

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy our First Annual Agape night. We enjoyed serving you and look forward to doing this event again in the future. Your support of the Youth Groups means so much to all of us. We were able to raise over \$3500 to go toward our Retreat, Mission Trip and Rocky!!



March at a Glance

- 1: 1:30 pm World Day of Prayer @ FRC
- 5: 7:00 pm Admin Team Meeting
- 6: 6:30 am Men's Lenten Breakfast at the United Congregational Church
 - 9:00 am Coffee with the Pastor
 - 2:00 pm FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services
 - 5-7pm Remnant Soup and Pie Supper
 - No Wednesday Night Bible Class/ Youth Groups
- 12: Classis will be meeting at FRC
- 13: 9:00 am Mothers Together meets
- 18: 9:00 am Faith Bible Study
 - 4:00 pm Patience Bible Study
 - 6:00 pm Elder/Deacon Meetings
 - 7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet
- 20: 6:30 am Men's Lenten Breakfast at the United Methodist Church
- 27: 9:00 am Mothers Together meets

***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

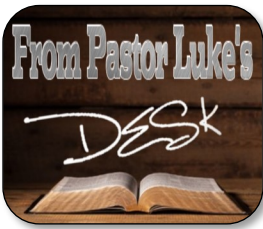
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It is always a tough call determining whether we should cancel church or not because of the ensuing weather. Of course, we are very concerned about people's safety and not wanting anyone to put themselves into a compromising situation when it comes to the weather. But with the blizzard and many of the school cancelations in the last month it got me thinking. Do we celebrate those cancelations or mourn them? When it comes to school I think most kids respond with a "yes" and a pumping of their fist, because it's a nice break from their somewhat unpleasant routine. I am also reminded of a child's great disappointment when something they long to do gets canceled. There is disappointment and even some sadness. We even have that as adults in some situations.

My question is, do we feel that same way about church being canceled? What attitude or mindset do we have with church. Is it something we look forward to or is it just a weekly routine? Do we look forward to the faces, relationships and time together with God or is it a feeling of something we "have" to do?

When church is canceled do we celebrate, or have a deep sigh of relief because we can now sleep in and do nothing for the day? Do we feel like it's a break from the routine? Are we sort of glad we didn't have to go? As I ask you these questions does it make you question the importance and value of the body of believers? Do you miss spending time with God in corporate worship?

As we finished our series on the Holy Spirit which I encourage you to watch on our Facebook link, I am reminded of our giftedness and the value that each gift has to comprise the entire body. Paul tells us, "We are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it". Personally, I love to see your faces and how you interact with other individuals on a day when we gather. I love the singing, getting into God's Word and giving God the glory He deserves and doing it together.

Even more than that I love the interaction between each other. The opportunities to listen, to encourage, to strengthen and to comfort. The opportunities to give a hug, shake a hand, and love on someone who is in need. I love seeing the opportunities to build each other up and the smiles and laughter that is created. Being together is an awesome thing!

It is hard for me to want to cancel Sunday's because I long to be part of the body. Would I get a break? Would it make my next week a little easier? Most definitely, but I enjoy our fellowship and am disappointed when we can't gather together. Sort of like having your trip canceled to Disneyland.

Often when I am visiting at the nursing homes I hear more than almost any other thing how those who are unable, miss the ability to go to church and be with the entire body. I pray that for each of you. We will do our best to keep everyone safe when we deal with inclement weather, but it would be my hope that you long for that joining together of the body. And can't wait until the next time we get together!

Blessings and Love,

Pastor Luke



Stewardship & Giving

Special offering for March: Hope Haven

Offering Summary through February 24th

General Fund: \$42,451.25;

Budget: \$279,866; 15% of budget

- Benevolent Fund: \$6,110;

Budget: 86,813.00; 7% of budget

- Building Fund offerings to date: \$275.00

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 Specialty Care needs items for bingo prizes: Little Debbie or other individually wrapped snacks and candy bars. Country View needs items for their general store: jewelry, small knick-knacks, shaving cream, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste & brushes, hard candies, etc.

Trivia Time!!! Moses in Egypt

- Which line of Israel's family bore Moses?
A) Levi B) Judah C) Benjamin D) Joseph
- Who adopted Moses?
A) The daughter of Pharaoh B) Moses' sister C) Zipporah D) Shiphrah
- Who was Moses' wife?
A) Zipporah B) Pharaoh's daughter C) Shiphrah D) Puah
- Each of these creatures plagued Egypt EXCEPT:
A) Flies B) Locusts C) Frogs D) Serpents E) Lice
- What did Aaron turn his rod into?
A) A sword B) A serpent C) A whip D) A hoe
- Which of these foods was NOT included in the Passover feast?
A) Lamb B) Bitter herbs C) Olives D) Unleavened bread

Cornerstone Service Greeters, 9 am



- 3:** West—Johanna Hielkema & Jeannette Juffer
Middle—Melissa Hisek and family
East—Cole and Kayla Hoekstra/family
- 10:** West—Dale and Karen Honken
Middle—Loren and Deb Hulstein
East—Mark Hulstein and Rosie Stubbe/family
- 17:** West—Michael and Chelsea Hulstein/family
Middle—Rod and Beth Hulstein
East—Scott and Jamie Hulstein/family
- 24:** West—Michael and Mary Hustoft
Middle—Roger and Carol Iedema
East—Jason and Gina Jacobsma/family
- 31:** West—John and Jan Juffer
Middle—Alan and Lacey Julius/family
East—Dennis and Dar Jurgens



9:00 am Nursery

- 3:** Kathy Verdoorn and Marcia Van Ruler
10: Jennifer and Ella Bruxvoort
17: Brenda and Alyssa Wassman
24: Tanya and Makya Dykstra
31: Amy Van Marel and Mary Hustoft

Sunday School Nursery



- 3:** Megan Loerts
10: Tami Tracy
17: Pam Vande Hoef
24: Peg Van Kley
31: Ruth Ann Wiersma



11:00 am Nursery

- 3:** Angie Ackerman and Amber Wielenga
10: Karen Honken and Amy Dykstra
17: Chrissy Ackerman and Heather Tangeman
24: Melissa De Boer and Melissa Langstraat
31: Kathy Runia and Abby Kreykes

Library Volunteers



- 3:** Alfreda Verdoorn
10: Kathy/Joel Verdoorn
17: Ruth Ann Wiersma
24: Jane Buysman
31: Marilyn DeBoer



Prayer With the Elders

10:00

- 3:** Lawrence Wiersma
10: Dale Honken
17: Bill Hartzell
24: Dr. Greg Kosters
31: Marlin Roelfs

12:00

- 3:** Marlin Roelfs
10: Duane Vande Hoef
17: Dick Oldenkamp
24: Harold Ernst
31: Lawrence Wiersma

March Willing Hands Group



Willing Hands Group #3

will be responsible for
services during the month.

Co-chairpersons are:

- **Jamie and Scott Hulstein**
- **Sandy and Dave Lamfers**

Fellowship Coffee Servers

- 3:** Scott and Jamie Hulstein
10: Roger and Carol Iedema
17: Greg and Deb Kosters
24: Charlie and Brenda Kuhl
31: Dave and Sandy Lamfers

Children and Worship Leaders/Helpers

Cornerstone Service 9:00 am

- 3:** Leader: **Deb Kosters**
 Helper: Alexis Hulstein
10: Leader: **Jamie Hulstein**
 Helper: Ashilyn Hulstein
17: Leader: **Deb Kosters**
 Helper: Family of Nora Fox
24: Leader: **Deb Kosters**
 Helper: Family of Addison McDyer
31: Leader: **Deb Kosters**
 Helper: Ashilyn Hulstein

Open Door Service 11:00 am

- 3:** Leader: **Deb Kosters**
 Helper: Family of Kalen Heronimus
10: Leader: **Deb Kosters**
 Helper: Family of Brynna Loerts
17: Leader: **Deb Kosters**
 Helper: Family of Logan Ver Steeg
24: Leader: **Deb Kosters**
 Helper: Elesson Joseph
31: Leader: **Deb Kosters**
 Helper: Family of Grace Hoekstra

After Church Greeters



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|--|---|---|
| 3: SE: Ken Loerts
C: Ed Meendering
SW: Dick Oldenkamp
BE: Pastor Luke
BW: Josh Lucas | 17: SE: Pastor Luke
C: Josh Lucas
SW: Cal Runia
BE: Bob Tiedeman
BW: Duane Vande Hoef | 31: SE: Harvey Van Ruler
C: Larry Verdoorn
SW: Pastor Luke
BE: Josh Lucas
BW: Lawrence Wiersma |
| 10: SE: Josh Lucas
C: Lyle Peelen
SW: Larry Riebeling
BE: Marlin Roelfs
BW: Pastor Luke | 24: SE: Paul Vander Linden
C: Pastor Luke
SW: Josh Lucas
BE: John Van Diepen
BW: Curt Van Kley | |

Bible Study Opportunities

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

Romans 15:4

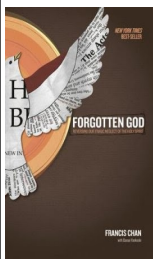


Faith Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, March 18 at 9:00 am** in the Library. Lesson leader will be Anita Ernst, with Jan Harskamp serving as hostess. We will study chapter #5 "The Battle Against Us," in Douglas Connelly's book, ANGELS. Scripture for the morning will be Ephesians 6:10-20. There is always room for more so join us!!

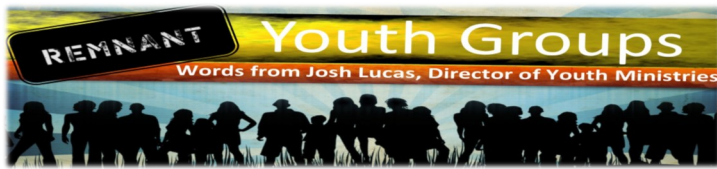
Patience Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, March 18 at 4:00pm**. We will continue the study, **Couples of the Old Testament** with lesson #3, "Isaac and Rebecca." The scripture for the morning is Genesis 24:26-67. Barb will lead and Leona will host.

Monday Evening Women's Bible Study, that meets weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Fireside Room, continue their study of 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. 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!



A quick peek as to why I didn't get my Newsletter article in.

Joanna Grace Lucas was born on February 20th at 12:04am at the Sheldon Sanford Medical Center. Joanna weighed 7 lbs 5 oz and was 20.5 inches long.



Jokes with Josh:

Q-- Why can't a parent change a light bulb?

A -- Because they don't make diapers small enough.



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 classes are at their usual times for the month of March**
- **No Wednesday Night activities on March 6 due to the Soup and Pie Supper**

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!!



You are invited to a

Pork Loin Meal Fundraiser

For the Cavell Van Westen Family

Sunday, March 10, from 11am to 1 pm

In the Sibley Senior Center
Located at 612 8th St, Sibley, IA

The meal will consist of grilled pork loin or hot dogs, cheesy potatoes, green beans, tea roll, dessert, coffee, lemonade & water. A freewill offering will be accepted for the family. Carryout is available (There will NOT be delivery.)

Silent auction items/bake sale will also be available at the fundraiser, with proceeds going to the family.

On June 26, 2018, Cavell was diagnosed with rectal cancer and has been bravely fighting this battle ever since.

If you are unable to attend but would like to donate, checks can be made to WeCare and mailed to P.O. Box 24, Sibley, IA 51249. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brad Willemssen at bwilly2611@gmail.com.

INSTEAD OF SAYING,

*"Lord, I don't know how
I am going to do this,"*

SAY,

*"Lord, I can't wait to
see how You do this!"*

52 Verses Weeks

The Reward is Eternal!

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

March 3: "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:19, KJV

March 10: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11, NIV

March 17: "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you." - Isaiah 26:3, ESV

March 24: "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." - James 1:5, ESV

March 31: "Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" - Psalm 107:8, KJV



PRAY FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

1. Johanna Hielkema

2. Pray for our College Students

3. Pray for our Church

4. Melissa Hisek; Sofia, Grace

5. Cole and Kayla Hoekstra; Amelia, Grace

6. Dale and Karen Honken; Sarah

7. Ken Huls

8. Loren and Deb Hulstein

9. Pray for our College Students

10. Pray for our Church

11. Mark Hulstein and Rosie Stubbe; Dawson, Walker

12. Michael and Chelsea Hulstein; Addison, Aubrey

13. Rod and Beth Hulstein

14. Scott and Jamie Hulstein; Ashilyn, Karissa, Alexis

15. Cody and Kristen Hurlburt; Braelyn
16. Pray for our College Students

17. Pray for our Church

18. Mike and Mary Hustoft

19. Roger and Carol Iedema

20. Jason and Gina Jacobsma; Jaden, Alyssa, Breanna

21. Kelly Jacobsma

22. Kay Jansen

23. Pray for our College Students

24. Pray for our Church

25. Elesson and Kelsey Joseph; Israel

26. Ashley Johnson; Jagger

27. Jeannette Juffer

28. John Juffer

29. Alan and Lacey Julius; Witten

30. Pray for our College Students

31. Pray for our Church

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
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

- **March 13**
- **March 27**



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?



March 10: Written in Stone
March 17: Rejected Stones
March 24: Sticks and Stones
March 31: Heart of Stone
April 7: Upon this Rock
April 14: Crying Stones
April 19: The Final Stone
April 21: Easter-He's Alive!!



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!!!



From the library--

This month I would like to tell you about the trilogy *Under Northern Skies* about immigrants from Norway. Imagine going to a new country to live and not being able to understand the language. Then you arrive in the new country only to find your sponsor, who is your uncle, very demanding and aunt an invalid in bed also very demanding. A bonus is that all three of the books are in "large print." Check out one of *Under Northern Skies* books or any other book today.

Under Northern Skies #1-THE PROMISE OF DAWN--Opportunities are scarce in Norway so when Rune and Signe Carlson receive a letter from Rune's uncle Einar Strand offering to loan them money for passage to America, Rune accepts. Signe is reluctant to leave her home, especially as she is pregnant with her fourth child, but Einar promises to give them land of their own, something they could never afford in Norway. Life in Minnesota is more difficult than Signe imagined. Uncle Einar and Aunt Gerd are hard demanding people and Signe and her family soon find themselves worked nearly to the bone to pay off their debt. Afraid they will never have the life they dreamed of, she begins to lose her trust in God. When the danger of the North Woods strike close to home, will she find the strength she needs to lead her family into the promise of a new dawn?

Under Northern Skies #2-A BREATH OF HOPE--With her young brother Ivar in tow, Nilda Carlson is on her way to America to join her older brother Rune and his family in the northern forests of Minnesota. While she sees this as a golden opportunity, she has enough experience in life to know it won't be easy. The transatlantic voyage itself proves to be an adventure and she hopes she will feel safe in her new home. Rune and Signe Carlson are thrilled that Nilda and Ivar are coming to Minnesota, but life on the Strand farm remains a struggle. Rune is trying to build a house for his wife and children, but Uncle Einar Strand, obsessed with his own ambitions, refuses to help. What's more, he forbids anyone from the community to step foot on his land, leaving Rune to toil on his own. When tragedy lays bare the truth behind Einar's anger and isolation the Carlsons and Strands will have to come together like never before to become a true family.

Under Northern Skies #3-A SEASON OF GRACE—Nilda Carlson's dreams are coming true. Though her first few months in America were difficult, her life now resembles the images that filled her daydreams in Norway. Together, she and her family work their farms and fell trees for lumber. Everything is finally going right. When Nilda is offered a job by a wealthy businesswoman in the nearby town of Blackduck, she can't believe her luck. Here is an opportunity to learn how to navigate the worlds of commerce and high society. But life in town comes with a catch, the man who tried to assault Nilda in Norway has arrive in Blackduck. He claims to have turned over a new leaf, but every time she sees him, her fears come flooding back. Can she learn to forgive him and move on, or will she always be stuck in the past. And can he truly be trusted?

Jeannette Juffer





Celebrations

~~Birthday's~~

- 1 Annie Langstraat
Heidi Saylor
- 2 Lydia Buysman
- 4 Luella Eggink
Pierce Julius
- 5 Faye Carda
Clint Klaassen
- 6 Blake Loerts
- 7 Sandy Heronimus
Darcy Martinez
- 8 Dee Baker
- 9 Marissa Heibult
- 10 Sofia Hisek
Mark Van Der Sloom
Bryan Verdoorn
- 11 John Mc Dougall
- 12 Tim Kruger
Jared Tiedeman
John Van Diepen, SR.
- 13 Elia Altoff
Hunter De Jong
Greg Tracy
- 14 Kevin Klaassen

15 Brianna Jacobsma

17 Abby Kreykes
Tate Marco

18 Josie Herrboldt
Addison Hulstein
Darlene Jurgens

19 Annette Janssen
Cory Maxwell
Dave Myers

20 Kayla Ackerman

23 Chelsey Alexander
Cole Hoekstra

24 Glenda De Boer
Brian Loerts

25 Nick Buysman
Mitch Kreykes

26 Mike Kraayenbrink

28 David Calsbeek

29 Norah Fox
Nash Loerts
Kim McDougall

30 Logan Bruxvoort
Alea Ross

31 Lynn Mulder

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

~~Anniversaries~~

- 6 Justin and Angie Van Tilburg-5 years
8 Bobby and Dee Baker-44 years
8 Mark and Kim Van Der Sloom-11 years
8 Joel and Angie Van Gelder-1 year
18 Ken and Sandy Heronimus-36 years
19 Ted and Eileen Schutte-6 years
20 Jason and Gina Jacobsma-15 years
21 Greg and Tami Tracy-10 years
30 Bob and Gladys Tiedeman-48 years
30 Mike and Amber Wielenga-1 year



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



Elder Meeting Highlights

February 18, 2019 6:00

- Pastor Luke opened the meeting with prayer then reported on the new members' class he is conducting.
- MS&C to permit use of the church fellowship hall and kitchen for a bridal shower for Kristen Witt on 5/4/19.
- The East Sioux Classis Meeting will be held at our church 3/12/19.
- Membership rolls were discussed.
- The constitutional questions were asked of the elders
- MS&C to approve the minutes as read.
- MS&C to adjourn following prayer by Duane Vande Hoef

Consistory Meeting Highlights

February 18, 2019 7:00

- Present: 7 elders, 7 deacons, Pastor Luke and Josh Lucas
- Devotions from Psalm 65:6 and prayer by Pastor Luke.
- Committee Reports were received.
- MS&C to increase the 2019 general fund budget line items \$3,491 to permit payments in excess of that previously budgeted to cover unforeseen health insurance increases for staff.
- Two proposed amendments to the bylaws were suggested, which will be presented for review and approval next month.
- MS&C to approve reserving Kelly's Catering of Hospers for the East Sioux Classis meeting 3/12/19 at our church.
- MS&C to approve the minutes as read.
- MS&C to adjourn following prayer by Duane Vande Hoef.



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

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

March 6 at 6:30 am

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Devotions by: First Baptist Church

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Host: First Reformed Church

Devotions by: Christian Reformed Church



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BRIAN & DONNA RENES

Reaching one more...

A few weeks ago I traveled to South America and while there attended a very special celebration. Moments and images from the evening are etched in my memory. Flowing banners welcomed each guest. Ushers scrambled as in a relay race to seat a thousand visitors. Folk music filled the auditorium. The atmosphere was electric and you could sense the excitement... the anticipation. It almost felt like a wedding, but there was no bride, nor groom. The celebration was for the arrival of a special book... God's Word for the Suriname Javanese people.

When I arrived that evening I looked around the auditorium thinking I would see Bibles stacked on tables, ready for distribution. There were a few tables but one was for the guest book and others had water bottles. Maybe the Bibles were hidden behind or under the tables. I began to wonder, did the shipment of Bibles arrive in time for this dedication? (most are printed in South Korea and cross the ocean in cargo ships) As the service started, I asked the person sitting next to me, "Do you see any Bibles? I don't see any." The celebration began with introductions, music and worship. A few shared about the history of the translation project and those who were involved in the project were recognized. Then about one hour into the service the printed program said that it was time for the dedication. Again I wondered, where is the Bible?

The lights went down. The music stopped. Everyone stood up as a spotlight drew our attention to the far corner of the auditorium. The silence became reverent. All eyes were fixed on an older man and woman as they entered the auditorium, both carrying a single book. Nearing the crowd, the older couple handed the book to a young man and woman. Approaching the center aisle, they handed it to a young boy and young girl who slowly came down the aisle, each holding a side. It was a Bible, the first copy of the Suriname Javanese Bible. It was beautiful. They carefully handed the Bible to a pastor who began a time of prayer and dedication. Others shared in the dedication and special copies were given to the translators.

After the service the tables had stacks of Bibles (whew) and I saw many walking away with not just one copy but most left with four or five Bibles. I wonder how many hours were spent in subsequent days exploring the Bible, amazed to be reading it, from beginning to end in their own language. Pray for them as they transition from always reading or hearing God's Word in other languages to now reading the Bible in their own heart language. Another Bible... another language...

Your partners in mission,
Brian and Donna Renes



Cipher Key:

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Decipher this code to find the Bible verse:

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“Springtime is the
land awakening.
The March winds are
the morning yawn.”

—LEWIS GRIZZARD



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Fishers of Men

Jesus' Disciples

Draw a line from the disciple's name to the statement about him.

Peter



a tax collector

Andrew



son of Zebedee and
brother of James

James



also called Didymus

John



brother of John

Philip



his name means “rock”

Matthew



betrayed Jesus

Thomas



son of Alphaeus (also
called “the Less”)

James



Peter's brother

Simon



he brought Nathanael to
Jesus

Judas



a Canaanite, also called
Zelotes

Here are some Bible passages to help you.

Matthew 4:18–21; 10:2–4 (niv); 16:17–18

Mark 3:14–19

John 1:43–51; 11:16

Acts 1:13

Which two names are missing from the list? _____

80X		3	5-		2÷
	11+		1-		
9X	2	3-		30X	
		11+		2÷	
6	8X		13+		8+
10X				1	

First Reformed Church Soup and Pie Supper

When: Wednesday, March 6
5-7 pm

Where: First Reformed Church
1010 6th Street; Sibley, Iowa



Serving:
Chili

Vegetable
Chicken



Split Pea
And BBQ's



Assorted Pies & Desserts

**Carryout's available.
Call 754-2783**

All Proceeds go to our High School Remnant Youth
Group to help offset the cost of our Retreat,
Mission Trip and Rocky Mountain High.
We thank you for your support!

This is one of the orchid
species named flower of the
holy spirit. It starts blooming
during pentecostal period
once a year. Before bloom, it
looks like praying saints,
when the flower blooms, it
looks like a flying dove. How
amazing is God's Creation!



SIX LITTLE STORIES

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.
That's FAITH.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them.
That's TRUST.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up.
That's HOPE.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.
That's CONFIDENCE.
5. We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children.
That's LOVE.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old. I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.'
That's ATTITUDE.

Have a happy day and live your life like the six stories.

When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment...Now it's like a mini vacation.

