

The 7 I AM STATEMENTS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



The Vine

JOHN 15:1-9

GLORIFY, GROW AND GO!

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SIBLEY, IOWA
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: JOHN 15:1-9 PG. 1676

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

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.sibleyfrfc.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. 25, 2018: General Fund—\$5,380; Benevolent Fund—\$210; Building—\$5; Lighting—\$60; MS/HS remnant—\$20; Lights—\$160.

Special offering for March is Hope Haven.

In order to pay our 1st quarter Benevolent bills we will need \$28,000 in addition to our normal offerings, by the end of March.

Grow! In His Word

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.*" Thank you to the Senior Choir for providing special music this morning at the Cornerstone Service. Thank you also to Tanner Dykstra and Elliot Daiker for assisting with the Lenten Reading this morning.

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

Tuesday, March 6:

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

Wednesday, March 7:

- **9:00 am: Coffee with the Pastor**
- **5:00-7:00 pm: High School Remnant Soup and Pie Supper**
- **6:30 pm:** A Study on Philippians will meet at The Lantern
- **7:00 pm: Administrative Meeting** (following the Soup and Pie Supper)
- **No Wednesday Night Bible Classes or Youth Groups**

Thursday, March 8:

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

Saturday, March 10:

- **Spring Ahead!!** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed. You don't want to be late for church!

Sunday, March 11: This morning Pastor Luke will continue his sermon series entitled, "The 7 I AM Statements in the Gospel of John — *I AM The Bread.*"

- **1:30 pm Easter Cantata Practice**
- **6:00 pm Christian Education** team will meet

Mark Your Calendars:

- March 12:** 7:00 pm The Outreach Ministry Team will meet
- 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
- 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**

****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.

Go! And Serve Him

Opportunities to Serve our Church and Community

Our church has been blessed with children's "Action Bibles." They are now available next to the Children's Worship Bulletins in the holders by the west and east Sanctuary doors. Feel free to allow your children to use them during the church service. At the end of the service please return them to the holders.

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!!

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!

"This Is God" Easter Cantata needs your voice! Practices will be at 1:30 pm Sunday March 4,11,18 and at 5:00pm March 25 (due to Passion Play practice). 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 today Sunday, **March 4th**. Thanks in advance for your help!!

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.

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.

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Opportunities to Serve our Church and Community

Light Bulbs!! There are extra lightbulbs on the table in the Fellowship Hall FREE for the taking. Please help yourself.

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!

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 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.

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 Presbyterian Relay for Life Team will be sponsoring a Baked Potato meal fundraiser on Sunday, March 11, serving from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m., in the Sibley First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall. Baked potatoes, with all the fixings, along with a variety of desserts, and hot dogs for the kids, will be served. All freewill offering proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

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.*

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 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, Madison Brouwer, and Jamie Bruxvoort.

With Deepest Sympathy

Dutch Kruger's sister, Eunice Nebelsick, passed away this past week. Her funeral was February 27th in Lake Park. Please lift up Dutch and Chuck and Katha Kruger and families, as they lay to rest their sister and aunt.

Sympathies are extended to Marlys Pietz in the passing of her bother, Gene Korthals. Gene, age 69, passed away on Sunday, February 18. His funeral was held on February 23 in Sioux Falls. May God comfort and hold close those who sorrow.

Words of Thanks

Thank you to our congregation for the many prayers, cards and the many acts of kindness sent since my accident. I also want to thank Pastor Luke, Marcus and Heath for your visits and uplifting prayers. I have graduated to a walker and boot, 4 weeks and I hope to be set free! ~~Glenda DeBoer

We would like to thank all those who came out and showed their support at the Daiker Family Fundraiser. We also thank FRC for their donation of volunteers and equipment. You made the event a great success. May God bless you all!~~ We Care Committee

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: March 4	Next Week: March 11
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: Brian & Chelsey Alexander/family M: Brian & Elia Altoff/family E: Bobby & Dee Baker	W: John & Sharon Bartels M: Gretchen Bartelson & Marlys Brink E: Troy & Meggan Block/family
After Church Greeters:	SE: Josh Lucas C: Lyle Peelen SW: Larry Riebeling BE: Cal Runia BW: Pastor Luke	SE: Pastor Luke C: Josh Lucas SW: Bob Tiedeman BE: Duane Vande Hoef BW: Paul Vander Linden
Prayer with the Elders:	Cornerstone: Lawrence Wiersma Open Door: Lennis Harberts	Cornerstone: Dale Honken Open Door: Duane Vande Hoef
Children and Worship:	9:00 am Leader: Annette Janssen Helper: Family of Brynna Loerts 11:00 am Leader: Annette Janssen Helper: Family of Logan Ver Steeg	9:00 am Leader: Deb Kusters Helper: Chris Schouten 11:00 am Leader: Deb Kusters Helper: Family of Jude & Lucy Anderson
Nursery:	Cornerstone 9:00am: Kathy Verdoorn & Marcia Van Ruler Sunday School: Peg Van Kley Open Door Service 11:00 am: Melissa Anderson & Melissa Langstraat	Cornerstone 9:00am: Jennifer & Ella Bruxvoort Sunday School: Ruth Ann Wiersma Open Door Service 11:00 am: Sarah Loerts & Megan Loerts
Library:	Jan Juffer	Jeannette Juffer
Coffee:	Ed & Leona Meendering	Larry & Rhonda Riebeling

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