

SO GREAT A  
**SALVATION**

ROMANS 8:28-30



**SEPTEMBER 1, 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:** Ger Van Diepen

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS - HEBREWS 2:3**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**SONG:** "GOODNESS OF GOD"

**SONG:** "LIVING HOPE"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SCRIPTURE:** ROMANS 8:28-30

**MESSAGE:** *SO GREAT A SALVATION: INTRODUCTION*

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER - DUANE VANDE HOEF**

**BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)*

**SONG:** "GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN" #383

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING:** "JESUS PAID IT ALL" #255 VS 1&2

## Happening This Week

### Sunday, September 1:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian introduces his new series, So Great a Salvation. Today's message is based on Romans 8:28-30. In today's bulletin you will find a copy of "Members Eligible to be Elected to Consistory" as well as a sample ballot. As it is an even year this year, we will be nominating Deacons first. Please prayerfully consider who you will nominate for the office of Deacon next week.
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30pm Digging into God's Word** Bible Study Group will meet in the Fireside Room

### Tuesday, September 3:

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

### Wednesday, September 4:

- **6:30 pm Middle School and High School Remnant Fun Night!** Grades 6-12 are encouraged to join us for our game night "Light in the Darkness"

### Thursday, September 5:

- **5:30 pm Football Team Meal** will be held in the Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, September 8:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian dives into his new series, So Great a Salvation, with today's message: "Foreknowledge" based on John 17:1-3. As you came into worship today you should have been handed a Deacon nomination ballot. Please fill these out as the Elders will be collecting them following the service. Today is also the start of our Education Year! This morning our 1st and 6th graders will be each receiving a new Bible to help lead them along their spiritual journey. Please keep our students, teachers and youth leaders in your prayers as they begin a new year together.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School for ages 3-103!**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **11:00 am: Men's Cooking Competition Round 1.** We are asking the women of FRC to bring either a side or salad to share as we feast together! Dessert, Drink and Tableware will be provided.
- **6:30pm Digging into God's Word** Bible Study Group will meet in the Fireside Room

## Mark Your Calendars

**September 9: 6:00 Elder Deacon Meetings**

**7:00 Full Consistory Meets**

**September 11: 6:30 pm Wednesday Night Bible Classes**

**September 18: S-O High School Coronation: No Wednesday Night Activities**



**Coffee Hour Revamp:** Starting on September 8, we will be offering 4 coffee stations around church. One will be in the Fireside Room, one in the Library, one in the Fellowship Hall and one in our newly appointed "Coffee Hour Chat Room" (west Fellowship Hall Sunday School Rooms). Juice will still be available in the Fellowship Hall. We hope this allows everyone to enjoy their coffee and goodies and still be able to attend a Sunday School Class or Fellowship Time.



**Sunday School for all ages will be starting up on September 8.**  
**Adult Class opportunities:**

- ♦ **Sermon on the Mount: Life in the Kingdom** led by Pastor Brian located in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour
- ♦ **Table Talk** led by Gretchen Bartelson in the Fireside Room (Intergenerational class for High School and Adults)
- ♦ **Disciple-Making Guide Class** (formerly the Sunday School Guide Class) member led, held in the Library



**Fellowship Bible Studies will resume Sunday, September 8 at 6:30pm.** We encourage you to join a group to build relationships with fellow participants, grow in Bible knowledge and discover how to apply what we learn to our daily lives!

**There are currently three opportunities to get involved:**

- ♦ **Digging Deeper Bible Study** is currently going through the book of Genesis and meets in the Fireside Room.
- ♦ **Two Sermon Discussion Groups** These groups take the morning sermon to the next level by discussing key questions and encouraging further study.
  - \*One group meets here at FRC in the Fellowship Hall.
  - \*The Second group meets at Clayton and Jody Wagenaar's home.

There is always an opportunity to start more study groups. If you have a group idea and would like to begin your own group, please contact the office to get it into the bulletin. All ages, singles and couples are invited. Bring a friend or neighbor! Childcare can be arranged. **Join a group and Let's Grow Together!!!**



**We are in need of a few substitute teachers for the 24-25 education year!** If you feel led to be a "relief" teacher for Sunday School or Wednesday Night Bible Class, please use the sign up sheets on the Information Center. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to help share in the Christian education of our church family.



**First Reformed Church Reminder:** Photo submissions for the 2025 Church Photo Directory need to be turned in no later than October 27 to the church office.



## Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests



**Back-to-school sales are happening now!** It is the perfect time to stock up on your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox items!!



**FRC is scheduled to help out with BINGO at Country View at 2:15pm** on the Fridays in September. Please use the signup sheet on the Information Center to volunteer.

**Sibley Rec needs Volunteers to help with 5th Quarter!** 5th Quarter is held after various Friday night home football and basketball games throughout the school year for grades 5th-6th & 7th-8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30pm-11pm. The evenings are led by the OCMA along with volunteers. Students who attend 5th Quarter have the opportunity to play games, have pizza, and hang out with their friends in a safe environment at the Sibley Legion Hall. Schedule for this school year: **August 30 (5th & 6th Grade), September 6 (7th & 8th Grade), September 20 (5th & 6th Grade), October 11 (7th & 8th Grade), December 6 (5th & 6th Grade), December 20 (7th & 8th Grade), January 17 (5th & 6th Grade), January 24 (7th & 8th Grade).** A Google Doc Link has been set up to help organize volunteers. [https://docs.google.com/document/d/13YndrVPqnApre\\_AKzI5ETmPsl8yK\\_P7e1dykMVwNJcQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/13YndrVPqnApre_AKzI5ETmPsl8yK_P7e1dykMVwNJcQ/edit?usp=sharing) . A paper version can also be found on the Information Center.

**If you remember back a few sermon's ago,** Pastor Brian mentioned a fantastic book series, ***The Christian's Reasonable Service***. Due to a significant discount our church has the ability to order this 4 volume set by Wilhelmus a Brakel for only \$90 (1/2 off of the MSRP). If you are interested in purchasing this set, please contact the office by September 4. Orders will be placed on Sept. 5.

**Bible League conference, GRIT, GRIP & GOSPEL** will take place on September 9-10 at Bethel CRC in Sioux Center. Information and Tickets are available at [bibleleague.org/tickets/](http://bibleleague.org/tickets/) until September 3.



### Book of the Week

Book #2 of "The Treasures of Nome" series:  
**ENDLESS MERCY**  
By: Tracie Peterson and Kimberley Woodhouse

FRC invites you to join together for the first annual  
**FRC Men's Cooking Competition**



**-- Round 1--September 8:**  
**"Smokin' in the Boy's Room"**  
(smoked or grilled meat)

Details can be found on the Contest Posters around church

## Sermon Notes:

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## 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:** Jane Buysman, Ellen Schram, Anita Ernst, Trudy Dykstra, Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn, Ethel Jurgens, and Margaret Calsbeek
- **Our nursing home residents:** Wilma Hatting, Martha Krikke, 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 health issues.
- **Pray for healing for:** Gary Wolter, Dick Oldenkamp, LeRoy DeBoer, Mandie Sprock, LeRoy Stevenson, and Melanie Schiphoff.

## With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies go out to Jerry Bosma and family upon the passing of Sylvia on Thursday, August 22. Services for Sylvia were held here at FRC this past Friday. Please continue to lift up Jerry and family as they mourn the loss of Sylvia.

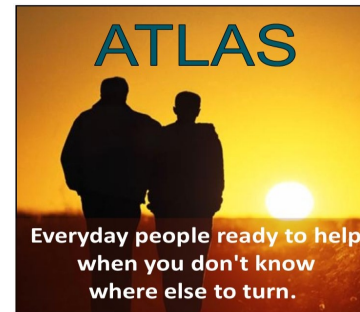
~~May God Comfort Those Who Mourn~~

## Words of Thanks

Thank you to our congregation, our community of relatives and friends, for your outpouring of love, prayers, cards, words of encouragement and understanding. A special thank you to Pastor Brian for excellent physical, spiritual and emotional advice. Our memories are blessed!

~~Leroy and Karen Stevenson and family

# Faith In Action for September



Stamps  
24lb Copy Paper  
20lb Copy Paper  
Bottled Water  
Canon Ink  
#275 & #276  
Pop  
Hershey Kisses

13 gal Trash bags  
30 gal Trash bags  
Grocery Cards Gas  
Cards  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Keurig K-cups  
Regular & Decaf

## Stewardship & Giving

**Offerings August 25:** General-\$6173; Benevolent-\$90; Building-\$0; Village NW-\$110; Bountiful Blessings-\$70.

**Special offering for August is for Village Northwest**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 165**

### Offering Summary Through August:

General Fund Offerings: \$222,930.69 | Budget: \$443,532.29

Benevolent Fund Offerings: \$1125.81 | Budget: 68,275.23

Avg. monthly offering needed: \$42,650 | Total Ben/Gen offering for Aug.: \$22,998.60

## There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: September 1	Next Week: September 8
<b>Greeters:</b>	E: Reka Post C: Marlin Roelfs W: Larry and Rhonda Riebeling	E: Daren Rockman C: Jr. and Imogene Rasmussen W: Janice Runia
<b>Worship Nursery:</b>	Abby and Joselyn DeZeeuw	Teresa Hurlburt and Maria Mans
<b>C&amp;W Leader</b>	Children & Worship is on break	Deb Kusters
<b>Library:</b>	Jan Henrichs	Jamie Hulstein
<b>Coffee:</b>	Ger and Barb Van Diepen	John and Lois Van Diepen



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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