



The End of Me...

The End of My Comfort Zone  
Matthew 5:10-12



***Welcome to Church!***

**NOVEMBER 24, 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](http://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 COMFORT ZONE"

**SCRIPTURE:**

MATTHEW 5:10-12 PG: 1501

***Stewardship & Giving***

**Offerings for November 17, 2019:** General Fund -\$5927; Benevolent Fund-\$594; Building Fund-\$0; Sharing Christmas Families-\$160; Remnant Youth \$100; OCC shoeboxes \$27; Hope Haven \$100.

**Special offering for November is Sharing Christmas Families**

## Happening This Week

### 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."** This morning we will also have Communion Preparatory to help prepare our hearts and minds for celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday
- **8:20am Joyful Voices Choir** will meet this morning.
- **10:10am Sunday School** Christmas Program Practice for grades 4 and 5.

### Monday, November 25:

- **7:00 pm: Monday Night Ladies Bible Study**

### Tuesday, November 26:

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

### Wednesday, November 27

- **6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service** (Greeters: W: Scott & Jamie Hulstein/ family; M: Michael & Mary Hustoft; E: Roger & Carol Iedema. After church greeters: SE: Marcus De Boer; C: Ron Dykstra; SW: Pastor Luke; BE: Josh Lucas; BW: Harold Ernst. Nursery: Maureen Heilman & Jenny Weg. Organist: Mim Ernst.
- **No Bible Classes or Remnant**
- **7:30 pm (after Thanksgiving Eve Service) Calling District 2 (Last Names from M. Calsbeek-H. Eggink) will be decorating for Christmas.** Students are encouraged to lend a hand. High School students will receive community service hours and Middle School students will also be rewarded.

### Thursday, November 28:

- **Happy Thanksgiving!! Offices will be closed today**

### Sunday, December 1:

- **Today Pastor Luke will begin his Advent Series "Christmas Is Not Your Birthday."** Today we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- **8:20am Joyful Voices Choir** will meet this morning.
- **10:10am Sunday School** Christmas Program Practice for grades 4 and 5.

## Mark Your Calendars

**December 4:** 9:00am Coffee With the Pastor  
9:00am Mothers Together will meet  
6:30pm 1st-5th Grade Christmas Program Practice  
Papa Murphy Pizza Orders are due

**December 14:** Papa Murphy Pizzas will be available for pick up

**December 15:** Sharing Christmas Families gifts are due at church

**The 2020 Church Directory** is 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!

## Go! And Serve Him

### Opportunities and Events

**Those elected at this year's Congregational Meeting for the 2020 Consistory are:** Elders - Stan De Zeeuw, Ken Heronimus, and Marlin Runia; Deacons - Larry De Boer, Mitch Kreykes, and Ryan Wiersma.

**A copy of the Ministry Team Reports**, that were shown on the screen before the meeting, can be found on the Information Center.

**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.

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**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.



**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!!

**BOOKS and OTHER THINGS FOR THE TAKING, STOCK UP NOW FOR YOUR WINTER READING.** 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."

**Time and Talents Surveys** have been placed in your mailbox. Please take a few minutes to look them over and fill them out. We would like ALL surveys returned to the box on the information center by no later than December 15. Thank you!

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### Opportunities and Events

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 or click on the google doc link on either ours or the Presbyterian Church Facebook page. Help make this a wonderful event for others through volunteering. Thank you!

**You are invited!** Starting November 24th the Men's and Women's Sunday Morning Bible Studies will be combining to study "The Case for Christmas" by Lee Strobel. Come join us for the next four weeks as we dive deep into the study of the nativity and the historical biblical truths of this study. We will still meet on the west side of the Fellowship Hall between services. Bring Your spouse and a friend!!



**Inclement Weather Reminder:** If on a Sunday morning it is either extremely cold or the weather is nasty, please listen to KIWA Sheldon 105.3 or check out our Facebook page or church website. An email will also be sent to Prayer Chain members. If the situation calls for it, the first service and Sunday School will be cancelled with the hope that we will still be able to have the 2nd service. If the weather doesn't allow that, then a second notice will be sent out via the avenues listed above for the cancellation of the 2nd service.

#### 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!



**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:

### Grow! In His Word

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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.

**Janice Groen** underwent surgery Tuesday, November 19 at the Avera hospital in Sioux Falls. Please continue to pray prayers of healing for her.

## Words of Thanks

**Thank you for the 12 bags** of winter clothing. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you for showing God's love.

~~Center of Hope Team

**THANK YOU!!** To everyone who packed, prayed and donated to Operation Christmas child this year we say thank you! We were able to deliver 144 boxes to the Worthington, MN drop off site on Monday morning.

**Thank you so much** for all of your thoughts, prayers, cards and well wishes during my recent surgery and recovery. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

~~Brenda Wassman

**Thank You to the kitchen workgroup** for all the work you put into the meal after Mike's service. The food was delicious!

~~Laurie Kraayenbrink & family

**Thank you to everyone** who contributed to the Youth Food Find. We were able to collect 1744 items which weighed in at 2,200 pounds of food!! Your generosity means a lot to us and to the hungry families you have helped to feed.

~~Remnant Students and Sponsors

## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	<b>This Week: November 24</b>	<b>Next Week: December 1</b>
<b>Cornerstone Greeters:</b>	<b>W:</b> Mark & Rosie Hulstein/family <b>M:</b> Michael & Chelsea Hulstein/family <b>E:</b> Rod & Beth Hulstein/family	<b>W:</b> Jason & Gina Jacobsma/family <b>M:</b> John & Jan Juffer <b>E:</b> Alan & Lacey Julius/family
<b>After Church Greeters:</b>	<b>E:</b> Larry Verdoorn <b>C:</b> Pastor Luke <b>W:</b> Josh Lucas <b>BE:</b> Lawrence Wiersma <b>BW:</b> John Bartels	<b>E:</b> Henry Fisher <b>C:</b> Lennis Harberts <b>W:</b> Ed Harskamp <b>BE:</b> Pastor Luke <b>BW:</b> Josh Lucas
<b>Prayer with the Elders:</b>	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Dick Oldenkamp <b>Open Door:</b> Bill Hartzell	<b>Cornerstone:</b> Harold Ernst <b>Open Door:</b> Dr. Greg Kusters
<b>Children and Worship:</b>	<b>Children and Worship</b> <b>9am Leader:</b> Deb Kusters <b>11am Leader:</b> Deb Kusters	<b>Children and Worship</b> <b>9am Leader:</b> Deb Kusters <b>11am Leader:</b> Deb Kusters
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>9:00 am:</b> Gina & Alyssa Jacobsma <b>Sunday School</b> Megan Loerts <b>11:00 am:</b> Kira Christensen & Sami Fox	<b>9:00 am:</b> Jenna Ver Steeg & Chelsey Alexander <b>Sunday School</b> Leona Meendering <b>11:00 am:</b> Kelsey Joseph & Darcy Martinez
<b>Library:</b>	Pauline Van Engen	Leanne Van Kley
<b>Coffee:</b>	John and Lois Van Diepen	Jim & Pauline Van Engen



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