

PRAISE & WORSHIP
9:00 am

Glorify God With Worship!

MAY 17, 2026

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).

Prelude: Mim Ernst

WELCOME

SENIOR CLASS RECOGNITION

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 31:14-15A

SONG: "GREAT ARE YOU LORD"

SONG: "GOD OF THE AGES" #51

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP IS ON SUMMER BREAK

SCRIPTURE: ECCLESIASTES 7:13

MESSAGE: *THE CROOK IN THE LOT*

COMMUNION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)

SONG: "FROM EVERLASTING"

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "TRUST IN THE LORD"



Happening This Week

Sunday, May 17:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** Today, Pastor Brian continues the series, "Original Route 66" with the message, *The Crook in the Lot* based on Ecclesiastes 7:13. This morning we recognize and congratulate our graduating Senior class. We also have the privilege of celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper together this morning..
- **Sunday School is on break until Fall**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **2:00 pm: S-O High School Graduation**
- **No Fellowship Bible Studies for the Month of May**

Monday, May 18:

- **9:30 am: Faith Bible Study will meet**
- **3:00 pm: Patience Bible Study will meet**

Tuesday, May 19:

- **8:30 am: Quilters will meet**

Wednesday, May 20:

- **2:00 pm: FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services**

Friday, May 22:

- **June Newsletter Deadline**

Sunday, May 24:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** Today, Pastor Brian continues the series, "Original Route 66" with the message, *My Redeemer Lives* based on Ecclesiastes 7:13.
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Mark Your Calendars

May 31-June 4: 5:30-8:30pm Community Wide Vacation Bible School held at Sibley First Presbyterian Church

June 5, 12, 19, 26: 2:15pm FRC is in charge of Bingo at Osceola Senior Living (Country View)

Volunteer Opportunities!

(Sign-up at the Information Center)

- **Ride Providers:** The OCMA and Love Inc. are building a list of volunteers who are able to give rides to people for doctor appointments. Questions? Please contact Pastor Ben Wiersma at 712-461-1400.
- **BINGO helpers at Osceola Senior Living (Country View):** Helpers are needed on Fridays at 2:15 pm during the month of June.



Keep Operation Christmas Child in mind this summer and fall as you shop. Great deals can be found on a lot of items, this time of year, that would make great shoebox gifts!

VBS Food Donations: On the Information Center you will find food items that are needed for VBS. All donations are to be dropped off here at FRC no later than Monday, June 1 by noon.



The cupboards have been cleaned out. We are looking to giveaway the China FRC plate settings that were in the Fireside Room cupboards. If you are interested in obtaining a set (s) of these dishes please see Arnie Langstraat today after worship. The plates will be disposed of next week if no interest is shown in them.

The Poppy Bouquet on the organ is in memory of all the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Please take a moment to remember those who served our country so that we could live in freedom.

Plan now to attend one of the services, Monday, May 25:

Ashton-9:30am Community Building;
10:30am Gilman Township/St. Mary's Cemetery

Melvin-10:30 am Baker Township Cemetery (bring a chair)

Ocheyedan-9:45 am Ocheyedan Township Cemetery

Sibley-11:00am Holman Township Cemetery



Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests



We're getting ready for Community VBS: Rome—and we need your help! Please start saving your empty toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls for upcoming craft projects. These simple items will help us bring our VBS creations to life in a fun and meaningful way for the kids. You can drop off donations in the box in the fellowship hall anytime leading up to VBS on May 31.

Foster Grandparents: Would you like to make a difference in the lives of children? If you are 55 or better, the Foster Grandparent Program would love to help you get started! Volunteer benefits may be available. Foster Grandparent volunteers impact their local communities while assisting students at local schools, Head Starts, and non-profit daycares. For more information, please call the Foster Grandparent office at 712-476-2628 or view their website www.rvrseniorvolunteerprograms.org.

Senior Companion Volunteers Needed: Would you like to make a difference for other adults in your community? If you are 55 or better, the Senior Companion Program would love to help you get started! Volunteer benefits may be available. Senior Companion volunteers work with adults one-on-one to help them maintain their independence in their own homes through visiting and assistance. Be that friend and companion to someone who can use your support to improve their quality of life. For more information about being a volunteer or receiving Senior Companion services, please contact the Senior Companion office at 712-476-2628 or view their website www.rvrseniorvolunteerprograms.org.

Senior Companion Clients: Would you like someone to visit you each week to just visit or help with daily activities? Would you or someone you know benefit from these weekly visits? Do you know a caregiver that needs some time away? Senior Companion volunteers have been trained to help others remain in their own homes through weekly visits to focus on improving quality of life. Senior Companion services are provided at NO COST to those served. For more information about receiving Senior Companion services, please contact the Senior Companion Program of Greater Siouxland office at 712-476-2628 or view their website www.rvrseniorvolunteerprograms.org.

Sunday School Announcement:

We will not have Sunday School this summer (May-August). As usual, we will plan to start our Christian Education programs in September.

Sermon Notes:

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MESSAGE: *THE CROOK IN THE LOT*

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 request you would like included in the bulletin/announcements, please contact the office. To set up a pastoral visit please scan this QR code, visit the link <https://calendly.com/frcpastorbrian>, or contact the office.



Pray For:

- **Those in assisted living:** Wilma Hatting, Jane Buysman, Ellen Schram, Anita Ernst, Trudy Dykstra, Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn, and Margaret Calsbeek
- **Our nursing home residents:** Ethel Jurgens, Jo Hielkema, and Martha Krikke
- **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:

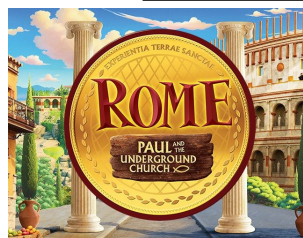
- **All those** who have lost loved ones.
- **Our Country and its Leaders.**
- **All those who have had** illnesses, surgeries and health issues.
- **Pray for healing for:** **Marcus DeBoer** (regain strength and health as he prepares for gallbladder surgery), **Imogene Rasmussen** (illness), **Paul Doorenbos** (physical therapy/regain strength), **Madison VanEngen** (chemo treatments/hospital stays) and **David Calsbeek** (cancer treatments).
- **David Calsbeek** was able to return home from the hospital this past Wednesday. Please continue to pray for healing for him.

Words of Thanks

Thank you to everyone for all of the cards, gifts, words of encouragement, prayers, and support we have received with this new transition. God bless all of you! -- Our new address is: Josh and Hannah Lucas, 1180 11th Ave, Baldwin, WI 54002.

~Josh, Hannah, Joanna, Allegra, and Sarah Lucas

Fatih in Action for May: VBS Signups



Sign up to help teach, be a helper, bring food, work in the Nursery, etc.!!
It takes many people to help make VBS a success!!



Stewardship & Giving

Offerings May 10: General-\$14,970; Ben.-\$585; Building-\$0; Radiate Haiti-\$1020; Village NW-100; Kitchen Remodel-\$750; Pioneer Club Meals-\$250.
Special offering for May is for Radiate Haiti
Attendance May 10: 176

Offering Summary Through April 30:

General Fund Offerings: \$126,018.75 | Budget: \$382,111.50 | 33%
Benevolent Fund Offerings: \$8103.93 | Budget: \$57,850.00 | 14%
Building Fund Offerings: \$280; Kitchen Updates: \$5050

Avg. mo. offering needed: \$36,800.96 | Total Ben/Gen offering for Apr: \$27,418.80

Weekly Volunteers

	This Week: May 17	Next Week: May 24
Greeters:	E: Loren and Deb Hulstein C: Mark Hulstein W: Rod Hulstein	E: Chris and Teresa Hurlburt C: Cody and Kristen Hurlburt/family W: Merlyn and Julie Janssen
Worship Nursery:	Teresa Hurlburt and Maria Mans	Maureen and Amelia Heilman
C&W Leader/Helper	Children and Worship is on Summer Break	Children and Worship is on Summer Break
Library:	Jeannette Juffer	Leona Meendering
Coffee:	Dave and Sandy Lamfers	Ken and Wilma Loerts

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*****Announcements are due by Wed. noon.**
*****Bulletins are available by the sanctuary doors no earlier than Thursday at 3:00pm**

Website at: www.sibleyfr.org (for a broad view of FRC)

Facebook page: [First Reformed Church Sibley, IA.](#) (for current announcements)

Instagram page: [remnantyouth116](#) (all Youth Group activities)

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