



The Newsletter

March 2020

*Glorify God in all we do,
Grow with Him daily &
Go with Him to share
His love.*

Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy our Second Annual Agape night. We enjoyed serving you and look forward to doing this event again in the future. We were able to raise over - \$1500 to go toward Rocky Mountain High!!



March at a Glance

- 1: Communion Sunday
 - 10:30 am Property Team meets
 - 4:00 pm Outreach Team meets
 - 6:00 pm Education Team meets
 - 6:30 pm Vespers Communion
- 2: 6:30 Special Elder Meeting
- 4: 9:00 am Coffee with the Pastor
 - 9:00 am Mothers Together Meets
 - 2:00 pm FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services
 - 5-7pm Youth Soup and Pie Supper
 - 6:30 pm Congregational Care meets
- 6: 2:00 pm World Day of Prayer at the Methodist Church
- 9: 6:00 pm Elder/Deacon Meetings
 - 7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet
- 10: 6:30 pm Classis Meeting @ Alton
- 16: 9:00 am: Faith Bible Study
 - 3:00 pm: Patience Bible Study
- 18: 9:00 am: Mothers Together Meets
- 22: 6:00 pm: Worship Team meets

*Sundays:

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

*Monday Evenings:

- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

*Tuesday mornings:

- 8:30am Chickadee Quilters

*Wednesday Bible Classes and Youth Groups:

- 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Classes G.1-5
- 6:30-7:30 pm MS Remnant
- 7:30-8:30 pm HS Remnant

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As we have moved through the first part of “The Story” I have been reminded time and time again of God’s faithfulness despite man’s unfaithfulness. I cannot get over how often the Israelites just don’t get it. Time and time again God reveals his love for his people. He has put man in a perfect creation, brought a child to a woman who was barren, set free a nation, parted a sea, provided water, manna and meat in a desert, tore down walls and defeated an army with 300 men and so much more.

It shocks me that we as humans can become so ignorant to how much God loves us and wants the best for us. Over and over God shows his mercy and grace and brings his people back into relationship with Him. At no point has He abandoned man. I am consumed with how we in our stupidity, can like the Israelites, continue to turn our backs on God despite all he has done for us.

It’s time for us to wake up!!! Like the Israelites we are allowing ourselves to slowly fall into the sin of forgetting about God. We say He is a part of our lives, yet it doesn’t reflect in how we live our lives. There are way too many things that we put before God and we either don’t seem to care or we can’t see what is happening.

In our denomination right now there is concern and much discussion surrounding the issue of same sex marriage. Churches are considering leaving based on what stance will be taken. We tell ourselves we need to take a stand. We need to stay true to God’s Word. We get all riled up and there is a sense of urgency to what will take place. We, as a church, need to make sure we have that firm foundation in Jesus Christ and his teachings. I think this is good and sometimes we need situations like what the RCA is going through to wake us up to what we really believe.

But, are we hypocrites? We see this as important but how are we living our everyday lives? Are we prostituting ourselves to the pleasures of the world and think it is ok? Can we decided to do what we choose and simply take God with us sort of like an insurance policy that we can use just in case something serious might happen? Do we claim we have accepted Christ into our lives and then find every excuse we can as to why we cannot serve Him?

From what I understand Jesus himself said ““Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.” So if we are truly living our lives for Jesus Christ it will never be about us. If we are committed to follow Jesus Christ there will be a cost. At the end of Luke 9 we are reminded that everything about us must be put aside if we are going to follow Jesus. In vs 62 he says, ““No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

The Story has reminded me, and I hope you as well, that those who trusted God, sought His plan, and in faith lived out that plan found blessing. It’s time to be reminded of what our commitment to Christ really means. It’s time to step up, truly be that disciple of Christ and make an impact within own lives, our families, our community and our world for Jesus. No more messing around, rekindle the fire within your heart because of God’s great love for you.

Prayers and Love,

Pastor Luke



*It's Coffee Time!
With the Pastor!!*

Please join Pastor Luke and Josh for coffee on March 4 at 9:00 am!!



Stewardship & Giving

Special offering for March: Bible League

Offering Summary through February 24th:

- General Fund: \$50,111.58;
Budget: \$291,112; 17% of budget
- Benevolent Fund: \$6935.67;
Budget: \$73,913; 9% of budget
- Building Fund offerings to date: \$10



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.

Faith In Action for



March:



Nursing Home Items

This month, we are encouraging everyone - children through 90 year olds - to bring at least one item for the residents of our two local nursing homes. Sibley Rehab needs items for bingo prizes: Little Debbie or other individually wrapped snacks and candy bars. Country View needs items for their general store: jewelry, small knick-knacks, shaving cream, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste & brushes, hard candies, etc.



Trivia Time!!!

1. How many times did the boy who Elisha raised from the dead sneeze? (2Kings 4:32-35)
2. The ark that Noah built was thirty cubits high, fifty cubits wide and ____ cubits long. (Genesis 6:15)
3. Who said, "This day is the scripture fulfilled in your ears"? (Luke 4:14,21)
4. What bible character ate a poor widow's last meal? (1 Kings 17:10-15)
5. In what book of the Bible does it describe hailstones weighing a talent each (about 80 pounds)?
6. How many years did it take to build the temple in Jesus' time? (John 2:20)
7. Who was the man who ordered a cup to be put into a sack of corn? (Genesis 44:2)

Cornerstone Service Greeters, 9 am

1: West— Duane and Pam Vande Hoef
Middle— Paul and Phyllis Vander Linden
East— Harold and Shelia Van Der Sloot

8: West— Ger and Barb Van Diepen
Middle— John and Lois Van Diepen
East— Keith and Janelle Van Drunen

15: West— Jim and Pauline Van Engen
Middle— Joel and Angie Van Gelder/family
East— Barb Van Hattem and Faye Vos



9:00 am Nursery

1: Laurel and Natalie Klaassen
8: Gina and Alyssa Jacobsma
15: Jennifer and Ella Bruxvoort
22: Kayla Hoekstra and Paige Hurlburt
29: JoAnn Calsbeek and Kathy Verdoorn

Sunday School Nursery



1: Megan Loerts
8: Leona Meendering
15: Tami Tracy
22: Pam Vande Hoef
29: Peg Van Kley



11:00 am Nursery

1: Jena and Aiden Ver Steeg
8: Angie Ackerman and Karen Honken
15: Amy Dykstra and Chrissy Ackerman
22: Heather Tangeman and Abby Kreykes
29: Melissa and Kendra De Boer

22: West— Curt and Peg Van Kley
Middle— Steve and Leanne Van Kley
East— Dean and Amy Van Marel

29: West— David Van Ruler/family
Middle— Harvey and Marcia Van Ruler
East— Justin and Angela Van Tilburg/family

Library Volunteers



1: Jeannette Juffer
8: Leona Meendering
15: LaVonne Prins
22: Janice Runia
29: Jen Schram



Prayer With the Elders following the service

9:00

1: Harold Ernst
8: Dick Oldenkamp
15: Bill Hartzell
22: Marlin Roelfs
29: Harold Ernst

11:00

1: Greg Kusters
8: Stan De Zeeuw
15: Ken Heronimus
22: Marlin Runia
29: Greg Kusters

Willing Hands Group



Willing Hands Group #3
will be responsible for services during the month.

Co-chairpersons are:

- Jamie and Scott Hulstein
- Sandy and Dave Lamfers

Fellowship Coffee Servers

- 1: Chris and Teresa Hurlburt
8: Mike and Mary Hustoft
15: Roger and Carol Iedema
22: Elesson and Kelsey Joseph
29: Greg and Deb Kosters



Children and Worship Leaders/Helpers



Cornerstone Service 9:00 am

- 1: **Leader:** Jamie Hulstein
Helper: Alexis Hulstein
- 8: **Leader:** Deb Kosters
Helper: Leona Meendering
- 15: **Leader:** Karen Honken
Helper: Family of Addison Hulstein
- 22: **Leader:** Deb Kosters
Helper: Blake Loerts
- 29: **Leader:** Deb Kosters
Helper: Kathy Verdoorn

Open Door Service 11:00 am

- 1: **Leader:** Deb Kosters
Helper: Ella Bruxvoort
- 8: **Leader:** Elesson Joseph
Helper: Brianna Jacobsma
- 15: **Leader:** Karen Honken
Helper: Leona Meendering
- 22: **Leader:** Deb Kosters
Helper: Family of Witten Julius
- 29: **Leader:** Deb Kosters
Helper: Family of Nora Fox

After Church Greeters

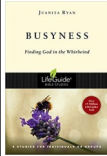


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| 1: E: Curt Van Kley | 15: E: Pastor Luke | 29: E: Bill Hartzell |
| C: Harvey Van Ruler | C: Josh Lucas | C: Ken Heronimus |
| W: Larry Verdoorn | W: Stan De Zeeuw | W: Pastor Luke |
| BE: Pastor Luke | BE: Ron Dykstra | BE: Josh Lucas |
| BW: Josh Lucas | BW: Harold Ernst | BW: Dale Honken |
| 8: E: Josh Lucas | 22: E: Henry Fisher | |
| C: Lawrence Wiersma | C: Pastor Luke | |
| W: John Bartels | W: Josh Lucas | |
| BE: Marcus De Boer | BE: Lennis Harberts | |
| BW: Pastor Luke | BW: Ed Harskamp | |

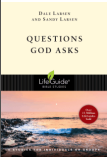
Bible Study Opportunities

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, March 16 at 9:00 am** in the Church library. The lesson leader will be Phyllis Vander Linden with Jane Buysman serving as hostess. We will be studying lesson 6, "Remain in Conversation with God" in our study book, *Busyness, Finding God in the Whirlwind*. Scripture for the morning comes from Psalm 16. We always have room for another around our table, come join us.



Patience Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, February 16 at 3:00 pm**. We will continue our book, *Questions God Asks*, by David and Sandy Larsen. Barb will lead lesson #3, "Why Are You Crying Out To Me?" Kathy will serve as Hostess. Come and join us!



The Monday Night Ladies Bible Study who meets weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00pm is studying *Crossing the Waters* by Leslie Leyland Field via Right Now Media. Please join us for this new video series.

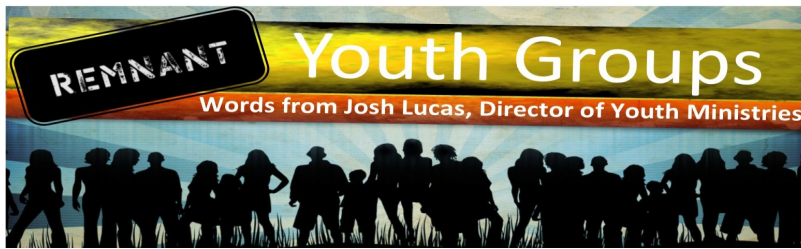


Beginning March 15 at 10:10 am

The Men's and Women's Sunday Morning Bible Studies will join together to study "The Case for Easter." All are welcome to join the discussion!!

Bible Study will meet in the room on the west end of the Fellowship hall.

Prayer: Thank you, God, for closing doors I'm not strong enough to close...& opening doors I'm not strong enough to open.



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! This last week we tried something new that we really haven't done before! We did a live video on Facebook for youth group. With the weather being so bad last week we had to cancel all Wednesday night activities! I had fun doing it and it looked like we had quite a lot of people watching it! It was a great time! I wanted to share something this week that is very personal to me. I have one of the greatest friends I could ever ask for in my life. We were best friends in college and we are still friends until this day. He is going to be getting married this upcoming summer and he has asked me to be his best man! There was just one thing that has come up that I really am having a hard time dealing with, the bachelor party.

Him and I have had many conversations about this party, and I have explained to him many times that I am not planning a typical bachelor party. I will not get into the details, but let's just say that in this present-day bachelor parties are not Christ honoring. Then he hit me with it. He was telling me certain things he would like at his bachelor party. I proceeded to tell him that no matter what time of the year it is, no matter how old we get, no matter what event you have going on in your life we are still Christ followers. We are called to always magnify Christ and to show Him in everything we do. I even read in Luke 9:26, "For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels." Meaning that we are not called to only follow Christ on Sundays, with other Christians, or even when things are easy. Do not be ashamed of Jesus, and He will not be ashamed of you!

We are currently in the middle of fundraising right now for Rocky! Things are going great so far! We had our Agape Supper toward the end of February, we have Soup and Pie coming up on March 4, and we will even have another Papa Murphy's Pizza sale! I would like to formally announce that for Junior High we are planning for a trip down to Kentucky to visit the Ark Encounter! We have a way to stay overnight in the Ark and tour the entire Ark! More details to come on that, but that is what we are planning for this upcoming summer! If you ever need a hug this big ole teddy bear has got one for you!

Blessings,

Josh Lucas

Dad Jokes with Josh:

Q. What should you do if you break your arm in two places?

A. Stay away from those places!



This Lent reading plan walks through each of the four Gospels during the Lent season. What better way to prepare for Easter than to read the complete story of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection?

February 26	<u>Matthew 1-3</u>	March 21	<u>Luke 10-Luke 12</u>
February 27	<u>Matthew 4-6</u>	March 22	Take a Break
February 28	<u>Matthew 7-9</u>	March 23	<u>Luke 13-Luke 14</u>
February 29	<u>Matthew 10-Matthew 12</u>	March 24	<u>Luke 15-Luke 16</u>
March 1	Take a Break	March 25	<u>Luke 17-Luke 18</u>
March 2	<u>Matthew 13-Matthew 14</u>	March 26	<u>Luke 19-Luke 20</u>
March 3	<u>Matthew 15-Matthew 16</u>	March 27	<u>Luke 21-Luke 22</u>
March 4	<u>Matthew 17-Matthew 18</u>	March 28	<u>Luke 23-Luke 24</u>
March 5	<u>Matthew 19-Matthew 20</u>	March 29	Take a Break
March 6	<u>Matthew 21-Matthew 22</u>	March 30	<u>John 1-John 2</u>
March 7	<u>Matthew 23-Matthew 24</u>	March 31	<u>John 3-John 4</u>
March 8	Take a Break	April 1	<u>John 5-John 6</u>
March 9	<u>Matthew 25-Matthew 26</u>	April 2	<u>John 7-John 8</u>
March 10	<u>Matthew 27-Matthew 28</u>	April 3	<u>John 9-John 10</u>
March 11	<u>Mark 1-Mark 3</u>	April 4	<u>John 11-John 12</u>
March 12	<u>Mark 4-Mark 6</u>	April 5	Take a Break
March 13	<u>Mark 7-Mark 9</u>	April 6	<u>John 13-John 14</u>
March 14	<u>Mark 10-Mark 12</u>	April 7	<u>John 15-John 16</u>
March 15	Take a Break	April 8	<u>John 17-John 18</u>
March 16	<u>Mark 13-Mark 14</u>	April 9	<u>John 19-John 20</u>
March 17	<u>Mark 15-Mark 16</u>	April 10	<u>John 21</u>
March 18	<u>Luke 1-Luke 3</u>	April 11	<u>1 Corinthians 15</u>
March 19	<u>Luke 4-Luke 6</u>	April 12	It's Easter!
March 20	<u>Luke 7-Luke 9</u>		



Celebrations

~~Birthday's~~

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| 1 Arnie Langstraat
Heidi Saylor | 15 Brianna Jacobsma | 24 Glenda De Boer
Brian Loerts |
| 2 Lydia Buysman | 17 Abby Kreykes
Tate Marco | 25 Nick Buysman
Mitch Kreykes |
| 4 Luella Eggink
Pierce Julius | 18 Josie Herrboldt
Addison Hulstein
Darlene Jurgens | 28 David Calsbeek |
| 5 Faye Carda
Clint Klaassen | 19 Annette Janssen
Cory Maxwell | 29 Norah Fox
Nash Loerts
Kim McDougall |
| 6 Blake Loerts | 20 Kayla Ackerman | 30 Logan Bruxvoort
Alea Ross |
| 7 Sandy Heronimus
Darcy Martinez | 22 MacKenzie Beyer | 31 Lynn Mulder |
| 8 Dee Baker | 23 Chelsey Alexander
Cole Hoekstra | |
| 9 Marissa Heibult | | |
| 10 Sofia Hisek
Mark Van Der Sloom
Bryan Verdoorn | | |
| 11 John Mc Dougall | | |
| 12 Tim Kruger
Jared Tiedeman
John Van Diepen, SR. | | |
| 13 Elia Altoff
Hunter De Jong
Greg Tracy | | |
| 14 Kevin Klaassen | | |

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

~~Anniversaries~~

- 6 Justin and Angie Van Tilburg-6 years
- 8 Bobby and Dee Baker-45 years
- 8 Joel and Angie Van Gelder-2 years
- 16 Mark and Rosie Hulstein-1 year
- 18 Ken and Sandy Heronimus-37 years
- 19 Ted and Eileen Schutte-7 years
- 20 Jason and Gina Jacobsma-16 years
- 21 Greg and Tami Tracy-11 years
- 30 Bob and Gladys Tiedeman-49 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

PRAYER LIST

BE A
Prayer
WARRIOR
— Luke 21:36

PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

1. Pray for our Church
2. Clint and Jamie Klaassen; Haley, Colt
3. Joanne Klaassen
4. Dave and Donna Kleinwolterink
5. Dr. Greg and Deb Kusters
6. Laurie Kraayenbrink
7. Pray for our College Students
8. Pray for our Church
9. Mitch and Abby Kreykes; Dawson, Paisley
10. Martha Krikke
11. Chuck and Katha Kruger
12. Gaylord Kruger
13. Dutch Kruger
14. Pray for our College Students
15. Pray for our Church
16. Pam Kruger
17. Richard Kruger
18. Tim and Jodie Kruger; Jared, Katie
19. Jodene Kruse
20. Charlie and Brenda Kuhl
21. Pray for our College Students
22. Pray for our Church
23. Dave and Sandra Lamfers
24. Arnie and Diane Langstraat
25. Mark and Melissa Langstraat;
Emma, Addysen, Taylor
26. Cindy Larson
27. Gary and Wilma Leusink
28. Pray for our College Students
29. Pray for our Church
30. Brad and Sarah Loerts;
Parker, Blake, Brynna
31. Ken and Wilma Loerts

College Students:

Leah Ackerman	Paige Hurlburt	Lars Ackerman	Kailey Bruxvoort
Michaela Block	Kaitlyn Bechler	Megan Travaille	
Grant Brouwer	Kalie De Boer	Peyton Crichton	Sarah Hoppe
Cody Dykstra	Keyana Gust	Britta Harberts	Jena Van Marel
Tanner Dykstra	Jaden Abels		Troy Soat
Jagger Johnson	Madison Norman	Andrea Meyer	
Alex Mc Dougall	Nick Buysman	Garrett Saylor	Hannah Lucas
Madeline Saylor	Hunter DeJong	Makayla Tangeman	
Lane Tangeman	Hunter Rockman	Colby Wagenaar	
Carson Van Westen	Ryan Van Marel		
Alyssa Wassman	Mariah Elser		

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PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Assisted Living

Ethel Jurgens
Geneva Wissink

The Nursing Homes

Dutch Kruger
Harold Schram
Margaret Calsbeek

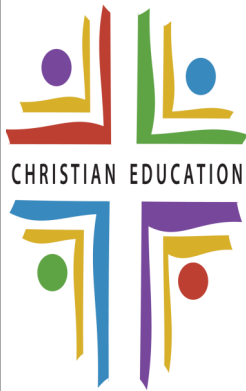
Our Missionaries

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

PRAYER JOURNAL

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



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:

- All Classes on Wednesday Night
and Sunday Mornings are on normal schedules
for the month of March

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

Sportsmen's Devotional

Bible Study Verses

Genesis 1:20-21

And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." So God created the great creatures

of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. (NIV)



Thoughts

This past summer, five of us from our church went on a mission trip to Albania. We stayed in Pogradec which lies along the shores of Ohrid Lake, one of Europe's oldest and deepest lakes lying in the mountainous regions of Albania and Macedonia.

Ohrid has over 200 endemic species including the Ohrid Trout. Some say it is part of brown trout complex, but is genetically sufficiently distinct and is a delicacy in Albania and Macedonia. The taste is described as a cross between brown trout and Atlantic salmon.

In recent years, extensive fishing, building tourist facilities directly at the shore, destruction of spawning grounds, and serious pollution have caused this species to be on the verge of extinction. Consequently, the Government of Macedonia has placed a seven year ban on the harvesting of the Ohrid Trout. The population continues to decline due to the value, the demand, and consequently illegal fishing.

Action Point

God saw that it was good. Because of man's disregard for His creation, this situation is not good. To think that some species of God's creation will be eliminated is appalling. Let us strive to be better stewards of God's creation by taking an active part in preserving our natural resources.

Sportsmen's Tip of the Day

Join a conservation group that promotes habitat improvement and always leave an area better than you found it.

Trivia Time Answers!!!

1. 7 times 2. 300 cubits long 3. Jesus 4. Elijah 5. Revelation 6. 46 years 7. Joseph



**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 Children tab, as well as on these Google Docs links:

(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>

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 _____



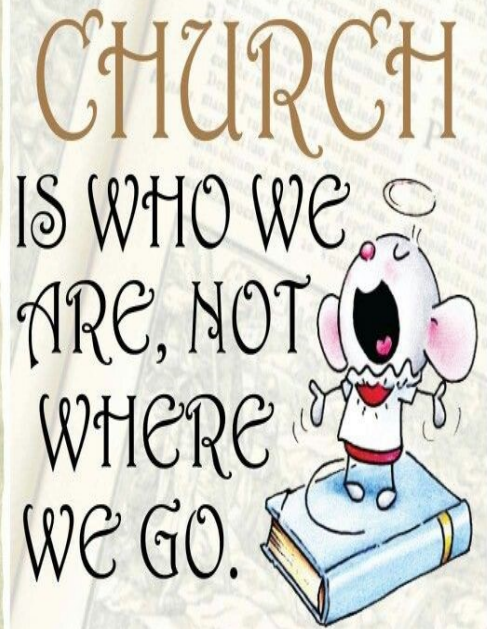
Mothers Together
With God in the Middle

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!!

- **February 4: Mommy and Me Crafts**
- **March 18: Blankets**



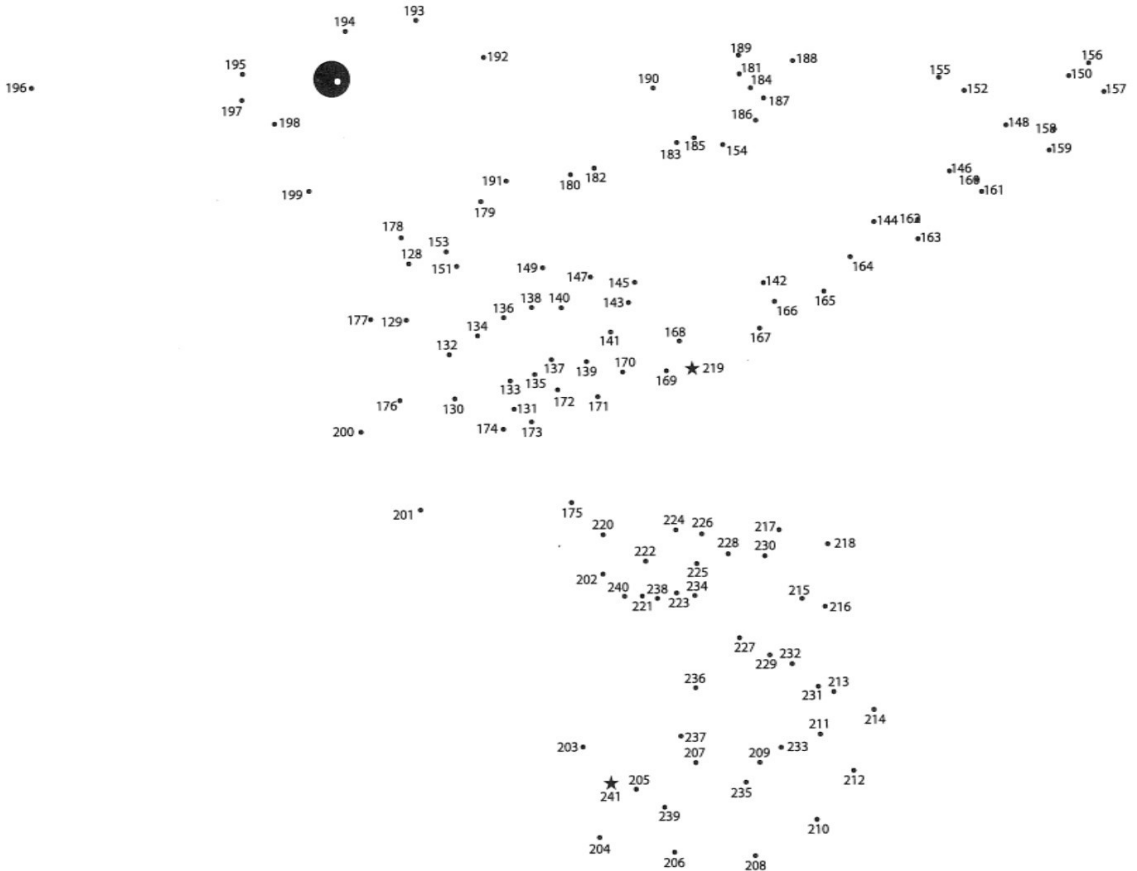
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All gentlemen in the community are invited to enhance their Lenten experience by attending the Men's Lenten Breakfasts on:

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

March 11th

Host: Sibley Christian Reformed Church
Devotions by United Methodist Church

March 25th

Host: First Baptist Church
Devotions: United Church of Christ



April 8th

Host: First Presbyterian Church
Devotions: First Reformed Church



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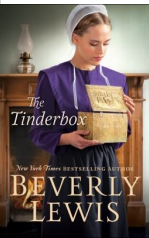
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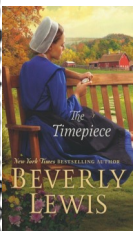


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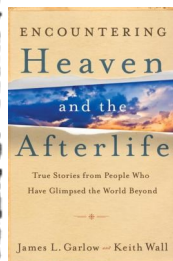
Two **large print** Beverly Lewis books have been added to the library.



One is **THE TINDERBOX**. With her parents' twentieth anniversary approaching, eighteen-year-old Sylvia Miller finds her father's cherished brass tinderbox left unlocked. Against her better judgment, Sylvia opens the heirloom, not realizing that what she is about to discover will splinter apart her happy life and alter everything for her close-knit Old Order Amish family. As the long-kept secret emerges into the light of day, can the Millers find a way forward through the turmoil to a place of forgiveness?



Book Number Two is **THE TIMEPIECE**. Sylvia Miller has always held a special place in her Old Order family, one Adeline Pelham jeopardizes when she unexpectedly shows up in Hickory Hollow. Adeline's very existence is a reminder of the painful secret that has so recently upended the Miller household, making this a challenging time to welcome an Englisher—especially this Englisher—into their midst. Does Adeline's arrival mark one too many surprises for the Millers and their Amish community? Or can God bring something good out of the mistakes of the past?



A non-fiction book now in the library is **ENCOUNTERING HEAVEN AND THE AFTERLIFE**. It is "True Stories from People Who Have Glimpsed the World Beyond." What happens when we die? What is heaven really like? When we arrive, will we know people? What roll do angels play in our lives? Can the amazing experiences of everyday people reveal insights into life "on the other side"? Trusted pastor Jim Garlow and experienced journalist Keith Wall believe they can. Together they have collected dozens of firsthand stories of near-death experiences, angelic encounters, and other startling occurrences that

provide a captivating glimpse into the next life, as well as the invisible spiritual world that surrounds us each day. (I have read the book all the true life stories were fascinating and thought provoking but one story was an attention grabber. Briefly—Ron had gone to church but dropped out after disagreeing with some hypocritical practices he observed so when he had to undergo heart surgery he didn't really think to pray. During his surgery he found himself in a very dark place that was very evil and he knew there were demons that were going to get him. You'll want to read how he knew "Hell was no longer an abstract concept to him. It was a vivid and harrowing reality.")

Visit the library soon.

Jeannette Juffer





Adrian & Bernardeth Bobb-Kelly 200 years

This week has been an incredible week. The Faroese people are wonderful. I made many trips to Alaska and this week reminds me of those visits. Part of the reason may be due to the weather but more so very real sense of commitment, community and loyalty. The Faroe Islands are located in the North Atlantic and even though the map makes it seem like they would suffer from the cold - it never snows here. There are 50,000 who live here and their first language is the Faroese language. They start to learn Danish in elementary school and most learn English as well. One of the translators I am working with this week said that he can speak about seven languages.

An incredible reality is that church here has been involved in Bible translation for 200 years. The Gospel of Matthew was published in 1823 and other translation work followed. The Bible project they are now working on they hope will be finished by 2023, in time to dedicate and launch during their 200th anniversary celebration. They are planning ahead.

The views here are fantastic. Each day we worked in different places and so I enjoyed different views of the mountains and ocean each day. I wish I could better share the beauty (of both land and people) but here are a few pictures. Thank you for your prayers for me, for the Faroese and for churches hungering for God's Word.





Consistory Meeting Highlights


February 10, 2020

- ◆ MMSA to approve the Baptism of Riley Sue Bean.
- ◆ MMSA for Church Use: Scott and Jamie Hulstein for Ashilyn's Graduation Party Saturday, May 16th. Requesting Fellowship Hall and Kitchen.
- ◆ MMSA to have vespers communion 6:30 pm on Communion Sundays.
- ◆ Special Elder Meeting was set for Monday March 2nd, at 6:30 pm.
- ◆ 2020 Ministry Team Members were approved
- ◆ A Time of Prayer was held during the meeting

What if we began to treat our Bibles the way we treat our cell phones?

What if we...

- ...carried it with us everywhere?
- ...turned back to get it if we forgot it?
- ...checked it for messages throughout the day?
- ...used it in case of an emergency?
- ...spent an hour or more using it each day?



First Reformed Church Soup and Pie Supper

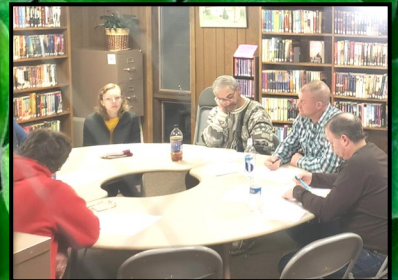
When: Wednesday, March 4 from 5-7 pm
Where: First Reformed Church, 1010 6th Street; Sibley, Iowa

Serving:
Chili, Vegetable, Chicken, Split Pea, BBQ's,
Assorted Pies & Desserts



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All Proceeds go to our Remnant Youth
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MINISTRY TEAM TRAINING



A Note From Haiti:



Dear pastor, the end of the year and the start of a new year is a pleasure to share with you and your church. Love, peace and honor in the name of our divine creator. At this moment I want to thank you and your church for the gift you've been sending for me that makes 2 years already. I want you and the church to know that this gift is a even greater blessings for me at this time because everything was locked in the country; no schools were in session, nothing was able to function normally, so thank God to you and and your church for this help also brother Elesson and his family. I wish you all a great end of the year and an amazing happy new year in the name of the powerful God. My family and my church continues praying for you all and we ask that you continue praying for us in Haiti too because with God all things are possible.

~~Thanks. Colas Montrema, Lead Pastor
Blessings, Shalom Shalom