

FOCUS ON FARMING



**“FERTILIZING
A GOOD SOIL”**

COLOSSIANS 2:1-7



Welcome to Church!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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...
Fertilizing a Good Soil"

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: *Colossians 2:1-7* Page: 1833

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings for September 2, 2018: General Fund-\$8,265;
Benevolent Fund-\$355; Building-\$105; Village Northwest-\$100;
Bethany Christian Services- 505.

Special offering for September is Bethany Christian Services



Happening This Week

Sunday, September 9:

- **Sermon Topic** for the morning will be "Focus on Farming...Fertilizing a Good Soil." We will be nominating people to the office of Deacon next Sunday, September 16. Please use the list and sample ballot found in this week's bulletin to help you prayerfully consider your choices.
- **10:10am: Sunday School** begins for ages 3 years old - Adult
- **6:00 pm: Education Team** will meet

Monday, September 10:

- **7:00pm: Women's Bible Study**

Tuesday, September 11:

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

Wednesday, September 12:

- **Bible Classes & Youth Groups**
 - 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
- **7:15 pm: Admin Team Meeting**

Sunday, September 16:

- **Sermon Topic** for the morning will be "Focus on Farming...Un-reaped Fields." We will be nominating people to the office of Deacon today.
- **8:20 am Joyful Voices Choir (formerly 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

Mark Your Calendars

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

September 19: 5-7 pm Soup and Pie Supper (*Groups 5 & 6 are in charge*)

Check the sign up on Information center to 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 Items) Card Stock Paper—white; Hershey's Kisses; *cans of coffee (also highly needed); 30 gal trash bags.

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.

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. The future of Children and Worship depends volunteers. Thanks!



ATTENTION FIRST REFORMED CHURCH! WE HAVE BEGUN WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASSES AND YOUTH GROUPS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL!

- 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 yr olds - Adult: 10:10-10:50 am
- We hope to see you there!

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 (sibleyfcc.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/1pBk1yqPAAqRRX6IQFsSIMqP7YLPWZq8Gyii2yzRZw4g/edit?usp=sharing>



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!

Free Food Available: The Food Bank of Iowa mobile pantry will be distributing food on **Tuesday, September 11th from 4-6 p.m.** at the Sibley Christian Reformed Church, 115 Maple Drive. 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.

On September 11, the Bible League Volunteers are hosting their Fall Retreat. You will be enriched with spiritual encouragement, joyful fellowship, worship, and entertainment. More details can be found online at bibleleague.org/retreat18 or on the poster posted on the Information Center.



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!

The monthly Fishes & Loaves Kitchen meal is being held in the Sibley First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall on **Saturday, September 15, at 6:00 p.m.,** games beginning at 5:00 p.m. Tacos, garden produce and ice cream will be served. All are invited and welcomed to attend. There is no charge or freewill offering.

Heartwood Heights is asking for donations of fabric that the residents can use. Any variety of fabric will do. Big, small, (maybe not bed sheets) What is being planned with these donations is making different types of crafts to do for our afternoon activities! Please bring your donations to Heartwood Heights and ask for Suzanne.

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.

Sermon Notes:

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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, Wilma Loerts, Gene Groen 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.

Words of Thanks

The Family of Dalton Van Zanten would like to thank everyone for sharing our sorrow. Your prayers, cards, and other expressions of sympathy were greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

~~Rachel Van Zanten, Loren & Deb Hulstein,
Michael & Chelsea Hulstein & girls.

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: September 9	Next Week: September 16
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: Keith & Brenda Michelson M: Dick & Marcia Oldenkamp E: Marlys Pietz & Jen Schram	W: Larry & Rhonda Riebeling M: Lyle Peelen & Marlin Roelfs E: Cal & Kathy Runia
After Church Greeters:	SE: Pastor Luke C: Josh Lucas SW: Dr. Greg Kosters BE: Arnie Langstraat BW: Ken Loerts	SE: Larry Riebeling C: Cal Runia SW: Pastor Luke BE: Josh Lucas BW: Bob Tiedeman
Prayer with the Elders:	Cornerstone: Heath De Jong Open Door: Marcus De Boer	Cornerstone: Lennis Harberts Open Door: Lawrence Wiersma
Children and Worship:	Children and Worship 9:00 am Leader: Deb Kosters Helper: Family of Brynna Loerts 11:00 am Leader: Deb Kosters Helper: Family of	Children and Worship 9:00 am Leader: Jamie Hulstein Helper: Family of Addison McDyer 11:00 am Leader: Karen Honken Helper: Family of
Nursery:	Cornerstone 9:00am: Laurel & Natalie Klaassen Sunday School: Peg Van Kley Open Door Service 11:00 am: Kathy Runia & Abby Kreykes	Cornerstone 9:00am: Gina Jacobsma & Chelsey Alexander Sunday School: Ruth Ann Wiersma Open Door Service 11:00 am: Wendy & Jahlyn De Jong
Library:	Jen Schram	Pauline Van Engen
Coffee:	Ken & Wilma Loerts	Dave & Sandy Lamfers



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Hours: Mon-Thurs. 8am -1pm

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