

SWEET IS THE SLEEP

ECCLESIASTES 5:10-17



SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG: "HERE I AM TO WORSHIP"

SONG: "BE STILL MY SOUL (IN YOU I REST)"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE

****CHILDREN AND WORSHIP IS ON SUMMER BREAK****

SCRIPTURE: ECCLESIASTES 5:10-17

MESSAGE: SWEET IS THE SLEEP

PRAYER CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER -- GREG KOSTERS

SONG: "OH DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS"

BENEDICTION

CLOSING: "LORD OF THE UNIVERSE"



Happening This Week

Sunday, September 3:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service** This morning, Pastor Troy will share his message, "Sweet is the Sleep" based on Ecclesiastes 5:10-17. Please note that in today's bulletin you will find a list of those that are eligible to serve on the FRC Consistory as well as a sample ballot. Please take a moment to look it over and prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate to the office of **Elder**. Elder nominations will take place next Sunday.
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **10:10 am: Time of Prayer** in the Fireside Room (see below)

Tuesday, September 5:

- **8:30am Quilters will meet** in the Fireside Room

Wednesday, September 6:

- **5:15pm S-O Volleyball Team Meal** in the Fellowship Hall
- **7:00 pm S-O Homecoming Coronation** at the High School. Event will be livestreamed on the school's YouTube channel.

Sunday, September 10:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service** This morning, Pastor Troy will begin a series on Jonah with his message, "The Runaway" based on Jonah 1:1-3. Today we also celebrate Education Sunday and the start of our Education Year. Bibles will be handed out to students in 1st as well as 6th-9th Grades.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School for ages 3-103**
- **10:10 am: Time of Prayer** in the Fireside Room
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**

Mark Your Calendars

- Sept 11:** 6:00 pm Elder/Deacon Meetings
7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet
- Sept 13:** 2:00 pm FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services
6:30 pm Wednesday Night Bible Class and
6:30 pm Middle School Remnant begins
7:30 pm High School Remnant begins
- Sept 18:** 9:30 am Faith Bible Study will meet
3:00 pm Patience Bible Study will meet
- Sept 20:** 5-7 pm Annual Soup and Pie Supper for Missions
- Sept 24:** Volunteers will be serving at Freedoms Gate in Sioux Falls



Time of Prayer: Considering the issues facing our congregation, the community and our nation, immediately following the service today (during our coffee fellowship time), there will be an informal time of prayer in the Fireside Room. Any and all are invited to attend.



Mark your calendars!! "FRC Fundraiser for Missions" Soup and Pie Supper, September 20 from 5pm-7pm. Please take a moment to check out the sign up sheets on the Information Center to sign up to donate food and/or your time. Groups 3 and 4 are in charge of this fall's soup and pie supper. Please check your mailbox for an important note!! Thanks!



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!! We are still in need of a Kindergarten-1st grade teacher. We are also looking for 4 co-teachers that would be able to assist in the classrooms this year. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact Josh Lucas or Deb Kusters for more information. Thanks!!



On Sept. 24 a group of FRC Volunteers will be traveling to Freedom's Gate church in Sioux Falls, SD to serve the meal following the service. A signup sheet is on the Information Center for those who may be interested in volunteering. We will leave around 2:30 and return around 10. Volunteers must be 18 years of age.



Also needed for the meal are 100 WRAPPED bars. Please use the sign up sheet to let us know how many you are making. We only need 100 bars, so if the sign up is full please do not bring extras. Please have wrapped bars to church no later than Friday, September 22. Thanks!



Twelve freshman students will be off to college in August and September. As we have done in past years, the Congregational Care Team is looking for volunteers from our congregation to adopt a student to let them know that we at FRC are supporting them as they are away from home, some for the first time. Each volunteer can choose how to keep in contact throughout the school year -- possibly by praying, sending notes or cards, texts, sharing goodies, and welcoming

them in person when you see them in church on Sunday. Please sign up at the Information Center if you'd like to support one of our freshman college students. You can request a certain student or we will pair you up. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Congregational Care Team.

News you Need to Know

The annual **ATLAS of Osceola County Fall Celebration Banquet** will be held on **Wednesday, August 30, 2023** at the Ashton Legion Building. Doors open at 6:00 PM to view Silent Auction items. A meal will be served at 6:30, followed by a short program. FREE Tickets are available from any ATLAS Board member or by stopping at the ATLAS office in Sibley. Thank you for your support of this local ministry!

Bible League International invites all men and women to Bethel CRC in Sioux Center on **Tuesday, September 12 at 9:00 am** for the Growing Inward-Reaching Outward conference. Best-selling author, Carol Kent's life turned upside down when their only child was sentenced for murder. Carol shares from God's Word and her family's life experience in growing an enduring faith and impacting the world for Christ. Registration and more information can be found at Bibleleague.org/tickets

You are Invited to the Rotary Ham Harvest Dinner on **Sunday, October 8, 2023, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.** at Trinity Lutheran Church. **All meals are carryout – no dine.** Tickets are \$13 each or \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at Sibley State Bank, Northwestern Mutual – Travis Ten Napel, and Rotary Members. Proceeds will go to Scholarships and Other Youth Projects.



Our Church Nursery is currently available for use but is unstaffed. If you see a need to have the nursery staffed during Sunday services or Sunday School, please contact anyone on the Worship Committee and we will set up a staffing schedule.



Trinity Lutheran church invites you to a community women's event, food provided by The Lantern

Coffeehouse, on **Thursday, October 12 from 5:30-8pm.** This event features author/speaker Jennifer Dukes Lee as she presents "Season of Life", a program directed at women 20-100 years of age! Tickets are available at Trinity's church office (754-3645) and at The Lantern for \$10 each.



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Bible League is looking for someone willing to become a contact person/Field Rep for First Reformed Sibley. Duties would include communicating announcements to the office as well as delivering handouts/flyers to the church office as well. If you feel God leading you to volunteer in this way, please contact Dorothy Vander Wildt at 712-230-1237.

Sermon Notes:

SCRIPTURE: ECCLESIASTES 5:10-17

MESSAGE: *SWEET IS THE SLEEP*

In Our Prayers...

If you have a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Troy Van Beek 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 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:** Anita Ernst, Trudy Dykstra, Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn, Ethel Jurgens, Margaret Calsbeek, and Geneva Wissink
- **Our nursing home residents:** 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/or deal with health issues.
- **Mandy Sprock**, daughter of Randy Van De Berg, will be undergoing surgery on September 7 in Sioux Falls. She will be having a double mastectomy and reconstructive surgery the same day, if all goes well.
- **Geneva Wissink** is recovering from a fall last week. Please pray for healing for her.
- **Karen Doorenbos** underwent heart bypass surgery this past Monday. Pray for healing for her as she recovers.
- **Janice Heikes** underwent back surgery this past Wednesday. Continue to pray for healing with minimal pain for her.

Words of Thanks

Thank you very much for your generous food donation for our food pantry. It is greatly appreciated!

~~Upper Des Moines Food Pantry

Through God's grace and many blessings in our lives, we were able to celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. Many thanks for all the cards, expressions of congratulations and to our family for all the arrangements. It was really great.

~~Mike and Mary Hustoft

Faith In Action for September ATLAS

Below is a list of items ATLAS is currently in need of:

Stamps	Hershey Kisses
24lb Copy Paper	13 gal Trash bags
20lb Copy Paper	30 gal Trash bags
Bottled Water	Grocery Cards
Canon Ink	Gas Cards
#240 & 241	Keurig Coffee Cups
Cans of Pop	



Stewardship & Giving

Offerings taken on August 27: General-\$3400; Benevolent-\$0; Building-\$0; Bountiful Blessings Table-\$134; Village NW-\$30.

Special Offering for August was for the Village Northwest

Special Offering for September is for Talking Bibles (please see The Newsletter for a Talking Bible Update!)

Attendance Last Sunday: 176

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: September 3	Next Week: September 10
Greeters:	E: AJ and Jenny Weg/family C: Lawrence and Ruth Wiersma W: Ryan Wiersma	E: Derek and Megan Ackerman/family C: Brian and Chelsey Alexander/family W: Kim Alsip/family
Nursery:	Nursery is open but unstaffed	Nursery is open but unstaffed
C&W Leader	Deb Kusters	Deb Kusters
Library:	Jamie Hulstein	Jan Juffer
Coffee:	Ed and Jan Harskamp	Bill and LaDonn Hartzell



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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