

SO GREAT A  
**SALVATION**

SAVING FAITH

*"How shall we escape  
if we neglect so great a salvation?"*

*Hebrews 2:3*

MARK 1:14-15



**OCTOBER 6, 2024**

We are delighted that you are here to worship with us today.  
Miss a service, want to watch a sermon again? Our services are broadcasted  
live on our YouTube Channel (Sibley First Reformed Church).

*Glorify God With Worship!*

**9:00 am Praise and Worship Service**

**Prelude:** Ger Van Diepen

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP - EPHESIANS 2:1-8**

**JOYFUL VOICES CHOIR**

**SONG: "HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD"**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*\*CHILDREN AND WORSHIP DISMISSED\*\***

**SCRIPTURE:** MARK 1:14-15

**MESSAGE:** SAVING FAITH

**COMMUNION**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER - DUANE VANDE HOEF**

**BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)*

**SONG: "AND CAN IT BE" #307 VS 1,3 & 5**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING: "LORD OF THE UNIVERSE"**

## Happening This Week

### Sunday, October 6:

- **8:20 am:** Joyful Voices Choir will practice
- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian continues the series, So Great a Salvation, with today's message: "Saving Faith" based on Mark 1:14-15 We thank the Joyful Voices choir for sharing their talent with us this morning. Today we also have the privilege of partaking in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper as we celebrate World Wide Communion.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School for ages 3-103!**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet here at church**

### Tuesday, October 8:

- **8:30 am** Quilters will meet today

### Wednesday, October 9:

- **2:00 pm** FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services
- **5:00 pm S-O Volleyball Team Meal** will be held in the Fellowship Hall
- **Bible Classes and Youth Groups Begin**
  - 6:30 pm:** Bible Classes for 1st-5th Grades will meet.
  - 6:30 pm:** MS Remnant will meet
  - 7:30 pm:** HS Remnant will meet

### Thursday, October 10:

- **5:30 pm:** S-O Football Team Meal

### Sunday, October 13:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian continues the series, So Great a Salvation, with today's message: "Justification" based on Romans 3:21-26.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School for ages 4-103!**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet here at church**

### The 2025 Deacon Nominees are as follows:

Nick Mans, Tony Bevers, Cody Hurlburt and Clayton Wagenaar.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** The FRC Outreach Team will be hosting the annual **Harvest Festival/Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 31st from 5-8:30**, following the downtown Trick or Treating, and needs your help to make it happen. Volunteers are needed for games, serving, and of course trunks. Please make plans to help out with one of the best outreach events that we do here at FRC. If you are wanting to volunteer, see the sign-up sheet posted on the Information Center. If you have any questions please contact either Josh Lucas or any member of the Outreach team.

**Let Freedom Ring!** FRC is going to be traveling to Sioux Falls to serve a meal at Freedom's Gate Church on **Sunday, November 10** and we would love for you to join us. If you would are interested in joining the group to serve, please sign up at the Information Center. Also, if you have children and need child care during this event, please contact Josh Lucas or any other member of the Outreach team.

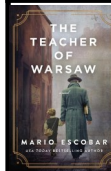


**First Reformed Church Reminder:** Photo submissions for the 2025 Church Photo Directory need to be turned in no later than **October 27** to the church office.

## Mark Your Calendars

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| <b>October 14:</b> | <b>6:00 pm</b> Elder Deacon Meetings             |
|                    | <b>7:00 pm</b> Full Consistory will meet         |
| <b>October 21:</b> | <b>9:30 am</b> Faith Bible Study will meet       |
|                    | <b>3:00 pm</b> Patience Bible Study will meet    |
| <b>October 30:</b> | <b>5-7 pm</b> FRC Soup and Pie Supper            |
| <b>October 31:</b> | <b>5-8:30 pm</b> Harvest Festival/Trunk or Treat |

### Book of the Week



**THE TEACHER OF  
WARSAW**  
By  
Mario Escobar



### New Sibley FRC Book Table

The church has established a **FREE** book table. Books are there for you to take and read, and new titles will be added occasionally. Pick up a book that interests you and learn more about the God we serve. Mark it up, discuss it with your family, and share it with friends. These books are there to help you live the FRC mission statement – Glorify, **GROW**, and Go.



## Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests

The Sibley Rotary Club will be hosting their Fall Dinner on Sunday, **October 6!** Pickup will be from **11 a.m. – 1 p.m.** at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Ham, Corn, Gravy and Mashed Potatoes will be served. Tickets are available for purchase at Sibley State Bank, Iowa State Bank, Northwestern Mutual or any Rotary Member!

Sibley Trinity Lutheran Church invites you to their Soup & Pie Supper on **Wednesday, October 16th from 5-7pm.**

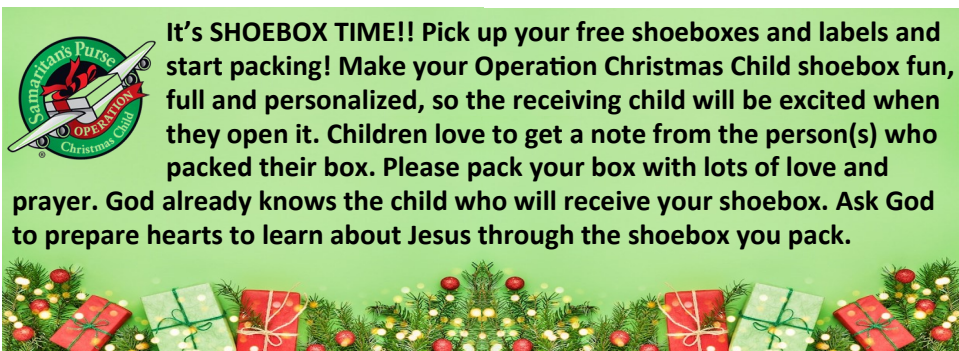
Team Trinity will be hosting a Baked Potato Meal on Sunday, **November 3 from 11am-12:30.** All proceeds will be given to the American Cancer Society.

A **Community Health Needs Assessment** is being done for Osceola County. Please use the following link ( <https://www.osceolarhc.org/chna> ) to share your opinions or scan the QR code on the Information Center. Paper copies are available at the Sibley Hospital, Public Health or Trinity Lutheran church.

## Sermon Notes:

**SCRIPTURE:** EPHESIANS 2:1-8

**MESSAGE:** SAVING FAITH



It's SHOEBOX TIME!! Pick up your free shoeboxes and labels and start packing! Make your Operation Christmas Child shoebox fun, full and personalized, so the receiving child will be excited when they open it. Children love to get a note from the person(s) who packed their box. Please pack your box with lots of love and prayer. God already knows the child who will receive your shoebox. Ask God to prepare hearts to learn about Jesus through the shoebox you pack.

### fRC Men's Cooking Competition



-- Round 2--

**November 10: "Birds of Prey"**  
(chicken, turkey, or wild game bird)

**Get Signed Up Today on the Information Center!!**

Details can be found on the Contest Posters around church

## In Our Prayers...

If you have a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Brian or your District Elder or Deacon. You may also contact the church office or Jamie's cell if you would like a prayer chain started. Remember, we cannot print your name or send a prayer chain unless you have granted FRC permission to do so. If you have a prayer request you would like included in the bulletin/announcements, please contact the office.

### Pray For:

- **Those in assisted living:** Jane Buysman, Ellen Schram, Anita Ernst, Trudy Dykstra, Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn, Ethel Jurgens, and Margaret Calsbeek
- **Our nursing home residents:** Wilma Hatting, Martha Krikke, and Marlys Brink
- **Our Missionaries:** Dr. Bernadeth Kelly and Adrian Bobb, Sayuri Kist-Okazaki, Brian and Donna Renes, J.J. and Tim TenClay, Rowland and Jane Van Es, Grace Covenant Ministries and Jeff and Chelsea Lampen

### Pray For:

- **All those** who have lost loved ones.
- **Our Church** as we seek God's will
- **Our Country** and its Leaders.
- **All those who have had** illnesses and surgeries and health issues.
- **Pray for healing for:** Mike Block, Margaret Travaille, Levi Christensen, Gary Wolter, Dick Oldenkamp, LeRoy DeBoer, Mandie Sprock, and Melanie Schiphoff.
- **Pray for peace** for LeRoy Stevenson, his family and any individuals who may be dealing with a diagnosis that can not be healed on this side of heaven. May they find God's loving hand surrounding them as they await the day when all their pain and struggles are over and they are in glory with their Heavenly Father.

# Faith In Action for October Center of Hope



Clean your closets and bring any winter coats, scarves, mittens and caps, that are in good shape, to church. They will be put to good use.

## Stewardship & Giving

**Offerings September 29:** General-\$5583; Benevolent-\$365; Building-\$20; Talking Bibles-\$45; Bountiful Blessings-\$49

**Special offering for September was Talking Bibles**

**Special offering for October is Operation Christmas Child**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 157**

### Offering Summary Through September:

General Fund Offerings: \$263,559.90 | Budget: \$443,532.29

Benevolent Fund Offerings: \$12,365.81 | Budget: 68,275.23

Avg. monthly offering needed: \$42,650 | Total Ben/Gen offering for Sept.: \$41,759.21

## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: October 6	Next Week: October 13
<b>Greeters:</b>	E: Ken and Sharalyn Tjaden C: Greg Tracy / Family W: Chad and Megan Travaille/family	E: Randy Van De Berg C: Duane and Pam Vande Hoef W: Ger and Barb Van Diepen
<b>Worship Nursery:</b>	Chelsey Alexander & Megan Travaille	Megan Ackerman & Chelsea Hulstein
<b>C&amp;W Leader</b>	Deb Kusters	Deb Kusters
<b>Library:</b>	Janice Runia	Pauline Van Engen
<b>Coffee:</b>	Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar	Lawrence and Ruth Wiersma



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Hours: Mon & Thurs. 8am -2 pm

\*\*\*Announcements are due by Wed. noon.

\*\*\*Bulletins are available by the sanctuary doors no earli-