

The 7 I AM STATEMENTS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



JOHN 14:1-6



GLORIFY, GROW AND GO!

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SIBLEY, IOWA
SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: JOHN 14:1-6 PG. 1675

SERMON TITLE: "THE 7 I AM STATEMENTS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
— I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE"

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.sibleyfrch.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 18, 2018: General Fund—\$4,739; Benevolent Fund—\$395; Building—\$50; HS/MS Remnant—\$150; Hope Haven—\$20; Lights—\$210. **Special offering for March** is Hope Haven.

In order to pay our 1st quarter Benevolent bills we will need \$20,000 in addition to our normal offerings, by the end of March.

Grow! In His Word

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. Thank you to Dahson De Jong for assisting with the Lenten Reading this morning.

- **2:00-4:00 pm:** Passion Play Practice (includes children)
- **6:00 pm:** Easter Cantata Practice **notice time change**

Monday, March 26:

- **7:00-9:00 pm:** Passion Play Practice (no children)

Tuesday, March 27:

- **8:30 am:** Chickadee Quilters
- **7:00-9:00 pm:** Passion Play Practice (no children)

Wednesday, March 28:

- **6:30 am:** Men's Lenten Breakfast at the Christian Reformed Church
- **9:00 am:** Mothers Together will meet. See announcement in bulletin.
- **No Bible Classes & Youth Groups due to Passion Play practice**
- **7:00-10:00 pm:** Passion Play Practice Full dress rehearsal with children (Children to be dismissed at 8:00 pm)

Thursday, March 29:

- **7:00 pm:** Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion
 - **Greeters:** West-Jamiey Daiker/family; Middle-Dale and Marilynn De Boer; East-LeRoy and Glenda De Boer

Friday, March 30:

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

Saturday, March 31:

- **8:00 am:** Passion Play Set tear down

Sunday, April 1:

- **7:30 am Sunrise Service**
- **8:30-9:45 am: Easter Morning Fellowship Brunch** college fundraiser
- **10:00 am: Combined Worship Service:** This morning we welcome the Easter Cantata Choir as they present "This Is God". Pastor Luke will also conclude his sermon series entitled, "The 7 I AM Statements in the Gospel of John — *I AM The Resurrection and the Life.*"
- **No Children and Worship / No Sunday School**

Mark Your Calendars:

April 2: 6:30 pm Administrative Team will meet

April 4: 9:00 am Coffee with the Pastor

- **7:00 pm** Children's Choir will practice

April 11: 9:00 am Mother Together will meet

- **7:00 pm** Children's Choir will practice

April 15: Children's choir will sing at both services

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.

Young moms, join us at Mothers Together on Wednesday, March 28. A specialist from Extension will be presenting on succulents. Perhaps this will be a plant that will thrive in your home even when life is too busy to give it a lot of attention! Bring a small shallow container for planting your own succulent. As always, there will be food, friendship and child care.

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 posed 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 S-O High School. Admission will be a free will donation. Concessions served will include grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. Bake Sale items will be available and for sale. Games and entertainment will be provided for all ages. To 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. If you would like to donate baked goodies, please contact Diane Langstraat at 461-0312 or dlangst05@gmail.com. This event is being sponsored by WeCare.

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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!

Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School is coming to Sibley FRC! At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. Sign-up sheets for kids and volunteer opportunities including Assistant Co-Directors have been posted in the back of church. Be sure to also complete the online registration forms for both participants and volunteers at <https://vbspro.events/p/sibleyfrc>. You can also reach this link through our updated website at www.sibleyfrc.org under the children tab. Call/text Jena Ver Steeg (507-360-0748) or Kelsey Joseph (712-301-2044) for additional information.

Everyone is invited to our annual, All You Can Eat Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch, today, **March 25**, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Sibley Senior Activity Center, 612 8th Street, Sibley. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$10.00 for Adults and Children 5 and under only \$5.00. All proceeds benefit the Sibley-Ocheyedan Vocal Music Department. *Sponsored by S-O 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 today, 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.

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.

Our church has been blessed with children's "Action Bibles." They are located next to the Children's Bulletins. Feel free to allow your children to use them during the church service and simply return them to the holders when the service is finished.

Sermon Notes:

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Miss a message? Want to hear the message again? Go to 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.

Christian Condolences

John Groendyke, age 99 of Worthington, MN, died Saturday, March 17, in Sanford USD Medical Center. His funeral was held on Friday, March 23, in Worthington. John was the brother of Lucille Groendyke and the uncle of JoAnn Calsbeek. We lift up those who mourn.

Prayer Requests

A prayer request has been received for Riley Nolan Goings. Riley Nolan Goings, son of Tyler and Amanda (Groen) Goings and grandson of Robert and Janice Groen was born on Tuesday and was transferred to the Children's Hospital Wednesday afternoon. He has jaundice really bad and his blood is too thick. Please keep the families in prayer. Pray that God will guide the Doctors and nurses as they tend to little Riley.

Word has been received this week that former member Jay Ten Napel, husband of Karen Ten Napel, has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer. We ask that you please lift both Jay and Karen up in your prayers as they deal with this diagnosis and treatment. Pray for strength and courage for them.

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: March 25	Next Week: April 1
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: Jamie & Jennifer Bruxvoort/family M: JoAnn & Margaret Calsbeek E: Nate Buysman/family	Combined Worship at 10:00am W: Marcus & Angie De Boer M: Joe & Nisa deBoom/family E: Gary & Sandy De Vries
After Church Greeters:	SE: Larry Verdoorn C: Lawrence Wiersma SW: Pastor Luke BE: Josh Lucas BW: John Bartels	SE: Dick Oldenkamp C: Lyle Peelen SW: Larry Riebeling BE: Pastor Luke BW: Josh Lucas
Prayer with the Elders:	Cornerstone: Heath DeJong Open Door: Marcus De Boer	Combined Worship at 10:00: Lennis Harberts Open Door: No 11:00 am Service
Children and Worship:	9:00 am Leader: No Children and Worship 11:00 am Leader: Karen Honken Helper: Family of Kalen Heronimus	No Children and Worship
Nursery:	Cornerstone 9:00am: Tanya & Makya Dykstra Sunday School: Jan Henrichs Open Door Service 11:00 am: Kira Christensen & Maureen Heilman	Cornerstone 10:00am: Amy Van Marel & Mary Hustoft Sunday School: No Sunday School Open Door Service 11:00 am: No Open Door Service
Library:	LaVonne Prins	Imogene Rasmussen
Coffee:	Ted & Eileen Schutte	No Coffee Time

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