



MARCH 8, 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).

Glorify God With Worship!

9:00 am Praise and Worship Service

Prelude: Deb Hulstein

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: NEHEMIAH 2:1-9

SONG: "ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING" #33 vs 1,3,4,5

SONG: "THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY" #379

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP ARE DISMISSED

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 3:8-13

MESSAGE: EZRA & NEHEMIAH

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)

SONG: "TEACH ME THY WAY O LORD" #424

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "O PRAISE THE NAME" CHORUS ONLY



Happening This Week

Sunday, March 8:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian will continue the series, "The Original Route 66" with a study on *Ezra and Nehemiah* using key verses found in Ezra 3:8-13.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School for all ages**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30 pm: Sunday Night Fellowship Bible Studies:**
 - **Sermon Discussion Group** will meet in the Library
 - **Digging Into God's Word Bible Study** will meet in the Fireside Room
 - **TableTalk** discussion group will meet in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 9:

- **6:00pm: Elder and Deacon meetings**
- **7:00 pm: Full Consistory**

Tuesday, March 10:

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

Wednesday, March 11:

- **2:00 pm: FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services**
- **Wednesday Night Activities:**
 - **6:00 pm Family Night Supper**
 - **6:30-7:30 pm: 1st-5th Grade Pioneer Club & Adult Bible Study Groups**
 - **6:30 pm MS Remnant will meet**
 - **7:30 pm HS Remnant will meet**

Sunday, March 15:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** This morning Pastor Brian will continue the series, "The Original Route 66" with a study on *Ezra and Nehemiah* using key verses found in Ezra 3:8-13.
- **Last day to contribute to the MS Envelope Fundraiser**
- **10:10 am: Sunday School for all ages**
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **6:30 pm: Sunday Night Fellowship Bible Studies:**
 - **Sermon Discussion Group** will meet in the Library
 - **Digging Into God's Word Bible Study** will meet in the Fireside Room
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Mark Your Calendars

- March 16:** 9:30 am Faith Bible Study
3:00 pm Patience Bible Study
- March 18:** 6:30 am Men's Lenten Breakfast at First Baptist Church
- March 20:** April Newsletter Deadline
- March 20-22:** 5:00 pm High School Retreat at Inspiration Hills meet in church parking lot



Calling all Vacation Bible School Volunteers: This year all of the churches in Sibley are uniting to do a Good Ole' Summertime BS. We need everyone's help. Please let Jena Ver Steeg, our church's VBS representative, know you are interested in serving. We need all hands on deck!

All are invited to the World Day of Prayer hosted by the United Methodist Church **March 13, at 2pm.** Please come and join us in worship. Refreshments after the service.

The OCMA is building a list of volunteers who are able to give rides to people for doctor appointments. These rides can range from in town, to surrounding towns in NW Iowa as well as Sioux Falls. If you are willing to volunteer, please sign up at the Information Center.



May 31-June 4 will be our Community VBS!! Welcome to "Rome!"

Host Church: First Presbyterian Church

Step back in time and experience the excitement of ancient Rome at this year's Community Vacation Bible School! Join us for "Rome" as we explore the life of the early church, learn about the Apostle Paul, and discover how God's love changes lives. Kids will enjoy engaging Bible stories, hands-on activities, crafts, music, games, and delicious snacks — all designed to bring the sights and sounds of ancient Rome to life!

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to grow in faith, build friendships, and have an unforgettable week of fun and learning. We can't wait to journey to Rome with you!

To register your student(s) or to volunteer to help, please use the following link or scan the QR code:
https://vbspro.events/p_early/sibleyiowa2026



Middle School Envelope Fundraiser March 1-15th



- Step 1:** Select an envelope with a number
Step 2: Put the corresponding amount of money in the envelope to match the number on the front.
Step 3: Return envelopes to the box provided.

Funds raised will go toward the MS Remnant Ark Encounter Trip this summer

March TableTalk discussion schedule

- March 8 -- The Church in the Wilderness (page 7)
March 15 -- Christ in the Wilderness (page 14)
March 22 -- Strength for the Journey (page 18)
March 29 -- Our Heavenly Homeland (page 22)

Outreach/Community Bulletin Requests

St Andrews will be hosting their Freewill Soup and Pie Supper and Raffle on Wednesday, March 11 from 5-7pm. They will be serving Chili, Vegi Beef and Chicken Noodle soups along with BBQ's, Ham and Cheese sandwiches, pies and desserts. Carryouts/Delivery available by calling 754-3516. Raffle tickets available by contacting St. Andrews Office at 754-2739 or on the night of the supper.

ATLAS Waffle Brunch Fundraiser: You are invited to enjoy food & fellowship on **Sunday, March 22, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM** at the Senior Citizens Center, Sibley. Serving all-you-care-to-eat delicious Dad's Belgian Waffles, sausage, flavored syrups and beverages. Dine-in or carry-out. A freewill donation will be appreciated to support the ministry of ATLAS of Osceola County. (Volunteers are needed for serving and cleanup. Please contact the ATLAS office or one of our Board members if you are available to help.)

Save the date! It's time for the 40th OCMA GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY.

Three performances will be held on **April 3, Good Friday, at 5, 7, and 9 pm.** FREE TICKETS are available and may be reserved by calling (712)754-2945 or by emailing ocmapassionplay@gmail.com

****You are needed!** People are needed as actors and backstage helpers to help put up and take down the sets, assist with ushering, makeup, music, and more. If you would like to participate, please call Peg or Curt Van Kley at 712-754-2945, Josh Lucas at 712-461-1520, or Becky Krogman at 712-754-2967 to have your name included in the program. (For a Passion Play schedule, please see the March Newsletter)



All men are invited to the OCMA's Men's Lenten Breakfast at 6:30am
Schedule:
March 18 @ First Baptist
April 1 @ Trinity Lutheran

Family Supper Menu:

- ◆ Mar 11: Chicken Spaghetti
- ◆ Mar 18: Baked Potatoes with Toppings
- ◆ Mar 25: Enchiladas and Mexican Rice
- ◆ April 1: Sub Sandwich & Macaroni Salad

All meals include fruit/fresh vegi, cookies/bars, and milk, water, or juice to drink. Sandwiches available in place of main entrée.
March Offering items: Soup, Saltines or snack crackers



Volunteer Reminder:

1:00 pm Prep Mar 10:	5:45 pm Serve Mar 11:	2 doz. Bars/Cookies:
Mim Ernst	Kathy Runia	Hannah Lucas (2)
Kathy Runia	Pauline Van Engen	Barb Van Diepen
Jan Harskamp	Scott and Jamie Hulstein	Jamie Hulstein

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:** Ruth Ann Wiersma (recent surgery) Brent Wassman (medical issues), Lawrence Wiersma and Paul Doorenbos (physical therapy/regain strength) and Madison VanEngen and David Calsbeek (cancer treatments)

Words of Thanks

Thank you to all of you for your cards, prayers and concerns expressed to me following the sudden illness and passing of my brother, Dan Hibma.
~~Mim Ernst

Thank you so much to everyone for all your prayers, words of concerns, cards, visits and meals that were made for us during Brent's recent hospitalization and recovery. Your kindness and generosity is so greatly appreciated.
~~Brent and Brenda Wassman

Faith In Action for March: Nursing Home Items



This month, we are encouraging everyone - children through 90 year olds - to bring at least one item for the residents of our two local nursing homes. Sibley Rehab needs items for bingo prizes: Little Debbie or other individually wrapped snacks and candy bars. Country View needs items for their general store: jewelry, small knick-knacks, shaving cream, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste & brushes, hard candies, etc.



Stewardship & Giving

Offerings **March 1:** General-\$6165; Ben.-\$115; Building-\$50; Remnant Youth-\$20.

Special offering for February is for the High School and Middle School Remnant Attendance March 1: 175

Offering Summary Through February 28:

General Fund Offerings: \$65,567.40 | Budget: \$382,111.50 | 17%
 Benevolent Fund Offerings: \$4,047.04 | Budget: \$57,850.00 | 7%

Avg. monthly offering needed: \$36,800.96 | Total Ben/Gen offering for Jan: \$36,827.44

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: March 8	Next Week: March 15
Greeters:	E: Jerrad and Tracee Brouwer C: Brayden and Alyssa Bruxvoort/family W: Troy and Meggan Block/family	E: Nate and Angie Buysman C: JoAnn Calsbeek W: Laura Carpenter/family
Worship Nursery:	Amy Van Marel & Jodi Wagenaar	Sandy Heronimus & Sandy Lamfers
C&W Leader/Helper	Deb Kosters	Deb Kosters / Donna Smidt
Library:	Janice Runia	Pauline Van Engen
Coffee:	Duane and Pam Vande Hoef	Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar

church staff

<p>Pastor Brian Carpenter, Lead Pastor brian.carpenter@sibleyfcc.org church:712-754-2783 Office Hours: Thurs and Friday Noon-4pm</p> <p>Josh Lucas, Director of Youth Ministries joshua.lucas@sibleyfcc.org Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs: 9-5pm; Wed 9am-9pm; Friday Noon-4p</p>	<p>Brenda Kuhl, Worship Coordinator worship.coordinator@sibleyfcc.org</p> <p>Jamie Hulstein, Administrative Secretary office.admin@sibleyfcc.org 712-754-2783 Hours: Mon & Thurs. 8am -2 pm</p> <p>***Announcements are due by Wed. noon. ***Bulletins are available by the sanctuary doors no earlier than Thursday at 2:00pm</p>
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Website at: www.sibleyfcc.org (for a broad view of FRC)
Facebook page: First Reformed Church Sibley, IA. (for current announcements)
Instagram page: [remnantyouth116](https://www.instagram.com/remnantyouth116) (all Youth Group activities)
Guest Wifi Access: SFRC-Guest | password: FRC-Guest