

# The 7 I AM STATEMENTS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



JOHN 10:7-9

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

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SIBLEY, IOWA  
SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** JOHN 10:7-9 PG. 1666

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

**Welcome Guests!** We are delighted and honored that you are worshiping 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.sibleyfrc.org](http://www.sibleyfrc.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: March 11, 2018:** General Fund—\$9,235; Benevolent Fund—\$340; Building—\$5; HS/MS Remnant—\$150; Hope Haven—\$120; Lights—\$210; HS Remnant—\$30.

**Special offering for March** is Hope Haven.

In order to pay our 1st quarter Benevolent bills we will need \$20,635 in addition to our normal offerings, by the end of March.

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

**Sunday, March 18:** This morning Pastor Luke will continue his sermon series entitled, “The 7 I AM Statements in the Gospel of John — *I AM The Door.*” Thank you to Tanner Dykstra for helping with the Lenten reading today. This morning at the Open Door service, we will celebrate the Profession of Faith of Jaden Abels and the Reaffirmation of Faith of Gina Jacobsma.

- **1:30 pm: Easter Cantata Practice**

**Monday, March 19:**

- **9:00 am: Faith Bible Study** will meet
- **4:00 pm: Patience Bible Study** will meet
- **6:00 pm: Full consistory** will meet
- **7:00 pm: Elders / Deacons** will meet

**Tuesday, March 20:**

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

**Wednesday, March 21:**

- **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 22:**

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

**Saturday, March 24:**

- **8:00am:** Meet at the Christian Reformed church to help move Passion Play sets and props

**Sunday, March 25:** This morning Pastor Luke will continue his sermon series entitled, “The 7 I AM Statements in the Gospel of John — *I AM The Way, Truth, Life.*” This morning we will also have Communion Preparatory to help us prepare our hearts and minds for Communion on Maundy Thursday. All children are invited to participate in the Palm Procession today.

- **5:00 pm: Easter Cantata Practice** (Time change due to Passion Play practice)

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

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

- **No Wednesday Night Classes —Easter Break**

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

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

**April 1:** **7:30 am Sunrise Service**

- **8:30-9:45 am Easter Morning Fellowship Brunch**
- **10:00 am Combined Easter Worship Service**
- **No Children and Worship, No Sunday School**

**April 4:** **7:00 pm Children’s Choir will practice. Choir sings on April 15.**

**April 11:** **7:00 pm Children’s Choir will practice. Choir sings on April 15.**

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

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

**Faith in action for March:** This month we are encouraging everyone to bring at least one item for the residents of our local nursing homes. Sibley Rehab needs 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.

**Our church has been blessed** with children’s “Action Bibles.” They are now available next to the Children’s Worship Bulletins. Feel free to allow your children to use them during the church service. At the end of the service simply return them to the holders.

**Reminder “This Is God” Easter Cantata** practices will be at 1:30 pm today and at 5:00 pm next Sunday, March 25 (due to Passion Play practice).

**The Osceola County Ministerial Association** would like to invite you to experience the Good Friday Passion Play on Friday, March 30, at 5:00, 7:00 or 9:00 pm at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School Auditorium. 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.

**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.

**Save the Dates:** The annual FRC Father/Son, Grandpa/Grandson, “adopted” sons, Fishing Trip will be held from August 2-4 at the Hidden Hill Lodge at Roslyn, SD. The approximate cost per person for the retreat will be \$150 which includes lodging and food. Enjoy fishing in beautiful NE South Dakota with many lakes nearby. Please see the signup sheet posted on the Information Center. If you have any questions, please contact Daren Rockman (712) 330-8941 or Brian Althoff at (712) 209-6339.

**Mike Kraayenbrink Benefit 2 person ‘MIKE’ Basketball Tournament** will be April 21 from 5:00pm-8:00pm at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School. Admission will be a free will donation. Concessions served will include grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. Games and entertainment will be provided for all ages. Register by April 17 for the ‘MIKE’ Tournament text Amie Elser at 712-461-1720, Sara Hibma at 712-330-4721, or Kent Douma at 712-348-9026. This event is being sponsored by WeCare.

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

**HELP NEEDED:** We will need help moving the Passion Play sets and props to the high school on Saturday, March 24. Please meet at the Sibley Christian Reformed Church at 8:00 am. Questions?? Contact Curt Van Kley at 754-2945.

**The Outreach Team would like to hear from you!!** Outreach would like to put together a better plan to help with rides to Worthington for Marlys Pietz. We would love to hear your suggestions and comments. We would also love to take more volunteers for this need. If you have any way to help us, please contact Marcus De Boer or put a note in his church mailbox. Thank you in advance!

**While the weather outside may have us wondering** if summer is ever going to come, planning for FRC's summer Vacation Bible School is well underway! We are looking to confirm volunteers for Assistant Co-Directors and Station Leaders (Imagination Station, Bible Discovery, Crafts, and Games). You can sign-up online at <https://vbspro.events/p/sibleyfrc> or call/text Jena Ver Steeg (507-360-0748) or Kelsey Joseph (712-301-2044). Stay Tuned! Additional volunteer opportunities will be available soon!

**Everyone is invited to our annual, All You Can Eat Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch,** Palm Sunday, **March 25, 2018,** 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Sibley Senior Activity Center, 612 8th Street, Sibley. We will be Serving: Fresh Baked Belgian Waffles, Toppings, Link Sausage and Beverage. Tickets, which are available from all Choir Students or at the door the day of the brunch, are \$10.00 for Adults and Children 5 and under only \$5.00. All proceeds benefit the Sibley-Ocheyedan Vocal Music Department. *Sponsored by Sibley-Ocheyedan Choir Boosters.*

**The Martinez/Joseph families** will be traveling to Haiti in March. They are looking to collect medications such as Tylenol, Ibuprofen (for adults and kids), Antacids (tums), Multi-vitamins (adult and children's), Alka-Seltzer to help stock a mobile clinic in Haiti. Medications cannot be expired as customs will not let them through. If you have questions please contact Papito at 712-522-7184. Donations need to be at church by March 25th. Thanks!

**FRC's mission trip to Romania has been set!** Lennis Harberts will be taking a group to Romania May 11-19, 2018. If you are planning to go, please contact Lennis as soon as possible. Plane tickets and other items will need to be finalized.

**RISEFEST 2018,** will be Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16. About 200 volunteers will be needed for Friday and 400 volunteers are needed for Saturday. If you can help you are encouraged to go to [www.riseministries.com](http://www.riseministries.com).

**BINGO HELP:** FRC is responsible for bingo at Country View Manor for the month of April. Please consider giving an hour on Friday afternoon to serve in Christ's name. A sign-up sheet is on the information center.

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Miss a message? Want to hear the message again? Go to [Sibleyfrc.org](http://Sibleyfrc.org) and click on "sermon" to watch the video.

## 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, Dutch Kruger and Lois May
- **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.

## Prayers for Healing

**Harold Eggink** was a patient at the Spirit Lake Hospital this past week and has since returned home.

## Words of Thanks

**Thank you to Pastor Luke** and Lennis Harberts for their visits before and after my surgery. Also thanks to everyone else for their visits, thoughts and prayers.  
~~Jamie Bruxvoort

## Congratulations

**Congratulations are extended** to Joel and Angie Van Gelder on their marriage which took place on March 8. May God bless you as you begin this new and wonderful journey together.

## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	<b>This Week: March 18</b>	<b>Next Week: March 25</b>
<b>Cornerstone Greeters:</b>	<b>W:</b> Travis & Jill Boeke/family <b>M:</b> Daphne Bremer/family <b>E:</b> Jerrad & Tracee Brouwer/family	<b>W:</b> Jamie & Jennifer Bruxvoort/family <b>M:</b> JoAnn & Margaret Calsbeek <b>E:</b> Nate Buysman/family
<b>After Church Greeters:</b>	<b>SE:</b> John Van Diepen <b>C:</b> Pastor Luke <b>SW:</b> Josh Lucas <b>BE:</b> Curt Van Kley <b>BW:</b> Harvey Van Ruler	<b>SE:</b> Larry Verdoorn <b>C:</b> Lawrence Wiersma <b>SW:</b> Pastor Luke <b>BE:</b> Josh Lucas <b>BW:</b> John Bartels
<b>Prayer with the Elders:</b>	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Bill Hartzell <b>Open Door:</b> Dick Oldenkamp	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Heath DeJong <b>Open Door:</b> Marcus De Boer
<b>Children and Worship:</b>	<b>9:00 am Leader:</b> Jamie Hulstein <b>Helper:</b> Ashilyn Hulstein <b>11:00 am Leader:</b> Deb Kusters <b>Helper:</b> Family of Lincoln & Addison McDyer	<b>9:00 am Leader:</b> Annette Janssen <b>Helper:</b> Family of Jaxton Loerts <b>11:00 am Leader:</b> Annette Janssen <b>Helper:</b> Family of Kalen Heronimus
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>Cornerstone 9:00am:</b> Brenda & Alyssa Wassman <b>Sunday School:</b> Luella Eggink <b>Open Door Service 11:00 am:</b> Marvella & Britta Harberts	<b>Cornerstone 9:00am:</b> Tanya & Makya Dykstra <b>Sunday School:</b> Jan Henrichs <b>Open Door Service 11:00 am:</b> Kira Christensen & Maureen Heilman
<b>Library:</b>	Leona Meendering	LaVonne Prins
<b>Coffee:</b>	Marvin & Janice Runia	Ted & Eileen Schutte

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