
- **Both services are at regular times**
- **No Sunday School**

#### **Monday:**

- **Happy New Years!!! Church offices will be closed for the day.**

#### **Tuesday:**

- **8:30 am:** Chickadee Quilters

#### **Wednesday:**

- **9:00 am: Coffee with the Pastor**
- **No Bible Classes & Youth Groups**

**Sunday, January 7, 10:00 Combined Worship Service.** This morning, Pastor Luke will begin his new sermon series, "Body Building—Building Champions for Kingdom Results – Flex Your Muscles." We will have our Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons this morning. We are also blessed to celebrate the sacrament of Infant Baptism of Haley Marie Klaassen daughter of Clint and Jamie Klaassen.

- **9:20 am:** Senior Choir will meet. We will also provide the special music this morning.
- **8:30 am: Romania Trip Brunch Fundraiser**
- **No Sunday School**

## ***Go! And Serve Him***

### **Opportunities to Serve our Church and Community**

**Faith in action for January is Layettes for Center of Hope in Sioux Falls.** Anything a mom would need for a newborn: receiving blankets, onesies, nightgowns, burp cloths, baby oil/lotion, diapers. Whatever you can think of. (Remember Mom, too!) All donated items need to be new. Thanks!

**365 Day Reading Challenge.** It's January! The beginning of the year is a great time to get back on track with reading your Bible. Over the next 12 months we will be printing a list of scriptures in **The Newsletter** that will take you through the Bible from beginning to end — chronologically. Maybe reading the Bible this way is new for you, or maybe you have used this style before. Either way, it is a fun way to work your way through the best book ever written. We hope you enjoy your 365 Day Challenge!

**The Deacons have received money** that has been designated to go toward the new lighting project in the Sanctuary. If you feel led to contribute to this project as well, please designate this on your offering and those funds will be set aside.

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**TEACHERS ARE NEEDED!!** We are in need of Wednesday Night Teachers starting January 10. Please prayerfully consider giving of your time to help build God's Kingdom one child at a time. If you are interested please log onto our Google Docs or talk to Deb Kosters to get signed up. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1idJE4sd9Mktix67DTzefCymUv4HxMY5oyeAdFQsHQrU/edit#gid=0>.

**We are looking for individuals** to help run the sound board. If you feel led to help out in this way, please check out the Information Center and sign up to help. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

**Romania Mission Trip:** We are looking to plan two mission trips to Romania during the months of April and May. If you are interested in either or both of these trips please contact Pastor Luke for more information.

**We have extra Papa Murphy's Pizza** for sale in the freezer in the kitchen. Please place your pizza money in the envelope on the door. Thanks!

**It is Church Phone Directory time!!** Please take a couple minutes and look through your Church Phone Directory to see if your information is correct or if it is missing something. If you would like to make a change please let the office know before January 18. Thanks!

**Our quilters are in need of** blankets, bedspreads, mattress pads etc. If you happen to have some of these you would like to get rid of, please bring them to the Fireside Room.

**Ladies, start 2018 by being part of a new Bible Study!** The group will be meeting weekly on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. The study will be Chase – Chasing after the heart of God by Jennie Allen. As we study David's life and his Psalms, we will see a man who spent his life chasing after God. Through David's example, we can apply the lesson material to what God wants from us. Sign-up sheet and a copy of the study book are on the information center. First meeting will be January 22. Please join us. Contact Annette Janssen if you have questions.

**Right Now Media...** If you would like to be signed up to take advantage of Right Now Media, please stop at the Information Center to fill out the Sign-up slip (only your email is needed) and place the slip in the box. Thanks!

**The Osceola Community Express board** is looking for a bus driver. It would be perfect for a retired person but you do not have to be. If interested call Jerry Johnson at 712-461-0470.

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**SPECK 'n' DICKEN GERMAN NEW YEAR'S PANCAKES** Everyone is invited to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sibley, Sunday, December 31, serving 11:00am-1:00pm. The Maxwell family will be serving a German New Year's traditional pancake meal called "Speck 'n' Dicken", made with meat and the flavor of anise. Free will offering.

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church** invites you to their 9th ANNUAL POLKA SERVICE AND GERMAN MEAL, Sunday, January 28 starting at 10:00am. The German meal of brats & hotdogs, sauerkraut, German potato salad, chips, beans, homemade desserts and drink will be served from 11:00am-12:30pm. Freewill offering.

**Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Classes** are coming January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm to the Sibley United Methodist Church. The one-hour classes will be held on Tuesday nights for nine weeks with babysitting available. Come the first night for FREE to see if you would like to complete the course. After that the cost is \$110 per couple. The fee is just to cover the materials we do not profit from putting on the class. Wouldn't you love to not be stressed over debt? Dave will show us how. We sure hope to see you there. You can contact Amy Strouth with questions [712-348-4091](tel:712-348-4091) by calling or texting.

### Advance Notices:

- January 8: 7:00 pm: Administrative Meeting  
 January 10: 9:00 am: Mothers Together will meet  
 2:00 FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services.  
 January 15: 9:00 am Faith Bible Study will meet  
 4:00 pm Patience Bible Study will meet.  
 6:00 pm Elders / Deacons meetings  
 7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet  
 January 22: 7:00 pm Ladies' Monday Evening Bible Study will begin  
 January 24: 9:00 am Mothers Together will meet

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***All bulletin announcements are due in the church office on Wednesdays by noon. Bulletins are printed on Thursday morning.***	

## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	<b>This Week: December 31</b>	<b>Next Week: January 7</b>
<b>Cornerstone Greeters:</b>	<b>W:</b> Ken & Sharalyn Tjaden <b>M:</b> Brent & Chelsey Town/family <b>E:</b> Greg & Tami Tracy/family	<b>W:</b> Harold & Shelia Van Der Sloot <b>M:</b> Mark & Kim Van Der Sloot <b>E:</b> Ger & Barb Van Diepen
<b>After Church Greeters:</b>	<b>SE:</b> Pastor Luke <b>C:</b> Josh Lucas <b>SW:</b> Larry Riebeling <b>BE:</b> Cal Runia <b>BW:</b> Bob Tiedeman	<b>SE:</b> Duane Vande Hoef <b>C:</b> Pastor Luke <b>SW:</b> Josh Lucas <b>BE:</b> Paul Vander Linden <b>BW:</b> John Van Diepen
<b>Prayer with the Elders:</b>	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Marcus DeBoer <b>Open Door:</b> Heath DeJong	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Lawrence Wiersma <b>Open Door:</b> Lennis Harberts
<b>Children and Worship:</b>	<b>9:00 am:</b> <u>No Children and Worship</u>  <b>11:00 am:</b> <u>No Children and Worship</u>	<b>10:00 am:</b> <b>Combined Worship</b> Leader: Annette Janssen Helper: The Family of Logan Ver Steeg
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Brenda Michelson & Linda Mehls <b>Sunday School:</b> <u>No Sunday School</u> <b>Open Door Service:</b> Tiffany & Liz Wynia	<b>Cornerstone 10:00am:</b> Jenna Ver Steeg & Chelsey Town <b>Sunday School:</b> <u>No Sunday School</u> <b>Open Door Service:</b> <b>No 11:00 Service</b>
<b>Library:</b>	Kathy / Joel Verdoorn	Ruth Ann Wiersma
<b>Coffee:</b>	Ed and Jan Harskamp	Burdell & Jan Henrichs

