

THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.



The Faith of a Foreign Woman



Welcome to Church!

AUGUST 30, 2020

Glorify! God With Worship

9:00am Traditional Service

11:00 am Open Door Service

Welcome back to those that are worshiping with us!

We will also be offering each service via Facebook live and later on our church website: sibleyfrc.org

If you have any prayer requests please submit them into our office via email to sibleyfrcoffice@gmail.com or via phone 754-2783.

Grow! In His Word

MESSAGE: "THE FAITH OF A FOREIGN WOMAN"

SCRIPTURE: THE BOOK OF RUTH (ESPECIALLY 4:1-12)

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings for August 9, 2020: General Fund-\$2979; Benevolent Fund-\$1025; Building Fund-\$0. Attendance: not counted.

Special Offering for August is Village Northwest.

Special offering for September is Talking Bibles.

- ***Church hours are now 7am-2pm Monday-Friday.***
- **We are in Phase 1A for Worship and Phase 2B for Church Programming.** Bulletins etc. will not be available on Sunday mornings. Entrance to the church on SUNDAYS will only be allowed through the south doors. The canopy door will remain locked.
- **Small groups of 10 or less are permitted to meet in the Fireside Room.** Please contact the office **PRIOR** to meeting to check availability. This includes all Ministry Team meetings as well.
- Secretary's Office hours are Mondays and Thursdays 8-2.
- Bulletins, newsletters and other items have been placed on a table by the office door. Please visit our website for the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter or stop at the church M-Friday 7-2 for a copy.
- **Offering donations can be simply slid under the office door or mailed to church (1010 6th Street, Sibley, IA 51249) for your convenience. Thank you for your donations...they are greatly appreciated and needed.**

Happening This Week

Sunday, August 30:

- **Today we begin our second series on *The Story*** with today's topic "The Faith of a Foreign Woman." Please read the book of Ruth, especially Ruth 4:1-12, to help you prepare for today's sermon. Today we welcome Mark Klaassen from Talking Bibles as he shares the Talking Bible Mission story with us. Remember, you are welcome to bring your own Bible along with you to worship if you wish to follow along with the scriptures.

Monday, August 31:

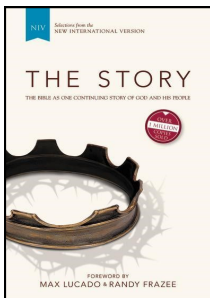
- **6:00pm Elder meeting** in Fireside Room; Deacon meeting Fellowship Hall
- **7:00pm Full Consistory** will meet in Fellowship Hall (with Zoom being an option for those not attending in person for full and Elder/Deacon meetings)
- **7:00 pm Women's Monday Night Bible Study** will meet in the Library.

Tuesday, September 1:

- **Starting September 1, the Secretary's office** will be open Mondays and Thursdays, 8-2pm. Bulletins will be printed on Thursday mornings.

Sunday, September 6:

- **Today we continue of series on *The Story*** with today's topic "Standing Tall - Falling Hard." Please see *The Story* announcement in this week's bulletin to help you prepare for next week's sermon. Today we have the privilege of distributing Bibles to our 1st, 5th and 9-12th Grades. Remember, you are welcome to bring your own Bible along with you to worship if you wish to follow along with the scriptures.



Suggested Readings to prepare for *The Story* Sermon Series:

9/6	1 Samuel 1 – 15; especially I Samuel 15:10-23
9/13	1 Samuel 16 - II Samuel 1- 9; especially I Samuel 17:29-37
9/20	II Samuel 10-24; and especially Psalm 51
9/27	I Kings 1 – 11; especially 1 Kings 1:28-31, 1 Kings 4:29-34

In Our Prayers



If you have a pastoral need while Pastor Luke is on vacation, please call Harold Ernst, any member of Consistory 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:** Gaylord Kruger, Ethel Jurgens and Geneva Wissink
- **Pray for our nursing home residents:** Margaret Calsbeek, Marlys Brink, 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 Ten Cley, Rowland and Jane Van Es.

In Our Prayers

Continue to lift up Rhonda Henrichs and her family as Rhonda deals with cancer. Pray for strength and healing for her.

Please keep Davis and Kristen Beyer and family in your prayers as Kristen lost her father, Randy Dowdey, on August 18. A celebration of life ceremony was held Saturday, August 29. May God comfort those who mourn.

Please continue to lift all those who have undergone recent surgeries. Pray for healing and strength for them.

Please also remember all those who have had recent illnesses. Pray for health to be restored to them.

Mark Your Calendars

September 9:

- Wednesday Night Bible Class begins. See announcement
- Youth Groups begin; 6:30 for Middle School, 7:30 for High School

September 13:

- Education Sunday. We will be handing out Bibles to the 1st, 5th and 9th-12th Graders at the 9 and 11 am services.
- 10am: Sunday School Starts see announcement



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Hours: Mon & Thurs. 8am –2 pm
Office is closed on Tues, Wed & Fri

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

Hands & Feet Opportunities



This time of year is usually the best time to shop for school supplies to put in your **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**! Pick up crayons, pencils, pens, scissors, notebooks and solar calculators while they are on sale!



The Hands and Feet opportunity for the Month of September are items for Atlas will once again be, collecting food for the Upper Des Moines Food Pantry. All Non Perishable food items can be dropped off in the box by the office doors M-F 7am-2pm. Thank you for your generosity!!

Community Happenings & Events

Are you looking for something fun and fulfilling to do in your spare time? Have you ever considered volunteering? The Village Treasure Chest has great volunteer opportunities for everyone and we need you now more than ever. All proceeds from items sold at the Treasure Chest are used to provide opportunities for adults with disabilities at Village Northwest Unlimited in Sheldon. If you're interested, apply at www.villagenorthwest.org/volunteer if you have any questions call Brenna Haack at (712) 324-5416 or email brennah@villagenorthwest.org

Opportunity to Serve

While we have had good capable people serve by running sound, video, and computer during our worship services, we are in need of building that team with a few more to help out. If you have an interest, ability, gifts or might be interested in serving by helping with sound, video, or computer during the worship services here at First Sibley, we ask you to prayerfully consider that way of helping us in worship. For more information, please contact the church office, or a member of the worship ministry.

The Education year is starting!! Please see the bulletin announcement for more details. Right now, we are in need of Sunday **School Teachers** for the following grades: Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd (Combined Class) & 5th and 6th (Combined Class)

****Call Diane Langstraat for details and to sign up to teach. Your involvement is greatly appreciated!!**

Education Update

For the month of September our education program will be as follows:

- **Wednesday night Bible Class** will begin September 9, for grades 1-5. For the month of September, lessons will be in a take home packet. We are asking parents to do the lessons with your children at home. Packets will be available for **pickup Sunday, September 6 in the Narthex. There will not be Wednesday Night Bible Classes held in the Church building.**
- **Sunday School for Pre-K through High School** will begin September 13. Sunday School will be held outdoors, weather permitting, in Pastor Luke's backyard. We are asking students to bring a towel to sit on and their Bible to class each week. Parents are encouraged to join their students in this new adventure.
- **Sunday School Teachers** are needed for grades:
Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd (Combined Class)
5th and 6th (Combined Class)
Call Diane Langstraat for details and to sign up to teach.

Words of Thanks

A sincere thank you to all who prayed for me when I had foot surgery. Thank you for the lovely get well cards and phone calls of encouragement. It was very much appreciated. The surgery was successful and I am recuperating at home."

~~Wilma Hatting

I would like to thank all of you who remembered me in prayer and also sent cards or otherwise wished me well during my recent surgery and recovery. Thanks again!

~~Dr. Greg Kusters

We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy at the death of my sister, Lynn. A special thank you to Pastor Luke for taking time during his vacation to call and offer a prayer and words of encouragement. A verse from scripture used at Lynn's memorial service, "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted."

~~Joel and Kathy Verdoorn

We would like to thank everyone for all of the cards and expressions of sympathy in the passing away of our sister-in-law Gertrude Timmer.

~~Keith and Janelle Van Drunen

