



SALT + LIGHT

MATTHEW 5:13-16



Welcome to Church!

DECEMBER 29, 2019

We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today. We strive to be a warm, welcoming place for you to glorify God. We encourage you to please fill out a visitor card found by the hymnals in the pew and place it in the offering plate as it is being passed. To find out more about First Reformed Church, stop at the Information Center in the Narthex, or visit our website: www.sibleyfrc.org.

Glorify! God With Worship

9 am - Cornerstone Service

- No Children and Worship

10:10-10:50 am

Coffee Fellowship & Prayer Time

- No Sunday School today
- Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
- Prayer Time with the Elders in Pastor's Office

11 am - Open Door Service

Join us for a time of praise and worship by use of contemporary music, prayer, scripture and a Bible Talk.

- No Children and Worship

Grow! In His Word

MESSAGE:

"SALT AND LIGHT"

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 5:13-16 PG: 1501

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings for December 15, 2019: General Fund -\$6292; Benevolent Fund-\$380; Building Fund \$100; Bethany \$600; Hope Haven-\$100; Remnant Youth-\$50. **Christmas Eve:** General \$1000; Benevolent \$2735; Building \$20; Hope Haven \$200.

Special Offering for December is Bethany Christian Services

Special Offering for January is Osceola Communities Express

Happening This Week

Sunday, December 29:

- Today we welcome Josh Lucas as he leads us in worship this morning.
- No Joyful Voices Choir practice this morning
- No Children and Worship This Morning
- No Sunday School This Morning

Tuesday, December 31:

- 8:30 am: Chickadee Quilters

Wednesday, January 1:

- Happy New Years!! Offices will be closed today
- No Coffee with the Pastor
- No Mothers Together today
- No Wednesday night activities

Sunday, January 5:

- Today we begin our new Sermon Series, "The Story" with the sermon topic of "Creating: The Beginning of Life As We Know It" Today's sermon is based off of Chapter 1 pages 1-12 in the book "The Story" as well as the following scripture verses: Genesis Chapters 1:1-4:16, 6:9-11:26. We encourage you to read these pages and verses during the week before the sermon. Today we have the privilege of Installing and Ordaining those who have been newly elected to the offices of Elder and Deacon. Elders - Stan De Zeeuw, Ken Heronimus, and Marlin Runia; Deacons - Larry De Boer, Mitch Kreykes, and Ryan Wiersma. Today we also will have Communion Preparatory to help prepare our hearts and minds to participate in the Lord's Supper next Sunday.
- 10:10 am Sunday School

Mark Your Calendars

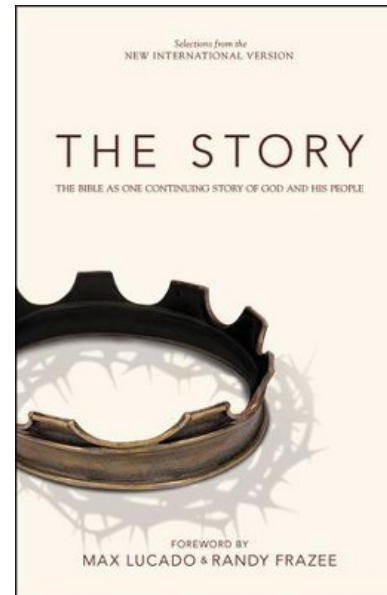
- January 12: 8:00 am Fellowship Breakfast sponsored by the College Youth
- 9:30 am Worship Service. Today we will have one service where we will celebrate Professions of Faith and Communion.
 - No Sunday School Today
- January 13: 6:00 pm Elders/Deacon Meetings
7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet
- January 15: 9:00am Mothers Together will meet
- January 20: 9:00 am Faith Bible Study will meet
- 3:00 pm Patience Bible Study will meet

Go! And Serve Him

Opportunities and Events

Budget Update: We are so very thankful to the congregation for the generous offerings we have received throughout 2019. Today will be the last day to contribute to the 2019 budget. Thanks!

The 2020 Church Directory is being worked on. If you have had a change in address, email or phone number please get those to the office as soon as possible so we can get those updated. Thanks!



Beginning on January 5, 2020, Pastor Luke is going to start a series of sermons tied to a book called *The Story*. This book is not a Bible, it is a retelling of the history of God and his people as told in the Bible. Every family in our church will be given a copy of this book to use during the sermon series plus a suggested Reading Guide, so check the tables by the Sanctuary door for your copy. Every book as a family name on it. If you already have a copy of "The Story" and do not wish to own another one, please remove the label and place it on the small table in the Fellowship Hall. Every month in the newsletter there will be a suggested reading list, and list of scriptures used to write that part of the book. Please use this opportunity to use the book and scripture readings for family devotions, joining a small

group or to enhance your own understanding of Biblical history. We ask that you **Please read the assigned chapter BEFORE coming to hear the sermon on that part of redemptive history.**

Church Christmas Decorations will be taken down on Saturday, January 4 starting at 9am. Many hands make light work! Remember it usually takes less time to take decorations down than it did to put them up.

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Inclement Weather Reminder: If on a Sunday morning it is either extremely cold or the weather is nasty, please listen to KIWA Sheldon 105.3 or check out our Facebook page or church website. An email will also be sent to Prayer Chain members. If the situation calls for it, the first service and Sunday School will be cancelled with the hope that we will still be able to have the 2nd service. If the weather doesn't allow that, then a second notice will be sent out via the avenues listed above for the cancelation of the 2nd service.

Starting on January 6 at 7:00pm, the Women's Monday Night Bible Study will begin their study of "The Story." They are inviting anyone from the congregation who would like to join them for this interesting study.

There are still extra pizzas from the MS Papa Murphy's Fundraiser in the freezer in the kitchen. If you would like to have a few extras, please place your money in the envelope provided.

Beginning January 1st the church hours that the east door will be open are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 7am-5:45 pm; Wednesday from 7am-9:15pm; Saturday 7:45am-4pm and Sunday 7:45am-2pm. If you need a temporary passcode please contact the office and we will help you out with that. A few other codes will also be changing as well. Please contact your group leaders for more information. Thanks!

Sermon Notes:

Grow! In His Word

MESSAGE:

"CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY...SCANDALOUS LOVE"

SCRIPTURE:

HOSEA 3:1-5 PG: 1398

Drivers Needed!!



We are in need of drivers to help Marlys Pietz get to her Dialysis Treatments in Worthington. If you are willing and able to help, please use the new sign up sheet on the Information Center. Thanks!

In Our Prayers



If you have a pastoral need, please call Pastor Luke Schouten, 920-889-3911, any consistory elder or the church office (754-2783). Remember, we cannot print your name unless you have granted FRC permission to do so. If you have a prayer request you would like included, please contact the office.

- **Pray for those in assisted living:** Ethel Jurgens and Geneva Wissink
- **Pray for our nursing home residents:** Margaret Calsbeek, Dutch Kruger, and Harold Schram.
- **Pray for our Missionaries:** Dr. Bernadeth Kelly and Adrian Bobb, Sayuri Kist-Okazaki, Brian and Donna Renes, J.J. and Tim TenCley, Rowland and Jane Van Es.

In Our Prayers

Please continue to lift Anita Hoting, Marilyn DeBoer, Chelsey Alexander, Marvin Runia, Dave Stofferan, Dianne Kass, Barb Ronellenfitch, Janice Groen, Dean Ackerman, Jodene Kruse, Larry Riebeling, Ray Schram, Dave Kleinwolterink, Cavell Van Westen, Kelli Van De Berg, and Michael Block Jr. up in your prayers as they continue to deal with health issues.

Words of Thanks

Thank you to the group that came to my house Sunday evening to sing Christmas Carols. It was a very pleasant surprise. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to all of you.

~~Marlys Brink

Thank you to the carolers for coming to sing at my home. Also for the goodies, but most of all, to my FRC family for the love and support you have shown to my family and me this past year.

~~Leona Meendering

Thank you to everyone for all the cards, gifts and well wishes this busy Christmas season. They meant a lot to me and my family. May you all have a blessed New Year!!

~~Jamie Hulstein

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Nathan and Blair DeJong who were united in marriage this past Saturday, December 28st. Nathan is the son of Heath and Wendy DeJong.

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: December 29	Next Week: January 5
Cornerstone Greeters:	W: Arnie & Diane Langstraat M: Gary & Wilma Leusink E: Brad & Sarah Loerts/family	W: Brian & Megan Loerts/family M: Ken & Wilma Loerts E: Josh & Hannah Lucas
After Church Greeters:	E: Paul Vander Linden C: John Van Diepen W: Harvey Van Ruler BE: Pastor Luke BW: Josh Lucas	E: John Bartels C: Marcus De Boer W: Pastor Luke BE: Josh Lucas BW: Stan De Zeeuw
Prayer with the Elders:	Cornerstone: Dr. Greg Kusters Open Door: Harold Ernst	Cornerstone: Bill Hartzell Open Door: Ken Heronimus
Children and Worship:	Children and Worship On Christmas Break	Children and Worship 9:00 am: Deb Kusters 11:00 am: Deb Kusters
Nursery:	9:00 am: Lesa Stofferan & Jodene Kruse Sunday School No Sunday School Today 11:00 am: Tami & Lindy Tracy	9:00 am: Sandy Lamfers & Rachel Wills Sunday School Tiffany & Liz Wynia 11:00 am: Paige Hurlburt
Library:	Joel/Kathy Verdoorn	Ruth Ann Wiersma
Coffee:	Glenn & Paul Doorenbos	Ron & Nancy Dykstra



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All bulletin announcements are due in the church office by Wednesday noon. Bulletins are printed on Thursday morning.