



The End of Me...
The End of My Performance
Matthew 5:8



Welcome to Church!

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

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

Coffee Fellowship & Prayer Time

- Sunday School for ages Pre-K- Adult
- Sunday School Guide Study will meet in the Library
 - Men's Bible Study: "Be A Godly Man" meets on the south-west end of the Fellowship Hall
 - Women's Bible Study: "The Crazy Cycle" meets on the north-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

MESSAGE:

"THE END OF ME...THE END OF MY PERFORMANCE"

SCRIPTURE:

MATTHEW 5:8 PG: 1501

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings for November 10, 2019: General Fund -\$4597; Benevolent Fund-\$345; Building Fund-\$0; Sharing Christmas Families-\$30; Remnant Youth \$150.
Special offering for November is Sharing Christmas Families

Happening This Week

Sunday, November 17:

- Today Pastor Luke will continue his series “The End of Me, Where Real Life Begins” with the topic “The End of My Performance.” Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes are due TODAY!!!!
- 8:20am: Joyful Voices Choir will meet this morning.
- 10:10am: Sunday School Christmas Program Practice will NOT start today but will begin next Sunday, the 24th for grades 4 and 5. Thanks!

Monday, November 18:

- 9:00 am: Faith Bible Study will meet
- 3:00 pm: Patience Bible Study will meet
- 6:00 pm: Elder/Deacon Meetings
- 7:00 pm: Full Consistory will meet
- 7:00 pm: Monday Night Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, November 19:

- 8:30 am: Chickadee Quilters

Wednesday, November 20

- 9:00 am: Mothers Together will meet. Join us for a fun morning crafting and fellowshiping!!
- Bible Classes & Youth Groups will meet
 - 6:30-7:30 pm: Bible Class for 1st—5th Grade
 - 6:30-8:30 pm: MS/HS Remnant Food Find Please contact the office before 2pm on Monday, November 18th if you would like to have someone stop by your home to pick up food.
 - 6:30-7:30 pm: Discovery Class Wednesday Edition

Thursday, November 21:

- 6-7pm Annual Spaghetti Supper hosted by the MS Remnant
- 7:00 pm Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 24:

- Today Pastor Luke will conclude his series “The End of Me, Where Real Life Begins” with the topic “The End of My Comfort Zone.”
- 8:20am Joyful Voices Choir will meet this morning.
- 10:10am Sunday School Christmas Program Practice for grades 4 and 5.

Mark Your Calendars

November 27: 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service; No Bible Classes or Remnant Calling District 2 will be decorating for Christmas following the service. Students are encouraged to lend a hand. High School students will receive community service hours and Middle School students will also be rewarded.

Go! And Serve Him

Opportunities and Events

*****ATTENTION: The 2019 Congregational Meeting for First Reformed Church will be held on THURSDAY, November 21st at 7:00pm. The annual Spaghetti Supper, hosted by the MS Remnant youth group, will precede the meeting beginning at 6:00pm.**

The following people have been nominated for the office of Elder: Marlin Runia, Ken Heronimus, Curt Van Kley, Frank Martinez, Stan De Zeeuw, Joe de-Boom, Steve Van Kley, Randy Van De Berg, and Dennis Jurgens.

The following people have been nominated for the office of Deacon: Larry De Boer, Jon Elser, Mitch Kreykes, Brad Loerts, Ryan Wiersma and Troy Block.

****Please take some time to look through the FRC 2020 budget.** If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of the Elders or Deacons currently serving or Pastor Luke before the **November 18th** Consistory Meeting.

Absentee Voting Ballots for our Congregational meeting are available in the Church office. All ballots must be returned signed and sealed to the office or to Pastor Luke by NOON on November 21st.

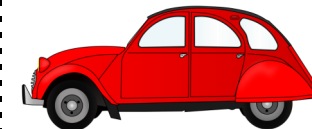
FRC Offering Envelopes are being prepared in the office for 2020. If you have never used offering envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know. If you are a current envelope user and wish to discontinue using them please contact the office.

The 2020 Church Directory is also being worked on. If you have had a change in address, email or phone number please get those to the office as soon as possible so we can get those updated. Thanks!



The Sharing Christmas Families lists are on the back wall of the Fellowship Hall. This is our Faith in Action for the month of December. HOWEVER, Upper Des Moines has asked us to have all packages delivered to them by December 16. To allow you enough time to make your purchases we are posting them now. So please stop by the posters and mark off items you are interested in blessing these families with. Let's make this Christmas wonderful for these families.

Drivers Needed!! We are in need of drivers to help Marlys Pietz get to her Dialysis Treatments in Worthington. If you are willing and able to help please use the new sign up sheet on the Information Center. Thanks!



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The annual Church/Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be held in the fellowship hall of the Sibley First Presbyterian Church on **Thursday, November 28, at 12 noon**. If you will be alone on this special holiday or may not have the financial means to afford a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, we cordially invite you to attend. There is no charge or freewill offering. Take outs only available for the home bound. **Here is where we need help:** Financial donations can be made to the First Presbyterian Church. Volunteers are also needed to help prepare the meal, serve the meal and clean up afterwards. If you would like to volunteer, contact the church office at 712-754-3126. Help make this a wonderful event for others through volunteering. Thank you!

A Christmas Gift & Bake Sale hosted by Team Trinity will be held **Saturday, December 7, from 8am-1pm** at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sibley. There will be decorative gifts, homemade crafts such as bowl huggers, baked potato bags, hot pads and LOTS of goodies to choose from. Please come and help us raise money for the American Cancer Society.

BOOKS FOR THE TAKING, STOCK UP NOW FOR YOUR WINTER READING.

The Christmas Child Shoeboxes will be removed from the narthex table soon. In their place you will find boxes of books, free for the taking. Your librarians have been spending numerous hours inventorying and weeding the library books. (Some books on the table have come from other sources.) There are books for all ages so please look them over and help yourself."



PLEASE JOIN US! The Joyful Voices Choir will be taking part in Sunday morning services during the Advent season and on Christmas Eve. If you are interested in singing with us during this limited time, please contact Peg Van Kley or attend our rehearsals at 8:20 AM on Sunday mornings. All voices are welcome!!



Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due today!!

The Boxes will be taken to the collection drop-off site on Monday.

THANK YOU FOR PACKING A SHOEBOX!!!



The Middle School Youth are once again selling Papa Murphy's Take and Bake Pizzas for the holiday Season!! These make tasty, fast meals when tied for time or when unexpectant company arrives. These pizzas freeze well too! To place your order either talk to a MS Student or fill out one of the slips on the Information Center. All orders need to be in by Wednesday, December 4. Thank You!

Sermon Notes:

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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, Dutch Kruger, and Harold Schram.
- **Pray for our Missionaries:** Dr. Bernadeth Kelly and Adrian Bobb, Sayuri Kist-Okazaki, Brian and Donna Renes, J.J. and Tim TenCley, Rowland and Jane Van Es.

In Our Prayers

Please continue to lift **Dean Ackerman, Brenda Wassman, Ron Dykstra, Marvin Runia, Jodene Kruse, Larry Riebeling, Ray Schram, Dutch Kruger, Dave Kleinwolterink, Cavell Van Westen, Kelli Van De Berg, Michael Block Jr., and Merlin Doorenbos** up in your prayers as they continue to deal with health issues.

Words of Thanks

We want to tank everyone for the love and concern shown to us after Marv's heart attack. Your thoughts and prayers were very much appreciated. God's leading was evident.

~~Marvin and Janice Runia

To Our Veterans: Words are not enough to express our gratitude to you for your service to the American people and our country. So many of the simple freedoms that we all take for granted would not even exist without the sacrifices made by the men and women in uniform. On behalf of our entire congregation we say thank you for your service and your sacrifices. May God bless you all!

~~FRC Congregation

Thank you for your prayers and kind words. I am doing well. GOD IS GOOD!

~~Ron Dykstra

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jacob and Alecia (Martinez) Juelfs who were united in marriage here at FRC last night. May God continue to bless this union as you seek his guidance in every facet of your marriage.

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: November 17	Next Week: November 24
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: Cole & Kayla Hoekstra/family M: Dale & Karen Honken E: Loren & Deb Hulstein	W: Mark & Rosie Hulstein/family M: Michael & Chelsea Hulstein/family E: Rod & Beth Hulstein/family
After Church Greeters:	SE: Pastor Luke C: Josh Lucas SW: John Van Diepen BE: Curt Van Kley BW: Harvey Van Ruler	SE: Larry Verdoorn C: Pastor Luke SW: Josh Lucas BE: Lawrence Wiersma BW: John Bartles
Prayer with the Elders:	Cornerstone: Duane Vande Hoef Open Door: Dale Honken	Cornerstone: Dick Oldenkamp Open Door: Bill Hartzell
Children and Worship:	Children and Worship 9am Leader: Karen Honken 11am Leader: Karen Honken	Children and Worship 9am Leader: Deb Kosters 11am Leader: Deb Kosters
Nursery:	9:00 am: Laurel & Natalie Klaassen Sunday School Sandy Lamfers 11:00 am: Anne & Kaylee Maxwell	9:00 am: Gina & Alyssa Jacobsma Sunday School Megan Loerts 11:00 am: Kira Christensen & Sami Fox
Library:	Jen Schram	Pauline Van Engen
Coffee:	Keith and Janelle Van Drunen	John and Lois Van Diepen



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