



# FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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).



9:00 am Praise and Worship Service **Prelude:** Mim Ernst **WELCOME CALL TO WORSHIP: 2 CHRONICLES 16:9** SONG: "HIS GLORY AND MY GOOD" **PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE BAPTISM OF LINCOLN COLE VAN DIEPEN** CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN AND WORSHIP **SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 23 MESSAGE: "PSALM 23: A LIFE WITHOUT LACK--THE WITH GOD LIFE" **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS** (DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER) SONG: "THE LOVE OF GOD" #305 **BENEDICTION CLOSING SONG:** "HE WILL KEEP YOU"

# Happening This Week

### Sunday, February 16:

- 8:20 am: Joyful Voices Choir will practice this morning.
- 9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service. This morning Pastor Brian continues the series "Psalm 23: A Life Without Lack" with the message The With God *Life.* Today we have the privilege of witnessing the sacrament of Infant Baptism for Lincoln Cole Van Diepen, son of Collin and Lexi Van Diepen.
- 10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship
- 6:30 pm: Fellowship Bible Studies will meet at church Monday, February 17:
- 9:30 am: Faith Bible Study
- 3:00 pm: Patience Bible Study

Tuesday, February 18:

- 8:30 am: Quilters will meet in the Fireside Room Wednesday, February 19:
- **Bible Classes and Youth Groups** •
  - 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, February 20:

- 7 pm: Practicing the Way weeknight class will meet in the Fireside Room Sunday, February 23:
- 9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service. This morning we welcome Josh to the pulpit as he continues the series "Psalm 23: A Life Without Lack" with the message The Rod and the Staff. Today we thank the Joyful Voices Choir for their special music
- 10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship
- 6:30 pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet at church



Here are the results of the Special Congregational Meeting held here at FRC on February 12. Of the 290 active members of FRC, there were 107 members present along with 56 members

voting via absentee ballot. The results of the vote are as follows: 155 votes were cast in favor of the motion to leave the Reformed Church in America and begin the process of joining with the Alliance of Reformed Churches, with 7 ballots in opposition to the motion and 1 ballot declared by the tellers to be invalid. The motion passed with 95% approval. As a result of this vote we will now begin the process of breaking ties with the RCA and moving toward affiliation with the ARC. Thank you to everyone who cast their ballot!



The Outreach team needs your help. We will once again be providing bars to various groups in our community on February 24 (weather date of Feb 26). They will need 32 dozen bars, individually wrapped and dropped off in the church kitchen on February 23. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Information Center to volunteer to bake for the cause.



## New on the Book Table: The Heavenly Man

Miracles still happen when you follow God unconditionally. Prepare yourself for the gripping story of how God took a young half-starved boy from a poor village in China and placed him on the front line for Jesus in the face of impossible odds. This dramatic autobiography of one of China's courageous and intensely persecuted house church leaders is a watershed book that will turn your own heart to prayer and praise.

# Mark Your Calendars

February 26:	2:00 pm FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services	
March 5:	6:30 Men's Lenten Breakfast here at FRC	
March 9:	9:00 am The Youth Choir will sing	
March 10:	6:00 pm Elder Deacon Meetings	
	7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet	



# **Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests**



The Sibley-Ocheyedan FFA invites you to their annual Pancake Sceakfase Breakfast on Wednesday, February 19 from 7am-2pm in the High School Ag Shop. Raffel tickets will also be available for purchase that day. We thank you for your support! We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday!



The Sibley-Ocheyedan Friends of the FFA invite you to their annual Soup and Pie Supper on Thursday, March 6 from 5pm-7pm. Soups available will be Vegi Beef, Potato Bacon, Chicken Noodle, and Chili; along with Ham and Cheese Sandwiches and a

variety of pies and desserts. Carryout and delivery are available. For delivery, please call or text Kim at 712-461-0682.

# Sermon Notes:

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 23 MESSAGE: "PSALM 23: A LIFE WITHOUT LACK--THE WITH GOD LIFE"



## You are invited to World Day of Prayer March 7 at 2:00 pm here at FRC!

Our sisters in The Cook Islands welcome us and lead us for the Day of Prayer 2025. This group of 15 islands in the South Pacific Ocean has a rich and colorful Māori heritage and a deep connection to nature. Join with us as we pray together and reflect on the theme 'I made you wonderful'. Program to be followed by tropical refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

> **Inspiration Hills** CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER





Check out inspirationhills.org for this year's Summer Camp options!

Reminder: The church will pay 1/2 of the registration fee for your student and a friend, if they choose to invite one along to camp!!

## 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 reguest you would like included in the bulletin/announcements, please contact the office.

#### **Pray For:**

- Those in assisted living: Wilma Hatting, Jane Buysman, Ellen Schram, Anita Ernst, Trudy Dykstra, Larry Verdoorn, Ethel Jurgens, and Margaret Calsbeek
- Our nursing home residents: Alfreda Verdoorn, 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, 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: Dave Stofferan, Kathy Verdoorn, Merlin Doorenbos, Alfreda Verdoorn, Janelle Van Drunen, Russ Gaalswyk, Donna Kleinwolterink, Margarett Travaille, and Mike Block

# Faith In Action for February Random Acts of Kindness

Cheer up a friend Thank a Teacher Lend a hand Help a student make friends Read to a young child **Do a kind act daily** Leave a thank you note Offer your seat Cycle courteously BETOLERANT Let another go first Bake cookies for firefighters Give a compliment

Assist an adult Give a balloon away Lend a classmate a pencil *Celebrate something every day* Encourage a friend Respect others Walk a dog Do a favor Forgive mistakes Smile at someone new

# Stewardship & Giving

Offerings February 9: General-\$6075; Ben.-\$250; Building-\$150; Remnant Youth-275; Osceola Comm Express-100; Cherish Ctr-17.08; Village NW-100. Special offering for February is for the Remnant Youth Groups. Attendance Last Sunday: 160

## **Offering Summary Through January:**

General Fund Offerings: \$30,137.60 | Budget: \$363,794.52 | 8% Benevolent Fund Offerings: \$740 | Budget: \$61,125 | 1% Avg. monthly offering needed: \$35,493 | Total Ben/Gen offering for Jan.:\$30,877.60

# **There is JOY in Serving Jesus!**

	This Week: February 16	Next Week: February 23
Greeters:	E: Scott & Jamie Hulstein/family C: Chris & Teresa Hurlburt W: Cody & Kristen Hurlburt/family	E: Mike and Mary Hustoft C: Merlyn and Julie Janssen W: Jeannette Juffer
Worship Nursery:	Anne Maxwell & Sandy Heronimus	Pam Vande Hoef & Jenny Weg
C&W Leader	Deb Kosters	Deb Kosters
Library:	Gert Gaalswyk	Jan Henrichs
Coffee:	Duane & Pam Vande Hoef	Nate and Angela Buysman

### church staff

Pastor Brian Carpenter, Lead Pastor frcpastorbrian@gmail.com church:712-754-2783 Office Hours: Mon & Wed 9am-Noon; Thurs 11am-2pm

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\*\*\*Announcements are due by Wed. noon. \*\*\*Bulletins are available by the sanctuary doors no earlier than Thursday at 2:00pm