

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2019



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January at a Glance

- 1: Happy New Year!!
No Mothers Together
No Coffee with the Pastor
- 5: Installation and Ordination of 2020 Elders and Deacons
- 12: 8-9:30 Unity Breakfast sponsored by the College Youth
 - 9:30 Combined Worship
 - Professions of Faith
 - Communion
- 13: 6:00pm Elder/Deacon Meetings
7:00 pm Full Consistory
- 15: 9:00am Mothers Together meets
- 20: 9:00am Faith Bible Study
3:00pm Patience Bible Study
- 27-3rd: Pastor Luke on Vacation

*Sunday Mornings:

- 9:00 am Cornerstone Service
- 10:10 am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:10 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Open Door Service

*Monday Evenings:

- 7:00 pm The Story Bible Study

*Tuesday mornings:

- 8:30 am Chickadee Quilters

*Wednesday Evening Bible

Classes and Youth Groups:

- 6:30-7:30 Bible Classes for 1st-5th
- 6:30-7:30 pm MS Remnant
- 7:30-8:30 pm HS Remnant

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2020 will be interesting in several different ways. We will once again be in an election year and with everything going on right now in politics, it going to be interesting journey. Our denomination is at a pivotal point in our stance on marriage between a man and a woman and what the outcome will be. Within our own lives there are many other events or plans.

We are maybe getting married or witnessing someone we love, get married. We are expecting to become a new parent or grandparent. Maybe we are concerned about our health or financial status or a job or a big decision you might have to make. And then there are those unforeseen things that none of us will see coming that we will have to deal with.

Who knows this might be the year that Christ decides to return. But what we do know is no matter what happens Jesus Christ will be right beside us. I am reminded often with the scriptures to place our trust and hope in God alone. Some of my favorite verses speak to me that no matter what is to come, I have a peace and confidence in Jesus Christ. I hold to verses near and dear to my heart;

Proverbs 3:5-6

**⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. ^[a]**

Matthew 6:33

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Jeremiah 29:11-13

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Joshua 1:9

⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

I would encourage you to tear these verses out this newsletter and place them on your refrigerator or somewhere where you will see them each day of 2020. When you are struggling, dealing with trouble, unforeseen circumstances, where our denomination and country is headed, reread these verses and take some time to pray and give the burden you hold on your heart over to Him. One last verse:

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Be excited about God will do with you in 2020! He has great plans!

Prayer and Love for an amazing 2020!

Pastor Luke



Faith In Action for January: Layettes for the Center of Hope



Stewardship & Giving

Special offering for January:

Osceola Communities Express

Offering Summary through December 23rd

- General Fund: \$298,442.73;
Budget: \$279,866; 106% of budget
- Benevolent Fund: \$75,824.99;
Budget: 86,813.00; 87% of budget
- Building Fund offerings to date:\$2070



This month we are collecting items that a new Baby or New Mom might be in need of. We only ask that all donated items must be NEW. Thanks!

Make a joyful noise! All voices are welcome to join the FRC Joyful Voices choir. The Choir practices in the Fireside Room on Sunday mornings, at 8:20 am. All you need is a love of sharing God's word through music. Questions? Contact Peg Van Kley 754-2945.

Trivia Time!!!

1. Genesis chapters 1-11 are considered pre-history because they are hared to date. Part of pre-history is the story of this famous Bible hero first found in Genesis 6:11-13. Who is it?
2. God gave Abram all the land he could see in which direction? (Genesis 13:14)
3. Abraham was this age when his son Isaac was born (Genesis 21:5).
4. Genesis ends with Abraham's great-grandson Joseph ruling in this country according to Genesis 50:24-26 where was it?
5. Exodus 2:11-15 shows Moses having to flee to Midian because he committed this crime. What crime was he guilty of?
6. At the burning bush, Moses expressed a fear to God about telling Pharaoh "Let my people go!" According to Exodus 3:8-12, what did Moses say?
7. It took the Lord this long to drive back the Red Sea so the Israelites could cross (Exodus 14:21).
8. The people spent 40 years wandering the desert instead of a few years, because they kept being selfish and awful. What favorite terms did God use to describe them in Exodus 33:1-3?

Cornerstone Service Greeters, 9 am



5: West— Brian and Megan Loerts/family
Middle— Ken and Wilma Loerts
East— Josh and Hannah Lucas/family

19: West— Leona Meendering and Marlys Pietz
Middle— Dick and Marcia Oldenkamp
East— LaVonne Prins and Jenny Schram

12: West— Frank and Darcy Martinez
Middle— John and Kim McDougall/family
East— Dave and Jessica Mc Dyer/family

26: West— Larry and Rhonda Riebeling
Middle— Marlin Roelfs and Lyle Peelen
East— Cal and Kathy Runia



9:00 am Nursery

5: Sandy Lamfers and Rachel Wills
12: One Service today at 9:30am
Ashley Heronimus and Jenny Weg
19: Diane Langstraat and Alexis Hulstein
26: Brenda Wassman and Kim McDougall

Library Volunteers



5: Ruth Ann Wiersma
12: Jane Buysman
19: Marilynn De Boer
26: Gert Gaalswyk

Sunday School Nursery



5: Paige Hurlburt
12: No Sunday School Today
19: Teresa Hurlburt
26: Joanne Klaassen

Prayer With the Elders



10:00

5: Bill Hartzell
12: Dick Oldenkamp
19: Harold Ernst
26: Marlin Roelfs

12:00

5: Ken Heronimus
12: Stan De Zeeuw
19: Greg Kusters
26: Marlin Runia

11:00 am Nursery



5: Tiffany and Liz Wynia
12: No Open Door Service today
19: Tami and Lindy Tracy
26: Abby De Zeeuw and Megan Loerts

Willing Hands Group



Willing Hands Group #1
will be responsible for services during the month.

Co-chairpersons are:

- Marvella/Lennis Harberts
- Diane/Arnie Langstraat

Fellowship Coffee Servers

- 5:** Ron and Nancy Dykstra
12: Harold and Luella Eggink
19: Harold and Mim Ernst
26: Ed and Jan Harskamp



Children and Worship Leaders/Helpers



Cornerstone Service 9:00 am

- 5:** Leader: Deb Kusters
12: Leader: Deb Kusters
19: Leader: Deb Kusters
26: Leader: Deb Kusters

Open Door Service 11:00 am

- 5:** Leader: Deb Kusters
12: Leader: Deb Kusters
19: Leader: Deb Kusters
26: Leader: Deb Kusters

After Church Greeters



- 5:** E: John Bartels
C: Marcus De Boer
W: Pastor Luke
BE: Josh Lucas
BW: Stan De Zeeuw

- 19:** E: Lennis Harberts
C: Ed Harskamp
W: Pastor Luke
BE: Josh Lucas
BW: Bill Hartzell

- 12:** E: Ron Dykstra
C: Pastor Luke
W: Josh Lucas
BE: Harold Ernst
BW: Henry Fisher

- 26:** E: Ken Heronimus
C: Dale Honken
W: Dr. Greg Kusters
BE: Pastor Luke
BW: Josh Lucas

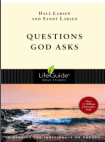
Bible Study Opportunities

Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

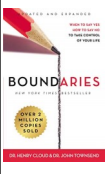
Romans 15:4



Faith Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on Monday, January 20 at 9:00 am in the Church library. The lesson leader will be Alfreda Verdoorn with Jeanette Juffer serving as hostess. We will be studying lesson 5, "Rest With and Rely on God" in our study book, *Busyness*. Scripture for the morning comes from Mark 6:30-46. Come and join us, you can't be that busy.



Patience Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, January 20 at 3:00 pm**. We will begin our new book, *Questions God Asks*, by David and Sandy Larsen. Barb will lead lesson #1, "Where Are You?" Come and join us!



Ladies Bible Study at the Lantern, will meet Monday nights at 7:00pm in Bailey's Lodge at the Lantern. They will be digging into the book *Boundaries* by Drs. Cloud and Townsend. People often focus so much on being loving and giving that they forget their own limits. In this book, you'll discover firsthand how sound boundaries give you the freedom to walk as the loving, giving, fulfilled individual God created you to be. Please Join us!



The Monday Night Bible Study who meets weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00pm will begin studying "The Story". All are invited to join. Please sign up on the information center if you plan to attend.

The Men's and Women's Sunday Morning Bible study will meet during the Fellowship/Sunday School hour beginning at 10:10 in the west end of the Fellowship Hall. Please watch the Bulletin for more information.



Hello First Reformed Church,

Your Devil Crushing Ninja Trainer (Youth Director for short) here to give you an update on what is happening and hopefully encourage you! We are living in a very troubling time. If you watch the news of any form you know that our President is in the impeachment process. School shootings are on the rise. Our nation is at war with each other. It is just a troubling time. Why is that? Why is our nation so outrageous? If you ask me it is because our nation has turned away from the Biblical worldview. What I mean by that is that our nation is not focusing on scripture, they are not passing laws that align with scripture, etc. Our nation has totally turned their back on God. What is the biggest issue in the nation? I think the same issue that is the biggest issue in the church not only our church but the global church, gossip. What is gossip? Gossip is defined as casual or unconstrained conversation or reports about other people, typically involving details that are not confirmed as being true. Simply stated...gossip is the spreading of rumors about someone when they are not true or at least not confirmed as true.

Look at Jesus, He came into the world to spread the gospel to rescue people from their sins. What did the Pharisees do? They were telling lies about Jesus, they were trying everything they could do to try and trap Jesus. Now this was a part of the plan the whole time, and it had an amazing outcome. However, just because this was a part of God's plan does not give us the freedom to do it ourselves. I have had my fair share of gossip and persecution. Instead of spreading gossip why don't we spread encouragement? Matthew 18 speaks perfectly on how we are to deal with issues we have with people. First, we go to that person directly. We tell them our issue with them. If nothing changes take a witness or two so then they can attest to what was said. If nothing changes after that take it to the church. After that Jesus says to "treat them as the gentiles." Imagine what would happen to our nation and even our churches if we actually followed Jesus' words. I think the results would be fruitful! If you notice all of the chaos that is happening and you begin to get worried. Do not worry because everything that is happening is not a shock to God. Romans 8:28 tells us that "All things work for the good for those who love him and are called according to his purpose." Everything is going to work out for the good. Endure the pain and make sure that we understand that our battle is not between flesh and blood. We are at war with the true enemy. Do not allow him to win and to rob you of your joy. Ask God for help and pray for your enemies!

Youth group is going very well! Rocky Mountain High information is available! If your child has not signed up with me yet please see me ASAP! I have booklet information for you with all of the details of Rocky! Junior High we are looking at doing something fun this summer! Be on the lookout for those events! We are in the series of answering our student's questions. We have questions like, "What happened to the Garden of Eden? How do we stand together as Christians? The Big Bang and the Bible" and many others! More fundraisers are heading your way as well! Thank you for all of the support! If you ever need a hug this big ole teddy bear has one for you!

Blessings,

Dad Jokes with Josh:

Q: What do you get when you cross a toad with a pig?

A: A Wart-Hog!

PRAYER LIST

BE A
Prayer
WARRIOR
— Luke 21:36

PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

1. Lennis and Marvella Harberts;
Uchan, Apiyo, Ahbea, Aysha
2. Ed and Jan Harskamp
3. Bill and LaDonn Hartzell
4. Pray for our College Students
5. Pray for our Church
6. Wilma Hatting
7. Kevin and Twila Heemstra
8. Lisa Heibult
9. Dwayne and Janice Heikes
10. Dan and Maureen Heilman; Luke, Amelia
11. Pray for our College Students
12. Pray for our Church
13. Burt and Jan Henrichs
14. Rhonda Henrichs; Clint
15. Derek and Ashley Heronimus; Kalen, Brooks
16. Ken and Sandy Heronimus
17. Dale and Josie Herrboldt
18. Pray for our College Students
19. Pray for our Church
20. Lana Hibma; Elizabeth
21. Jo Hielkema
22. Melissa Hisek; Sofia, Georgia
23. Cole and Kayla Hoekstra; Amelia, Grace
24. Dale and Karen Honken
25. Pray for our College Students
26. Pray for our church
27. Anita Hoting
28. Ken Huls
29. Loren and Deb Hulstein
30. Mark and Rosie Hulstein; Dawson, Walker
31. Michael and Chelsea Hulstein;
Addison, Aubrey

College Students:

Leah Ackerman
Michaela Block
Grant Brouwer
Cody Dykstra
Tanner Dykstra
Jagger Johnson
Alex Mc Dougall
Madeline Saylor
Lane Tangeman
Carson Van Westen
Alyssa Wassman

Paige Hurlburt
Kaitlyn Bechler
Kalie De Boer
Keyana Gust
Jaden Abels
Madison Norman
Nick Buysman
Hunter DeJong
Hunter Rockman
Ryan Van Marel
Mariah Elser

Lars Ackerman
Megan Travaille
Peyton Crichton
Britta Harberts

Andrea Meyer
Garrett Saylor
Makayla Tangeman
Colby Wagenaar

Kailey Bruxvoort

Sarah Hoppe
Jena Van Marel
Troy Soat

Hannah Lucas

PRAYER LIST

BE A
Prayer
WARRIOR
— Luke 22:32

PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Assisted Living

Ethel Jurgens
Geneva Wissink

The Nursing Homes

Dutch Kruger
Harold Schram
Margaret Calsbeek

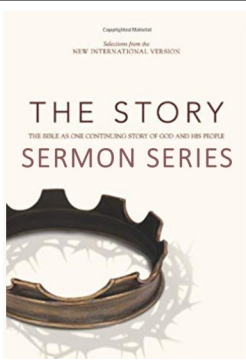
Our Missionaries

Dr. Bernadeth Kelly &
Adrian Bobb
Sayuri Kist—Okazaki
Brian & Donna Renes
J.J. & Tim TenCley
Rowland & Jan Van Es

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You can speak with
spiritual eloquence, pray
in public, and maintain
a holy appearance...
but it is your behavior
that will reveal your
true character.

- Steve Maraboli
www.stevemaraboli.com



One way to understand all of scripture is to think **Creation – Fall – Redemption**. The Bible begins with the book of Genesis, or the beginning. God creates all, but into the perfect world he created man brings sin and the Fall. Now separated from God by our sin, God introduces Redemption. The rest of the scriptures unfold God’s plan of redemption for man – and for all of creation. When we reach the end of the Revelation we find a ‘new heaven and a new earth.’

Each week, read the appropriate section of “The Story”. Remember that this is not a Bible! It is a retelling of the history of God and his people as told in the Bible. Christianity is a religion rooted in real history and is not myth or fable. To help us all to learn more we are including a list of Biblical references tied to the chapter in *The*

Story, along with a timeline so you can keep track of the history of God’s work. As you read along in our study book we suggest that you also read along in God’s word.

Please read The Story before the sermon on the Sunday’s listed below. Read and then come together to learn more from Pastor Luke.

◆ **January 4, 2020 - “Creation: The Beginning of Life as We Know It”**
Chapter 1 Pages: 1-12

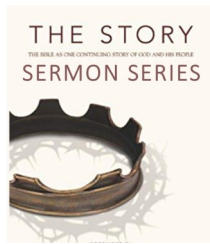
Creation	Noah and the Flood	Abram born
BC		2166

- Creation (Genesis 1:1-2:3)
- Adam and Eve in Eden (Genesis 2:4-25)
- The Fall and its consequences (Genesis 3)
- Cain & Able, and progression of sin (Genesis 4:1-16)
- The great flood (Genesis 6:9-9:29)
- The spread of the nations (Genesis 10:1-11:26)

◆ **January 12, 2020 - “God Builds a Nation”**
Chapter 2 Pages: 13-27

Abram moves to Canaan	Isaac born	Abraham offers Isaac	Jacob and Esau born	Abraham dies	Joseph born	Isaac dies
BC 2091	2066	2050	2006	1991	1915	1886

- The life of Abraham (11:27-25:11)
 - Abraham’s background (11:27-25:11)
 - Abraham’s land (chs. 12-14)
 - Abraham’s people (chs 15-24)
 - Abraham’s last days (25:1-11)
 - Covenant with Abraham
- The descendants of Ishmael (24:12-18)
- The life of Jacob (25:19-34:29)
- The descendants of Esau (36:1-37:11)



◆ **January 19, 2020 - “Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh”**
Chapter 3 Pages: 29-42

	Joseph sold into slavery	Jacob settles In Egypt	Jacob dies	Joseph dies
BC	1898	1876	1859	1895

- The Life of Joseph (Genesis 37:2-50:26)
 - Joseph’s career (37:2-41:57)
 - Jacob’s migration (chs. 42-47)
 - Jacob’s last days (48:1-50:14)
 - Joseph’s last days (50:1-15:26)

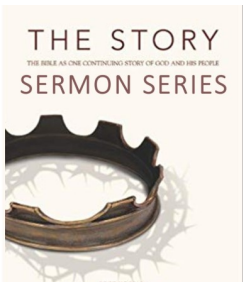
◆ **January 25, 2020 - “Deliverance”**
Chapter 4 Pages: 43-57

	Moses born	The plagues	The exodus, Red Sea crossed	Wilderness wanderings
BC	1526	1446	1446	1446-1406

- Divine redemption (Exodus 1-18)
 - Preparations for Deliverance (2:1-4:26)
 - First steps in Leadership (4:27-7:5)
 - Judgment and salvation through the plagues (7:6-11:10)
 - The Passover (12:1-28)
 - The Exodus from Egypt (12:29-51)
 - Consecration of the firstborn (13:1-16)
 - Crossing the “Red Sea” (13:17-15:21)
 - Journey to Sinai (15:22-18:27)

◆ **February 2, 2020 – *New Commands and a New Covenant***
Chapter 5 Pages: 59-70

- Covenant at Sinai (Exodus 19-24)
 - The Decalogue (20:1-17)
 - The Reaction of the People to God’s Fiery Presence (20:18-21)
 - The Book of the Covenant (20:22-23:33)
 - Divine Worship (chs. 25-40)
 - Collection of the materials (25:1-19)
 - Ark and atonement cover (25:1-9)
- False Worship (32-34)



The Story Home Study Questions

for you to ponder as you read through
this month's chapters.

Chapter 1 "Creation: The Beginning of Life as We Know It":

1. What words would you use to describe the God who is revealed in the Creation narrative?
2. The story of the fall indicates that every part of God's good creation was fractured by Adam and Eve's rebellion. As you observe our world, what evidence do you see that the world was created to be a good and beautiful place? Where do you see evidence that it is broken by sin?
3. In the flood story, we encounter a God who takes action to prevent the spread of human rebellion and sin by destroying most of his creation. The flood is both an act of judgement and salvation. How do you see these two activities of God reflected in the story? How do these themes differ from the "popular" picture of God that is often presented in this passage?

Chapter 2 "God Builds a Nation":

1. "God's will is lived forward and understood backward." What do you think this statement means? How does it reflect the truth of Abraham's life? How have you seen this to be true in your life?
2. What kind of consequences did Abraham and Sarah face for trying to make God's plan work for him? Have you experienced negative consequences from trying to make what you perceived to be God's plan happen on your own?

Chapter 3 "Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh":

1. What are some of the things the Lord may have worked into Joseph's life through his many years of struggle? What were some of the doubts he may have faced? What can you learn from his example?
2. In effect Joseph said to his brothers, "What you meant for evil, God meant for good." Have you ever had an experience where, looking back, you can see God bringing good out of a sinful choice or an evil act?

Chapter 4 "Deliverance":

1. "Always remember!" is a recurring theme in Scripture. God called the Israelites regularly to celebrate festivals in which they recounted the stories of God's work in their lives. What stories of God's power at work in your life could you repeat more often?
2. As you consider the life of Moses, several parallels between him and Jesus emerge. Can you list some of them? What is the significance of this overlap?

Chapter 5 "New Commands and a New Covenant":

1. In the wilderness, God presented himself in thunder, lighting, and flame on a mountain that could not be touched. What does this tell us about God's character? Are these things true today? What other images does God use to describe his presence in Scripture?
2. What role do the Ten Commandments play in your life with God? Should and/or how can they play a more significant role?
3. Why do you think it was so easy for Israel to slip from covenant affirmation to idolatry? What, if anything, should we learn from this?

Sportsmen's Devotional

Bible Study Verses

Exodus 15:1-2

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: "I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted. Both horse and driver He has hurled into the sea. The Lord is my Strength and my Defense; He has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him." (NIV)



Thoughts

The horse the rider and the entire Egyptian army! I always loved seeing that part while watching Charlton Heston in "The Ten Commandments." One of my favorite movies of all time. I love seeing God kick butt.

Throughout the Bible, God uses the small, the weak and the somewhat insignificant to showcase His awesome deeds. This should stand as proof to all of you that if needed God can use anyone of us to reach someone to be saved for Him. A true honor for sure!

Action Point

Never doubt that God can and will use your experiences in life to not only show you something, but to illustrate a point or "spark" something in someone else.

If you're not sure why something is happening to you, remember **it may NOT be about YOU!!!**

Sportsmen's Tip of the Day

Calling to Canada geese and being successful at it takes time and practice. Shortcuts do not exist. The language of the Canada goose is based on the cluck. Learn to cluck correctly and other pieces will fall into place.

Trivia Time Answers!!!

1. Noah & the Ark 2. N, S, E and W 3. 90 years 4. Egypt 5. Murder 6. Who Am I? 7. All Night 8. Stiff-necked



Now that classes have started for the year we still need you! There are dates in upcoming months that need to be filled.

Please consider helping by leading a class this year!

Sign-up sheets can be found on the Information Center, via a link on the church website (sibleyfrc.org) under the

(Wednesday Bible Classes) <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1idJE4sd9Mktix67DTzefCymUv4HxMY5oyeAdFQsHQrU/edit#gid=0>

(Sunday School Classes) <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pBk1yqPAAqRRX6IQFsSIMqP7YLPWZq8Gyii2yzRZw4g/edit#gid=0>

Children & Worship) https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bftwywspB9NhY7rgojAy2PfcTgNfdlmeB7Vh9c_zmE/edit#gid=0

Our Outreach Team has purchased some Community Express Bus passes to be given to church family/individuals in need. If you would like a round-trip ticket or know of someone who could use one, please stop at the office.

Community Express

Voucher for Transportation
Provided to you by your local church
Thank you for riding!

Date _____
Signature _____



Mothers Together

With God in the Middle

Do you ever wish you had a place where you could connect with others who have experienced the same parenting issues that you have? Want some time to relax, recharge and make new friends? Then Mothers Together is just the place for you.

Mothers Together meets at First Reformed Church of Sibley from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the **first and third Wednesdays of the month**. (Please take note of the change in weeks) Mothers Together provides excellent child care while moms get the break they deserve. Mothers Together is a non-denominational group. We hope you will make plans to join us!!

- **January 1: No Mothers Together Today! Happy New Year!!**
- **January 15: Join us for laughs and fun as we make a Mom Tumbler!!!**



Please remember the following Weather Cancellations Procedure:
**If there is NO school, or school is released early due to inclement weather,
there will be NO WEDNESDAY Night activities.**

**If the Cancellation is on Sunday, all services and activities will also be cancelled for
the day.**

Education Dates To Remember:

- **Sunday, January 12 there will not be Sunday School
due to the Combined worship service at 9:30am**
- **Wednesday, January 1 NO ACTIVITIES. Happy New Year!!**

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If your student will have a different address for the 2019-2020 school year please let the office know.

January Celebrations

~~Birthday's~~

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| 1 | Jan Harskamp
Brenda Wassman | 9 | Henry Fisher
Marcia Oldenkamp | 24 | Jayden De Boer |
| 5 | Phyllis Vander
Linden
Sandy De Vries | 11 | Kevin Michelson | 25 | Kalie De Boer
Gaylord Kruger |
| 6 | Damian Van Der
Sloot | 12 | Lynn Schram
Alexis Hulstein | 26 | Rhonda Riebeling
Dr. Brian Saylor
Heath De Jong |
| 7 | Tracee Brouwer
Ashley Heronimus
Alan Julius | 14 | Jacob Fox
Mim Ernst | 27 | Brady Block
Donna Smidt |
| 8 | Angie Buysman
Robert Groen | 17 | Brayden Bruxvoort | 28 | Jon Elser |
| | | 18 | Janice Groen
Matthew Runia
Tanya Dykstra
Tanner Dykstra | 29 | Ken Tjaden |
| | | 20 | Kathy Runia | 30 | Karen Honken |
| | | | | 31 | Jurnea Harberts |



I have found
THE ONE
Whom my soul Loves
SONG OF SOLOMON 3:4

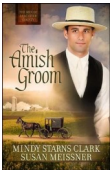
~~Anniversaries~~

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| 19 | Joel & Kathy Verdoorn | 54 years |
| 20 | Jim & Jena Ver Steeg | 8 years |
| 26 | Cole & Kayla Hoekstra | 12 years |
| 26 | Bubba & Sharalyn Tjaden | 35 years |

If you would like to be included in our Birthday and Anniversary Calendar and do not see your name, please contact the office (sibleyfrcoffice@gmail.com or 754-2783) and let us know your dates! We would love to recognize YOU on your special day! Thanks

From the library--

We have been processing 36 new books to be added to the library. Among the new additions is “The Men from Lancaster County” series of four. If you think about it, usually books are written about women. As indicated these books focus on four different Amish men. Following are partial synopsis from each of the books.



Book one: THE AMISH GROOM—Tyler Anderson is torn between two worlds—Amish and *Englisch*. Born to an ex-Amish mother and an *Englisch* father, he is raised as a military kid until his mom passes away and his dad places him in the care of his Amish grandparents. Now 23, Tyler knows it’s time to commit to the Amish church for good. Still he hesitates, unsure if he’ll ever truly belong.



Book two: THE AMISH BLACKSMITH—Talented horse gentler Jake Miller, an apprentice blacksmith for the Kinsingers, is at odds with the beautiful but emotionally complex Priscilla Kinsinger. He much prefers the lighthearted, easygoing ways of Amanda Shetler, the young woman he’s been courting. But his boss is Priscilla’s uncle, so when the man asks Jake and Amanda to help his niece reconnect with community life, they have no choice but to do just that.



Book three: THE AMISH CLOCKMAKER—Newlywed Matthew Zook is expanding his family tack and feed store when a surprising property dispute puts the remodel on hold and raises new questions about the location’s mysterious past. Decades earlier, the same building housed a clock shop run by a young Amish clockmaker named Clayton Raber. Known for his hit temper, Clayton was arrested for the murder of his beloved wife, a crime almost everyone—including his own family members—believed committed, even after charges were dropped. Isolated and feeling condemned by all, Clayton eventually broke from the church, left Lancaster County and was never heard from again. Now the only way Matthew can solve the boundary issue and save his family’s business is to track down the clockmaker.



Book four: THE AMISH WIDOWER—After the devastating loss of his second wife, Seth Hostetler believes a lasting love is beyond all hope. A year has passed, and his *mamm* and sister are determined to see him happily married once again. But how can he open his heart to another woman when their relationship could end in tragedy?

Remember, there are many books in the library of there is sure to a book that will peak your interest so peruse the shelves. **DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT BOOKS BY PUTTING YOUR NAME ON THE CARD!!**

~~Jeannette Juffer





Brian and Donna Renes



Bible Translation

Dedication With over 7,000 languages in the world, one may not sound significant. But, what if “that one” was your language? What if each time you went to church the Bible was read in a language you did not fully understand? Or, what if when you woke up in the morning there was no Bible on the table? That is the reality for millions of people around the world. Each year, the United Bible Societies finishes the first translations of the Bible in about 15 languages. People who have never had God’s Word in their language can buy a copy and often will get two. Some can’t even read it but will find a relative who can. Even before hearing the words, they know it will be precious. The book will be treasured. At a recent launch, it was announced: “Today there has been a wonder here with us. God has spoken to us in our own language. God is not silent, he can speak our language!”

That now holds true for the Ellomwe of Malawi. There is no more waiting. For them, “one more” is significant and the day will be marked as a milestone in their history. Thank God for the translation team and pray that their Bible will bear much fruit. Pray also for the millions who don’t have God’s Word in their language. Pray that someday they too may celebrate. Your partners in mission, Brian and Donna Renes



So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11(NLT)

We hope you are remembering your Secret Sister in your prayers as well as with acts of kindness. Secret Sisters is a great way to encourage someone and lift them up.

Thanks for participating Sisters!!!

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Consistory Meeting Highlights

December 16, 2019

An Update on our Church's Vision Statement was presented. The survey on the life cycle of the church was presented and consistory members and spouses are encouraged to take the survey online by Jan 1st so we can evaluate the results of the survey by the next consistory meeting.

Bethany Christian Services regional offices (Orange City and Sioux City) were contacted as to their position on accepting public funding contingent on placing children in same sex marriage households. This was requested because of what has happened in another state. Bethany Christian services in Iowa operates strictly on private funding and does not do foster care.

Some people from our church attended the RCA Vision 2020 team meetings recently. Consistory members who attended shared their thoughts.

Report of the Special Elders Meeting of 12/15/2019 was given with the list of those making profession of faith presented: Madison Brouwer, Makya Dykstra, Tayler Bremer, Halle Block, Emma Langstraat, Codie Wynia, MacKenzie Beyer, Delaney De Boom, Alexis Hulstein, Addysen Langstraat, Uchan Harberts, Karissa Hulstein, Ella Bruxvoort, and Apiyo Harberts.

Jan 12, 2020: Communion date with reception of those making profession of faith at single service from 9:30 – 11:00 AM. Sunday School cancelled that day.

Jan 5th will be the installation and ordination of Consistory Members. Marlin Runia, Ken Heronimus installed and ordained as elder; Mitchell Kreykes, installed and ordained as deacon, Installed: Larry De Boer, Ryan Wiersma as deacons.

MMSA for the Consistory Meeting Time for 2020 to be set as the 2nd Monday of the month.

Election of Consistory Officers 2020 are as follows: Vice President: Harold Ernst; Clerk: Greg Kusters; Assistant Clerk: Marlin Roelfs; General Fund Treasurer: Greg Tracy; Assistant General Funds Treasurer: Nathan Buysman; Chairman of Deacons: Justin Van Tilburg; Property Chairmen: Ryan Wiersma and Scott Hulstein.

Discussion was had concerning having ministry teams meet at 6 pm just before consistory meets.

Elder and Deacon Delegates for 2020 Classis are as follows:

- 1) Elder Delegates: Bill Hartzell, Dick Oldenkamp
- 2) Deacon Delegates: Greg Tracy, Justin Van Tilburg



LORD. HELP US
TO BE THE PEOPLE
OUR DOGS
THINK WE ARE

22 FRC Carolers visited homes in the Sibley area Sunday, December 22nd.



Joseph

(Read Joseph's story in Genesis 37—50)

Find the listed words hidden in the puzzle.

Words can be forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonal.

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JOSEPH	SOLD	PRISON	FAMINE	CANAAN
ROBE	SLAVERY	SEVEN COWS	RING	FORGIVEN
BROTHERS	POTIPHAR	GOD	IN CHARGE	GOVERNOR