

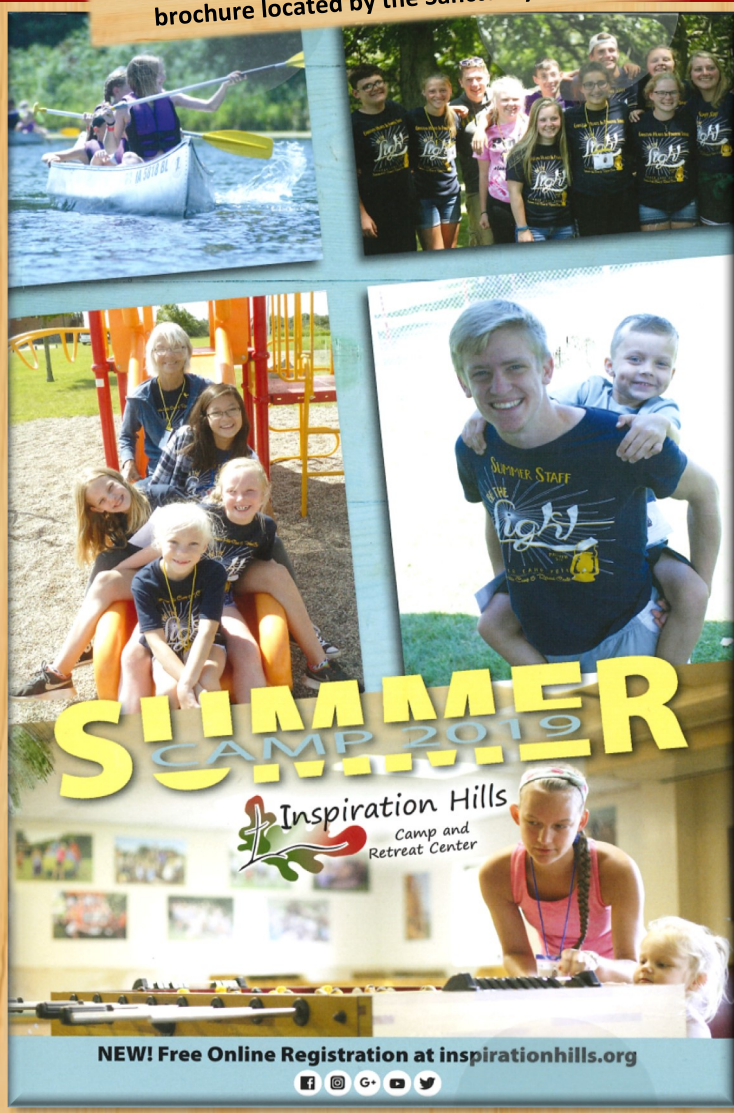
The Newsletter

February 2019


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

Inspiration Hills Camp and Retreat Center


It's Camp Registration Time!! Check out the full brochure located by the Sanctuary Doors!!



SUMMER CAMP 2019

Inspiration Hills
Camp and Retreat Center

NEW! Free Online Registration at inspirationhills.org



February at a Glance

- 1: 2:30pm BINGO at Country View
- 3: Communion Sunday
- 6: Coffee with the Pastor & Josh
- 8: NO BINGO at Country View
- 10: 10:10am Discovery Class Begins
- 11: 6:30pm Special Elders Meeting
 - 6:30pm Sing-A-Long at Sibley Specialty Care
 - 7:00pm Sing-A-Long at Country View
- 15: 2:30pm BINGO at Country View
- 18: 9:00am Faith Bible Study
 - 4:00pm Patience Bible Study
 - 6:00pm Elder/Deacon Meetings
 - 7:00pm Full Consistory will meet
- 22: 2:30pm BINGO at Country View

***Sunday Mornings:**

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

***Monday Evenings:**

- 7:00 Women's Bible Study

***Tuesday mornings:**

- 8:30 Chickadee Quilters

***Wednesday Evening Bible**

Classes and Youth Groups:

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

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A couple weeks ago we met as an Education Ministry Team. Often, we talk about how we can improve our teaching of God's Word into the lives of our children. This month brought an interesting discussion. One of our concerns is the lack of commitment in our children in attending both Sunday School and Wednesday nights. We discussed if there is something we can do but ultimately recognized that it is the parents who need to take greater control and see to their consistent commitment to attend.

We were reminded how important and valuable our Christian education was within each of our own lives. We also recognized that the main source of that education came at home, not the church. We reflected on devotions around the table, stories read before going to bed and the conversations our parents had about their faith. Church was a resource that confirmed what mom and dad were teaching and added to what was taught at home.

Today we live in different generation. Our lives are busier, we seldom sit down as family and do devotions, pray or just learn the bible stories. We now leave that teaching up to the church. The problem is that the church, if we are to help teach God's Word, only have your child for no more than 2 hours a week. More often it is only an hour or maybe only 3 or 4 hours a month. Compare that to our schools and the message they are teaching. They have them about 35-40 hours week. It is overwhelming, frustrating and saddening. We have been given the greatest message our children could ever hear and yet we place so many other things which are temporary before them hearing about Jesus.

So, it got us talking about what can we do? I left that meeting thinking about that. Then I remembered the resource that we have invested in as a church called Right Now Media. We recognize that you maybe need help, and this is a great resource for that. It is a resource that can be used at anytime and anywhere. This resource is not only great for children but is also great for you as parents, grandparents or wherever you are right now. It is free to you and it has unlimited potential.

It just so happened, actually I think it was God's perfect timing, that I got a phone call from a Right Now representative wanting to share with me how to make this resource even more readily available for anyone who would chose to use it. I took them up on the call and here is what I discovered that I would like to share with you.

First, Right Now Media has thousands of resources available to you on whatever topic you might be interested in. There are resources for your children, teenagers, young adults and beyond. You can find any subject, from dealing with human sexuality to struggling marriages to Bible Studies. Here is the best part. It is easy to sign up for, we have our own church page, you can download the app to your phone and now they offer just audio version's so you can listen without the video like when you are driving your car. You will also be able to download resources to use when you have internet access. It is there for you to use. I, as well as the Education Ministry Team, encourage you to use it. Make it become a vital part of your family life.

As a church we can only do so much. We are secondary in helping in Christian education to your children. You are the primary educators. I want you to be reminded to take your responsibility as a parent seriously. Their faith walk is greatly influenced by your faith walk. Your example and teaching becomes a pattern for them. Personally, there is not greater joy as a parent then to see your child come into a relationship with Jesus Christ as you faithfully brought God's Word into their life. Make their Christian education your priority. We are here to help and resource. Take advantage when you can. On the next page you will find ways to access Right Now Media.

Stay Strong In Your Faith,
Pastor Luke



Stewardship & Giving

Special offering for January: Osceola County Express

Offering Summary through January 28

General Fund: \$20756.40;

Budget: \$279,866; 7% of budget

- Benevolent Fund: 4420;

Budget: 86,813.00; 5% of budget

- Building Fund offerings to date: \$205.00

February Faith In Action:

→ RANDOM ←
ACTS
 OF KINDNESS

Show what it "looks" like to be a
 Christian by doing a random act of
 kindness for someone.

LET ALL
 THAT
 YOU DO
 BE DONE
 WITH
LOVE.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14 NKJV



How You Can Access These Resources:

Church Website: www.sibleyfcc.org

click on Right Now Media to be taken directly to their site.

Website Link to set up your account :

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/FirstReformedSibley>

Google Play Store App: Right Now Media

Text: RIGHTNOW SIBLEYFRC to the number: 41411

QR Code:



Cornerstone Service Greeters, 9 am



3: West—Jacob and Sami Fox/family
Middle—Michelle Fox and Rhonda Henrichs
East—Stan and Gert Gaalswyk

10: West—Eugene and Renae Groen
Middle—Robert and Janice Groen
East—Ed and Jan Harskamp

17: West—Bill and LaDonn Hartzell
Middle—Dwayne and Janice Heikes
East—Dan and Maureen Heilman/family

24: West—Burt and Jan Henrichs
Middle—Derek and Ashley Heronimus/family
East—Ken and Sandy Heronimus



9:00 am Nursery

3: Ashley Heronimus and Diane Langstraat
10: Kim and Alex Mc Dougall
17: Pam Vande Hoef and Jill Boeke
24: Lesa Stofferan and Jodene Kruse

Library Volunteers



3: Pauline Van Engen
10: Leanne Van Kley
17: Marcia Van Ruler
24: Phyllis Vander Linden

Sunday School Nursery



3: Ruth Ann Wiersma
10: Luella Eggink
17: Jan Henrichs
24: Sandy Lamfers



Prayer With the Elders

10:00

3: Marlin Roelfs
10: Duane Vande Hoef
17: Dick Oldenkamp
24: Harold Ernst



11:00 am Nursery

3: Kelsey Joseph and Sami Fox
10: Darcy Martinez and Lacey Julius
17: Tiffany and Liz Wynia
24: Tami and Lindy Tracy

12:00

3: Lawrence Wiersma
10: Dale Honken
17: Bill Hartzell
24: Dr. Greg Kosters

February Willing Hands Group



Willing Hands Group #2

will be responsible for
services during the month.

Co-chairpersons are:

- ♦ Luella & Harold Eggink
- ♦ Darcy & Frank Martinez

Fellowship Coffee Servers



- 3:** Ed and Jan Harskamp
10: Bill and LaDonn Hartzell
17: Dwayne and Janice Heikes
24: Burt and Jan Henrichs

Children and Worship Leaders/Helpers



Cornerstone Service 9:00 am

- 3:** Leader: **Deb Kosters**
Helper: Kathy Verdoorn
10: Leader: **Jamie Hulstein**
Helper: Karissa Hulstein
17: Leader: **Deb Kosters**
Helper: The Family of Jaxton Loerts
24: Leader: **Deb Kosters**
Helper: Kathy Verdoorn

Open Door Service 11:00 am

- 3:** Leader: **Deb Kosters**
Helper: The Family of Grace Hoekstra
10: Leader: **Deb Kosters**
Helper: Elesson Joseph
17: Leader: **Deb Kosters**
Helper: The Family of Olivia Daiker
24: Leader: **Deb Kosters**
Helper: Jahlyn De Jong

After Church Greeters



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| 6: SE: Josh Lucas
C: John Bartles
SW: Marcus De Boer
BE: Ron Dykstra
BW: Pastor Luke | 20: SE: Lennis Harberts
C: Pastor Luke
SW: Josh Lucas
BE: Ed Harskamp
BW: Bill Hartzell |
| 13: SE: Pastor Luke
C: Josh Lucas
SW: Harold Ernst
BE: Henry Fisher
BW: Stan Gaalswyk | 27: SE: Dale Honken
C: Dr. Greg Kosters
SW: Pastor Luke
BE: Josh Lucas
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

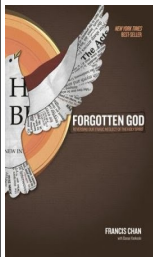


Faith Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, February 18 at 9:00 am** in the Library. Lesson leader will be Alfreda Verdoorn, with Jane Buysman serving as hostess. We will study the chapter "Dealing with Demons," in Douglas Connolly's book, ANGELS. Scripture for the morning comes from Mark 5:1-20. There is always room for more so join us!!

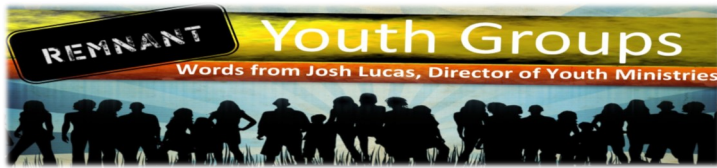
Patience Bible Study, **Patience Bible Study**, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, February 18 at 4:00pm**. We will continue the study, Couples of the Old Testament with lesson #2, "Sarah and Abraham." All women are invited to join us! If you are interested in joining this study, please let Barb Van Diepen know and she will get you a book.

Monday Evening Women's Bible Study, that meets weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Fireside Room, will begin their new study about Women of the New Testament. It is 10 week long study focusing on a different woman from the New Testament, such as Elizabeth, Mary & Lydia, each week. A sign up sheet is at the information center. All women are welcome!

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.



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,

It is your Devil Crushing Ninja Trainer (Youth Director for short) here to give you yet another super awesome update on things! It is the month of February which means it is the month of love! Valentine's Day is right around the corner so fellas be prepared, you're going to have to woo your wife here in a few weeks! Make sure that she knows that she is loved on that one day! Go big or go home my dudes!..... Yes, I am well aware of how annoying that must have been for you to read. It was very difficult for me to write it myself. I wrote that because unfortunately that is the mindset of what we have turned Valentine's Day in to. I actually really don't like Valentine's Day at all, because it is a day that should be an everyday holiday. Yeah, we can do something maybe a little EXTRA for our spouse, but we should be loving our spouse unconditionally, making them feel special, appreciated, and above all else cared for EVERYDAY. Imagine if God only showed special love for us on one day out of the year. How messed up would we be? Of course, God's love is endless and never failing, but is our love toward him and our spouse?

I'm sorry I got so emotional right at the beginning, but this is something that I feel like doesn't get mentioned enough. With that in mind on February 16th at 6 pm here at Church we are ready to host our very first couple's dinner event, "Agape." Now for those of you who don't know, the word Agape means love. We get that word from 1 Corinthians 13:4-6, a set of verses which are very famous for being used in weddings. This fundraiser is geared towards couples, because how often do you and your spouse really go out and have a nice dinner without the kids and spend time in fellowship as husband and wife and as members of Christ's Church? Now take advantage of this amazing opportunity! We will provide child care, a steak dinner, and we will show the very powerful and popular movie, "Fireproof." We have even decided to make this a free will donation event so then money is not an issue. I am very excited for this event. I did this same event when I was out in California and the results of it were so amazing!

In closing, the baby is nice and big! Hannah and I are so excited to meet our little bundle of joy! We are truly blessed by God with such amazing people and friends that have been so generous and gracious to us with gifts and help! We are getting down to the wire. We have just about 3 weeks now until she is born! Please continue to pray for us especially Hannah that she remains strong to withstand the pain and restless nights, and also for her faith. It's not in any way decreasing, but we have had some nights where we have been challenged, so please continue to lift us up in your prayers! Thank you all so much for your amazing support of this youth group and of the ministry that God is doing here at First Reformed Church! Remember if you ever need a hug this big ole teddy bear has got one for you!

Blessings,
Josh Lucas

Jokes with Josh:

Q-- How do you make holy water?

A -- You get regular water and you boil the devil out of it.



Please remember the following Weather Cancellations Procedure:
If there is NO school, or school is released early due to inclement weather, there will be NO WEDNESDAY Night activities. If the Cancellation is on Sunday, all services and activities will also be cancelled for the day.

Education Dates To Remember:

- **Sunday School and Wednesday Night Bible Classes are at their usual times for the month of February**

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!!

DISCOVERY CLASS

STARTS
FEBRUARY
10!!

You are invited to an 8 week class, lead by Pastor Luke, on who we are as a denomination, what we believe, the value of being a member and your faith story. We will talk about the confessions, creeds and some of the basic beliefs we have within our church and where we stand on certain issues. It will be a time to discover what being a part of this church is all about. We will discuss what it means to live your life for Jesus Christ. The class will be geared for Jr. High and High School students and anyone else who might be interested. There will be the option at the end of the class for anyone wishing to make Profession of Faith to do so if they haven't already done so.



Memorizing is messy and hard. Sometimes **you feel like you just can't!** It can be frustrating and sometimes you forget what you worked on. I am telling you this, not to talk you out of it (warm smile), but so when the difficulty hits your real everyday life, you won't be surprised. Knowing God's Word in a lasting way requires **discipline**, lots of it! We grow cold and hard without Him. The end of memorizing is always and only Jesus, the full joy of His presence. The Bible is a God-breathed word. It is alive, and we cannot live without it. Our souls are insatiably hungry, our throats parched with thirst. It is living bread we are longing to eat. It is living water we are longing to drink. It's not about knowledge. It's not about a check list. It's not about who can do the most. It is about Jesus. It is always about Jesus.

Feb. 3-9: "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men." Colossians 3:23, NKJV

Feb. 10-16: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Luke 12:34, KJV

Feb. 17-23: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13, NKJV

Feb. 24-Mar 2: "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19, KJV



PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

1. Stan and Gert Gaalswyk
2. Pray for our College Students
3. Pray for our Church
4. Gene and Renae Groen
5. Robert and Janice Groen
6. Lucille Groendyke
7. Clark Haken
8. Jurnea Harberts
9. Pray for our College Students
10. Pray for our Church
11. Lennis and Marvella Harberts; Britta, Uchan, Apiyo, Ahbea, Aysha
12. Ed and Jan Harskamp
13. Bill and LaDonn Hartzell
14. Wilma Hatting
15. Kevin and Twila Heemstra; Drew
16. Pray for our College Students
17. Pray for our Church
18. Lisa Heibult
19. Dwayne and Janice Heikes
20. Dan and Maureen Heilman; Luke, Amelia
21. Burt and Jan Henrichs
22. Rhonda Henrichs
23. Pray for our College Students
24. Pray for our Church
25. Derek and Ashley Heronimus; Kalen
26. Ken and Sandy Heronimus
27. Dale and Josie Herrboldt
28. Lana Hibma; Elizabeth

College Students:

Paige Hurlburt

Kaitlyn Bechler

Kalie De Boer

Keyana Gust

Jaden Abels

Madison Norman

Nick Buysman

Hunter DeJong

Hunter Rockman

Ryan Van Marel

Lars Ackerman

Meggan Block

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

- February 13
- February 27



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!!!



Mentor Mom Needed! Do you have a heart for the challenges that mothers of young children deal with daily? Mothers Together

is a faith based group that has met for over 20 years to support mothers. We are in need of a mentor mom whose role is to support the leaders of the group as they plan and organize the meetings plus to support the women who attend. Mothers Together meets twice a month October-May on Wednesday mornings. For more details contact Annette Janssen 712-461-0046. Is God tugging at your heart to make the call?

*Changing
LIVES...
Strengthening
FAMILIES*

- ♥ Maternity Home for Teens
- ♥ Parenting & Prenatal Education
- ♥ Mentor Moms



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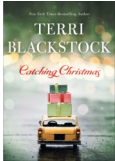
 **Baby
Bottle
Campaign**

FRC is participating in a Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Cherish Center. Baby Bottles are located on the table in the Fellowship Hall ready for you to pick one up. Your coins can make a difference in the lives of young mothers and their children. Please help change lives and strengthen families. Please return your bottles to the church by March 3rd.

The proceeds of this unique fundraiser will be used to help Cherish House

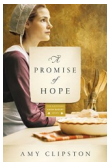
From the library--

Here it is time to write for the "February Newsletter" and that means even though the days are getting a little longer, the evenings are still long enough for settling down with a good book. We have a number of new arrivals that will be making an appearance in the library as the weeks go by. Some have already made an appearance.



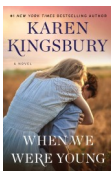
Even though Christmas has past CATCHING CHRISTMAS by Terri Blackstock was making the rounds in December and would still be a good read. Usually Terri's books are mystery/suspense novels but you will find this one quite different. It is not a thick book and will not take long to read.

We have obtained some of the books that are involved in a series. We had A PROMISE FOR MIRIAM the first book in the Pebble Creek Amish series. Now we also have A HOME FOR LYDIA and WEDDING FOR JULIA.



GIFT OF GRACE was the first book in the Kauffman Amish Bakery Series and now we have four more to bring that series to completion: A PROMISE OF HOPE, A PLACE OF PEACE, A LIFE OF JOY, and A SEASON OF LOVE.

Colleen Coble is a good author of mystery/suspense/romance all wrapped into one and we have the Lavender Tide Novels: THE VIEW FROM RAINSHADOW BAY-#1, LEAVING LAVENDER TIDES-#1.5, HOUSE AT SALTWATER POINT-#2. (LEAVING LAVENDER TIDES is designated as number 1.5 because it is a novella that fits in between novels #1 and #2.) Book number 3 - SECRETS AT CEDAR COVE is coming out soon. Watch for it to come to our library.



We also have the newest Karen Kingsbury book, Baxter Family #5, WHEN WE WERE YOUNG.

There are too many books to list them all so be sure to check the library regularly, you never know what gem you will find!

~~Jeannette Juffer

February Celebrations

~~Birthday's~~

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|---|--|---|
| 1 Dale Honken
Aiden De Zeeuw | 11 Ellie Klaassen | 17 Jacob Runia
Kendra De Boer |
| 2 Mark Dykstra
Hunter Rockman
Jim Ver Steeg | 12 Lana Hibma
Loren Hulstein
Jill Stevenson | 19 Danika de Boom |
| 3 Jenny Weg | 13 Michael Hulstein
Nancy Soat
Hattie Pietrzyk
Maranda Kuhl
Emma Boeke | 20 Eric Schiphoff |
| 4 Tessa Kleinwolterink
Dick Oldenkamp | 14 Brenda Michelson
Elesson (Papito)
Joseph | 21 Amy Van Marel
Jeannette Juffer
Riley Alexander |
| 5 Karen Jurgens
Michelle Ackerman | 16 Dianne Kass
Harold
Van Der Sloom
Jan Henrichs | 23 Daphne Bremer |
| 7 Ashilyn Hulstein | | 24 Ron Dykstra
Mariah Elser |
| 10 Keegan
Van Der Sloom
Terry Ackerman
Haiden Wielenga | | 26 Joe de Boom
Justin Van Tilburg |
| | | 27 Dave McDyer |
| | | 28 LaVonne Prins |
| | | (29) Connor Christensen |



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

~~Anniversaries~~

- 6 Harold and Lynn Schram -54 years
- 14 Ed and Leona Meendering -51 years
- 14 Burt and Jan Henrichs -44 years
- 15 Gary and Jessa Wolter -56 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

Jeremiah 20:13

Sing to the Lord! Give praise to the Lord! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked. (NIV)



Thoughts

With the greed and power struggle that is going on in the world today, we must stay focused on God. Politicians with their lies to take over, control and deceive, their fake lofty promises to rescue us from ourselves they are wicked my friends and at times we all seem helpless to defend against the criminals that were elected to represent us.

The war is on and it's real. However, as I read a note from a friend the other day he brought up this point, "I know how it ends," he said. "I skipped to the back of the book and we win!"

He was right you know, God tells us evil men will run out all just people. However in the end my friends, in the end, the righteous will be victorious. We have that promise from GOD!

Action Point

I have never been one to go along with the crowd. I stand on my own, reason on my own and look at the world around me.

Watch those who go along with the crowd, they want those false idols for one reason only. The reason is so that someone will provide the earthly things they all desire. All those desires will fade and become worthless with time. They live for the moment they live for the greed. They do not really live, they merely exist.

God has made us a better promise and one no man can ever live up to.

Sportsmen's Tip of the Day

Hunting takes on a whole new meaning when you involve kids. Deer, duck and pheasant hunting become so much better. Take a kid hunting and give him or her a memory to remember for life.

Trivia Time Answers!!!

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



Elder Meeting Highlights

January 21, 2019 6:00

- Vision 20/20 survey from General Synod council regarding options of continued unity in RCA, separation by some, or the formulation of assimilation classis.
- East Sioux Classis meeting at our church will be held March 12, 2019.
- MMSC to approve communion dates as recommended by the Worship Ministry Team for publication in church directory
- MMSC to permit Josh Lucas to provide pulpit supply on Easter Sunday to the Christian Reformed Church in Sibley, IA
- MMSC to adjourn following reading of the minutes by title only and following prayer by Dale Honken

Consistory Meeting Highlights

January 21, 2019 7:00

- Pastor Luke opened with devotions from TableTalk Magazine discussing the origins and history of the Reformed Church, its creeds, confessions, and standards of unity. He also discussed those questions facing the church today in relationship to the history of our denomination. He concluded devotions with prayer.
- Worship Ministry Team: MMSC to approve communion dates as recommended
- Youth Ministry Update was given by Josh Lucas: Topics discussed were “Defending the Faith” series; “Agape” Date Night including meal and a movie “Fireproof” to be held February 16, 2019; “Recharge” Retreat upcoming on March 8 and 9; synod of the Heartland youth events including a speaker named Colin Karchner and “Save the Kids” fireside night;
- Pastor Luke announced that he will not be coaching S-O Girls’ Softball.
- Vision Casting -- Pastor Luke asked for volunteers from the consistory to A) identify possible outside sources to assist us in a collaborative effort to change a complacent mindset. Scott Hulstein, Greg Kosters, Lawrence Wiersma, and Nathan Buysman agreed to work on this aspect. B) Formulate a plan and strategy for involving the congregation in prayer for the process. Dale Honken, Harold Ernst, and Clayton Wagenaar agreed to assist with the effort.
- Deacons’ reported that the church must be more disciplined with our finances. Reports and transparency must be studied and observed. Offerings are on a downward trend from the last three years. Written reports were reviewed and discussed. Concern about downward giving and attendance trends begging in summer were noted.
- MMSC to approve minutes
- MMSC to adjourn following prayer by Dale Honken

Why I Like Retirement !

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Two hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.



Sibley Ochedan Elementary Early Childhood Registration

CHILDREN AGE 4: If you have a child who will be (4) by September 15, 2019, and are interested in having him/her attend S-O elementary Preschool in the fall, please register by calling 712-754-3636

FIVE YEAR OLD CHILD: If you have a child who will be (5) by September 15, 2019, and are interested in having him/her attend Pre-K in the fall, please call to register your child at 712-754-3636.

KINDERGARTEN: If you have a child who will be (5) by September 15, 2019, and is not currently enrolled in the S-O Preschool or Pre-K programs, please call 712-754-3636 to register



Deadline for registration is Friday, February 15th

Trivia Time!!! Biblical Love Stories

1. Where does Jacob meet his future bride?

A) A Well B) A bar mitzvah C) A bonfire D) The Red Sea

2. Who gets Samson to reveal the secret of his strength?

A) Eve B) Jezebel C) Mary D) Delilah

3. Hosea once purchased his wife, Gomer, with what currency?

A) Silver B) Barley C) Wine D) All of the above

4. Who was Jezebel's husband?

A) Isaac B) Moses C) Ahab D) Omri

5. Which couple had a perfect marriage — at least at first?

A) Mary and Joseph B) Hannah and Elkanah C) Adam and Eve D) Ruth and Boaz

6. In his first letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul says love:

A) Protects B) Trusts C) Perseveres D) All of the above



ADRIAN & BERNARDETH BOBB-KELLY

Dear Friends,

You are a great blessing to this ministry. We are ever so thankful to God for each of you. As we approach the celebration on the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we want to express our most heart felt thanks and we pray that God's blessing be with each of you and your loved ones not only during this Christmas season but also throughout the coming year. This year we have been facing some challenges. River trips had to be postponed, training classes had to be changed and there has been the need to increase the amount of children who we are assisting at the feeding centers because the social and political situation had a negative impact on the economy of our country.

Here is a brief summary of some of our services offered this year: medical attention was given in four villages along the Rio Grande River. We attended 897 medical consultations. Training was provided to over 35 people from along the river. These people were midwives, pastors, and church and community leaders. As a result of these trainings they were able to provide various preventive activities in their communities such as cleaning tasks, providing health information in schools, churches and other community gatherings. They also provided preventive care to pregnant women and children.

The feeding centers in 19 de Julio and Beholden vicinity served over thirty thousand plates of food to children and teenagers. They do not only receive physical food for their body but they are also fed spiritually as well. We also require that they be enrolled for school and are going to school. At the Tabitha homes we had eight kids, two are college students, but last month two of the younger kids went to be with their relatives which is a response to a government program that is promoted in the country known as Loving Return (Retorno Amoroso).

In our scholarship program we had twelve kids receiving direct benefit from this program. This is the time of the year when we can also see the promotion of kids from one grade to another. With great joy we celebrate with them the mile stone they were able to achieve. Congratulations to Shayan and Luis from middle school to high school, Doribel from elementary to secondary and Roxana from college and is now working on her thesis. This is a special time to give thanks to God for the life of these young people and pray that they may grow stronger in faith and love for God.

Thank you for your continual support and please keep us in your prayers.





~~In Christ's Love, Adrian & Bernardeth



Love Word Search

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Find the hidden words.



K	Y	D	S	N	G	E	G	I	P	B	E	E	E	H
U	P	A	E	M	L	G	A	A	V	E	A	B	O	N
W	R	T	V	Q	F	P	R	R	J	A	T	P	W	E
U	E	I	E	Z	J	R	B	R	Z	R	E	O	P	Z
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N	E	B	L	B	Q	P	P	G	F	M	H	C	J	K
N	S	Q	E	K	E	R	S	A	V	P	P	R	P	X
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Y	N	K	U	I	O	R	I	J	E	A	L	O	U	S
R	E	I	T	R	D	J	O	N	F	L	C	G	V	K
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Z	P	Y	Z	D	A	S	R	R	R	L	S	R	A	W
Q	T	K	X	B	W	R	E	V	E	N	Y	Y	C	N

Is **PATIENT**

Is **KIND**

Is Not **JEALOUS**

Does Not **BRAG**

Is Not **ARROGANT**

Does Not Act **UNBECOMINGLY**

Does Not Seek Its **OWN**

Is Not **PROVOKED**

Does Not Take Into Account A
Wrong **SUFFERED**

Does Not Rejoice In
UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

REJOICES With The Truth

BEARS All Things

BELIEVES All Things

HOPES All Things

ENDURES All Things



World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. World Day of Prayer was founded on the idea that prayer and action are inseparable in the service of God's kingdom. Services begin at sunrise in the Pacific and follow the sun across the globe on the day of celebration. Each year a different country's committee serves as the writers of the World Day of Prayer worship service. And each year, we are called to action in response to the concerns raised by the writer country.

For more information, contact Luella Eggink or Jamie Hulstein.

World Day of Prayer

When: March 1, 2019 at 1:30pm

Where: Sibley First Reformed Church

Women, men, and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 1, 2019. This year, the women of the WDP Committee of Slovenia call us to worship considering the words "Come— Everything Is Ready." With these words as backdrop, we are invited to learn about Slovenia's history and rich cultural diversity. The women of Slovenia share their stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions, and experiences of God's profound love and acceptance. The focus is on Jesus' parable of the Great Dinner (in Lk. 14:15–24). One phrase in the worship service especially captures the ideas we will explore:

"Welcoming God, in your love, you have prepared a table for all, and you inspire us to open our hearts and homes to offer a place to the ones who are not yet at the table."

