

Colossians

4:7-18



Welcome to Church!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 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

Coffee Fellowship & Prayer Time

- **No Sunday School Today**
- 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.
Children and Worship --(3yrs. - Kindergarten)

Grow! In His Word

MESSAGE TITLE:

"Reflecting the Beauty of Christ through Diversity"

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Stewardship & Giving

Offerings for November 18, 2018: General Fund-\$5178; Benevolent Fund-\$355; Remnant Youth-\$50; Talking Bibles-\$325; Smoking Receptacle-\$100.
Special offering for Nov. is Talking Bibles.

Happening This Week

Sunday, November 25:

- **The message this morning** is “Reflecting the Beauty of Christ through Diversity.” This morning, we will be having Communion Preparatory to ready our hearts and minds to participate in Communion next Sunday.
- **No Joyful Voices Choir** this morning.
- **No Sunday School**

Monday, November 26:

- **7:00 pm: Women’s Bible Study will meet**

Tuesday, November 27:

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

Wednesday, November 28:

- **No Mothers Together**
- **No Bible Classes or Youth Group**
- **2:00 pm:** FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services
- **6-7:00 pm:** Remnant Spaghetti Supper
- **7:00 pm:** Annual Congregational Meeting. Childcare will be provided.

Thursday, November 29:

- **7:30 am:** Processing Center Volunteers will meet at the church to carpool
- **The Church Office and Pastor Luke’s office** will be closed today

Sunday, December 2:

- **The message this morning** is “Advent: Between Already and Not Yet-- Hope.” Today, Lord willing, we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.
- **8:20 am: Joyful Voices Choir** will meet
- **10:10 am: Sunday School** will meet

Mark Your Calendars

December 5: 9:00 am Coffee with the Pastor

December 12: 9:00 am Mother’s Together will meet

- **6pm-7pm Papa Murphy Pizza Pick-up**

December 16: 9:00 am Combined Worship Service

- **11:00 am Annual Sunday School Christmas Program**
- **2:00 pm: Christmas Cantata at S-O High School Auditorium**

December 17: 10:30 am Faith Bible Study

- **Patience Bible Study will meet for a Christmas Gathering.** Please continue to watch the Bulletin for more information.
- **6:00 pm: Elder / Deacon Meetings**
- **7:00 pm: Full Consistory will Meet**

Faith in Action for November is Operation Christmas Child. Bless a child with a shoebox gift this Christmas. Monetary donations are still welcome.

Go! And Serve Him

Opportunities and Events



Faith In Action for the Month of December is Sharing Christmas Families. Our Church has adopted 4 larger families for the Sharing Christmas Program sponsored by Upper Des Moines. We are asking FRC members to help make Christmas special for a less fortunate family. All you need to do is check the list of “needs” the families have submitted on the north wall of the Fellowship Hall. If there is something that you can furnish for a needy family, place a check mark on the line next to it (that way we do not buy duplicates). Bring your WRAPPED purchases to church and place it in the box designated for that family. ***ALL items must be to church by December 16th.*** Thank you in advance for your help. Let’s help make a special Christmas for others!

Happy Birthday to Trudy Dykstra who will turn 80 years young on December 2nd. To help Trudy celebrate this Milestone Birthday let’s shower her with cards!! Birthday cards and well wishes can be placed in her mailbox here at church or mailed to her at the following address: 1204 6th Street NE, Sibley, IA 51249.



Middle School Remnant Students are selling delicious Papa Murphy’s Pizzas. Order forms and a collection box can be found on the Information Center. We ask that you also write the student’s name on the order sheet. Students get credit for the number of pizzas they sell. **NOTICE: ORDERS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 28TH.**

Nominated for the office of Deacon are the following: Nathan Buysman, Larry De Boer, Dan Heilman, Scott Hulstein, Mitch Kreykes and Marlin Runia.

Nominated for the office of Elder are the following: Dr. Greg Kosters, Harold Ernst, Marlin Roelfs, Dennis Jurgens, Joe deBoom, and Randy Van De Berg.

Offering envelopes will be available again this year for those who would like to use them. If you would like to start, stop or continue using offering envelopes please let the office know.

Christmas Program Practices have now started. Please be sure to have your student(s) at all practices. Having everyone there helps the directors out a lot!!

Thank you in advance!! Here is a list of practice times:

3 yr old - Kindergarten: Sun. Dec. 2nd and Sun. Dec. 9th

1st- 3rd grade and 4th and 5th grade: Sun. Dec. 2nd, Wed. Dec. 5th, Sun. Dec. 9th, and Wed. Dec. 12th.

A copy of the 2019 Budget has been placed in your mailboxes. Please take a few moments to look it over. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Consistory.

If anyone is interested in casting an **Absentee Ballot** for this year's congregational meeting please contact the office. The ballot will need to be returned to the office in a sealed envelope by Wednesday morning, November 21.

The Sibley-Ocheyedan Choir Boosters invite you to attend the annual Christmas Tour of Homes on **December 1, from 10am-1pm**. This year's tour will feature the homes of Mitch and Abby Kreykes, Mike and Amber Wielenga, Marty and Marie Wallace and Steve and Lisa Swenson. Tickets are \$10 and are available at The Porch on Main, S-O Choir Department and at each home the day of the tour.

For Your Information: We have discontinued using Swipe Away Poverty as an 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!

Sermon Notes:

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A Community Choir Cantata "Sing Christmas" will be presented on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Sibley-Ocheyedan High School. The concert will be directed by S-O vocal instructor Ben Sides and will serve as a benefit for ATLAS of Osceola County.

Singers Needed (7th Grade and Older): If you love to sing and would like to be a part of this exciting community choir, please contact Brenda Krahling (461-0687) or Peg Van Kley (461-0635) soon. Each singer will be provided with printed music and a voice-dominant CD.

The following large group rehearsals have been scheduled in Sibley:

- **7:40 pm Wednesdays Nov. 28 and Dec. 5 at Trinity Lutheran Church**
- **2:00 pm Sunday Dec. 2 at First Reformed Church**
- **2:00 pm Sunday Dec. 9 at S-O High School**
- **10:00 am Saturday Dec. 15 at S-O High School**

In Our Prayers



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, Geneva Wissink and Leona Eben.
- **Pray for our nursing home residents:** Margaret Calsbeek, Minnie De Jong, Tracy Den Beste, Dutch Kruger, Harold Schram 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.

Prayer Requests

Please continue to lift **Robert Kruger, Brenda Wassman, Ken Huls, Lawrence Wiersma, Tiffany Wynia, Michael Block Jr., Ed Meendering, Dave Stofferan, Brenda Post, Cavell Van Westen, Mike Kraayenbrink, 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.

Leona Eben suffered a minor stroke while she was visiting her daughter in Chicago. She is now recovering in a hospital close to her daughter in Elgin. Please lift her and her family up in prayer. If you would like to send a note of encouragement to her it would be greatly appreciated. Please send them to: **Leona Eben, % Leanne Lewin, 752 Waterside Drive, South Elgin, IL 60177.**

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: November 25	Next Week: December 2
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: Lawrence & Ruth Ann Wiersma M: Charlie & Brenda Ackerman E: Dean & Michelle Ackerman	W: Derek & Megan Ackerman M: Mitch & Angie Ackerman E: Brian & Chelsey Alexander/family
After Church Greeters:	SE: John Van Diepen C: Curt Van Kley SW: Harvey Van Ruler BE: Pastor Luke BW: Josh Lucas	SE: Josh Lucas C: Larry Verdoorn SW: Lawrence Wiersma BE: John Bartels BW: Pastor Luke
Prayer with the Elders:	Cornerstone: Dick Oldenkamp Open Door: Bill Hartzell	Cornerstone: Marcus De Boer Open Door: Heath De Jong
Children and Worship:	Children and Worship 9:00 am Leader: Deb Kosters Helper: Alexis Hulstein 11:00 am Leader: Deb Kosters Helper: Papito Joseph	Children and Worship 9:00 am Leader: Deb Kosters Helper: Ashilyn Hulstein 11:00 am Leader: Deb Kosters Helper: Family of Grace Hoekstra
Nursery:	Cornerstone 9:00am: Brenda & Alyssa Wassman Sunday School: No Sunday School Today Open Door Service 11:00 am: Karen Honken & Amy Dykstra	Cornerstone 9:00am: Tanya & Makya Dykstra Sunday School: Jan Henrichs Open Door Service 11:00 am: Chrissy Ackerman &
Library:	Jan Henrichs	Beth Hulstein
Coffee:	Jim & Pauline Van Engen	Scott & Marlys Dykstra



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Hours: Mon, Thurs., Fri. 8am –2 pm
Wednesday Evenings 6:30-7:45 pm

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