



**SEPTEMBER 15, 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:** Mim Ernst

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** - EPHESIANS 1:3-6

**SONG:** "YET NOT I BUT CHRIST IN ME"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SCRIPTURE:** DEUTERONOMY 7:6-11 & JOHN 15:16

**MESSAGE:** *SO GREAT A SALVATION: ELECTION & PREDESTINATION*

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)*

**SONG:** "HOW SWEET AND AWESOME IS THE PLACE"

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING:** "YOU ALONE CAN RESCUE" CHORUS

SO GREAT A  
**SALVATION**

ELECTION & PREDESTINATION

*"How shall we escape  
if we neglect so great a salvation?"*  
*Hebrews 2:3*

DEUTERONOMY 7:6-11  
JOHN 15:16



## Happening This Week

### Sunday, September 15:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian continues his series, So Great a Salvation, with today's message: "Election and Predestination" based on Deuteronomy 7:6-11; John 15:16.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School for ages 3-103!**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30pm Fellowship Bible Studies will meet**  
**Sermon Discussion Group 1:** Meets in the Fellowship Hall  
**Sermon Discussion Group 2:** Meets at Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar's home  
**Digging into God's Word:** Meets in the Fireside Room

### Monday, September 16:

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

### Tuesday, September 17:

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

### Wednesday, September 18:

- **No Wednesday Night Activities due to S-O Coronation**

### Thursday, September 19:

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

### Friday, September 20:

- **2:15 pm FRC is in charge of BINGO at Country View**

### Sunday, September 22:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian continues his series, So Great a Salvation, with today's message: "Regeneration" based on Titus 3:1-5 & Ezekiel 36:25-27. In today's bulletin you will find a renewed list of "Members Eligible to be nominated to Consistory" as well as a sample Elder nomination ballot. Please prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate to the office of Elder next Sunday.
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## Mark Your Calendars

September 25: See You at the Pole at S-O High School

September 29: Communion Prep Sunday



### Get Involved!

#### Adult Sunday School Class opportunities:

- ♦ **Sermon on the Mount: Life in the Kingdom** led by Pastor Brian located in the Fellowship Hall
- ♦ **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

#### Sunday Night Fellowship Bible Study Opportunities @ 6:30pm

- ♦ **Digging Deeper Bible Study** 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.

**Join a group and Let's Grow Together!!!**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** The FRC Outreach Team will be hosting the annual **Harvest Festival/Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 31st from 5-8:30**, following the downtown Trick or Treating, and needs your help to make it happen. Volunteers are needed for games, serving, and of course trunks. Please make plans to help out with one of the best outreach events that we do here at FRC. If you are wanting to volunteer, see the sign-up sheet posted on the Information Center. If you have any questions please contact either Josh Lucas or any member of the Outreach team.

**Let Freedom Ring!** FRC is going to be traveling to Sioux Falls to serve a meal at Freedom's Gate Church on **Sunday, November 10** and we would love for you to join us. If you would be interested in joining the group to serve, please sign up at the Information Center. Also, if you have children and need child care during this event, please contact Josh Lucas or any other member of the Outreach team.



**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.



**The Joyful Voices choir will begin its new year** by preparing special music for World Wide Communion Sunday, October 6. **Practices are scheduled for Sunday mornings, September 22 and 29, at 8:20 am in the Fireside Room.** All voices, 7th grade or older, are welcome to join us! Together, we will make our plans for other special events. If you have any questions, please contact Peg Van Kley. Hope to see you there!



## Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests

**Sibley FRC Remind!** We are working with a program called "Remind" to help keep our Congregation informed. If you have a cell phone or email, we encourage you to follow the steps below to get set up for remind. We will use this system for congregational reminders and weather related service information.

Step 1: Log in on your computer. Go to [remind.com](http://remind.com).

Step 2: Click Log In or Sign Up (if you are new to Remind)

Step 3: Click Join a Class

Step 4: Enter your Class code: **@congfrc**

If you have questions please reach out to the office. Thanks!

**The monthly Fishes & Loaves Meal** will be held in the Sibley First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall on **Saturday, September 21, at 6 p.m.**, serving a taco bar, chips and salsa, and ice cream sundaes. Everyone is welcome to attend. There is no charge or freewill offering.



### Book of the Week

***Songbird of Hope Hill***  
By: Kim Vogel Sawyer

## frc Men's Cooking Competition Results

1st Place - Pastor Brian

2nd Place - Jerrad Brouwer

3rd Place - Larry DeBoer

Points for all 11 contestants were very close!

**Thanks for providing all the delicious entries!!!**

Points from Rounds 2-4 will be added to the results from round 1 to declare the overall winner in January.

**Keep Cooking Guys!! It isn't over yet!!**



-- Round 2--

**November 10: "Birds of Pray"**  
(chicken, turkey, or wild game bird)

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, Grace Covenant Ministries and Jeff and Chelsea Lampen

### Pray For:

- **All those** who have lost loved ones.
- **Our Church** as we seek God's will
- **Our Country** and its Leaders.
- **All those who have had** illnesses and surgeries and health issues.
- **Pray for healing for:** Dean Van Marel, Gary Wolter, Dick Oldenkamp, LeRoy DeBoer, Mandie Sprock, LeRoy Stevenson, and Melanie Schiphoff.

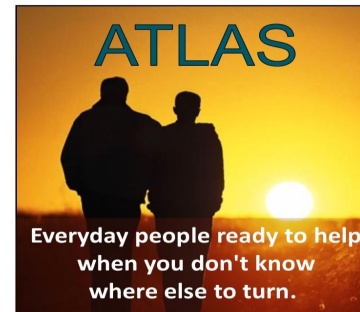
## With Sympathy

Our Deepest Sympathy goes out to Derek and Megan Ackerman upon the passing of Derek's grandfather, Larry Brunk on Wednesday, September 11. Services for Larry were held Saturday, September 14 in Ocheyedon. May God comfort those who mourn.

## Words of Thanks

My sincere thanks for remembering me with cards, calls, visits and especially your prayers for my recovery after my recent hospitalization. I feel truly blessed.  
~~Gary Wolter

# 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 September 8:** General-\$14,568.01; Benevolent-\$200; Building-\$150; Talking Bibles-\$980; Bountiful Blessings-\$9;  
**Special offering for September is Talking Bibles**  
**Attendance Last Sunday: 186**

### 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 15	Next Week: September 22
<b>Greeters:</b>	E: Marlin and Kathy Runia C: Brian and Heidi Saylor & Family W: Eric Schiphoff	E: Hugh Schiphoff C: Lynn Schram W: Ted and Eileen Schutte
<b>Worship Nursery:</b>	Maureen and Amelia Heilman	Amy Van Marel & Jodi Wagenaar
<b>C&amp;W Leader</b>	Deb Kusters	Deb Kusters
<b>Library:</b>	Jan Juffer	Jeannette Juffer
<b>Coffee:</b>	Jim and Pauline Van Engen	Curt and Peg Van Kley



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