

DECEMBER 1, 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 and Women's Bible Study,
- "The Case for Christmas" will meet in the West classrooms in 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:

"CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY"

SCRIPTURE:

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9 PG:1771

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings for November 24, 2019: General Fund -\$3297; Benevolent Fund-\$185; Building Fund-\$10; Mission Share-\$300; Hope Haven-\$125; Remnant Youth \$50. **Thanksgiving Offering November 27th:** will be published in next Sunday's bulletin

Special Offering for December is Bethany Christian Services



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Happening This Week

Sunday, December 1:

- **Today Pastor Luke will begin his Advent Series "Christmas Is Not Your Birthday."** Lord willing, today we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We thank Burt and Jan Henrichs for assisting the Choir with the lighting of the Advent Candle this morning.
- **8:20am Joyful Voices Choir** will meet this morning.
- **10:10am Sunday School** Christmas Program Practice for 4 yrs-5th Grade.

Monday, December 2:

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

Tuesday, December 3:

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

Wednesday, 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**
- **6:30pm Middle School Remnant** will meet in the Youth Room
- **7:30pm High School Remnant** will meet in the Youth Room

Sunday, December 8:

- **Today Pastor Luke will continue his Advent Series "Christmas Is Not Your Birthday...Expect a Miracle"** Vespers Communion will be served after services today for those who may have been absent last week. We thank Larry and Rhonda Riebeling for assisting the Choir with the lighting of the Advent Candle this morning.
- **8:20am Joyful Voices Choir** will meet this morning.
- **10:10am Sunday School** Christmas Program Practice for 4 yrs-5th Grade.

Mark Your Calendars

December 8: 6:00 pm Christian Education Team will meet

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

December 15: Sharing Christmas Families gifts are due at church

December 16: 9:00am Faith Bible Study meets

3:00pm Patience Bible Study meets

6:00 Elder Deacon meetings

6:45pm Consistory supper provided by outgoing Members with Full Consistory to follow

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.

December 15 at 2:00 pm those in our Discovery Classes, that wish to make profession of faith, will be meeting with the Elders. If you are interested in also making your Profession of Faith please feel free to stop at the church at that time as well. Discovery Class is not a prerequisite for making your profession. If you have any questions feel free to ask Pastor Luke or any serving Elder.

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 Sharing Christmas Families lists are on the back wall of the Fellowship Hall. All packages need to be brought to church by **November 15**. 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!! Your librarians have been super busy organizing and cleaning out the library. On the tables in the Fellowship Hall are boxes of books. Please take as many as you want. Thanks!!

Time and Talents Surveys have been placed in your mailbox. If you did not get one please see the Information Center for more copies. 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.



The Middle School Youth are once again selling Papa Murphy's Take and Bake Pizzas for the holiday Season!! 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!

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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 cancelation of the 2nd service.

We are asking children ages 4yrs-5th grade to sing at the Christmas Eve service. They will be singing 3 easy songs and will be singing them along with the Joyful Voices Choir. If your family will be here for Christmas Eve we would appreciate your children's help with this. Thanks!

Budget Update: We are so very thankful to the congregation for the generous offerings we have received throughout 2019. However, we still have a ways to go to be able to meet our financial obligations for 2019. Please consider this as you plan your givings for the remainder of 2019. Thanks!

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.

The Sibley Ocheyedan High School Music Department invites you to the 2019 Madrigal Feast on December 7 at 6:30pm in the High School Commons. Here you will be treated to a delicious meal and light hearted Madrigal songs and humor. Tickets are \$20 and will go to help offset costs of music, show choir outfits, contest fees, etc. If you are interested in attending, tickets can be purchased from the vocal music department or from any High School Vocal Student. We shall plan to see ye there!

Sermon Notes:

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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!

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 Janice Groen, 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.

This past Sunday, November 24th, Diane Kass and Barb Ronellenfitch were involved in a semi truck/car accident. Both are at Avera hospital in Sioux Falls and are currently healing from multiple broken bones. Diane is the sister of Curt Van Kley and the mother to Kim Vander Sloot and Missy Julius. Please keep Diane and Barb in your prayers as they continue the long road to recovery.

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: December 1	Next Week: December 8
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: Jason & Gina Jacobsma/family M: John & Jan Juffer E: Alan & Lacey Julius/family	W: Dennis & Dar Jurgens M: Ethel Jurgens & Karen Jurgens E: Clint & Jamie Klaassen/family
After Church Greeters:	E: Henry Fisher C: Lennis Harberts W: Ed Harskamp BE: Pastor Luke BW: Josh Lucas	E: Josh Lucas C: Bill Hartzell W: Dale Honken BE: Dr. Greg Kosters BW: Pastor Luke
Prayer with the Elders:	Cornerstone: Harold Ernst Open Door: Dr. Greg Kosters	Cornerstone: Lawrence Wiersma Open Door: Marlin Roelfs
Children and Worship:	Children and Worship 9am Leader: Deb Kosters 11am Leader: Deb Kosters	Children and Worship 9am Leader: Jamie Hulstein 11am Leader: Deb Kosters
Nursery:	9:00 am: Jenna Ver Steeg & Chelsey Alexander Sunday School Leona Meendering 11:00 am: Kelsey Joseph & Darcy Martinez	9:00 am: Kayla Hoekstra & Chelsea Hulstein Sunday School Tami Tracy 11:00 am: Lacey Julius & Missy Julius
Library:	Leanne Van Kley	Marcia Van Ruler
Coffee:	Jim & Pauline Van Engen	Curt & Peg Van Kley



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