

Our Assurance:
The High Priestly Prayer of Jesus...

God's Favorite Number

John 17:20-23



AUGUST 17, 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).

Glorify God With Worship!

9:00 am Praise and Worship Service

Prelude: Mim Ernst and FRC Praise Team

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 133

SONG: "BRETHREN WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP" #49

SONG: "HOW GREAT IS THE GREATNESS OF GOD"

SONG: "HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP IS ON BREAK UNTIL FALL

SCRIPTURE: John 17:20-23

MESSAGE: "GOD'S FAVORITE NUMBER"

COMMUNION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)

SONG: "ALL HAIL KING JESUS"

BENEDICTION



Happening This Week

Sunday, August 17:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian continues the series, "Our Assurance: The High Priestly Prayer of Jesus" with the topic "God's Favorite Number" based on John 17:20-23. This morning we have the privilege of partaking in the sacrament of Holy Communion.
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **10:10 am: Sermon Discussion Group** will meet in the Fireside Room
- **6:30 pm: Digging Into God's Word Bible Study** will meet in the Fireside Room.

Monday, August 18:

- **9:30 am: Faith Bible Study** will meet
- **11:15 am: FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels**
- **3:00 pm: Patience Bible Study** will meet

Tuesday, August 19:

- **8:30 am Quilters** will meet
- **11:15 am: FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels**

Wednesday, August 20:

- **Noon-6pm: OCMA Back to School with a Smile** supply distribution in the Fireside Room

Thursday, August 21:

- **11:15 am: FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels**

Friday, August 22:

- **8:00 am: September "The Newsletter" Deadline!**

Sunday, August 24:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Josh will continue the series, "Our Assurance: The High Priestly Prayer of Jesus" with the topic "With Him in Glory" based on John 17:24. Today we welcome Mark Klaassen from Talking Bibles as he shares an update with us about September's special offering mission.
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **10:10 am: Sermon Discussion Group** will meet in the Fireside Room
- **6:30 pm: Digging Into God's Word Bible Study** will meet in the Fireside Room.

Mark Your Calendars

August 27: 6:30pm Remnant Youth Group Kickoff Game Night

September 3: 6:00 pm Family Night Supper

6:30-7:30 pm: Pioneer Club Kick Off Night

6:30 pm MS Remnant will meet

7:30 pm HS Remnant will meet



The OCMA will be sponsoring the "Back to School with a Smile" again this year. The ministry makes school supplies available at no cost to families that qualify. Our church will be hosting this event on **August 20 (Noon-6pm).**



FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels for **August 18, 19 & 21.** As you may have noticed from the dates above, Meals on Wheels is going down to 3 days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday), however we still need volunteers to deliver the food. We would hate to see this outreach opportunity end due to lack of volunteers. It doesn't have to be two people as one can easily do it as well. If you want more information or to do a ride along to see what is involved, please contact Joel or Kathy Verdoorn. Remember the words of Jesus, "I was hungry and you fed me." Matthew 25:35a.

**** Advanced Notice:** The bulletins for September 7 will be printed on September 1. If you have anything you want in the Sept 7 bulletin, please have it to the office by August 28. The office will also be closed on Thursday, September 4. Thanks!



Volunteers are needed for Fridays at 2:15pm, during the month of September, to help with BINGO at Osceola Senior Living (Country View Manor). Please sign up on the Information Center to help out.



Begins September 3!!
6:00 Family Night Supper
6:30-7:30pm 1st-5th Grade Pioneer Clubs Activities

Volunteers are needed!!!

Please see the Information Table today for more information on how you can help!!



Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests

McCallum Museum Summer Series program, *Gone but not Forgotten*, will be presented on **Sunday, August 17 at 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.** at McCallum Museum, Sibley Central Park. The program will highlight community events that used to be a part of Sibley. Some of these events, such as Watermelon Day, Dandelion Days, Crazy Days, and Dairy Days which involved the entire community as well as local businesses. For information contact Jan Stofferan at 712-461-0786.

Sermon Notes:

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Back-to-school sales have hit the stores!

Now is the perfect time to stock up on your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox items!!



Pull for The House, Pull for Margaret!

**Ronald McDonald
House Charities®**
Upper Midwest

We are collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities, Upper Midwest.

RMHC provides a home-away-from-home for the families of seriously-ill or injured children being treated in nearby hospitals. You

may place your tabs in the collection box found on the Information Center.

#MargarettStrong



Babies Blessings Table

Donations of diapers, outfits, wipes, pacifiers, gift cards to buy formula, diaper rash cream, etc. can be placed in the tote in the LOL Room (west rooms off of the Fellowship Hall). Please note:

donations do not have to be just for newborns, but for all babies.

***If you or someone you know is in need, please contact Josh Lucas and he will make arrangements to get supplies to those in need.

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.

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, Johanna Hielkema, 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 Country and its Leaders.**
- **All those who have had** illnesses, surgeries and health issues.
- **Pray for healing for:** Merlyn Janssen, Melony Smidt-Schiphoff, Donna Klein-wolterink, and Margaret Travaile.
- **Dave Calsbeek** was admitted to the Avera hospital in Sioux Falls this past week with health issues. Please pray that doctors can reach a diagnosis and a successful treatment plan for him.

Words of Thanks

Thank you for all the prayers, encouraging words, cards and visits following Merlyn's health set back and the passing of Julie's brother. We are so grateful for our wonderful church family.

~~Merlyn and Julie Janssen

Thank you for your generous gift of \$5000 to support ATLAS and for your care for people with needs.

~~ATLAS board and Staff

Faith In Action for August: Upper Des Moines Food Pantry

Let's help fill up the pantry!
Any nonperishable food is
welcome. Thank you for sharing!



Stewardship & Giving

Offerings August 10: General-\$3612; Ben.-\$465; Building-\$0; Bountiful Blessings Table-\$8; Village NW-\$200.

Special offering for August will be for Village Northwest Unlimited
Attendance Last Sunday: 145

Offering Summary Through July:

General Fund Offerings: \$215,685.59 | Budget: \$363,794.52 | 59%
Benevolent Fund Offerings: \$7761.64 | Budget: \$61,125 | 12%
Avg. monthly offering needed: \$35,493 | Total Ben/Gen offering for June.: \$30,829.88

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: August 17	Next Week: August 24
Greeters:	E: Ron and Nancy Dykstra C: Luella Eggink W: Jon and Amy Elser	E: Anita Ernst C: Mim Ernst W: Paul Feldkamp
Worship Nursery:	Nursery is open but unstaffed	Nursery is open but unstaffed
C&W Leader	Children and Worship is on break	Children and Worship is on break
Library:	Jan Henrichs	Jamie Hulstein
Coffee:	Luella Eggink & Lynn Schram	Burt and Jan Henrichs

church staff	
Pastor Brian Carpenter, Lead Pastor brian.carpenter@sibleyfrfc.org church: 712-754-2783 Office Hours: Thurs and Friday Noon-4pm Josh Lucas, Director of Youth Ministries joshua.lucas@sibleyfrfc.org Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs: 9-5pm; Wed 9am-9pm; Friday Noon-4p	Brenda Kuhl, Worship Coordinator worship.coordinator@sibleyfrfc.org Jamie Hulstein, Administrative Secretary office.admin@sibleyfrfc.org 712-754-2783 Hours: Mon & Thurs. 8am -2pm ***Announcements are due by Wed. noon. ***Bulletins are available by the sanctuary doors no earlier than Thursday at 2:00pm