

He is  
Risen!

He is  
Not Here!

Mark 16:1-8



**MARCH 31, 2024**

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).

***Glorify God With Worship!***

**9:00 am Praise and Worship Service**

**Prelude - Karissa Hulstein**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**SONG: "CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY" #268**

**SONG: "PRAISE THE KING"**

**BAPTISMS AND PROFESSIONS OF FAITH**

*NO CHILDREN AND WORSHIP TODAY*

**SCRIPTURE: MARK 16:1-8**

**MESSAGE: HE IS RISEN HE IS NOT HERE!**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)*

**SONG: "GLORIOUS DAY"**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING: "THE DAY OF RESURRECTION" #276**

## Happening This Week

### Sunday, March 31:

- **7:00 am: Easter Sunrise Service**
- **7:45 am: Fellowship Brunch**
- **9:00 am: Easter Praise and Worship Service.** He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!! This morning, Pastor Troy will share his message "He is Risen, He is Not Here" based on Mark 16:1-8. Today we have the privilege of witnessing the sacrament of Infant Baptism for Sydney Elaine Ackerman, daughter of Derek and Megan Ackerman. We also celebrate with four young people, Aidan Beyer, Dawson Beyer, Easton Beyer and Alex Bosma, as they make their Professions of Faith before the congregation today.
- **There will not be Children and Worship today.**
- **No Sunday School today**
- **No Coffee Fellowship this morning**

### Monday, April 1-5:

- **FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels**

### Monday, April 1:

- **Secretary's office will be closed today.** Office will be open Tuesday and Thursday this week.

### Tuesday, April 2:

- **8:30 am: Quilters will meet** in the Fireside Room

### Wednesday, April 3:

- **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**

### Saturday, April 6:

- **5:00 pm: Congregational Potluck with Pastor Brian and family.** Please see announcement in this bulletin as to the item you are requested to provide.

### Sunday, April 7:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** Today we have the privilege of welcoming Pastor Brian Carpenter to the pulpit as he share his message "The Rock That is Higher Than I" based on Psalm 61:2 with us.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30 pm: Fellowship Bible Studies**

**Pastoral Candidate, Pastor Brian Carpenter**, along with his wife Laura and daughters Evelyn and Jordan will be visiting our church on the weekend of April 5-7. The Carpenter family will arrive late Friday night in Sibley. Saturday will be filled with a tour of Sibley and surrounding areas, a meeting with Consistory members and a Congregational Potluck, which begins at 5. Sunday morning, Pastor Brian will be leading our worship service followed by a time of Coffee and Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. An informational bio has been placed in your mailboxes.

**Congregational Potluck!!** To help the Congregation get to know Pastor Brian and his family, we will be hosting a potluck supper beginning at 5pm on Saturday, April 6. We ask that congregation members with a LAST name that starts with A-L to please bring a side dish of some kind. If your LAST name starts with M-Z, please bring a dessert. We ask that all food items be delivered to the kitchen by 5pm on Saturday. If you have any questions please contact Josh Lucas or Ron Dykstra. **Please save this date so we have a great turn out to welcome Pastor Brian and his family.**

**Special Congregational Meeting!!** A Special Congregational meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00pm.** Please make every effort to attend.



FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels for the weeks of **March 25-29** and **April 1-5.**



If you have a student graduating from a College or University this spring, please fill out the information slip on the Information Center and return to the church office by Sunday, April 14 at the very latest. You can also email this information to [sibleyfrcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:sibleyfrcoffice@gmail.com) or text it to Jamie at 712-260-7246. Thanks!

## Mark Your Calendars

- April 9: 7pm Special Congregational Meeting!!** A Special Congregational meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00pm.** Please make every effort to attend.
- April 11: 6:00 pm (please note new date) Elder/Deacon meetings**  
**7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet**
- April 15: 9:30 am Faith Bible Study will meet**  
**3:00 pm Patience Bible Study will meet**
- April 21: 9:00 am Youth Sunday** The Youth will be leading us in worship
- April 24: Last Wednesday Night Bible Classes** for school year
- April 28: Last Sunday School Classes** for the school year

## News you Need to Know



**Warm weather will soon be back and it will be time to get those yards cleaned up.** If there is anything you need cleaned up or fixed now that the beautiful weather upon us let Mark Hulstein or any member of the Congregational Care Team or the church office know and we will get the work done!!!!



**The Congregational Care team** would like to bring back the Church Visitation Team and begin calling on our shut-ins in our church family again. If you are willing to serve in this way, please sign up at the information center by the end of this month. You will be given some guidelines and suggestions for making your calls. Lets extend our love to all who cannot be here in person! Questions? Talk to Mark Hulstein or Lois Van Diepen.

**A few copies** of the "Rationale for Leaving RCA" letter that was read last week, have been placed on the Information Center.

**The S-O Athletic Booster Club** invites you to an evening with Jordan Montgomery on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:45 in the S-O High School Gym. Jordan will be sharing his knowledge on building Involvement, Leadership and Personal Growth. All are invited this this FREE event.

## Sermon Notes:

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**MESSAGE: HE IS RISEN HE IS NOT HERE!**



**2024 Annual Men & Boys FRC Fishing Trip**

**When:** July 11-14

**Where:** Hidden Hill Lodge, Roslyn, SD ([HiddenHillLodge.com](http://HiddenHillLodge.com))

**Who:** Invite your grandkids, friends or any want-to-be fisherman for this fun filled weekend of fishing and discovering God's Creation. Sign-up at the Information Center if Interested!

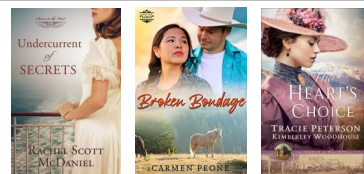


Babies Blessings

## Babies Blessings Table

Donations of diapers, outfits, wipes, pacifiers, gift cards to buy formula, diaper rash cream, etc. can be placed in the tote under the west balcony stair case.\* If you know of someone who is in need, please have them contact Josh Lucas and he will make arrangements for them to get their supplies.

## Books of the Month



Check out the April Newsletter for more details on these great books.

## In Our Prayers...

If you have a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Troy Van Beek 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 unless you have granted FRC permission to do so. If you have a prayer request you would like included in the bulletin/announcements, please contact the office.

### Pray For:

- **Those in assisted living:** Ellen Schram, Anita Ernst, Trudy Dykstra, Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn, Ethel Jurgens, and Margaret Calsbeek
- **Our nursing home residents:** Gert Gaalswyk, Martha Krikke, Jane Buysman, Donna Sterler 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

### Pray For:

- **All those** who have lost loved ones.
- **Our Church as we** seek God's will with our future decisions
- **Our Country and its Leaders.**
- **All those who have had** illnesses and surgeries and/or deal with health issues.
- **Wilma Loerts** was able to return home from the hospital. Please continue to pray for healing for her.
- **LeRoy DeBoer** Please pray that his health, with the help of his medications, can remain stable.
- **Marlin Runia** who is dealing with complete hearing loss in his left ear. Pray that his hearing may be restored and that he may receive answers and easily treatable results on tests that he will be undergoing in April.

## Words of Thanks

**Thank you to the** students who delivered the Valentines items and the Congregational Care Team for the goodie bag. It is so nice to be thought of. Thank you also to everyone for all the thoughts and prayers, visits, gifts and concerns after my fall. I have been able to have the brace removed and if everything works out, I hope to return home soon.

~~Gert Gaalswyk

**I want to say thank you** to the congregation for your prayers, cards, and other expressions of sympathy following the passing of my brother, Paul. He was a special guy and will be greatly missed by many.

~~Mim Ernst

# Faith In Action for March Nursing Home Items



This month, we are encouraging everyone - children through 90 year olds - to bring at least one item for the residents of our two local nursing homes. Sibley Rehab needs items for bingo prizes: Little Debbie or other individually wrapped snacks and candy bars. Country View needs items for their general store: jewelry, small knick-knacks, shaving cream, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste & brushes, hard candies, etc.

## Stewardship & Giving

**Offerings taken on March 24:** General-\$7889.04; Benevolent-\$0; Building-\$0; Bible League-\$100.

**Special Offering for March is Bible League**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 160**

## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	<b>This Week: March 31</b>	<b>Next Week: April 7</b>
<b>Greeters:</b>	E: AJ and Jenny Weg/family C: Lawrence and Ruth Wiersma W: Ryan Wiersma	E: Derek and Megan Ackerman/family C: Brian and Chelsey Alexander/family W: Kim Alsip/family
<b>Worship Nursery:</b>	Nursery open but unstaffed today	Abby and Joselyn DeZeeuw
<b>S. School Nursery:</b>	No Sunday School Today	Megan Travaille and Megan Ackerman
<b>C&amp;W Leader</b>	No Children and Worship Today	Deb Kosters
<b>Library:</b>	Leona Meendering	Janice Runia
<b>Coffee:</b>	Ted and Eileen Schutte	Dave and Lesa Stofferan



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Hours: Mon & Thurs. 8am - 2 pm

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