

# The 7 I AM STATEMENTS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



JOHN 8:12-19

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

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SIBLEY, IOWA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** JOHN 8:12-19 PG. 1662

**SERMON TITLE:** "THE 7 I AM STATEMENTS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN — I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

**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 a visitor card found by the hymnals in the pew 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.sibleyrc.org](http://www.sibleyrc.org).

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

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

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

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

#### **Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School**

- Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
- Sunday School for ages 3 yrs.—Adult
- Sunday School Guide Class will meet in the Library
- Men's Bible Study: "24 Hours That Changed the World" meets on the west end of the Fellowship Hall
- Prayer Time with the Elders in Pastor's Office

#### **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: Feb. 18, 2018:** General Fund—\$4,423; Benevolent Fund—\$350; Building—\$55; Lighting—\$60; MS/HS remnant—\$530.

**Special offering for February** is HS and MS Remnant.

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

**Sunday, February 25:** This morning Pastor Luke will continue his sermon series entitled "The 7 I AM Statements in the Gospel of John — *I AM The Light of the World.*"

- **No Senior Choir Practice** this morning
- **11:00 am-1:00 pm WeCare of Osceola County** will be hosting a Pork Loin Meal fundraiser for the Daiker family at the S-O High School Commons
- **1:30 pm: Easter Cantata Practice**

**Tuesday, February 27:**

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

**Wednesday, February 28:**

- **6:30 am:** Men's Lenten Breakfast at St. Andrew's Catholic Church
- **9:00 am:** Mothers Together will meet
- **6:30 pm:** A Study on Philippians will meet at The Lantern
- **Bible Classes & Youth Groups**
  - 6:30-7:15 pm: Bible Class for 1st—5th Grade**
  - 6:30-7:15 pm: Middle School Remnant meets** in the Youth Room
  - 7:15-8:30 pm HS Remnant meets** in the Youth Room

**Thursday, March 1:**

**5:30 pm:** Community Grief Support Group will meet at The Lantern

**Sunday, March 4:** This morning Pastor Luke will continue his sermon series entitled "The 7 I AM Statements in the Gospel of John — *I AM The Vine.*" The Senior Choir will sing this morning at the Cornerstone Service.

- **8:40 am Senior Choir** will practice this morning
- **1:30 pm: Easter Cantata Practice**

## ***Mark Your Calendars:***

**March 7: 9:00 am Coffee with the Pastor**

- **5:00-7:00 pm High School Remnant Soup and Pie Supper**
- **No Classes for 1st-5th Grades or MS Remnant**

**March 14: 6:30 am Men's Lenten Breakfast at the Presbyterian church.**

**2:00 pm FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services**

**March 17: 9:00 am Women's Lenten Breakfast at FRC**

**March 28: 6:30 am Men's Lenten Breakfast at the Christian Reformed Church**

**March 29: 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion**

**March 30: 5,7,9:00 Passion Play at the Sibley Ocheyedan High School**

**\*\*Faith in action for March is:** Nursing Home Prizes. This month we are encouraging everyone to bring at least one item for the residents of our local nursing homes. Sibley Rehab needs items for bingo prizes: Little Debbie or other individually wrapped snacks and candy bars. Country View needs items for their general store: jewelry, small knickknacks, shaving cream, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste & brushes, hard candies, etc.

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

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

**WeCare of Osceola County will be hosting a Pork Loin Meal Today,** Sunday, February 25th 11am until 1pm in the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School Commons. as a fundraiser for the family of Brian Daiker who passed away unexpectedly on December 5, 2017. He is survived by his wife Jamiey (Gaalswyk) Daiker and two children, ages 11 and 5. The meal will be served from The meal will consist of grilled pork loin or hot dogs, cheesy potatoes, green beans, tea roll, dessert, coffee, lemonade & water. **Carry-outs will be available.** A freewill offering will be accepted for the family. WeCare is being assisted by Sibley-Ocheyedan School District & Sibley First Reformed Church. For questions, contact Kris at 712-202-4446 or vipondkris@hotmail.com.

**It's Soup and Pie Supper Time!!!** The High School Remnant Youth Group is having their annual soup and pie supper Wednesday, March 7th from 5-7 pm.

**We Need Your Help...** Sign up sheets for donations of food for the Soup and Pie Supper are posted on the information center. We need everyone's help to make this a successful event. **\*\*This is a High School Youth Group Fundraiser** so parents, please take a moment and see what items you can help out with. Thanks in advance!!

**An Easter Memorial Garden** will decorate the front of our church on Easter morning. Order forms are available on the Information Center. Purchased flowers can be dedicated to the memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion. There is a place on the bottom of the order form for you to indicate your dedication. Completed order forms along with payment need to be placed in the box on the Information Center by Today, Sunday, February 25th.

**The Inspiration Hills Women's Auxiliary** Annual meeting will be Thursday, March 22, 2018. Registration and coffee time will start at 9:30 AM. The meeting will begin at 10:00. Cost for the meal is \$10. There will be a silent auction and entertainment provided by Judi Scherwin, Parish Nurse at Gloria Dei Lutheran in Sioux Falls. Make your reservation by Mar 14 by calling Inspiration Hill at 1-712-986-5193 or toll free 1-800-858-3265.

**The Osceola County Ministerial Association** would like to invite you to experience a Good Friday Passion Play on Friday, March 30, 2018. There will be three performances at 5:00, 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School Auditorium, Sibley, IA. FREE tickets are available and may be reserved by calling 712-754-2945. Church groups and organizations may request enough tickets for their entire group. Please do not reserve more than you actually need.

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

**“This Is God” Easter Cantata needs your voice!** Practices will be at 1:30 pm Sunday Feb 25, March 4,11,18 with a later time for March 25 (due to Passion Play meeting) for all those interested in joining. We are looking forward to a great turn out with many voices!!!

**The Baby Bottle Campaign** for the Cherish Center in Milford, Iowa has begun. Take an empty bottle from the table, fill it with your change or bills, return it to the table at church. That’s it! All Baby Bottles are due by next Sunday, **March 4th**. Thanks in advance for your help!!

**Ladies you are invited to a fun and relaxing morning** out as we reflect on the Lenten season. First Reformed Church will be hosting the annual Women's Lenten Breakfast on March 17 at 9:00 am. Come for a time of faith, food and fellowship. If you are interested in attending please sign up at the Information Center by March 12. Hope to see you there!

**World Day of Prayer** will be held on Friday, March 2, at 2:00 p.m., in the First Presbyterian Church sanctuary. We cordially invite the community to attend. The host country is Suriname, with the focus on Genesis 1, the story of Creation, and with the theme *All God’s Creation Is Very Good*. The guest speaker will be Rev. Scott Burdsall, who will talk about his ministry to Muslims in Great Britain. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall after the program.

**Upcoming TEC!!** Are you a high school student or do you know a high school student that is interested in growing their relationship with Jesus and meeting new people? Northwest Iowa TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) is hosting a retreat weekend at Faith Reformed Church in Rock Valley, Iowa on March 16-18, 2018. Also, if you have previously attended T.E.C. and would like to work at it, there is still room for you to sign up too!! For more information and registration forms go to [www.nwiowatec.com](http://www.nwiowatec.com) or look up Northwest Iowa Teens Encounter Christ on Facebook. If you have any question talk to Nick (712-461-2623) or Nate (712-461-1529) Buysman.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** Plans are being made for the Osceola County Ministerial Association’s Good Friday Passion Play. In order for this to be a success, individuals are needed to participate in the presentation as well as contribute financial donations. If you would like to participate, please call Peg or Curt Van Kley at 712-754-2945, Gretchen Bartelson at 712-301- 3748 or Becky Krogman at 712-754-2967 so that your name can be included on the program. It is very important that we know if you will be able to take part in or help with the Passion Play.

## **Sermon Notes:**

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## Pray for God's People



If you have a pastoral need, please call Pastor Luke Schouten, 920-889-3911, any consistory elder or the church office (754-2783) Remember, we cannot print your name unless you have granted FRC permission to do so. If you have a prayer request you would like included, please contact the office.

- **Pray for those in assisted living:** Ethel Jurgens and Geneva Wissink.
- **Pray for our nursing home residents:** Larry Buysman, Minnie De Jong, Tracy Den Beste and Dutch Kruger
- **Pray for our Missionaries:** Dr. Bernadeth Kelly and Adrian Bobb, Jeff and Chelsea Lampen, Sayuri Kist-Okazaki, Brian and Donna Renes, J.J. and Tim TenCley, Rowland and Jane Van Es.

## Prayer Requests

**Please pray for continued healing** for Michael Block Jr., JoAnn Calsbeek, Glenda De Boer, and Madison Brouwer.

**We also ask that you keep Jamie Bruxvoort** in your prayers as he recovers from surgery last weekend. Pray for healing and patience for him as he regains his strength.

**Burt Henrichs** underwent his second eye surgery this past Thursday. Please continue to pray for healing for him.

## With Deepest Sympathy

**Our sympathies are extended to Dale and Karen Honken and family** in the passing of Dale's mother, Jean Honken. Jean, age 80 of Sibley, passed away at the Osceola Community Hospital on Saturday, February 17. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 24th at the First Reformed Church in Melvin. May God comfort those who sorrow.

## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	<b>This Week: February 25</b>	<b>Next Week: March 4</b>
<b>Cornerstone Greeters:</b>	<b>W:</b> Dean & Michelle Ackerman <b>M:</b> Derek & Megan Ackerman <b>E:</b> Mitch & Angie Ackerman	<b>W:</b> Brian & Chelsey Alexander/family <b>M:</b> Brian & Elia Altoff/family <b>E:</b> Bobby & Dee Baker
<b>After Church Greeters:</b>	<b>SE:</b> Ken Loerts <b>C:</b> Ed Meendering <b>SW:</b> Dick Oldenkamp <b>BE:</b> Pastor Luke <b>BW:</b> Josh Lucas	<b>SE:</b> Josh Lucas <b>C:</b> Lyle Peelen <b>SW:</b> Larry Riebeling <b>BE:</b> Cal Runia <b>BW:</b> Pastor Luke
<b>Prayer with the Elders:</b>	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Marcus De Boer <b>Open Door:</b> Heath De Jong	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Lawrence Wiersma <b>Open Door:</b> Lennis Harberts
<b>Children and Worship:</b>	<b>9:00 am Leader:</b> Deb K. <b>Helper:</b> Ashilyn Hulstein <b>11:00 am Leader:</b> Deb K. <b>Helper:</b>	<b>9:00 am Leader:</b> Annette Janssen <b>Helper:</b> Family of Brynna Loerts <b>11:00 am Leader:</b> Annette Janssen <b>Helper:</b> Family of Logan Ver Steeg
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>Cornerstone 9:00am:</b> Lesa Stofferan & Jodene Kruse <b>Sunday School:</b> Pam Vande Hoef <b>Open Door Service:</b> Wendy & Jahlyn De Jong	<b>Cornerstone 9:00am:</b> Kathy Verdoorn & Marcia Van Ruler <b>Sunday School:</b> Peg Van Kley <b>Open Door Service:</b> Melissa Anderson & Melissa Langstraat
<b>Library:</b>	Mary Hustoft	Jan Juffer
<b>Coffee:</b>	Roger & Carol Iedema	Ed & Leona Meendering

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