

Responding To the Call



**A LEADER LEADS BY
EXAMPLE, WHETHER HE
INTENDS TO OR NOT.**

**Elder and Deacon
Installation and Ordination Sunday**



Welcome to Church!
SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018

We are delighted 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.sibleyfrc.org.

Glorify! God With Worship

9 am - Cornerstone Service

Children and Worship --(3yrs. - Kindergarten)

10:10-10:50 am Sunday School, Coffee Fellowship & Prayer Time

- Sunday School for ages 3 yrs.- Adult (*see bulletin note*)
 - Sunday School Guide will meet in the Library
 - Men's Bible Study: "Forgotten God" meets on the west end of the Fellowship Hall
- Women's Bible Study meets on the west end of the Fellowship Hall
 - Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
 - Prayer Time with the Elders in Pastor's Office

11 am - Open Door Service

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

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Grow! In His Word

MESSAGE TITLE: "RESPONDING TO THE CALL"

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Stewardship & Giving

Offerings for December 30, 2018: General Fund-\$3578; Benevolent Fund-\$545; Building Fund-\$405; Atlas-\$100.

Special Offering for January is Osceola County Express.

Happening This Week

Sunday, January 6:

- The message this morning is “Responding To The Call.” Today, we will be installing and ordaining our elected Elders and Deacons. Those being installed as Deacon are: Dan Heilman, Scott Hulstein, and Nate Buysman. Those being Installed as Elder are Dr. Greg Kosters, Harold Ernst and being Ordained and Installed as Elder is Marlin Roelfs. May God guide you as you undertake this new calling in your lives.
- **Joyful Voices Choir will meet**
- **10:10 am Sunday School**
- **Secret Sister Forms** are due back to the Information Center today if you would like to participate in the Secret Sisters group.

Tuesday, January 8:

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

Wednesday, January 9:

- **January 9-16: Pastor Luke will be out of the office.** In his absence, please feel free to contact Duane Vande Hoef if you have any pastoral needs.
- **9:00 am: Mothers Together** will meet
- **2:00 pm: FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services**
- **Bible Classes & Youth Groups will meet**
 - 6:30-7:30 pm: Bible Class for 1st—5th Grade
 - 6:30-7:30 pm: Middle School Remnant meets in the Youth Room
 - 7:30-8:30 pm: HS Remnant meets in the Youth Room

Sunday, January 13:

- Today is Youth Sunday! We welcome the youth of the church as they lead us in worship this morning.
- **Joyful Voices Choir will meet**
- **10:10 am Sunday School**

Mark Your Calendars

- January 21:
- **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**

Go! And Serve Him

Opportunities and Events



Faith In Action for the Month of January. Baby Layettes for the Center of Hope. We are collecting 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.

Mentor Mom Needed! Do you have a heart for the challenges that mothers of young children deal with daily? Mothers Together is a faith based group that has met for over 20 years to support mothers. We are in need of a mentor mom whose role is to support the leaders of the group as they plan and organize the meetings plus to support the women who attend. Mothers Together meets twice a month October-May on Wednesday mornings. For more details contact Annette Janssen 712-461-0046. Is God tugging at your heart to make the call?

Patience Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, January 21 at 4:00pm** will continue the study, Couples of the Old Testament with lesson #2, “Sarah and Abraham.” All women are invited to join us! If you are interested in joining this study, please let Barb Van Diepen know and she will get you a book.

The 2019 phone directory is being reviewed and revised. If you have a change to an address, spelling of a name, e-mail or phone number that is listed, please let the church office know so those changes can be made. Thanks!

For Your Information: We have discontinued using Swipe Away Poverty as a credit card donation service. If you are currently using this option we are asking that you remove FRC from any recurring payment options you may have set up. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office for more information. Thanks!

Attention Parents: The Sunday School department is in need of teachers for the following classes starting on February 10: 1st grade, 2nd grade, and 3rd grade. Teaching can be an extremely rewarding experience. If you are feeling lead to help out with our youth please contact Diane Langstraat for more details.

**FRC is responsible for Meals on Wheels
January 14 - 25th.
Sign up at the information center to help out.**



Sermon Notes:

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You are invited to the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sibley for a German New Year's Traditional Pancake Meal. The Maxwell family will be serving pancakes made with meat and the flavor of anise on December 30th, serving from 11:00am-1:00pm. Free will offering.

Free Food Available: The Food Bank of Iowa mobile pantry will be distributing food on **Tuesday, January 8th from 4-6 p.m.** at the Sibley Christian Reformed Church. If you or anyone you know could use some help with food, please come. Please bring your own bags, baskets, or boxes to carry your food.

You're Invited to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church's Polka Service & German Meal **Sunday, January 13, starting at 10 am.** A group of musicians will help us out by playing polka music. The German Meal will include: brats & hot dogs, sauerkraut, German potato salad & chips, beans, homemade desserts, drink. There will be a freewill offering!

The Sibley Christian Reformed Church invites you to the concert of the Cornerstone Quartet on **Sunday, January 13 at 3:00 p.m.** Jesus describes Himself as the Cornerstone that His church, a unified body of believers, would be built upon. Therefore, the members of this group have chosen 'Cornerstone' as their name to honor Jesus. The group consists of four men from Leota, MN. Invite your friends to join you and come to hear the message they will be giving.

Words of Thanks

Dear First Reformed Church Friends,

A heartfelt "thank-you" is in order. . . to so many of you who participated in our ATLAS Christmas missions this past December. To those who embraced our Gift Card Gala and ATLAS wish-list, please know the staff is overwhelmed by such a beautiful response and the recipients are beyond grateful.

Additionally, we are doubly-humbled by those of you who stopped in with individual year-end gifts and by the beautiful contributions from First Reformed. Your financial partnership provides affirmation for the entire board and staff—and spurs us on to continue providing an open door for those needing encouragement, a listening-ear and unconditional love.

You have blessed us so we can bless others. And that's precisely what we intend to do as we watch God provide through First Reformed Church and its mission-minded members in 2019.

On behalf of our board, staff and the many we serve,
Clark Haken - Director

In Our Prayers



Pastor Luke will be out of the office from January 9-16. In his absence, if you have a pastoral need, feel free to call Duane Vande Hoef, 461-1153, 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:** Margaret Calsbeek, Tracy Den Beste, Dutch Kruger, Harold Schram, Lois May and Leona Eben.
- **Pray for our Missionaries:** Dr. Bernadeth Kelly and Adrian Bobb, Sayuri Kist-Okazaki, Brian and Donna Renes, J.J. and Tim TenCley, Rowland and Jane Van Es.

Prayer Requests

Please continue to lift **Brenda Wassman, Michael Block Jr., Ed Meendering, Dave Stofferan, Barb Van Diepen, Joe deBoom, John Vos, Cavell Van Westen, Mike Kraayenbrink, Leona Eben, Randy and Kelli Vande Berg, and Roger Lindburg** up in your prayers as they continue to deal with health issues. Pray for strength and healing for them as well as a sense of God's presence in their lives.

JoAnn Calsbeek underwent sciatic nerve surgery on Wednesday, January 26th. Please continue to lift her up in your prayers as she recovers.

Lynn Schram underwent surgery on Wednesday, January 2 to fix her broken ankle. Please continue to lift her in your prayers as she recovers. Pray for minimal pain and a quick recovery for her.

Deepest Sympathies

Our deepest Sympathies go out to the family of Robert Kruger. Robert passed away Friday, December 28. Services were held here at FRC on Thursday, January 3. Left to cherish his memory are his daughter Anita Hoting, his sister Leona Eben, his nephew Tim Kruger and family and his niece Pam Kruger. May God comfort those who sorrow.

Words of Thanks

Thank you church family! Thank you so much for the blessings of all kinds you showered upon both Ger and me following my recent surgeries and recovery at home. The prayers were felt! Please continue lifting us up during the long recovery ahead. God Bless!
 ~~Barb Van Diepen

I would like to thank everyone for their many cards and Birthday wishes given to me for my 90th Birthday. It was all very wonderful. May God bless you all!
 ~~Glenn Doorenbos

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: January 6	Next Week: January 13
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: Gary & Sandy De Vries M: Stan & Abby De Zeeuw/family E: Glenn & Paul Doorenbos	W: Merlin & Karen Doorenbos M: LaVon Dykstra & JoAnn Klaassen E: Mark & Tanya Dykstra/family
After Church Greeters:	SE: Pastor Luke C: Josh Lucas SW: Dick Oldenkamp BE: Lyle Peelen BW: Larry Riebeling	SE: Marlin Roelfs C: Pastor Luke SW: Josh Lucas BE: Cal Runia BW: Bob Tiedeman
Prayer with the Elders:	Cornerstone: Lawrence Wiersma Open Door: Marlin Roelfs	Cornerstone: Dale Honken Open Door: Duane Vande Hoef
Children and Worship:	Children and Worship 9:00 am Leader: Deb Kosters Helper: Alexis Hulstein 11:00 am Leader: Deb Kosters Helper: Family of Nora Fox	Children and Worship 9:00 am Leader: Jamie Hulstein Helper: Family of Brynna Loerts 11:00 am Leader: Deb Kosters Helper: Family of Jackson Van Tilburg
Nursery:	Cornerstone 9:00am: Gina Jacobsma & Brenda Michelson Sunday School: Megan Loerts Open Door 11:00am: Sarah Loerts & Megan Loerts	Cornerstone 9:00am: Jenna Ver Steeg & Chelsey Alexander Sunday School: Pam Vande Hoef Open Door 11:00am: Marvella Harberts & Missy Julius
Library:	Leona Meendering	LaVonne Prins
Coffee:	Ron & Nancy Dykstra	Harold & Mim Ernst

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