



# The Newsletter

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

**April 2019**

## **A Prayer for Easter Eyes**

My Lord, Jesus, You have risen to new life! Give me new eyes with which to recognize your presence in the world around me. Sharpen my vision so that

I see beyond the ordinary events of each day and into the extraordinary reality of your grace. Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope in the coming of your Kingdom. Soften my gaze so that I view others with the kind of tenderness and compassion you showed to so many. May each day

of this Easter season  
provide glimpses of your glory.

In your sacred name, I pray



## **April at a Glance**

- 3:** 6:30 am Men's Lenten Breakfast at First Baptist
- 9:00 am Coffee with the Pastor
- 10:** 9:00 am Mothers Together meets
- 13:** 5:30 pm Prom Grand March at S-O
- 15:** 9:00 am Faith Bible Study
- 4:00 pm Patience Bible Study
- 17:** 6:30 am Men's Lenten Breakfast here at FRC
- No Wednesday Night Activities
- 18:** 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion
- 19:** 5,7,9:00 pm Passion Play at SOHS
- 21:** 7:30 am Sunrise Service
- 8:30-9:45 Easter Fellowship Brunch
- 10:00 am Combined Easter Worship
- No Children/Worship or Sunday School
- 22:** 6:00 pm Elder/Deacon Meetings
- 7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet
- 24:** 9:00 am Mothers Together will meet
- Last Wednesday Bible Class Night
- 28:** 10:10 am Bible Characters Live (This is the last Sunday School Day)

### **\*Sunday Mornings:**

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

### **\*Monday Evenings:**

7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

### **\*Tuesday mornings:**

8:30 am Chickadee Quilters

### **\*Wednesday Evening Bible**

**Classes and Youth Groups:**

6:30-7:15 pm Bible Classes Gr.1-5  
6:30-7:15 pm MS Remnant  
7:15-8:30 pm HS Remnant

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

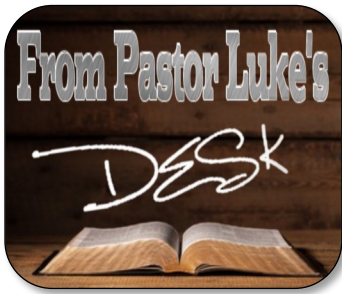
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Beginning last month and into the month of April we will continue to have our sermon series entitled “The Journey of Stones”. With each week I am carrying the stones in my pocket. I humor myself that by the end of this series I will have pocket full of rocks. What I am finding is how often those rocks are reminding me of my relationship with Jesus Christ.

I am reminded I am a sinner who deserves eternal punishment. I am the one throwing stones at others and at times even rejecting God. Satan is constantly telling me I am not good enough, I will never amount to anything and the ways of the world are far better. As I think about those things it is easy to feel like there is no value and purpose in how I am living life.

Maybe you have felt this same way or feeling that way right now. You are questioning what you are suppose be doing in life. Your marriage isn’t what you had hoped it would be. Your children haven’t grown up to be the perfect little angles you prayed about. You might be struggling at work, in relationships or simply with yourself. We are even in situations that we don’t want to be in but are put there by others or circumstances beyond our control. It can become depressing. I can’t imagine those who actually deal with depression and how hard it has to be for them.

But there is an answer. It is a great answer and I believe the only answer. That answer is Jesus Christ. In this Lenten season we are reminded of our humanity and sinfulness. But during this season we are reminded of a God who has loved us in such a way that He sent His one and only Son into this world. His Son would die and suffer on a cross for us. Jesus would defeat sin and change our relationship with God forever.

Jesus Christ allows me, and He allows you, to defeat the lies of Satan. Jesus Christ gives me strength and He is faithful. I am also reminded He is beside me every step of the day. As I carry these stones I am encouraged, strengthened and experiencing joy. God is so good to me. I can find energy in that relationship and a peace that can come from nowhere else.

Jesus Christ wants to be a part of our thoughts, our job, our marriage, our children and even our sin. He wants to bring hope, give strength, pour out love and walk beside us. Jesus wants us to know that He paid the price, so our sins might be forgiven, and that God is good. We are his children and no matter what we do, He will never leave us nor forsake us. So, we need to stay focused.

During this Lenten season I challenge you as I have had to challenge myself, to make Christ that cornerstone. That is where it all begins. With Christ my sins are forgiven. With Christ I can stop throwing stones. With Christ a marriage can be healed. With Christ a child’s life can be changed. With Christ you can have a different outlook about work or relationships. With Christ we can take those situations that are out of our control and see His perfect plan work through them.

Philippians 4:13 is a great verse to have upon your heart each and every day. It reads:

**I can do all this through him who gives me strength.**

Love a Pastor with a pocket full of stones,

Have a blessed Easter Season!

Pastor Luke



## Stewardship & Giving

### Special offering for April: Bible League

Offering Summary through March 24th

- General Fund: \$42,451.25;  
Budget: \$279,866; 24% of budget
- Benevolent Fund: \$6,110;  
Budget: 86,813.00; 11% of budget
- Building Fund offerings to date: \$395.00

## April Faith In Action:

### FRC Church Kitchen

We will be collecting items that will be put to use in our church kitchen. Items needed are: napkins, paper towels, Dawn dish soap, Clorox wipes or some other type of disinfecting wipes, scouring pads etc. Maybe you have worked in the kitchen and know of something that would be useful that you would like to bring.

All items are appreciated!



**April 7** – “For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.” – Psalm 107:9, NIV

**April 14** -- “ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.” - Galatians 6:7, NIV

**April 21** – “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.” – Psalm 23:1, ESV

**April 28** – “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” – Psalm 23:6, ESV

## Cornerstone Service Greeters, 9 am



**7:** West—Ethel Jurgens & Karen Jurgens  
Middle—Clint & Jamie Klaassen/family  
East—Kevin & Laurel Klaassen/family

**14:** West—Dave & Donna Kleinwolterink  
Middle—Dr. Greg & Deb Kusters  
East—Mitch & Abby Kreykes/family

### ***Maundy Thursday***

**18:** West--Charles & Katha Kruger  
Middle--Rich Kruger & Robert Kruger  
East--Charlie & Brenda Kuhl

**21:** West—Pam Kruger & Jodene Kruse  
Middle—Dave & Sandy Lamfers  
East—Arnie & Diane Langstraat

**28:** West—Mark & Melissa Langstraat/family  
Middle—Gary & Wilma Leusink  
East—Brad & Sarah Loerts/family



### **9:00 am Nursery**

**7:** Brenda & Leah Ackerman  
**14:** Wilma Leusink & Andrea Leusink  
**21:** Laurel & Natalie Klaassen  
**28:** Gina Jacobsma & Brenda Michelson

### **Library Volunteers**



**7:** Gert Gaalswyk  
**14:** Jan Henrichs  
**21:** Beth Hulstein  
**28:** Jamie Hulstein

### **Sunday School Nursery**



**7:** Luella Eggink  
**14:** Jan Henrichs  
**21:** **No Sunday School**  
**28:** **Bible Stories Live (last Sunday School)**



### **Prayer With the Elders**

#### **10:00**

**7:** Duane Vande Hoef  
**14:** Dick Oldenkamp  
**21:** Harold Ernst  
**28:** Lawrence Wiersma

### **11:00 am Nursery**



**7:** Wendy & Jahlyn De Jong  
**14:** Sarah Loerts & Megan Loerts  
**21:** Marvella Harberts & Missy Julius  
**28:** Anne & Kaylee Maxwell

#### **12:00**

**7:** Dale Honken  
**14:** Bill Hartzell  
**21:** Greg Kusters  
**28:** Marlin Roelfs

## April Willing Hands Group



**Willing Hands  
Group #4**  
will be responsible for  
services during the month.

### **Co-chairpersons are:**

- Karen & Dale Honken
- Marcia & Dick Oldenkamp

## Fellowship Coffee Servers

**7:** Ken & Wilma Loerts  
**14:** Ed & Leona Meendering  
**21:** Larry & Rhonda Riebeling  
**28:** Ted & Eileen Schutte

## Children and Worship Leaders/Helpers

### **Cornerstone Service 9:00 am**

**7:** Leader: **Deb Kosters**  
Helper: Family of Olivia Daiker  
**14:** Leader: **Deb Kosters**  
Helper: Family of Jackson Loerts  
**21:** **Happy Easter!!**  
**No Children & Worship today**  
**28:** Leader: **Jamie Hulstein**  
Helper: Karissa Hulstein

### **Open Door Service 11:00 am**

**7:** Leader: **Deb Kosters**  
Helper: Jahlyn De Jong  
**14:** Leader: **Deb Kosters**  
Helper: Family of Jackson Van Tilburg  
**21:** **Happy Easter!!**  
**No Children & Worship today**  
**28:** Leader: **Deb Kosters**  
Helper:

## After Church Greeters



**7:** SE: John Bartles  
C: Marcus De Boer  
SW: Ron Dykstra  
BE: Pastor Luke  
BW: Josh Lucas

**14:** SE: Josh Lucas  
C: Harold Ernst  
SW: Henry Fisher  
BE: Stan Gaalswyk  
BW: Pastor Luke

**21:** SE: Pastor Luke  
C: Josh Lucas  
SW: Lennis Harberts  
BE: Ed Harskamp  
BW: Bill Hartzell

**28:** SE: Dale Honken  
C: Pastor Luke  
SW: Josh Lucas  
BE: Dr. Greg Kosters  
BW: Arnie Langstraat

# 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

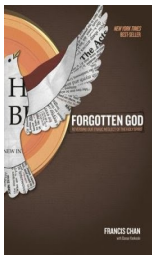


**Faith Bible Study**, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, April 15 at 9:00 am** in the Library. Lesson leader will be Phyllis Vander Linden, with Janelle Van Drunen serving as hostess. We will study chapter #6 “Angels and Guidance” in Douglas Connelly’s book, ANGELS Standing Guard. Scripture for the morning will be Acts 8:26-40 and 10:1-48. There is always room for more so join us.

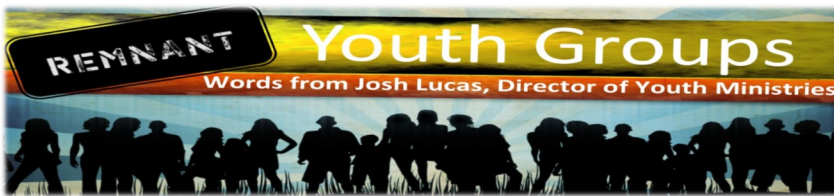
**Patience Bible Study**, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, April 15 at 4:00 pm**. We will continue the study, Couples of the Old Testament with lesson #4, “Jacob and Rachel.” Barb will serve as leader and hostess.

**Monday Evening Women’s Bible Study**, that meets weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Fireside Room welcomes you to join them as they continue their “Easter Experience” video series.

**Sunday Morning Women's Sunday School Class**, will meet on the north side of the west end of the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings at 10:10 am. We have recently begun a new study titled “I Promise” by Gary Smalley. All women are invited to join us.



**The Men’s Bible Study**, who meets on the south side of the west end of the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings at 10:10 am, are doing a video study by Francis Chan entitled, *Forgotten God*. This video series will help remind us of the true source of the church's power—the Holy Spirit. Chan contends that we've ignored the Spirit for far too long, and that without Him, we operate in our own strength, only accomplishing human-sized results. This video offers a compelling invitation to understand, embrace, and follow the Holy Spirit's direction in our lives. Hope to see you there!



Hello First Reformed Church,

Your Devil Crushing Ninja Trainer (Youth Director for Short) here to give you another update on the youth group and what's happening! I first would just like to say thank you to everyone for the continued support with the birth of Joanna Grace! Hannah and I are so beyond blessed to have such a healthy and good baby girl! We are also so blessed to have such a loving and caring body of believers! Summer is approaching fast which means that we need to break out the sunblock and swim suits! I know it seems almost impossible to do that since we have had a six month winter!

Now it's time for the youth update! There are some big things happening in youth group! First, we are approaching the end of our study series, "Defending the Faith." We have been discussing issues on: abortion, homosexuality, atheism, and apologetics. It has been such a blessing to teach these young people these hard truths, but it has been so worth it. We are going to start moving into our next series which will be short and that is, "Testify." Which is where we will hear testimonies of different people, and learn the importance of telling your story. Our summer schedule is going to be pretty packed especially with the Work Trip and Power Connection all happening in July! If you are feeling like you want to come with us to the work trip please don't hesitate to let me know! We could always use more adults! Please be on the lookout for announcements regarding our summer schedule!

Finally, if you noticed I have put a dry erase calendar board on my door. This is my way of helping to keep you as parents and a congregation in the loop of what is happening in youth group. It is color coded as well, so please make sure you pay attention to the color codes to make sure your reading the right event for the right group. Thank you all so much for your continued support! Till next time, this is your Devil Crushing Ninja Trainer here to say if you need a hug this big ole teddy bear has got one for you!

Lots of Love,  
Josh Lucas

### **Jokes with Josh:**

Did you all catch the rain a few weeks ago?

It was raining CATS AND DOGS!

It was raining so hard...I stepped in a POODLE!





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:

- **April 17: No Wednesday Night activities due to Easter break**
- **April 21: No Children and Worship or Sunday School classes due to Easter break**
- **April 24: Last Wednesday Night Bible Class for 2018-2019 year**
- **April 28: Last Sunday School Classes for 2018-2019 year**

# College Addresses

Since we have had a few requests for our College Students' Addresses, we thought we would publish them. Being away at college can be a fun time. However, it can be a time filled with uncertainty and loneliness. If you get a chance, go ahead and drop a note in the mail to these students. You never know, it just may be exactly what they needed at that very moment. Parents, if you do not see your child's address listed here please let the church office know so it can also be published next month.

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**If your student will have a different address for the 2018-2019 school year please let the office know so we can update our information. Thanks so much!!**



## How Well Do You Know The Easter Story??

1. What was the Jewish feast which was being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?
2. When Jesus entered Jerusalem during what is known as His Triumphal Entry, what animal was He riding on?
3. Why is the Sunday before the resurrection called Palm Sunday?
4. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being taken as a prisoner?
5. What was the name of the high priest's servant who had his ear cut off by the disciple and subsequently reattached by Jesus?
6. How many times did Peter deny Christ after he abandoned the Lord?
7. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?
8. How did Judas identify Jesus to the soldiers?
9. In repentance Judas returned the money to the priests that he was given as the price of betrayal of the Lord and then did what?
10. The priests took the money that Judas had returned to them and did what with it?
11. Who was surprisingly released before Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to death?
12. What did Pilate's wife counsel him to do concerning Jesus?
13. A man named Simon was compelled to carry the cross of Jesus. In Mark 15 we are told the names of Simon's two sons. What were their names?
14. What was the inscription above the cross?
15. Can you quote 4 of the 7 statements recorded in the Bible that Christ said from the cross?
16. Following the statements of Jesus on the cross, there was a statement by a Roman soldier concerning Christ. What was it?
17. What happened in the Temple as a sign that the death of Jesus had made way for the individual believer to approach God?
18. When Jesus died there was darkness in the land. How long did it last?
19. In John 19 two men helped prepare the body of Christ for burial. One is said to have been a secret disciple and another secretly came to Jesus early in His ministry to ask question. Who were these men?
20. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?



## PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

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|--|---|
| 1. Matt and Missy Julius; Keyana, Kade, Pierce | 16. Mitch and Abby Kreykes; Dawson, Paisley |
| 2. Dennis and Dar Jurgens                      | 17. Martha Krikke                           |
| 3. Ethel Jurgens                               | 18. Charles and Katha Kruger                |
| 4. Karen Jurgens                               | 19. Gaylord Kruger                          |
| 5. Diane Kass                                  | 20. Pray for our College Students           |
| 6. Pray for our College Students               | 21. Pray for our Church                     |
| 7. Pray for our Church                         | 22. Dutch Kruger                            |
| 8. Kevin and Laurel Klaassen; Ellie, Natalie   | 23. Pam Kruger                              |
| 9. Clint and Jamie Klaassen; Haley             | 24. Richard Kruger                          |
| 10. Joanne Klaassen                            | 25. Tim and Jodie Kruger; Jared, Katie      |
| 11. Dave and Donna Kleinwolterink              | 26. Jodene Kruse                            |
| 12. Dr. Greg and Deb Kosters                   | 27. Pray for our College Students           |
| 13. Pray for our College Students              | 28. Pray for our Church                     |
| 14. Pray for our Church                        | 29. Charlie and Brenda Kuhl; Maranda        |
| 15. Mike and Laurie Kraayenbrink; Nathan       | 30. Dave and Sandy Lamfers                  |
|  | 31. Arnie and Diane Langstraat              |

### College Students:

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Kaitlyn Bechler

Kalie De Boer

Keyana Gust

Jaden Abels

Madison Norman

Nick Buysman

Hunter DeJong

Hunter Rockman

Ryan Van Marel

Lars Ackerman

Megan Travaille

Peyton Crichton

Britta Harberts

Andrea Meyer

Garrett Sayler

Makayla Tangeman

Colby Wagenaar

Collin Van Diepen

Adam Ackerman

Kailey Bruxvoort

Lexi Ackerman

Sarah Honken

Jena Van Marel

Troy Soat

Ignacio Romero

Devan Vander Veen

Owen Wiese

Hannah Lucas

Be joyful in hope, patient in  
affliction, faithful in prayer.  
Romans 12:12

# BE A *Prayer* WARRIOR

# PRAYER JOURNAL





## 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 second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. 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!!

### Meetings this Month

- April 10
- April 24



## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

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

April 3 at 6:30 am

Host: 1st Baptist Church

Devotions by: First Baptist Church

April 17 at 6:30 am

Host: First Reformed Church

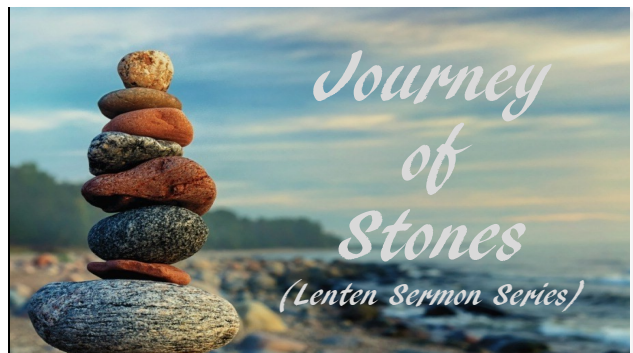
Devotions by: Christian Reformed Church



***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.

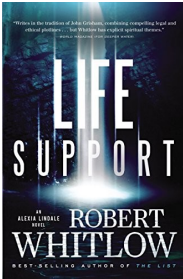
Thanks for participating Sisters!!!



- April 7: Upon this Rock
- April 14: Crying Stones
- April 19: The Final Stone
- April 21: Easter-He's Alive!!

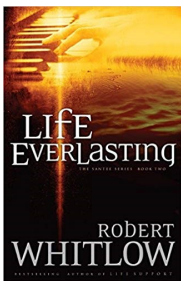
## *From the library--*

We have acquired some “new” books by Robert Whitlow, a practicing attorney. Books that are “new” to the library but not “brand” new! I found them very interesting and different from what we already have. They are about a practicing lawyer and all that is involved in defending someone.

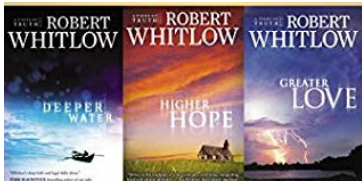


The first book is LIFE SUPPORT. Here is a synopsis from the back of the book: “Baxter Richardson survived a fall from a cliff while hiking with his wife in the mountains. Whether he’ll make it through the next few weeks is unclear. His survival depends on the machines that help him breath; on the haunted unstable wife who wants to pull the plug and hide her secrets; on the doting father who wants him alive for reasons of love and money; on the conflicting legal documents that send the fight to court; and on the music and prayers of an extraordinarily gifted pianist.”

**You will want to read the sequel LIFE EVERLASTING because the last sentence of LIFE SUPPORT leaves you hanging!!**



LIFE EVERLASTING synopsis reads: “The youngest son of a family consumed by greed, Baxter Richardson lingers on the earth in a coma. His wife wants him dead to protect her secrets. His brother wants him dead to gain control of the family empire. And though Baxter’s father fights to keep him alive, even he has ulterior motives. But Baxter has a surprising ally. A classically trained pianist, Ted Morgan, believes music can be used as prayer. And Ted’s divinely inspired playing has been slowly pulling Baxter back from the brink of death. Attorney Alexia Lindale represents Baxter’s wife, Rena, but has no idea that she and her client are being played in a game that has higher stakes than a single legal case. As Baxter grows stronger, the more endangered he becomes. As Alexia navigates her responsibilities to her client, her relationship with the gifted musician, and her new relationship with God, she must discern the truth as it pertains to life, death...and life everlasting.



Three other books by Robert Whitlow have been cataloged into the library—They are “A Tides of Truth” trilogy: DEEPER WATER, HIGHER HOPE, and GREATER LOVE. Tami Taylor is a young lawyer who was home schooled through high school with very strict morals. Find out how she deals with the law and all its technicalities.

~~Jeannette Juffer



# Celebrations

## ~~Birthday's~~

- 1 Dahson De Jong
- 2 Kim Van Der Sloom  
Kailey Bruxvoort  
Trace Van Tilburg
- 3 Angela De Boer  
Gary De Vries
- 4 Kyler Maxwell  
Ger Van Diepen  
Berkley Wielenga
- 5 Wilma Leusink
- 8 Pam Vande Hoef  
Mary Hustoft  
Randy Bremer
- 9 Lyle Peelen  
Burdell Henrichs
- 10 Marilyn De Boer  
John Juffer  
Gracia Altoff
- 11 Melissa Anderson  
Heather Tangeman
- 12 Ellen Schram  
Stan Gaalswyk

13 Steve Mulder

14 Dave Lamfers  
Bill Hartzell

15 Sylvia Bosma

16 Martha Krikke  
Troy Block

17 Margaret Calsbeek  
LaDonn Hartzell

Andrew Zylstra  
Amber Mortensen  
Kennedy Van Westen

18 Sharalyn Tjaden

19 Grace Hoekstra

21 Michaela Block

22 Twila Heemstra

23 LeRoy De Boer

24 Randy Vande Berg  
Apiyo Harberts  
Uchan Harberts

26 Melissa Langstraat  
Grant Brouwer  
Dane Mortensen

27 Dennis Jurgens

28 Janice Heikes  
Katelyn Long  
Madeline Sayler  
Keagan Van Westen

30 Paige Hurlburt

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

## ~~Anniversaries~~

- 6 Chris and Teresa Hurlburt—23 years
- 7 Dave and Lesa Stofferan —41 years
- 19 John and Jan Juffer—51 years
- 22 Josh and Hannah Lucas—2 year
- 25 Brian and Chelsey Alexander—7 years
- 27 Roger and Carol Iedema—46 years
- 28 Dean and Amy Van Marel—29 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



# Sportsmen's Devotional

## Bible Study Verse

Psalms 91: 5

Fear nothing-not wild wolves in the night, not flying arrows in the day. (Message)



## Thoughts

My dad use to tell us kids the story when he tried to ride his bicycle to Uncle Dick's farm way up in the north woods of Minnesota. It was further than he had expected and it was getting dark when the wolves started to howl on his left, then on his right. He peddled faster and the howling got closer. His legs were like rubber from fatigue, but he was sure the wolves were trying to cut him off from reaching the safety of the old farm house.

He would of course only tell the story at night around the campfire and as kids it would provoke great fear and suspense. We could feel the fire in his lungs and legs.

As the old farm house came into view, the wolves were starting to come out on the old logging road, closing in. He was standing up peddling now, praying someone would be home to meet him at the door with a really, really big gun.

## Action Point

I love that the Bible relates directly to me personally and that within every story there is a promise to me personally. "Fear Nothing, not even wild wolves in the night."

God has my back, my future and promises to rescue, shield, protect, fend off, be my shield, be my refuge and be my fortress. As light takes the fear out of darkness, God takes the fear out of life. It's a choice to let our minds conjure up all kinds of fears or take the promises of God and believe them personally.

## Sportsmen's Tip of the Day

When in bear country I always know exactly where my flashlight and bear maze is when turning out the lights. One is in one boot and the other in the other boot, right by my sleeping bag for quick easy access in a moment's notice. I never lose any sleep.

Trivia Time Answers!!!

1.A 2.A 3.C 4.D 5.B 6.C



## Consistory Meeting Highlights

### March 18, 2019 7:30

- Present: 6 elders, 6 deacons, Pastor Luke and Josh Lucas.
- Ministry Team Reports were received.
- MMS&C to approve the amended bylaws as follows:
  - \*Article IV, Section 3 Shall Read: When First Reformed church (FRC) has an ordained Associate Pastor, s/he may be designated as the Pastoral Vice President, and the Elder will be designated as the Elder Vice President. The Pastoral Vice President will be a member of the “Administrative Ministry Team.”
  - \*Article V, Section 8 Shall Read: Permission is granted to allow the General Fund Treasurer, Assistant General Fund Treasurer and Chairperson of the Deacons to sign checks for the church during their elected term in their specific office.
- MMS&C to approve the transfer of membership from Anita Hoting from the First Presbyterian Church in Little Rock, Iowa to FRC Sibley
- MMS&C to move April Elders’, Deacons’, and Consistory meetings from April 15 to April 22, 2019.
- MMS&C to permit deacons to announce and collect an offering for Nebraska flood relief victims to be collected March 31, 2019, which will be distributed either through Samaritan’s Purse or through a church with ties in the flooded area(s).
- MMS&C to permit a possible opportunity as a mission/work trip through Samaritan’s Purse or similar agency in early April to assist Nebraska Flood victims.
- MMS&C to transfer \$100 from revenue surplus from hosting the East Sioux Classis meeting to the Nebraska Flood Relief offering to be collected 3/31/19.
- MS&C to approve the minutes as read.
- MS&C to adjourn following prayer by Chris Wynia at 10:00 p.m.

The Osceola County Ministerial Association  
**35th Production of the  
GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY**

Friday, April 19, 2019

5:00pm, 7:00pm and 9:00pm

At the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School  
Auditorium in Sibley, IA

Attending this special program will heighten your appreciation of what our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, experienced on that Good Friday and will help prepare you for the glory of Easter morning.

FREE tickets are available and may be reserved by calling 712-754-2945. Church groups and organizations may request enough tickets for their entire group. Please do not reserve more than you actually need.

Your reserved tickets may be picked up at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 19, 2019 at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School Auditorium. They must be picked up one-half hour before the performance. Any tickets not picked up by that time 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.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call Peg or Curt Van Kley at 712-754-2945.



## 2019 PASSION PLAY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, April 13, 8:00 am**

Setup at S-O School.

*Meet at Sibley Christian Reformed Church at 8:00 to load pickups and trailers.*

**Sunday, April 14, 2:00-4:00 pm**

Rehearsal, including children.

**Monday, April 15, 7:00-9:00 pm**

Rehearsal, no children

**Tuesday, April 16, 7:00-9:00 pm**

Rehearsal, no children

**Wednesday, April 17, 7:00-10:00 pm**

Full dress rehearsal with children.  
(Children will be dismissed at 8:00 pm)

**Friday, April 19, 3:00 pm**

Make-up for the entire cast

**Saturday, April 20, 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.







## ROWLAND JR. & JANE VAN ES

Coming back to the field after home service is always an adjustment. We were on home service from August-December last year and had a good time visiting 19 of our 23 supporting churches. We enjoyed a lot of quality time with friends, family, and other supporters. We also had a white Christmas in Michigan.

Coming back to Kenya just in time for the second semester at St Paul's University was an adjustment; some easy, some hard. The moderate climate was easy to get used to again after fall and winter in the US.

Driving on the left side of the road (and on the right side of the car) took a few days to get used to again.

Sorting out which classes to teach and on which day of the week they were offered to fit most student's schedules took a few weeks due to the many different groups and several modes of study offered here. We have now finally settled down to our normal full load of teaching four classes each.

Rowland is teaching pastoral care, and Christian ethics again as well as two new ones for him, pastoral counselling and New Testament themes (theology). Jane is teaching Introduction to Sociology to the Theology students, and Gender Psychology, Health Psychology and Research for counselling students.

In addition to teaching, Rowland has already had three opportunities to preach in Jan: once in church on Sunday, once for Monday chapel, and once for the longer Wednesday chapel (with Communion). Jane met with the leadership team of her Women@10 Bible study group and for some Thursday meeting.

We miss the good times we had with our two daughters in Holland and our time with Jane's mother and brothers as well as one full week with Rowland's family. We thank God for skype and for the cheap phone calls from Kenya to the US which keep us informed (though it is not the same as being there).

We take comfort in the fact that we do have many friends and neighbors here that we can talk to and share experiences with. We have many colleagues at work and good friends at church and other people we can socialize with over a meal, on the tennis court, or while walking our dog in the tea fields nearby.

We also realize we have many opportunities to impact our students and other Kenyan's lives just by being here. Preaching, teaching, praying, Bible study, mentoring, and just having good conversations about life and work and our common Christian faith cannot be taken for granted. Many other missionaries and pastors pray for the kinds of opportunities we have so readily available here in our setting. Training future leaders of the church and society is an important job and we don't do it alone but are doing it together with other qualified staff and all of us only do it with God's daily help.



Members of the Kitengela congregation welcome us home.



## Easter Story Answers:



1. Passover (Luke 22:1)
2. A young donkey (Matthew 21:1-7; Mark 11:1-7; Luke 19:28-35; John 12:12-15). In eastern tradition it was customary for a king going to war to ride a horse. Yet when the king was at peace he would ride a donkey. The symbolism is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, was coming for purposes of peace between God and man.
3. When Jesus entered into Jerusalem at the beginning of the Passion week, the people welcomed Him as king and Messiah. They covered the road with their garments and palm fronds as a symbol of their worship and acceptance of Him as king (Matthew 21:8; Mark 11:8; Luke 19:35, 36; John 12:12, 13).
4. Peter (John 18:10)
5. Malchus (John 18:10)
6. Three times (Luke 22:54-57; Mark 14:69, 70; Matthew 26:73-75; John 18:13-27)
7. 30 (Matthew 26:15)
8. By giving Him a kiss (Matthew 26:47-49).
9. Hanged himself (Matthew 27:3-5)
10. Bought the potter's field with the money which is where strangers were buried (Matthew 27:6-8).
11. Barabbas (Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:18; John 18:40)
12. To leave Jesus alone because He was a just man. She had a bad dream concerning the Lord and she probably felt it would bring bad luck on the household of Pilate (Matthew 27:19).
13. Alexander and Rufus (Mark 15:21)
14. "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" (Luke 19:19). It was written in three different languages according to John 19:20; Hebrew, Greek and Latin.
15. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)  
"Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)  
"...he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!" (John 19:26, 27) / Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34) / I thirst." (John 19:28) / "It is finished:" (John 19:30)  
"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:" (Luke 23:46)
16. *"Truly this was the Son of God" (Matthew 27:54). Slightly different statements, but the same idea are found in Mark 15:39; Luke 23:47.*
17. The veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51). We call this access to God the "priesthood of the believer." This means that Christians can approach God's throne through prayer without the need of a human mediator or priest. Because the veil was torn from the top to the bottom, that is symbolic that it is God who grants us access and not that we have worked our way into God's throne room; which could be implied if the veil was torn from bottom to top.
18. Three hours (Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44-45). From noon to 3 pm.
19. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (John 19:38-42). Interestingly, these two men did not follow Jesus as He traveled through the region, but they were there when all the outspoken disciples had abandoned the Lord.
20. Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9)





**FLASH BACK!!**

Look what we  
found in a  
cabinet drawer.  
Anyone  
recognize any  
of these kiddos  
or adults?

*Happy Easter!*

