

FOCUS ON FARMING



**“REAPING
A
HARVEST”
JOHN 4:35-36**



Welcome to Church!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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
- Sunday School Guide will meet in the Library
 - Men's Bible Study: *"Forgotten God"* 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.
Children and Worship --(3yrs. - Kindergarten)

Grow! In His Word

SERMON TITLE: "Focus on Farming...
Reaping a Harvest"

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: *John 4:35-36 Page: 1652*

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings for September 9, 2018: General Fund-\$4,899; Benevolent Fund-\$665; Building-\$5; MS/HS youth groups-\$50; Bethany Christian Services- \$110.

Special offering for September is Bethany Christian Services



Happening This Week

Sunday, September 16:

- **Sermon Topic** for the morning will be “Focus on Farming...Reaping a Harvest.” We will also be nominating people to the office of Deacon today. Please prayerfully make your nominations and place your ballot in the plate as it is passed after the offering has been taken.
- **8:20 am Joyful Voices Choir (a.k.a. Senior Choir) will meet** in the Fireside Room
- **10:10am: Sunday School** for ages 3 years old - Adult
- **College Students will be sharing** about their Mission Trip to Louisiana between services

Monday, September 17:

- **9:00 am Faith Bible Study**
- **4:00 pm Patience Bible Study**
- **6:00 pm Elders / Deacons Meetings**
- **7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet**
- **7:00 pm: Women’s Bible Study**

Tuesday, September 18:

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

Wednesday, September 19:

- **5:00-7:00 pm: Soup and Pie Supper** Fundraiser for Missions
- **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, September 23:

- **Sermon Topic** for the morning will be “Focus on Farming...Patience in Harvest.” This morning we have the privilege of celebrating the sacrament of Infant Baptism for Ellie Grace Loerts, daughter of Megan and Brian Loerts during the second service.
- **8:20 am Joyful Voices Choir (a.k.a. Senior Choir) will meet** in the Fireside Room
- **10:10 am: Sunday School** for ages 3 years old - Adult

Mark Your Calendars

- **Sept. 26: 2:00 pm FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services**
- **Sept. 30: We welcome Rowland Van Es as he will be sharing about his mission work.**
- **October 3: 9:00 am Coffee with the Pastor**
- **October 7: Worldwide Communion Sunday**

Go! And Serve Him

Opportunities and Events



FRC Soup and Pie Supper will be September 19 from 5-7pm. Sign-up sheets for helping and items needed are posted on the Information Center. Please check the sign up sheets and see where you can help out.

Faith in Action for September is ATLAS. Items needed are:

Canon Printer ink: #240—black #241—color; *Kleenex, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper (highly needed) Card Stock Paper—white; Hershey’s Kisses; *cans of coffee (highly needed); 30 gal trash bags.

Parents: During the next few Sunday’s there may be a few items in the Sanctuary that will be tempting for your children to want to play with. Please help us keep the items and your children safe by not allowing them to play on the stage in the Sanctuary. Thank you so much!

Children and Worship is looking for volunteers to help with the Sunday Morning program. Children and Worship takes place during the worship services and is for children ages 3-Pre K. If you are interested in being either a leader or a helper or both please sign up at the Information Center. Thanks!

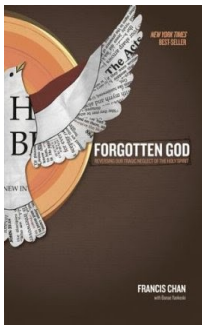


- 1st-5th Grade Bible Classes: Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm
- MS Remnant: Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm in the Youth Room
- HS Remnant: Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 pm in the Youth Room
- Sunday School for 3 year old - Adult: 10:10-10:50 am

There are a few spots left that need filling yet. Please consider helping by leading a class this year! Sign-up sheets can be found on the Information Center, via a link on the church website (sibleyfr.org) under the Children tab, as well as on these Google Docs links:

(Wednesday Bible Classes) <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1idJE4sd9Mktix67DTzefCymUv4HxMY5oyeAdFQsHQrU/edit?usp=sharing>

(Sunday School Classes) <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pBk1yqPAAqRRX6lQFsSImqP7YLPWZq8Gyii2yzRZw4g/edit?usp=sharing>



The Men's Bible Study, who meets on the west end of the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings at 10:10am, invites all men to join them for a video study by Francis Chan entitled, *Forgotten God*. This video series will help remind us of the true source of the church's power—the Holy Spirit. Chan contends that we've ignored the Spirit for far too long, and that without Him, we operate in our own strength, only accomplishing human-sized results. This video offers a compelling invitation to understand, embrace, and follow the Holy Spirit's direction in our lives.

Sermon Notes:

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Get Signed Up!! As the education year gets underway

we remind all parents to stop at the Information Center and pick up a copy of the "remind" codes to sign up for. Remind is a mass text messaging service that we use at church to send out announcements, especially with MS and HS Remnant. We encourage you to sign up so you will not miss out on important information!



Hope Haven will be holding it's annual Trail Ride on Saturday, September 22 at Newton Hills State Park! Registration starts at 8:30 am with the ride beginning at 10:00 am.

Lunch will be served from 11:00-2:00. For more information please visit, www.hopehaven.org

The WeCare group will sponsor an Honor Flight fundraiser on

Sunday, Sept. 30, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the S-O High School. Pulled pork, potato salad, chips, baked beans, ice cream, and drinks will be served. Freewill offering donations accepted. Please come and support your local veterans!



19th Annual Sibley-Ocheyedan PARADE OF BANDS!! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 2018. Meal served in the HS Commons from **11 am to 1 pm** Everyone is Welcome • Free Will Donations • Meal includes

Taco's, Salad, Dessert, and Drink. **Marching show is at 2:00 pm** on the football field. The show features the 6th grade band, 7th/8th grade band and the High School Marching Generals presenting the award winning field show, "Karmen"!



The September Newsletter, in color, is available on our website, <https://www.sibleyfrc.org>, under the "Publications" tab.

FRC is responsible for Meals on Wheels September 24-October 5th. Sign up at the information center to help out.



Miss a message? Want to hear the message again? Scan our handy QR code to get quick access to our web page (Sibleyfrc.org) where you can click on "Sermons" to watch the video. While you are on our home page check out our other tabs for more church information.



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:** Larry Buysman, 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 Kelli Vande Berg, Cavell Van Westen, Sharon Bartels, Rhonda Riebeling 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.

This past Friday, JoAnn Calsbeek underwent outpatient surgery to remove the screws and wires that were put in her knee to hold it together after her original injury. Please continue to lift her up in your prayers as she continues to recover.

We ask that you lift up Larry and Jane Buysman and family today and in the days to come as Larry's health is declining. We ask for prayers of peace for Larry, Jane, Nathan, and family. We ask for comfort for Larry and that they all feel God's presence surround them.

Words of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who has lifted me up in prayer these last couple of weeks. The power of prayer is priceless and means much more to me than these words can express. I have had my test results come back and I am happy to report that I do not have cancer. Thank you again to everyone.

~~Eugene Groen

Thank You to everyone who remembered me with prayers, visits and cards during my hospital stays and while I was recuperating at home.

~~Wilma Loerts

Thank you for all the wonderful birthday cards and messages that were sent for my 100th birthday. I feel very grateful to be a part of a church for over 100 years.

~~Tracy Den Beste

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: September 16	Next Week: September 23
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: Larry & Rhonda Riebeling M: Lyle Peelen & Marlin Roelfs E: Cal & Kathy Runia	W: Marvin & Janice Runia M: Dr. Brian & Heidi Saylor/Family E: Ted & Eileen Schutte
After Church Greeters:	SE: Larry Riebeling C: Cal Runia SW: Pastor Luke BE: Josh Lucas BW: Bob Tiedeman	SE: Duane Vande Hoef C: Paul Vander Linden SW: John Van Diepen BE: Pastor Luke BW: Josh Lucas
Prayer with the Elders:	Cornerstone: Lennis Harberts Open Door: Lawrence Wiersma	Cornerstone: Duane Vande Hoef Open Door: Dale Honken
Children and Worship:	Children and Worship 9:00 am Leader: Jamie Hulstein Helper: Family of Addison McDyer 11:00 am Leader: Karen Honken Helper: Family of	Children and Worship 9:00 am Leader: Deb Kosters Helper: Family of Logan Ver Steeg 11:00 am Leader: Deb Kosters Helper: Family of
Nursery:	Cornerstone 9:00am: Gina Jacobsma & Chelsey Alexander Sunday School: Ruth Ann Wiersma Open Door Service 11:00 am: Wendy & Jahlyn De Jong	Cornerstone 9:00am: Brenda Michelson & Linda Mehls Sunday School: Luella Eggink Open Door Service 11:00 am: Melissa Anderson & Melissa Langstraat
Library:	Pauline Van Engen	Leanne Van Kley
Coffee:	Dave & Sandy Lamfers	Charlie & Brenda Kuhl



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Hours: Mon-Thurs. 8am -1pm

Jamie Hulstein, Communications
Hrs.: Thurs. 8am-1pm; Fri 8am-12pm
All bulletin announcements are due in the church office by Wednesday noon. Bulletins are printed on Thursday morning.