

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.

Advent

Living In Between

Love



Glorify! God With Worship

9 am - Cornerstone Service

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

10:10-10:50 am

Coffee Fellowship & Prayer Time

- Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
- Prayer Time with the Elders in Pastor's Office

No Sunday School Today

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

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Stewardship & Giving

Offerings for December 16, 2018: General Fund-\$7997; Benevolent Fund 210; Building Fund-0; HS Youth-\$100; MS Youth-\$10. **Special offering for December is Benevolent.**

Happening This Week

Sunday, December 23:

- **The message this morning is** “Advent: Living in Between--Love.” We thank the Choir, Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar (first service), and Larry and Melissa De Boer and family (second service) for helping with the Advent readings and candle lighting this morning. We also are privileged to witness the Sacrament of Infant Baptism for Holden Michael Fox, son of Jacob and Sami Fox during the second service this morning.
- **Immediately following the 9:00 service this morning** the Visitation Team will meet in the front of the Sanctuary for a quick meeting.
- **No Sunday School**

Monday, December 24:

- **Secretary’s office will close at 10am.**
- **6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service. Greeters:** **W:** Josh and Hannah Lucas, **M:** Nate Buysman/family **E:** Dale and Marilyn De Boer. **Nursery:** Wilma and Andrea Leusink. **After Church Greeters:** **SE:** Dale Honken, **C:** Dan Janssen, **SW:** Dr. Greg Kusters, **BE:** Pastor Luke, **BW:** Josh Lucas

Tuesday, December 25:

- **Offices will be closed today. Merry Christmas!!**

Wednesday, December 26:

- **No Bible Classes or Youth Groups**

Sunday, December 30:

- **No Joyful Voices Choir**
- **No Sunday School**

Mark Your Calendars

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| January 2: | No Wednesday pm activities |
| January 5: | 9:00 am Secret Sister Reveal in the Fireside Room |
| January 6: | Installation of Elders and Deacons both services |
| January 9: | 2:00 pm: FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services |

Go! And Serve Him

Opportunities and Events



Faith In Action for the Month of January. 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?

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!

The Congregational meeting was held on December 5th. The following people were elected to serve on Consistory as Elders: Dr. Greg Kusters, Harold Ernst, and Marlin Roelfs; to serve as Deacons: Dan Heilman, Nathan Buysman and Scott Hulstein. Installation and ordination for the newly elected will be on January 6.

The last day to contribute to the 2018 budget will be Sunday, December 30th. I will be closing the books that week to prepare for the year 2018. Anything received after this date will be held until 2019. Thanks for your understanding.

If you have been a greeter in the past year and have not turned your name tag back into the office, I ask that you please do so. We reuse the plastic sleeves. Thanks!

Attention Secret Sisters: We will be having our Reveal party on Saturday, January 5th at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room. New forms have been placed in your mailboxes and new sisters will be given out January 13th. Please have your forms turned back into the Information Center by January 6. Thanks!

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.

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!

Sermon Notes:

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MILESTONES

WORTH CELEBRATING!



Congratulations to Glenn Doorenbos who will celebrate his 90th birthday on December 24.

To celebrate Glenn's birthday milestone, the Congregation is invited to join Glenn and his family for cake and coffee following the first service today.

FRC is responsible for Meals on Wheels

January 14 - 25th.

Sign up at the information center to help out.



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 and Geneva Wissink
- **Pray for our nursing home residents:** Margaret Calsbeek, Minnie De Jong, Tracy Den Beste, Dutch Kruger, Harold Schram and Lois May, and Leona Eben.
- **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, Lawrence Wiersma, Michael Block Jr., Ed Meendering, Dave Stofferan, Barb Van Diepen, Joe deBoom, Cavell Van Westen, Mike Kraayenbrink, Leona Eben, Randy Van De Berg, 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.

Deepest Sympathies

Our sympathies go out to the family of Chris and Tiffany Wynia in the death of Tiffany's Grandmother Eunice T. McGee, age 97 of Colton, South Dakota. Eunice passed away peacefully on Monday, December 17, 2018 at her rural home. She was laid to rest Friday, December 21. Please keep the Wynia family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of a Grandmother and Great-Grandmother.

Words of Thanks

Thank You for the cards and best wishes for my 80th birthday. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. ~~Trudy Dykstra

The family of Minnie DeJong would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, memorials and other expressions of sympathy since the death of Minnie. May God bless you for your kindnesses and thoughtfulness. It was very much appreciated. ~~The Family of Minnie DeJong

Thank you to everyone for their kind words, cards and concern following my surgery. Thank you also to Pastor Luke for your prayers. It is wonderful to be long to such a caring church. ~~Tiffany Wynia

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: December 23	Next Week: December 30
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: Daphne Bremer/family M: Jerrad & Tracee Brouwer/family E: Jamie & Jennifer Bruxvoort/family	W: LeRoy & Glenda De Boer M: Marcus & Angie De Boer E: Joe & Nisa deBoom/family
After Church Greeters:	SE: Lennis Harberts C: Ed Harskamp SW: Pastor Luke BE: Josh Lucas BW: Bill Hartzell	SE: Josh Lucas C: Arnie Langstraat SW: Ken Loerts BE: Ed Meendering BW: Pastor Luke
Prayer with the Elders:	Cornerstone: Bill Hartzell Open Door: Dick Oldenkamp	Cornerstone: Heath De Jong Open Door: Marcus De Boer
Children and Worship:	Children and Worship 9:00 am Leader: Deb Kusters Helper: 11:00 am Leader: Deb Kusters Helper: Family of Kalen Heronimus	Children and Worship No Children & Worship today
Nursery:	Cornerstone 9:00am: Brenda & Leah Ackerman Sunday School: No Sunday School Open Door 11:00am: Kathy Runia & Abby Kreykes	Cornerstone 9:00am: Laurel & Natalie Klaassen Sunday School: No Sunday School Open Door 11:00am: Wendy & Jahlyn De Jong
Library:	Jan Juffer	Jeannette Juffer
Coffee:	Glenn & Paul Doorenbos	John & Sharon Bartels



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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.