

DECEMBER 8, 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...EXPECT A MIRACLE"

SCRIPTURE:

ISAIAH 9:2-7 PG: 1072

Stewardship & Giving

Thanksgiving Offering November 27th: Benevolent Fund-\$14,796.

Offerings for December 1, 2019: General Fund -\$4273; Benevolent Fund-\$1065; Building Fund-\$250; Bethany \$40.

Special Offering for December is Bethany Christian Services



Expect a Miracle

Happening This Week

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 the Joyful Voices Choir, Larry and Rhonda Riebeling (Cornerstone) and Marlin and Kathy Runia (Open Door) for assisting 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.
- **2:00pm Christian Education Team** will meet
- **3:00pm Administrative Team Meeting**

Monday, December 9:

- **Pastor Luke will be gone** from December 9-12th. If you have a pastoral need please contact Duane Vande Hoef.
- **7:00 pm: Monday Night Ladies Bible Study**

Tuesday, December 10:

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

Wednesday, December 11:

- **6:30pm 1st-5th Grade Christmas Program Practice**
- **6:30pm Middle School Remnant** will meet in the Youth Room
- **7:30pm High School Remnant** will meet in the Youth Room

Saturday, December 14:

- **Papa Murphy Pizzas will be available for pick up**

Sunday, December 15:

- **Today Pastor Luke will continue his Advent Series "Christmas Is Not Your Birthday...Giving Up On Perfect"** We thank Clayton and Jodi Wageenaar for assisting the Choir with the lighting of the Advent Candle this morning. TODAY is the last day to bring your Sharing Christmas Gifts for the adopted families.
- **8:20am Joyful Voices Choir** will meet this morning.
- **10:10am Sunday School** Christmas Program Practice for 4 yrs-5th Grade.
- **2:00pm Those wishing to make Profession of Faith** will meet with the Elders

Mark Your Calendars

- **4:30pm Children's Christmas Program**

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

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.



The Sharing Christmas Families lists are on the back wall of the Fellowship Hall. All packages need to be brought to church by **TODAY!!**

LAST CHANCE!! On the table in the Fellowship Hall are boxes of books that have been cleaned out of our library plus a few other sources. 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 table set up by the sanctuary door. 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.**

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. To be able to meet our financial obligations for 2019, we still need to collect about \$31,000. Please consider this as you plan your givings for the remainder of 2019. Thanks!

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!

The Secretary's office will be closed on Friday, December 13th. If you have a need please contact Pastor Luke who will be back from vacation by then.

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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.

Free Food Available: The Food Bank of Iowa mobile pantry will be distributing food on **Tuesday, December 10th from 4-6 p.m.** at the Sibley Christian Reformed Church at 115 Maple Dr., Sibley. 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.

The monthly Fishes & Loaves Kitchen meal is being held in the Sibley First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall on **Saturday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m.**, games beginning at 5 p.m. Please note the meal is one week earlier due to Christmas activities. Hot ham sliders, appetizers, Christmas goodies and cookies will be served. All are welcome! There is no charge or freewill offering.

Faith Lutheran Church of Sibley will host a concert and free soup supper on **Sunday, December 15th**, at the Sibley United Methodist Church building (700 11th Ave. NE). The concert presentation of "Messiah - Heaven's Glory" by the Harbor of Joy Choir of Milford under the direction of Bob Floss will begin at 3:30 pm, followed by the meal, Christmas goodies, and fellowship.

Sibley First Presbyterian Church will soon celebrate its 125th Anniversary, kicking off the Anniversary with a Christmas Concert, *Christmas Memories*, on **Saturday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m.** in the church sanctuary, with Cindy Kemp and Ben Jacobsma presenting. The public is cordially invited to attend. Coffee and Christmas cookies will be served following the concert in the fellowship hall. Freewill offerings will be received to help with Anniversary expenses.

Come to McCallum Museum in Central Park, Sibley to help celebrate harvest, learn about the Farm Shed Project, and meet Santa on **Saturday, December 14th 8am-noon!** Rudolph the red nose John Deere tractor will be on display with free face painting from the ISU Extension office. Photographs with Santa also will be taken with part of proceeds going to Farm Shed. Enter to win door prizes and enjoy free cookies, coffee, apple cider and hot chocolate! Brought to you by Mitchell Ackerman – Agent, Farm Bureau Financial Services.”

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.

Please keep Diane Kass and Barb Ronellenfitch in your prayers as they continue to recover from their injuries. Barb has now been transferred to Sibley Specialty Care and Diane has been moved to the Avera Inpatient Rehab Center in Sioux Falls. Some people have asked for mailing addresses for Diane and Barb. Their addresses are as follows: for Diane: Avera Surgery Center/Inpatient Rehab, Room 5-014, 1000 E 23rd Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105 and for Barb: Sibley Specialty Care, Barb Ronellenfitch, 700 N. 9th Ave, Sibley, IA 51249

Words of Thanks!

Thanks to Pastor Luke for coming to pray for me before my surgery. Thank you for the cards I received and to everyone who prayed for my healing.

~~Janice Groen

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: December 8	Next Week: December 15
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: Dennis & Dar Jurgens M: Dr. Greg & Deb Kusters E: Clint & Jamie Klaassen/family	W: Kevin & Laurel Klaassen/family M: Dave & Donna Kleinwolterink E: Ethel Jurgens & Karen Jurgens
After Church Greeters:	E: Josh Lucas C: Bill Hartzell W: Dale Honken BE: Dr. Greg Kusters BW: Pastor Luke	E: Pastor Luke C: Josh Lucas W: Arnie Langstraat BE: Ken Loerts BW: Dick Oldenkamp
Prayer with the Elders:	Cornerstone: Lawrence Wiersma Open Door: Marlin Roelfs	Cornerstone: Dale Honken Open Door: Duane Vande Hoef
Children and Worship:	Children and Worship 9am Leader: Jamie Hulstein 11am Leader: Deb Kusters	Children and Worship 9am Leader: Karen Honken 11am Leader: Karen Honken
Nursery:	9:00 am: Kayla Hoekstra & Chelsea Hulstein Sunday School Tami Tracy 11:00 am: Lacey Julius & Missy Julius	9:00 am: Rachel Wills & Sandy Lamfers Sunday School Pam Vande Hoef 11:00 am: Angie Ackerman & Amy Dykstra
Library:	Marcia Van Ruler	Phyllis Vander Linden
Coffee:	Curt & Peg Van Kley	Duane & Pam Vande Hoef



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