

# The 7 I AM STATEMENTS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



JOHN 6:33-39

## ***GLORIFY, GROW AND GO!***

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SIBLEY, IOWA  
SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** JOHN 6:33-39 PG. 1657

**SERMON TITLE:** "THE 7 I AM STATEMENTS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN  
— I AM THE BREAD OF 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.sibleyfrfc.org](http://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: March 4, 2018:** General Fund—\$4,685; Benevolent Fund—\$1,053; Building—\$95; Mission Share Support—\$250; The Village—\$100; MS/HS Remnant—\$50.

**Special offering for March** is Hope Haven.

In order to pay our 1st quarter Benevolent bills we will need \$27,000 in addition to our normal offerings, by the end of March.

## ***Grow! In His Word***

**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 of Life.*” Thank you to Josh Lucas and Elliot Daiker for leading the Lenten Reading this morning.

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

**Monday, March 12:**

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

**Tuesday, March 13:**

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

**Wednesday, March 14:**

- **6:30 am: Men’s Lenten Breakfast at the Presbyterian church**
- **9:00 am: Mothers Together**
- **2:00 pm: FRC is in charge** of Nursing Home/Harwood Heights Services
- **Bible Classes & Youth Groups**
  - 6:30-7:15 pm: Bible Class for 1st—5th Grade**
  - 6:30-7:15 pm: Middle School Remnant meets** in the Youth Room
  - 7:15-8:30 pm HS Remnant meets** in the Youth Room

**Thursday, March 15:**

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

**Saturday, March 17:**

- **9:00 am Women’s Lenten Breakfast.** Please see the bulletin announcement for more information. Please sign up at the information center.

**Sunday, March 18:** This morning Pastor Luke will continue his sermon series entitled, “The 7 I AM Statements in the Gospel of John — *I AM The Door.*” This morning at the Open Door service we celebrate with Jaden Abels as she makes her Profession of Faith and with Gina Jacobsma as she Rededicates her faith.

- **1:30 pm Easter Cantata Practice**

### ***Mark Your Calendars:***

**March 28:** **6:30 am Men’s Lenten Breakfast at the Christian Reformed Church**

- **No Wednesday Night Classes —Easter Break**

**March 29:** **7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion**

**March 30:** **5,7,9:00 pm Passion Play at the Sibley Ocheyedon 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:** 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. Feel free to allow your children to use them during the church service. At the end of the service simply return them to the holders.

**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 plan to attend, please sign up at the Information Center by March 12.

**Reminder “This Is God” Easter Cantata** practices will be at 1:30 pm Sunday March 11, 18 and at 5:00pm March 25 (due to Passion Play practice).

**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-Ocheyedon 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.

**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.

**The monthly Fishes & Loaves Kitchen** meal is being held in the Sibley First Presbyterian Church old fellowship hall on Saturday, **March 17**, at 6:00 p.m., with games beginning at 5 p.m. Soup and pie will be served. There is no charge or freewill offering.

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### **Opportunities to Serve our Church and Community**

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!!** 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](http://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.

**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.*

**Free Food Available:** The Food Bank of Iowa mobile pantry will be distributing food on Tuesday, **March 13<sup>th</sup>** from 4-6 p.m. at the Sibley Christian Reformed Church. Please bring your own bags, baskets, or boxes to carry your food.

**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 **March 25th**. Thanks!

**Mike Kraayenbrink Benefit 2 person 'MIKE' Basketball Tournament** will be held April 21 from 5:00pm-8:00pm at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School. Admission is a free will donation. Concessions will be served and will include grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. Other games and entertainment will be provided for all ages. To register for the 'MIKE' Tournament text Amie Elser at 712-461-1720, Sara Hibma at 712-330-4721, or Kent Douma at 712-348-9026. Registration deadline is April 17. This event is being sponsored by WeCare.

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## 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.

## Words of Thanks

**Thank you to our friends** in Christ who remembered us at the passing of my mother, Jean Honken. Collectively, your shared memories of my mom, prayers for her in her final physical struggles, favorite Bible verses of yours, hugs, food, flowers, and memorials given were a great sign of your love for Christ and testimony to our children and extended family of your faith and hers. All of it was greatly appreciated. Thanks again. ~~Dale and Karen Honken and family, Rev. Al Honken, and Cheryl and Peter Daniel and family.

**Thank you to everyone** who kept Burt in your prayers, visited, called and sent cards before and after his eye surgeries. We greatly appreciate your continued prayers as he continues to heal. ~~Burt and Jan Henrichs

**Thank you so much** to Pastor Luke and Duane Vande Hoef for their visits after my surgery. Thank you also for all of the wonderful cards and prayers offered. It means so much to belong to a congregation that cares so much. ~~JoAnn Calsbeek

**Thank you to everyone who attended**, volunteered and donated food to the HS Remnant Soup and Pie supper. We were able to make a \$4000 profit that will be used to help fund our mission trip this summer to Houston, TX. May God bless you. Thanks Again!! ~~ Josh, Sponsors and HS Remnant Youth

## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	<b>This Week: March 11</b>	<b>Next Week: March 18</b>
<b>Cornerstone Greeters:</b>	<b>W:</b> John & Sharon Bartels <b>M:</b> Gretchen Bartelson & Marlys Brink <b>E:</b> Troy & Meggan Block/family	<b>W:</b> Travis & Jill Boeke/family <b>M:</b> Daphne Bremer/family <b>E:</b> Jerrad & Tracee Brouwer/family
<b>After Church Greeters:</b>	<b>SE:</b> Pastor Luke <b>C:</b> Josh Lucas <b>SW:</b> Bob Tiedeman <b>BE:</b> Duane Vande Hoef <b>BW:</b> Paul Vander Linden	<b>SE:</b> John Van Diepen <b>C:</b> Pastor Luke <b>SW:</b> Josh Lucas <b>BE:</b> Curt Van Kley <b>BW:</b> Harvey Van Ruler
<b>Prayer with the Elders:</b>	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Dale Honken <b>Open Door:</b> Duane Vande Hoef	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Bill Hartzell <b>Open Door:</b> Dick Oldenkamp
<b>Children and Worship:</b>	<b>9:00 am Leader:</b> Deb Kusters <b>Helper:</b> Chris Schouten <b>11:00 am Leader:</b> Deb Kusters <b>Helper:</b> Family of Jude & Lucy Anderson	<b>9:00 am Leader:</b> Jamie Hulstein <b>Helper:</b> Ashilyn Hulstein <b>11:00 am Leader:</b> Deb Kusters <b>Helper:</b> Family of Lincoln & Addison McDyer
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>Cornerstone 9:00am:</b> Jennifer & Ella Bruxvoort <b>Sunday School:</b> Ruth Ann Wiersma <b>Open Door Service 11:00 am:</b> Sarah Loerts & Megan Loerts	<b>Cornerstone 9:00am:</b> Brenda & Alyssa Wassman <b>Sunday School:</b> Luella Eggink <b>Open Door Service 11:00 am:</b> Marvella & Britta Harberts
<b>Library:</b>	Jeannette Juffer	Leona Meendering
<b>Coffee:</b>	Larry & Rhonda Riebeling	Marvin & Janice Runia

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