

Ethan is currently in his second year at Dakota State University in Madison, SD. This is actually his 4th year in college, because as a homeschooled student, he was able to go to college as a high school student and graduated with a high school diploma and a two year college degree in Computer Science at age 18. He went to Madison to turn his 2 year degree into a 4 year degree. Technically, he could have graduated this spring. This past week, he decided to stay in school longer. (This sounds like a bragging moment here, and I don’t want you to think this is the reason for this article...because that is not my intention!!) Ethan signed on to get his Masters in Computer Science! He will now graduate in the spring of 2018, with many degrees and much education. I am very happy with him for making this decision and this commitment. He had to do some soul searching to come to this point. “Is it worth going to school longer?” “Will I now be too qualified for a position somewhere?” He didn’t know which route to go, and I was going to support him no matter what he decided to do. When he called last Wednesday after meeting with his advisor and told me the news, my heart just about burst with pride.

I remember how hard it was letting Ethan “go” when he went to Madison 2 years ago. I cried many days and nights initially. My whole life had revolved around this child, and I couldn’t imagine life without him beside me 24/7. To all of the parents who will be living through an adjustment like this soon, I am telling you first hand; you WILL survive and it WILL get better! I will be honest though, that first 1/2 the year was extremely hard on not just me, but Ethan was well. In the spring semester last year, I finally saw Ethan becoming his own person. I could see little changes in him, and I knew then that he was going to be okay. He met people who became friends, good friends. When he moved back to college this past fall, his friends were there immediately and he quickly adjusted to being at school again after summer break.

As parents, all that you want for your child is to grow up and be all that they can be. We want our children to have a better life than we did. We want them to be successful, to not have to struggle like we did. We pray for them to grow up and be responsible loving, compassionate human beings. And we want this because we know how life can be. We know that life can be hard, full of worry, and have missteps along the way. We pray that our children don’t have to live through these things. We want to protect them and shield them from the hardships.

Letting go of adult children is a struggle for many parents,. When we consider that for nearly twenty years of our lives we invested time in raising, nurturing, and caring for a child, so it’s easy to see why letting go of that role is a difficult task. For most parents, child-rearing consumes our time, energy, love, and concern for two decades. We invest our hearts, minds and spirits into their physical, emotional, social and spiritual well-being, and it can be very difficult when that part of our lives comes to an end.

Biblically, we know that God takes the role of the parent very seriously. Admonitions to good parenting are abound in Scripture. Parents are to raise children in the *“training and instruction of the Lord,”* not frustrating or exasperating them (Ephesians 6:4). We are to *“train a child in the way he should go”* (Proverbs 22:6), giving him good gifts (Matthew 7:11), loving and disciplining him for his sake (Proverbs 13:24), and providing for his needs (1 Timothy 5:8). Ironically, it’s often the parents who take their parenting roles most seriously and who do a great job at it who struggle most to let go.

So what is the parents’ role as children become adults? Certainly we never ‘let go’ of them in the sense of abandoning them. We are still their parents and always will be. But while we no longer nurture and guard them physically, we are still concerned for their welfare. For the Christian family, they are no longer just our children; they are now our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we relate to them as we do our other friends in the Lord. Most importantly, we pray for them. We encourage them in their walk with God, offering advice when it is asked for. We offer help if it is needed and accept their decision to receive it or reject it. Finally, we respect their privacy just as we would any other adult’s. When parents finally do let go of adult children, they often find a stronger, deeper, and more fulfilling relationship than they ever could have imagined! This has been very true for Ethan and myself. I am proud, so proud, of the man he is becoming. Letting go and watching him become this person, this man, this adult, assures me that he will be fine even with struggles that he will certainly face later down the road.

*Joshua 1:9, "This is my command-be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." (NLT) and Isaiah 40:11, "He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young." (NIV)*

The whole goal of parenting is to eventually release your children. From the moment they are born, you are preparing them to go into the world. The point is this: It is God's plan for children to leave and, as parents, we must teach them while we have them, but then let them go to serve God's purposes. Jesus said, "In the same way you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world" (John 17:18 MSG).

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

It's all about love!!! A couple of weeks ago we posed the question "What matters most?" It was during that message we found the answer in the scriptures. That answer was love. We are to "love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves." The greatest impact we can make on the lives of the people around us in how we are willing to love them. What will make us attractive, as a church is how we are willing to love those within the church and outside our doors. This was what the life of Christ was all about! It was love!

In this month of Lent we are reminded of the great Love story that God gave to us. Because he wanted to be in a relationship with us, he was willing to sacrifice His Son for us. There was not grandeur gesture of love than what God did and we are privileged to be in a relationship with Him. Thank God for his mercy and grace!

So what about us? What can we do to show our love for each other? Each week as we gather together we have the opportunity to grow new relationships and show God's love. There are two challenges that I want to put in front of you. One is something that you can do and the other is a way in which our consistory wants to love on you as members.

Here is what you can do. I want to introduce a new 5 minute rule after church and for second service people before church or after. The first 5 minutes after church I would challenge you to reach out and love someone you don't know. What I mean by that is take the time to welcome them, express that you are glad that they are here and find something new out about them. You need only do this for 5 minutes, after that go back to talking with your family groups or other friends. It might even be a great opportunity to introduce them to those groups. It is a simply way to say, "Glad you are here, I noticed you, I love you because God loves you." Give it a try and see what happens!

As a consistory we also want to love on you and know we care. At our past consistory meeting we decided that as elders and deacons we would like to take the time to meet with each of our church families at least once throughout this next year. Each elder and deacon is assigned a district within our church. They are a group of people in which they care for and are responsible for. Sometime in this next year they would like to meet with you at your home. Not because they are to be critical and judge what you are doing right or wrong but to simple love on you.

During their visit they might ask you how we as a church can help you grow in your faith journey, as deacons, they will seek out any financial needs you might have and as elders what you might need spiritually. More than anything they have chosen to do this because you are part of First Reformed Church and we love you and care for you. They will give you a phone call to set up a time and we are not forcing anyone to do this. It is simply a way in which we can hear from you and pray for you. When our elders and deacons were installed one of the promises they made was to be there for you, care for you and love you. I personally appreciate this commitment to your welling-being as a church member.

It's all about love! Loving God and loving each other! May you experience that love in your personal relationship with Christ and here at First Reformed Church! Love you all!!! Pastor Luke

# News from Brian and Donna

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Do you have a Bible app on your smartphone, tablet or ipad? If so, there is a good chance the icon is like this image with the words: Holy Bible. You and nearly 200 million people around the world have installed it. With this program we read the Bible in a language that speaks to our heart. Another number that I cannot begin to understand is 150 billion. According to YouVersion statistics, 150 billion minutes have been spent reading Bibles or Bible plans in this application. I cannot fathom the quantity but I pray that it illustrates how the church worldwide hungers to spend time in God's Word.

Most of us depend on technology and having a Bible app on a phone and tablet puts God's Word right there, next to all the other icons that call for our attention. Not only do little red numbers have great power in getting our attention but sound alerts notify us instantly of something we may want to check out. How much more important to start our days reading God's Word, spending time with a text message from our Creator. I encourage you to put those apps in a prominent place on your device and to set up "daily verse" notifications.

In recent months and these past years much of my time has been devoted to helping others get Bibles into this digital Bible library. There are now over 1,000 different Bibles in nearly 800 unique languages. Hundreds, thousands, millions and billions - so many numbers, so what?

Here is one story... two reasons. During my most recent visit to Africa I helped prepare the Sango translation for printing and also for this electronic library. Spoken in an entire county, millions can now read this Bible in their language. The problem is that many cannot afford to buy a print copy. With this Bible app it is available to all for free. The director of the Bible Society was elated when he learned he could have their Bible on his phone. Before I left the country he was reading Sango on his phone and publicizing its availability on their Facebook page.

Another problem is that this country has suffered through wars in recent years. I am sure they yearn for peace in their streets and even more so need peace in their hearts. Worldwide and throughout history we see that in turbulent times people flee violence, becoming refugees. Cutoff from their own people, refugees are isolated and unable to connect. However, with this type of technology it does not matter if they are refugees in Africa, Europe or the US, those who speak Sango now have access to God's Word in the language they love, in the language that embraces them. God embraces them wherever they are. Praise God for using technology to give comfort and hope to refugees.

At the bottom of this letter are some links. Through them you can learn more about the impact of technology as well as opportunities for reaching the world.

## From the Library

The book give away has about ended. We hope you are enjoying the book/s that you selected. The next thing we will be working on is the VHS cassettes. Look for them to be available if you still have a VHS player.

New fiction books have been ordered and will be processed and out for your enjoyment shortly. Be watching for them.

Reading is a great pass time. We want to encourage you to visit the library and check out books. As mentioned before it is relatively easy to check out a book, just put your name on the card that is inside the book AND the date due (TWO WEEKS from the day you are checking out the book). We have tried to make it convenient for you to find the due date by having two calendars posted. One shows the whole year and one is monthly so you should not have a problem. Please leave the card in the front of the yellow card box.

Books are expensive and sometimes others want to check them out, so please keep the due date in mind and return them to the library in a timely manner.

We are open to suggestions and if you find an author that you would like to have his/her books in the library, let one of us know and we will see what can be found.

Jeannette Juffer and Alfreda Verdoorn

## The Osceola County Ministerial Association GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY, Friday, March 25, 2016

It's the 32nd production of the Osceola County Community Ministerial Association Good Friday Passion Play. Plan now to attend on Friday, March 25, 2016. There will be three performances: 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School Auditorium. FREE tickets for the Passion Play may be reserved by calling 712-754-2945. Church groups or organizations may request enough tickets for their entire group; however it is very important that you do not reserve more than you actually need. Reserved tickets can be picked up at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25 at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School. Any tickets not picked up one-half hour before the performance will be made available to the general public. Any seats empty 10 minutes prior to the performance will be made available to people waiting for tickets. Listen to KIWA for ticket availability.

### Passion Play Schedule:

**Saturday, March 19 9:30 AM** Setup at S-O School. Meet at Sibley Christian Reformed Church at 9:30 to load pickups and trailers.

**Sunday, March 20 2:00-4:00 PM** Rehearsal, including children.

**Monday, March 21 7:00-9:00 PM** Rehearsal, no children

**Tuesday, March 22 7:00-9:00 PM** Rehearsal, no children

**Wednesday, March 23 7:00-10:00 PM** Full dress rehearsal with children. (Children will be dismissed at 8:00 PM)

**Friday, March 25 3:00 PM** Make-up for the entire cast

**Saturday, March 26 8:00 AM** Take down the sets

If there are any questions, please feel free to call Peg & Curt Van Kley at 754-2945, Becky Krogman at 754-2967 or Gretchen Bartelson at 301-3748.

**CONSISTORY MINUTES** **Feb. 15, 2016 6:30pm**

Pastor Luke opened the meeting by reading from Matthew 6:26-34 and from 1 Chronicles 12:32. The first passage speaks of how we are not to worry about things, but seek first the Kingdom of God in our lives and He will give us what we stand in need of. The second passage speaks of the men of Issachar. These were men who lived in King David's time, and the passage says, "they understood the times and they knew what Israel should do." This applies to the leadership of our church also, in that the leaders of our church should also look to God for wisdom, understanding and discernment with the discussions that we have and in the decisions that we make.

Pastor Luke then opened with prayer.

Elders and Deacons met in separate meetings.

**Elder's Meeting 7:00pm** **7 present a quorum**

Received for information: Roger Verdoorn and Bryan Verdoorn have requested their membership papers be transferred to FRC in Sibley from Worthington Christian Reformed in Worthington, Mn. A letter was sent for the papers.

MMSC to approve the usage of the church Fellowship Hall/Kitchen for Tillie Rook for a family reunion on July 24, 2016 after church or around 12:30pm.

Doing more family visiting by the Elders/Deacons was discussed.

Elders shared on calls made this month.

The Constitutional question was asked of the Elders: Are there any members who need spiritual care this month.

MMSC to approve the minutes as read.

MMSC to adjourn following prayer by Heath De Jong.

**Full Consistory Meeting 8:15pm** **11 present a quorum**

Ministry Team reports were given:

Outreach is planning another work mission trip, more information to follow.

Property - Youth room project update was given. This project is coming in under budget.

Congregational Care: A Senior Social Event is planned for April 2 at 1:30pm.

More information to follow in the Newsletter.

We then talked about doing more Elder/Deacon calling.

Old Business:

This year's Consistory Retreat is to be at Inspiration Hills March 4 & 5, 2016. New Business:

MMSC to except the Worship Teams recommendation to Consistory to purchase t.v. equipment for the Fellowship Hall with funds from the Tennie Stirler memorial and from Ivadelle Buysman's memorial money. Both of these people earmarked their money for upgrading our equipment. The Worship Committee and the Property Committee are to work jointly together on this project.

Our Bylaws at FRC were reviewed. Some discussion was had regarding conducting our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday. Tabled until our next meeting.

Discussion was had regarding having a set night for all our ministry teams to meet on the same night. To be discussed more later.

Doing more family visiting by the Elders/Deacons was discussed.

Treasure's report was given by Kevin Klaassen

Kevin Klaassen shared the Deacon's business.

Elder's minutes were read for information.

MMSC to approve the minutes by title only.

MMSC to adjourn following pray by Henry Fisher.

On a personal note we have heard that our support has gone down and we need more mission shares. Over the years some churches are not able to give the support they once gave or have chosen to use what they have in other ways. That is understandable. If you are reading this letter there is a good chance that your church has continued to support the work of Bible Translation and for that we are thankful. Our request would be that you pray for others to join you in supporting this cause. Every tribe and nation will be reached with the gospel. We know it, we believe it, we follow Him as that promise works its way towards reality.

Thankful for your partnership,

Brian and Donna

Here are a few links with more information.

To read the Bible or download the app: [www.bible.com](http://www.bible.com)

To learn more about its impact, go to:

[www.everytribeeverynation.org](http://www.everytribeeverynation.org)

[www.youversion.com/stories](http://www.youversion.com/stories)

[now.youversion.com](http://now.youversion.com)

**Brian and Donna's ministry**

*Brian serves as a computer consultant for Bible translation projects. He teaches national workers how to effectively use the computer in their work of translating the Bible into languages such as Quechua, which is spoken in Peru, and the Kuna language of Panama. Donna ministers to Hispanic children in the Sioux Center, Iowa, area through the teaching of English as a Second Language.*

**Men's Lenten Breakfast for 2016:**

DATE:	HOST :	DEVOTIONS :
March 9, 2016:	First Presbyterian	First Baptist
March 23, 2016:	St. Andrews Catholic	First Reformed

Breakfast begins at 6:30 A.M. and it generally takes 15 to 20 minutes with devotions lasting approximately 20 minutes. There is a free-will offering for the breakfast with \$5.00 being suggested at each breakfast. The host church is responsible for the blessing as well as breakfast. The program, including music, will be the responsibility of the church assigned to devotions.

Greeters for March, 9 am

- Mar.6** West-Matt and Missy Julius/family  
Middle-Dennis and Dar Jurgens  
East- Ethel Jurgens and Karen Jurgens
- 13 West-Matt and Rachel Jurgens  
Middle- Kevin and Laurel Klaassen/family  
East- Corky and Sherri Koerselman
- 20 West-Travis and Joanne Klaassen  
Middle-Dave and Donna Kleinwolverink  
East-Tim and Jodie Kruger/family
- 23 West-Dr. Greg and Deb Kusters  
Middle-Mitch and Abby Kreykes/family  
East-Pam Kruger and Jodene Kruse
- 27 West-Robert and Betty Kruger  
Middle-Charles and Brenda Kuhl/family  
East-Dave and Sandy Lamfers



Open Door Greeters for March, 11 am

- Mar.6** West-Larry and Rhonda Riebeling  
Middle-Marlin and Kathy Runia  
East-Dr. Brian and Heidi Saylor
- 13 West-Duane and Pam Vande Hoef  
Middle-Jayson and Cathy Vande Hoef  
East-John and Lois Van Diepen
- 20 West-Chris and Tiffany Wynia  
Middle-Chrissy Ackerman/family  
East-Jeremy and Jill Leusink
- 27 West-Larry and Melissa De Boer  
Middle-Joe and Nisa deBoom  
East-Josh and Heather Tangeman



*“He said "Love...as I have loved you." We cannot love too much.”*  
—Amy Carmichael

Piano Update:

Several people have asked, "Why do we have a piano fund?" Over the past year, you may have seen in our bulletin donations being made to the piano fund as part of our weekly offerings. This is because, unfortunately, we have several cracks in the sound board of our grand piano. According to our piano technician (who tunes our piano) this could have been caused by a variety of issues, i.e., not keeping the humidity up in the piano during the winter, faulty workmanship, or other reasons. He believes that the sound board may have not have been properly cured before being put together. Whatever the reason(s), the board has several cracks which requires us to tune it bi-monthly versus twice a year. The comparison here would be like driving your car with one cylinder not working, and the other cylinders are breaking down as well. The car drives and gets you somewhere, but not very well and not for very long. This is the reason the piano fund has been established. The present piano is a decent piano, but on the low end of prices for a grand piano. Pianos of this size can range from \$15,000-\$75,000. We will be looking at a "Chevy" model, not a "Cadillac" when we do replace the present piano. It should be around the \$25,000 range. I hope this helps explain the piano fund. Please contact me if you have any questions.

On behalf of the Worship Ministry, Corky Koerselman

**WOMEN’S LENTEN BREAKFAST**  
**When:** Saturday March 12, 2016 at 9 AM  
**Where:** First Reformed Church Fellowship Hall (1010 6th Street, Sibley)  
**Program:** Oils of Ancient Scripture  
Angie Akers of Harris with Deb Hellinga  
Signup sheets are posted on the Information Center. Please sign up by March 7th so we can get the final number count!  
  
\*\*\*March Willing hands will be in charge of the breakfast.\*\*\*\*

**The Care Committee is sponsoring the second annual Senior Social Event.** We will be holding this on Saturday afternoon, April 2nd, at 1:30 in the afternoon. Rides will be provided for anyone requesting a ride. This is for all seniors 70 years of age and over; spouses included if under 70. Be watching the Bulletin and your personal invitation for more information. Be sure to join us and your friends for an afternoon of fun, games, laughter, and socializing.

# Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 246

Matt.7:28-8:13

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## Jesus the Healer

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BELIEVED	FEAST
CROWDS	GREAT
DESERVE	HEARD
FINISHED	ISAAC
HEALED	ISRAEL
HEAVEN	JACOB
KINGDOM	JESUS
MYSELF	KNELT
PLACES	LORD
SAYING	MOSES
SERVANT	OFFER
SOLDIERS	PRIEST
TAUGHT	ROOF
TERRIBLE	TEETH
THROWN	TRUTH
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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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*"Jesus first, others next, and yourself last spells J-O-Y."  
 —Linda Byler, Running Around (And Such)*

## Nursery for March 9:00 am

March 6: Tanya Dykstra and Pam Vande Hoef  
 13: Amy Van Marel and Mary Hustoft  
 20: Daphne Bremer and Dalten or Tayler  
 23: Brenda and Leah Ackerman  
 27: Wilma Leusink and Andrea Leusink



## Nursery for March 11:00 am

March 6: Melissa Anderson and Melissa Langstraat  
 13: Sarah Loerts and Megan Loerts  
 20: Marvella and Britta Harberts  
 23: Darcy Martinez and Tami Tracy  
 27: Angie Ackerman and Amber Mortenson

## Coffee With the Pastor



**Wednesday, March 2, at 9 am.** we will be having coffee time with the Pastor. Please come and visit Pastor Luke (and Brenda). We love seeing you ALL!

## Women's Bible Studies



**Faith Bible Study** will meet on Monday, March 21 at 9 am. The leader will be Jane and the hostess will be Jan.

**Patience Bible Study** will meet Monday, March 21 to study lesson 8. Barb is leader. Gert is hostess.

**Patience Circle will be starting a new Bible study on Pleasing God in April.** We would like to invite you to join us! If you have any questions or plan to join us, let Barb Van Diepen know and we'll get a book to you.

*"The point of your life is to point to Him. Whatever you are doing, God wants to be glorified, because this whole thing is His."  
 —Francis Chan, Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God*

After Church Greeters for March

6 SE: Ken Loerts  
C: Pastor Luke  
SW: Ed Meendering  
BE: Lyle Peelen  
BW: Larry Riebeling

13 SE: Cal Runia  
C: Bob Tiedeman  
SW: Duane Vande Hoef  
BE: Pastor Luke  
BW: Paul Vander Linden

20 SE: John Van Diepen  
C: Pastor Luke  
SW: Harvey Van Ruler  
BE: Larry Verdoorn  
BW: Lawrence Wiersma

27 SE: John Bartels  
C: Marcus De Boer  
SW: Heath De Jong  
BE: Ron Dykstra  
BW: Pastor Luke

Music for March

6 Senior Choir  
13 Nothing Scheduled  
20 Senior Choir  
27 Nothing Scheduled



\*\*\*If anyone would like to sing/play an instrument please contact the office and we will work you in when there is nothing scheduled. We would love to have you “praise God with your talents”! \*\*\*

Coffee Servers for March

6 Ed & Jan Harskamp  
13 Bill & LaDonn Hartzell  
20 Dwayne & Janice Heikes  
27 Burdell & Jan Henrichs



Willing Hands Group

Willing Hands Group #3 will be responsible for services during the month of March. Co-chairpersons are Leona and Ed Meendering, and Pauline and Jim Van Engen and Sandy and Dave Lamfers.



Sportsmen's Devotional

Bible Study Verses

Ecclesiastes 5:17-20

All his days he also eats in darkness, and he has much sorrow and sickness and anger. Here is what I have seen: It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it is his heritage. As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor-this is the gift of God. For he will not dwell unduly on the days of his life, because God keeps him busy with the joy of his heart. (NKJV)

Thoughts

I was discouraged, dejected, and mad. The deer season was finished and I threw myself a pity party.

It was the first time in 15 years I ended a season deerless! I couldn't believe it - with all the time scouting, preparing, and hunting at every opportunity, the hours on stand - and I didn't take an animal.

I can throw a pity party with the best of them. I was short with my children, and mad at the world. No, God didn't shine down and grace me with the large 140" deer; but not even a single deer. I could be mad at God, but then He showed me Ecclesiastes. (Dennis W)

Action Point

I have to stop and look back on that season:  
My son took his first deer with archery equipment.

I enjoyed seeing many deer.

I made some new hunting friends. I spent an awesome Fall in the woods..

God graced me with an awesome hunting season. It may not have been one where I scored big; however, "It is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it." Thank you God for a wonderful hunting season.

Sportsmen's Tip of the Day

Enjoy every time in the woods and don't put pressure on yourself to perform. Hunting is supposed to be recreation, not competition. God only gives so many days in the field - enjoy every single one.

March Birthdays

- 1 Arnie Langstraat  
Heidi Sayler  
Alex Anderson
- 2 Justin Kruger  
Lydia Buysman
- 4 Luella Eggink  
Pierce Julius
- 5 Clint Klaassen
- 6 Blake Loerts
- 7 Darcy Martinez  
Sandy Heronimus
- 8 Dee Baker
- 10 Mark Van Der Sloom
- 11 John Mc Dougall
- 12 Tim Kruger  
John Van Diepen, SR.

- 13 Greg Tracy  
Hunter De Jong
- 14 Kevin Klaassen
- 15 Kevin Eggink  
Brianna Jacobsma
- 16 Andrew Kraayenbrink
- 17 Abby Kreykes
- 18 Darlene Jurgens  
Addison Hulstein
- 19 Annette Janssen  
Dave Myers
- 20 Kayla Ackerman
- 21 Elizabeth Myers
- 23 Chelsey Alexander
- 24 Glenda De Boer  
Brian Loerts

- 25 Mitch Kreykes  
Nick Buysman
- 26 Mike Kraayenbrink
- 28 Cole Hoekstra
- 29 Kim McDougall
- 30 Logan Bruxvoort  
Alea Ross
- 31 Lynn Mulder



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



March Anniversaries

- 08 Larry and Jane Buysman-60 years
- 08 Bobby and Dee Baker-39 years
- 08 Mark and Kim Van Der Sloom-8 years
- 18 Ken and Sandy Heronimus-33 years
- 20 Jason and Gina Jacobsma-12 years
- 21 Greg and Tami Tracy-7 years
- 30 Bob and Gladys Tiedeman-45 years

March Faith In Action:

James 2:26 tells us "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." We don't have to move mountains to put our faith into action. Even little acts of kindness can enrich our faith and lift up others. 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.

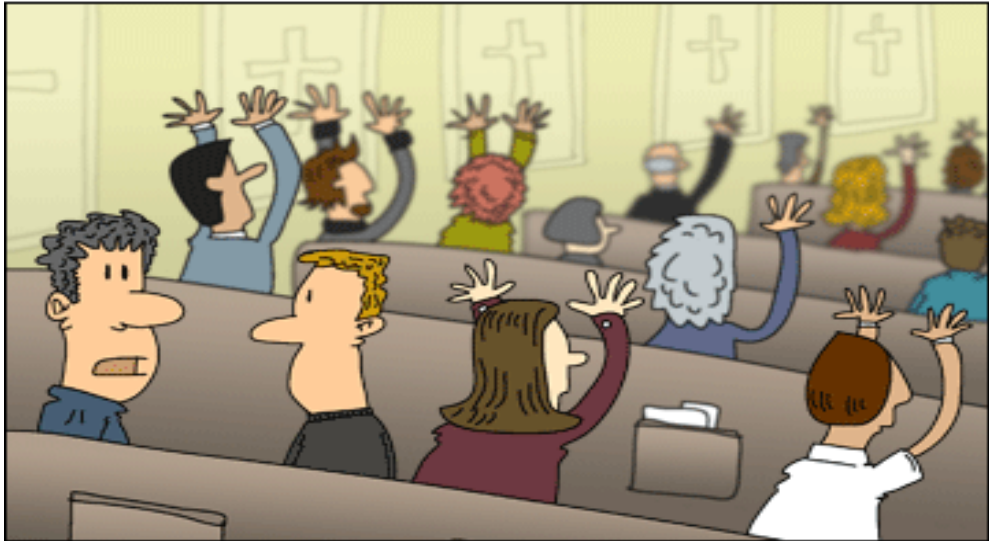
Library Volunteers

- 7- Jennie Schram
- 14-Pauline Van Engen
- 21-Leanne Van Kley
- 28-Marcia Van Ruler

Sunday School Nursery

- 6 Peg Van Kley and Pam Vande Hoef
- 13 Ruth Ann Wiersma and Tiffany Wynia
- 20 Luella Eggink and Jan Henrichs
- 27 No Sunday School

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 8:30 am Quilters	2 9am Coffee With Pastor 6:30-7:45pm Bible Cl. G 1-5 6:30-7:45 pm MS Remnant 6:45– 8:15 HS Remnant 7 pm Senior Choir	3	4	5 <b>Pray for:</b> Jessica Mehls Shannon Michelson Ethan Post Ignacio Romero Matt Vander Ploeg
		<i>Bryan Verdoorn</i>		<i>Joel and Kathy Verdoorn</i>	<i>Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn</i>	
6 9am Cornerstone 10 amCoffee/Prayer Fire-side Room 10 am Sunday School 11 am Open Door <i>Pray for our Church</i>	7    <i>Roger Verdoorn</i>	8 8:30 am Quilters	9 9 am Mother’s Together 6:30-7:45pm Bible Cl. G 1-5 6:30-7:45 pm MS Remnant 6:45– 8:15 HS Remnant NO Senior Choir <i>John and Faye Vos</i>	10    <i>Brent and Brenda Wassman; Alyssa and Austin</i>	11    <i>Michael Wielenga and Amber Mortensen and familiiy</i>	12 <b>Pray for:</b> Devan Vander Veen Owen Wiese Kelsey Doorenbos Nathan De Jong Matt Runia
13 9am Cornerstone 10 am Coffee/Prayer FSRoom 10 am Sunday School 11 am Open Door	14    <i>Lawrence and Ruth Ann Wiersma</i>	15 8:30 am Quilters	16 6:30-7:45pm Bible Cl. G 1-5 6:30-7:45 pm MS Remnant 6:45– 8:15 HS Remnant 7 pm Senior Choir <i>Geneva Wissink</i>	17    <i>Kody and Rachel Wills, Kenzie</i>	18    <i>Gary and Jessa Wolter</i>	19 9:30am Set up Passion Play  <b>Pray for:</b> Harrison Feldkamp Peter Meyer Sarah Honken
20 9am Cornerstone 10 am Coffee/Prayer FSRoom 10 am Sunday School 11 am Open Door 2 pm Passion Play Meeting	21 9 am Faith Bible St. 4 pm Patience Bible St. 6:30 pm Consistory 7-9 pm Passion Play Prac.  <i>Pray for Our Consistory</i>	22 8:30 am Quilters 7-9 pm Passion Play Practice  <i>Renae Wolter</i>	23 No Wednesday evening Activities 7-10 pm Passion Play Practice	24 7 pm Maundy Church Services	25 5, 7 and 9 pm: Passion Play at Sibley Ocheyedan Auditorium  <i>Chris and Tiffany Wynia; Liz, Codie and Mackenzie</i>	26 <b>Pray for:</b> Cody Hurlburt Ellie Klaassen Jena Van Marel Kayla Ackerman Hannah Klaassen
27 7am Sunrise Service 8 am Easter Breakfast served by HS Remnant 9:30 am Cornerstone Service	28    <i>Charlie and Brenda Ackerman; Leah and Marissa</i>	29 8:30 am Quilters	30 6:30-7:45pm Bible Cl. G 1-5 6:30-7:45 pm MS Remnant 6:45– 8:15 HS Remnant 7 pm Senior Choir  <i>Last Wednesday Bible Class for the 2015-2016 Year</i>	31    <i>Terry and Chrissy Ackerman; Zoe and Jagger</i>		