

Why Connection is Important

1 John 4:7-12
2 Cor. 13:14

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Sibley, Iowa



APRIL 28, 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 - Ger Van Diepen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SONG: "ONE THING REMAINS"

SONG: "WHO AM I"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP IS DISMISSED

SCRIPTURE: 1 JOHN 4:7-12 & 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

MESSAGE: WHY CONNECTION IS IMPORTANT

PRAYER CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER)

SONG: "MY JESUS I LOVE THEE" #262

BENEDICTION

CLOSING: "BEHOLD WHAT MANNER OF LOVE" #120

Happening This Week

Sunday, April 28:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** Today we welcome Pastor Troy back to the pulpit as he shares his topic, "Why Connection is Important" based on 1 John 4:7-12 and 2 Corinthians 13:14. Today is the last Children and Worship for the education year.
- **10:10 am: Sunday School** this is the last session for the 23-24 year.
- **10:10 am: Coffee Fellowship**
- **10:10 am: Round Table Discussion concerning the RCA** will be held in the Fellowship Hall
- **6:30 pm: Fellowship Bible Studies**

Sunday, April 28-May 2:

- Josh and Hannah will be in Arizona for Hannah's Graduation

Tuesday, April 30:

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

Wednesday, May 1:

- **Bible Classes and Youth Groups are on Summer Break**

Sunday, May 5:

- **9:00 am: Praise and Worship Service.** Today we welcome Pastor Troy to the pulpit as he shares his topic, "Connection Skills" based on Ephesians 3:14-21.
- **Sunday School** is on Summer Break
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Pastor Brian has accepted the position as Lead Pastor here at First Reformed Church, and will begin his ministry with us on July 1st. We thank all those who helped get us to this point. It has been a long process, but we feel God leading us where He wants us to go. Please continue to lift Pastor Brian and his family up in your prayers as they prepare to part ways with their current congregation and surroundings. Please pray for an easy transition for not only the Carpenters, but also for us as a congregation. God is Good!

Last chance to change a life! Please take a moment today to stop by the Compassion Table in the Fellowship Hall. There you will find packets for children in need of a sponsor through Compassion International. Your support for these children is greatly needed as many of them face not only economic hardship but physical, emotional and spiritual issues as well. Please prayerfully consider "adopting" one of these children. It will make a huge impact on their lives and yours. If you have questions, please contact Maureen Heilman.



Books of the Month



For more details on these titles, please see The Newsletter

Babies Blessings Table



Donations of diapers, outfits, wipes, pacifiers, gift cards to buy formula, diaper rash cream, etc. can be placed in the tote under the west balcony stair case. * If you know of someone who is in need, please have them contact

Josh Lucas and he will make arrangements for them to get their supplies.

Mark Your Calendars

May 12: 2:00 pm Sibley-Ocheyedan High School Commencement Ceremony

May 14: 7:00 pm Western Christian Commencement Ceremony

A banner for the "2024 Annual Men & Boys FRC Fishing Trip". It features illustrations of two men fishing and a sign that says "GONE FISHING".

2024 Annual Men & Boys FRC Fishing Trip

When: July 11-14

Where: Hidden Hill Lodge, Roslyn, SD (HiddenHillLodge.com)

Who: Invite your grandkids, friends or any want-to-be fisherman for this fun filled weekend of fishing and discovering God's Creation. Sign-up at the Information Center if Interested!

News you Need to Know

The S-O Athletic Booster Club invites you to an evening with Jordan Montgomery on **Wednesday, May 8 at 6:45** in the S-O High School Gym. Jordan will be sharing his knowledge on building Involvement, Leadership and Personal Growth. All are invited this this FREE event.

The Osceola Regional Health Center Auxiliary is sponsoring the Annual Plant Sale on **Thursday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.**, in the Sibley Central Park. A **meal will be served from 5-6:30 p.m.** Freewill donation. Annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, potted plants, bedding flowers, and more, will be available. Proceeds from the Annual Plant Sale benefits the Osceola Regional Health Center. Hope to see you there!

Plan to attend Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon with your friends on **Monday, May 6** at Ireton Christian Reformed Church (301 Maple Street, Ireton IA). Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The **Luncheon begins at 11:30 AM**; featured speaker is Lindsay Millard of Joie Floral Design in Orange City. She is a Master Gardener and will share ideas for **growing your garden/plants**. **"Spread Joy Through Flowers!"** A freewill donation will be received for Bible League International; every \$5 raised puts a Bible in the hands of someone thirsty for God's Word!

FRC VBS June 2-5

Sunday, June 2 (4pm-8pm)/ Mon-Wed, June 3-5 (5:30-8:30)

Prepare to swing into fun as we head out on The Great Jungle Journey!



At VBS, kids will sail along on a fun jungle cruise, stopping at seven ports of call. These ports are the 7 C's of History: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. Kids will discover how these events shape our world, and how to reconnect the Bible to their everyday life.

Student and Volunteer Registration is now open! Sign Up TODAY!!

Scan this QR
Code to sign up
to Volunteer for
VBS!!!



Scan this QR
Code to register
your student/s
for VBS!!!



Or Visit the Following Websites:

Volunteer: <https://sibleyfrc.myanswers.com/jungle-journey/volunteer/>

Registration: <https://sibleyfrc.myanswers.com/jungle-journey/register/?sitehist=1712544483969>

Call/Text Jenna Ver Steeg (507-360-0748) or
Hannah Lucas (461-1652) with questions or for more information.

Sermon Notes:

SCRIPTURE: 1 JOHN 4:7-12 & 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

MESSAGE: WHY CONNECTION IS IMPORTANT

Words of Thanks

Thank you so much for all of the words of encouragement, cards, and visits while I was rehabilitating at the nursing home. I have been able to return home for which I am very thankful. It is so awesome to be apart of such a caring church family.

~~Gert Gaalswyk

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 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:** 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

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.
- **Pray for healing for:** LeRoy Stevenson (Cirrhosis of the Liver), Dick Oldenkamp (cancer), Gloria Eddy (brain tumor), Wilma Loerts (recent surgery), LeRoy DeBoer (cancer), Marlin Runia (hearing loss), and Trisha Iedema (recent surgery).
- **Jane Buysman** has moved to Heartwood Heights. Pray for peace for her as she adjusts to her new surrounding.
- **Gert Gaalswyk** was able to return to her home after a stay in the nursing home for rehab.
- **Mandie Sprock**, Randy Van De Berg's daughter, will be undergoing a biopsy to investigate two spots that were found on her last scan. Please pray for these spots to be benign. Pray for a calm spirit for her and her family as they await test results.

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies go out to Gary and Jessa Wolter in the passing of Gary's sister LaVon Ball who passed away after suffering a stroke.
 ~~May God comfort those who mourn.~~

Faith In Action for April FRC Kitchen Items



We will be collecting items that will be put to use in our church kitchen. Items needed are: Pledge, Lemon Scented Pine-sol cleaner, Clorox Wipes, scouring pads, rubber scrapers, smaller knives for cutting pies, etc. Maybe you have worked in the kitchen and know of something that would be useful that you would like to donate. All items are appreciated!

Stewardship & Giving

Offerings taken on April 21: General-\$5192.60; Benevolent-\$100; Building-\$0; VBS expenses-\$845.

Special Offering for April is for VBS expenses

Attendance Last Sunday: 224

There is JOY in Serving Jesus!

	This Week: April 28	Next Week: May 5
Greeters:	E: Jamie and Jennifer Bruxvoort/family C: Nate and Angie Buysman W: JoAnn Calsbeek	E: Levi and Kira Christensen/family C: Larry and Melissa DeBoer/family W: Gary and Sandy De Vries
Worship Nursery:	Hannah Lucas and Natalie Klaassen	Heidi and Grace Saylor
S. School Nursery:	Anne Maxwell and Ruth Ann Wiersma	Sunday School is on break
C&W Leader	Deb Kusters	Children & Worship is on break
Library:	Marcia Van Ruler	Alfreda Verdoorn
Coffee:	Jim and Pauline Van Engen	Curt and Peg Van Kley



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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