



**AUGUST 3, 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:** Ger Van Diepen

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** EZEKIAL 33:30-33

**SONG:** "10,000 REASONS"

**SONG:** "BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*CHILDREN AND WORSHIP IS ON BREAK UNTIL FALL*

**SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 43:18-22

**MESSAGE:** "A PATH FORWARD"

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)*

**SONG:** "LORD SPEAK TO ME THAT I MAY SPEAK" #535

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG:** "BIND US TOGETHER" #130



## Happening This Week

### Sunday, August 3:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian brings us the message, "A Path Forward" based on Isaiah 43:18-22
- **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.

### Tuesday, August 5:

- **Quilters Not Meet Today**
- **10am-7pm: OCMA Back to School with a Smile** supply distribution in the Fireside Room

### Sunday, August 10:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning we will return to the series, "Our Assurance: The High Priestly Prayer of Jesus" with the topic "The Work of the Spirit" based on John 17:20. Today we welcome missionaries, Sayuri and Abraham Kist-Okazaki as they share with us about their ministry. This morning we will also have Communion Prep to help prepare us to partake in the Lord's Supper next Sunday.
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## Mark Your Calendars

**August 11:** 6pm & 7pm Elders/Deacons and Consistory will meet

**August 11-14:** FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels (sign up at Info Center)

**August 17:** Communion Sunday

**August 18:** 9:30 am Faith Bible Study will meet

3:00 pm Patience Bible Study will meet

**August 18-21:** FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels (sign up at Info Center)



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 5 (10am-7pm), 11 (8am-2pm) and 20 (Noon-6pm).**

Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Please choose a date and time and sign up on the form posted on the Information Center. Questions? Contact Peg Van Kley or Deb Kusters.



FRC is in charge of Meals on Wheels for **August 11, 12 & 14 and 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.



**The church basement supply closet has been gone through!!** Rooms B-1, B3 and B5 have items on the tables that are no longer needed. Please check what is on the tables and take anything you can use. Thanks!



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 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.

## Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests

**McCallum Museum Summer Series program, *Gone but not Forgotten***, will be presented on **Sunday, August 3 & 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.

**Enjoy locally grown produce and support the ATLAS of Osceola ministry.** A Farmer's Market table will be set up in the Sibley Supper Foods parking lot from **9 am-Noon on Friday, August 8 and 15.** A free will donation will be collected with all proceeds going to support ATLAS of Osceola ministry. Those willing to provide produce for the Farmers Market should have it to the table between 8:30am and 9am on the dates listed above.

**AED and First Aid training:** The Osceola County Ministerial Association is partnering with the Osceola County Ambulance Service to provide a training session for basic first aid and the use of the AED machine. Sibley Christian Reformed Church (115 Maple Dr.) will be hosting the event on **August 12 at 6:30pm.** This training event is free and will last around an hour. The OCMA would like to invite anyone from the churches and community who would like to receive this training to the event. If you plan to attend this event, please call or text Pastor Ben at 712-461-1400 (this will help the Ambulance Team know how many trainers to send).

**We're inviting volunteers to be part of a life-changing mission trip with Hope Haven**, happening **October 21–28, 2025.** This trip focuses on distributing wheelchairs and sharing the love of Christ with communities in need across Costa Rica. Whether you're passionate about serving others, building relationships, or experiencing global outreach firsthand, this is a beautiful opportunity to make a difference. **Deadline to sign up: September 1.** For more details or to sign up, please contact Kelly TeSlaa at 605-332-8300 or [kteslaa@hopehaven.org](mailto:kteslaa@hopehaven.org). Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus—one wheelchair at a time.

## Sermon Notes:

**SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 43:18-22

**MESSAGE:** "A PATH FORWARD"



**Back-to-school sales are already hitting the stores!**

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





## 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, Anita Hoting, Melony Smidt-Schiphoff, Pauline Van Engen, Donna Kleinwolterink, and Margaret Travaille.

## Words of Thanks

We wish to extend to your our gratitude for the cards; words of care, concern, encouragement and support; and, most of all, for prayers prayed on our behalf during the long and difficult journey of Larry's brother Roger's passing. We are grateful and deeply appreciative. Thank you!

~~Larry and Rhonda Riebeling

Thank you to our family and friends who made our 60th Anniversary memorable. We appreciated the many cards, prayers, notes and spoken words that made our celebration special.

~~Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn

## 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 July 27:** General-\$10840; Ben.-\$0; Building-\$0; OCMA Backpacks-\$245; Bountiful Blessings Table-\$59

**Special offering for July was for the OCMA Backpack Program**

**Special offering for August will be for Village Northwest Unlimited**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 128**

### 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 3	Next Week: August 10
<b>Greeters:</b>	E: Levi and Kura Christensen/family C: Larry and Melissa DeBoer/family W: Marcus and Angie DeBoer	E: Stan and Abby DeZeeuw/family C: Cory and Amy Dykstra W: LaVon Dykstra
<b>Worship Nursery:</b>	Nursery is open but unstaffed	Nursery is open but unstaffed
<b>C&amp;W Leader</b>	Children and Worship is on break	Children and Worship is on break
<b>Library:</b>	RuthAnn Wiersma	Gert Gaalswyk
<b>Coffee:</b>	Merlyn and Karen Doorenbos	Ron and Nancy Dykstra

### church staff

#### Pastor Brian Carpenter, Lead Pastor

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#### Josh Lucas, Director of Youth Ministries

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#### Brenda Kuhl, Worship Coordinator

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#### Jamie Hulstein, Administrative Secretary

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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