

GOD SHOWS HIS
LOVE FOR US
THAT WHILE
WE WERE STILL
SINNERS
CHRIST DIED FOR US
{romans 5:8}

February 2018
First Reformed Church

The Newsletter

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

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Life Groups

Life is Better Together

- ◇ **Community Grief Support Group** will be meeting at 5:30 pm at The Lantern on Thursday evenings for 8 weeks beginning January 18th.
- ◇ **A Study on Philippians** will begin on Wednesday, February 7th at the Lantern. It will run from 6:30-7:30 pm.
- ◇ **Mentor/Growth Groups** will begin their 18 month journey, Friday, February 2. These groups can be made up of many different pairings. For example they can be a new believer matched up with a seasoned believer, a new parent with another new parent. Maybe you would just like to have an accountability partner to help deepen your biblical understanding and strengthen your faith. Maybe you are a grandparent and want to deepen your bond with your grandchild. The combinations are endless...it is totally up to you. If you are interested in being part of a group please see the information center and get signed up. You can sign up as an individual or as a pre-arranged group.
- ◇ **More Opportunities to Come!** Be on the look out for one or two more opportunities in mid February – March to help you continue to grow in your faith and in your relationships with God and each other.

February at a Glance

- 4: Communion Sunday
- 7: Coffee With the Pastor
- 11: Youth Sunday at Both Services
- 14: 9:00 am Mothers Together
- 18: 1:30 pm Easter Cantata
Practice for anyone MS-Adult
- 19: 9:00 am Faith Bible Study
 - 4:00 pm Patience Bible Study
 - 6:00 pm Elder / Deacon Meetings
 - 7:00 pm Full Consistory
- 25: 1:30 pm Easter Cantata
Practice for anyone MS-Adult
- 28: 9:00 am Mothers Together

*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 G.1-5
- 6:30-7:15 pm MS Remnant
- 7:15-8:30 pm HS Remnant

*Life Groups:

- Thursdays at 5:30 pm:
Grief Support Group *at the Lantern*
- Wednesdays at 6:30 pm: A Bible Study on Philippians *at the Lantern*
- Friday Feb 2 Mentor/Growth Groups will begin. See Kiosk to get signed up.

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Words from Pastor Luke

One of the biggest convictions I have as we move through this year is to push each one of you to get involved and grow your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. God has so much more for you when it comes to experiencing the fullness of Christ. He wants to bring you joy, He wants you to love Him more, He wants to use your giftedness and He wants you to serve. I want to be upfront and honest. For some of you, this will not affect or bother but for others this might irritate and make you a little mad.

There are a lot of people within our congregation that are thirsty but are refusing to drink. On the first Sunday of the year I used the old saying “You can lead a horse to water but you cannot make him drink”, to challenge you to start drinking in your relationship with Christ so that you might thirst no more. We are allowing Satan to distract us from what life is really about. We commit countless hours, time and energy to things other than our spiritual growth. We actually find excuses as to why we don’t have time to grow, learn, use our gifts and get involved. There is always something more pressing than growing our faith, serving the church, and listening to God.

This year I want you to wake up and quench your thirst. In Ephesians 5:14-16:

¹⁴This is why it is said: “ Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

We need to make the most of every opportunity when it comes to knowing and experiencing Christ. Are you doing that?

Once again think about these opportunities. A grief support group. A bible study on the book of Philippians. A one on one mentoring/mentoree opportunity. Future young couple’s groups and more. We have mission trip opportunities to Romania, in the fall maybe Haiti, and this summer Houston. We have teaching opportunities and areas in which you can serve. I’m sure as we go throughout the year there will be even more.

One other opportunity to highlight right now. If you like to sing this one if for you. This Easter for our morning service we are going to do a musical/cantata. We would love to have a choir of 30-40 to celebrate this day. The musical is called “I am God” and celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will be holding practices Sunday afternoons for 6 weeks, starting February 18 from 1:30-2:30 pm. We would love ages junior high and above to sing with us. I am sure you will find blessing in using your giftedness in music. Even I am going to sing and be a part of this special Sunday presentation.

Personally, I think it is time for you to drink and quench your thirst. You know if you eventually don’t drink you die. Just a thought.



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

Come join Pastor Luke
(and Brenda) for coffee
at 9 am on February 7th.

We would love to see you all!

1 Thessalonians 5:11(NLT)
*So encourage each
other and build each other
up, just as you are al-
ready doing.*



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!!!



**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!!

January Schedule:

- February 14 at 9:00 am
- February 28 at 9:00 am

Trivia Time!!!

- 1. What is the Greek name for the first five books of the Bible?**
A. No specific name given B. Deuteronic Books C. Torah D. Pentateuch
- 2. How many tribes of Israel lived on the East side of the Jordan River?**
A. 0 B. 5 C. 2 D. 3
- 3. How many campaigns did Joshua fight against the people of Canaan?**
A. 2 B. 5 C. 4 D. 3
- 4. The events of the book of Joshua span how many years?**
A. 20 B. 30 C. 50 D. 75
- 5. How many days should the trip in the desert have taken the Nation of Israel to finish?**
A. 20 B. 1 year C. 11 D. 40

KEEP
YOURSELVES
IN THE LOVE OF
GOD.

JUDE 1:21



Cornerstone Service Greeters for February, 9 am



4: West-Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn
Middle-Brent and Brenda Wassman/family
East-Joel and Kathy Verdoorn

18: West-Kody and Rachel Wills/family
Middle-Gary and Jessa Wolter
East-Charlie and Brenda Ackerman/family

11: West-AJ and Jenny Weg
Middle-Lawrence and Ruth Ann Wiersma
East-Ryan Wiersma & Paul Feldkamp

25: West-Dean and Michelle Ackerman
Middle-Derek and Megan Ackerman
East-Mitch and Angie Ackerman/family



9:00 am Nursery February

4: Ashley Heronimus and Diane Langstraat
11: Kim and Alex Mc Dougall
18: Pam Vande Hoef and Jill Boeke
25: Lesa Stofferan and Jodene Kruse



11:00 am Nursery February

4: Chrissy Ackerman and Heather Tangeman
11: Melissa and Kalie De Boer
18: Kathy Runia and Abby Kreykes
25: Wendy and Jahlyn De Jong

Sunday School Nursery for February

4: Sandy Lamfers
11: Megan Loerts

18: Tami Tracy
25: Luella Eggink



Men's Bible Study, who meets every Sunday morning in the west end of the Fellowship Hall, is continuing with their new book entitled 24 Hours That Changed the World, by Adam Hamilton. "The aim of this

book is to help you better understand the events that occurred during the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life, see more clearly the theological significance of Christ's suffering and death, and reflect upon the meaning of these events for your life." Hope to see you there on Sunday!

February Library Volunteers

4: Jan Henrichs
11: Beth Hulstein
18: Jamie Hulstein
25: Mary Hustoft



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8	7	1	2	6	5	9	4	3

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Answers for Sudoku Puzzles

Coffee Servers for February



4: Roger and Carol Iedema
11: Scott and Jamie Hulstein

18: Charlie and Brenda Kuhl
25: Ken and Wilma Loerts



Children and Worship Leaders/Helpers for February

Cornerstone Service 9:00am

4: Leader: Deb Kosters
Helper: Family of Olivia Daiker
11: Leader: Deb Kosters
Helper: Jeannette Juffer
18: Leader: Jamie Hulstein
Helper: Family of Grace Hoekstra
25: Leader: Deb Kosters
Helper: Ashlyn Hulstein

Open Door Service 11:00 am

4: Leader: Deb Kosters
Helper: Family of Hadlie Town
11: Leader: Deb Kosters
Helper:
18: Leader: Deb Kosters
Helper:
25: Leader: Deb Kosters
Helper:



Women's
Bible Study



Faith Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, February 19 at 9:00 am** in the Library. Leader: Phyllis Vander Linden; Hostess: Jeannette Juffer. Come join us as we discuss, Lesson 8, "The Long Way Home," from the book 1&2 Peter And Jude. Scripture for the morning is 2 Peter 1:1-11. What is the way to Heaven? Is it by faith in Christ's gift of salvation? Or by our own endurance with God until the day we die? Weighty issues and with them Peter opens his second letter. We would be glad to have you join us.

Patience Bible Study, who also meets every third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, February 19 at 4:00 pm** in the church Library. We will be studying Lesson 7, "The Beautiful Judgement of God," from the book End Times by R. Paul Stevens. If you are interested in joining this study, please let Barb Van Diepen know and she will get you a book.

Monday Evening Bible Study meets weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. The group is studying Chase—Chasing After the Heart of God by Jennie Allen. By studying the Life and Psalms of David we will see how David spent his life chasing after God. Please join us as we too learn how to chase after God and learn what God wants from us. If you would like more information on this study please contact Annette Janssen.

After Church Greeters for February



4: SE: Pastor Luke
C: Josh Lucas
SW: Henry Fisher
BE: Stan Gaalswyk
BW: Lennis Harberts

18: SE: Dan Janssen
C: Dr. Greg Kusters
SW: Pastor Luke
BE: Josh Lucas
BW: Arnie Langstraat

11: SE: Ed Harskamp
C: Pastor Luke
SW: Josh Lucas
BE: Bill Hartzell
BW: Dale Honken

25: SE: Ken Loerts
C: Ed Meendering
SW: Dick Oldenkamp
BE: Pastor Luke
BW: Josh Lucas

Elders in the Prayer Room for February



10:00 am

12:00 pm

4: Lennis Harberts **18:** Dick Oldenkamp
11: Duane Vande Hoef **25:** Marcus De Boer

4: Lawrence Wiersma **18:** Bill Hartzell
11: Dale Honken **25:** Heath De Jong

February Faith In Action:



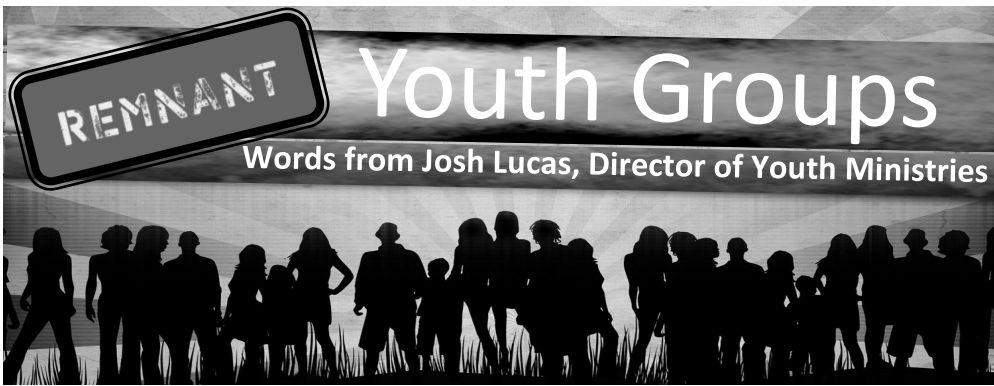
SHOW WHAT IT
 "LOOKS" LIKE TO BE A
 CHRISTIAN BY DOING A
 RANDOM ACT OF KIND-
 NESS FOR SOMEONE.

Listen with your heart Visit a sick friend
 Clean a neighbor's walk Offer a hug
 Give an unexpected gift Make a new friend
 Pick up litter Say "hello" Open a door
 Plant a tree Help carry a load Share a snack
 Cheer up a friend Thank a teacher or mentor
 Read to a young child Lend a hand Do a kind act daily
 Leave a thank you note Offer your seat
 Cycle courteously BE TOLERANT Let another go first
 Bake cookies to share Give a compliment
 Help a student make friends Donate your gently used items
 Give a balloon away Lend a pencil Respect others



February Willing Hands Group

Willing Hands Group
#2 will be responsible
 for services during the
 month of **February**.
 Co-chairpersons are:
 Luella and Harold Eg-
 gink and
 Darcy and
 Frank Martinez.

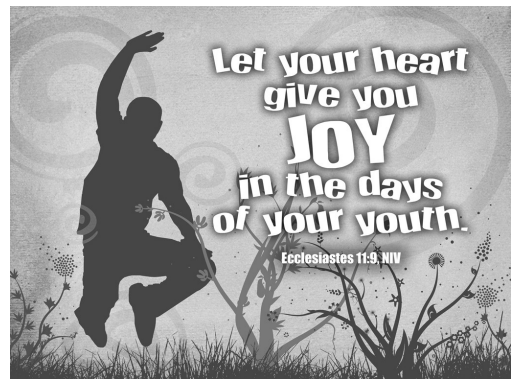


Happy New Year! I have a feeling that 2018 is a going to be a good one! I just hope and pray that you all have one too! I have this feeling, because of all the exciting things the youth group has coming up! The Junior High just finished their Papa Murphy's Pizza fundraiser which brought in over \$1,500! Thank you all so much for your support! It is definitely something that we will do again! Coming on March 7th is the youth group's Soup and Pie Supper! We are really looking forward to that. The Junior High is heading to Power Connection in July! We recently held a Parent/Student meeting to talk about the event, and the details. If you missed the meeting or would like more information on Power Connection, please contact me. The high school is going to Houston for a mission trip where we will be doing hurricane relief work! Finally, there are going to be upcoming fun and wacky fundraisers! Be ready for a fun and wild ride!

I feel I have been slowly becoming a true Iowan. However, during the week of January 12th- January 19th I believe I truly became one. I felt this way because I was infected with the Influenza virus during that time! I have to say it was the suckiest virus I have ever had. I have had stomach flu, the flu, colds, I have even had a risk of kidney failure, but none of that compares to how miserable I was over that last week! Therefore, I feel I have now become an official member of the Iowa family! I feel stronger than ever! I am thankful that Hannah did not get the virus, and that no one else got the virus from me. Stay warm and stay healthy!

Lastly, the youth group is currently in a new study. We are studying the book of 1 Kings. We are going to go through the entire books of 1 and 2 Kings. If you are reading this article, and your child is in the youth group, the sponsors and I would love if you and your child are discussing what they learned at youth group. We want to make sure that the students are actually taking something away from youth group every week. If you would like to know what we are studying ahead of time please let me know, and I will make sure to get you the scriptures every week. For now, that is all of the big things happening here, but remember if you ever need a hug this big ole teddy bear has one for you!

~~Lots of Love,
Josh



Jokes with Josh: How long did Cain hate his brother?

Answer: As long as he was Abel.



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.**

February Education Dates To Remember:

- Regular days and times for All Sunday School Classes
- Regular times for All Wednesday Night Bible Classes



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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READ
— THROUGH —
THE BIBLE IN
365 Days
CHALLENGE

Here is your February edition of the 365 day challenge. During 2018, we will be printing a list of scriptures that will take you from beginning to end — Chronologically. Maybe reading the Bible this way is new for you, or maybe you have used this style before. Either way, it is a fun way to work your way through the best book ever written.

We hope you enjoy your
365 Day Challenge!

February 1
Exodus 7-9

February 8
Exodus 28-29

February 15
Leviticus 8-10

February 22
Leviticus 26-27

February 2
Exodus 10-12

February 9
Exodus 30-32

February 16
Leviticus 11-13

February 23
Numbers 1-2

February 3
Exodus 13-15

February 10
Exodus 33-35

February 17
Leviticus 14-15

February 24
Numbers 3-4

February 4
Exodus 16-18

February 11
Exodus 36-38

February 18
Leviticus 16-18

February 25
Numbers 5-6

February 5
Exodus 19-21

February 12
Exodus 39-40

February 19
Leviticus 19-21

February 26
Numbers 7

February 6
Exodus 22-24

February 13
Leviticus 1-4

February 20
Leviticus 22-23

February 27
Numbers 8-10

February 7
Exodus 25-27

February 14
Leviticus 5-7

February 21
Leviticus 24-25

February 28
Numbers 11-13

FEBRUARY PRAYER LIST

BE A
Prayer
WARRIOR
1 John 2:1, 26

Pray For God's People

- 1: Carl Berkenpas
- 2: Mike and Andrea Block; Megan, Michaela, Michael Jr.
- 3: Pray for our College Students
- 4: Pray for our Church
- 5: Troy and Meggan Block; Halle, Brady, Kolby
- 6: Travis and Jill Boeke; Emma
- 7: Jerry and Sylvia Bosma
- 8: Tom and Jennifer Braun; Rylan, Tate, Kohen
- 9: Tammy Breitweiser; Andrea
- 10: Pray for our College Students
- 11: Pray for our Church
- 12: Daphne Bremer; Dalten; Tayler
- 13: Randy Bremer
- 14: Marlys Brink
- 15: Jerrad and Tracee Brouwer; Grant, Carter, Madison
- 16: Jamie and Jennifer Bruxvoort; Kailey, Brayden, Logan, Ella
- 17: Pray for our College Students
- 18: Pray for our Church
- 19: Larry and Jane Buysman
- 20: Nathan Buysman; Nick, Lydia
- 21: Dave and JoAnn Calsbeek
- 22: Margaret Calsbeek
- 23: Levi and Kira Christensen; Connor
- 24: Pray for our College Students
- 25: Pray for our Church
- 26: Tom and Ruth Dage; Parker
- 27: Jamiey Gaalswyk; Elliot, Olivia
- 28: Dale and Marilyn De Boer

College Students:

Lars Ackerman

Meggan Block

Peyton Chrichton

Britta Harberts

Andrea Meyer

Garrett Sayler

Makayla Tangeman

Colby Wagenaar

Collin Van Diepen

Adam Ackerman

Kailey Bruxvoort

Josh Wagenaar

Evan Mehls

Lexi Ackerman

Sarah Honken

Jena Van Marel

Alecia Martinez

Ignacio Romero

Devan Vander Veen

Owen Wiese

Brooke Block

Hannah Lucas

Be joyful in hope, patient in
affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

February Celebrations

~~*Birthdays*~~

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



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

~~*Anniversaries*~~

- 6 Harold and Lynn Schram -53 years
- 14 Ed and Leona Meendering -50 years
- 14 Burt and Jan Henrichs -43 years
- 15 Gary and Jessa Wolter -55 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 Verses

Matthew 6:26

Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? (NASB)



Thoughts

Jesus' point here is not that we stop sowing, reaping, and gathering. This would be the laziness of a fool. His point is that we stop worrying about it and trust God for His provision.

God's provision through His creation is one of the ways He makes Himself known to all people. Read Psalm 19 and Romans 1:20.

As Christians, trusting God for His provision grows our faith, and also makes Him known. It is part of our witness to a lost and dying world.

(Randy E)

Action Point

For the Christ Follower, this is a matter of belief and trust. In other words, believing is trusting.

Our spiritual growth essentially boils down to how we answer one question the Lord will ask us again and again as we walk through His world, "Will you trust Me?" A "Yes!" answer makes all the difference!

Sportsman's Tip of the Day

God's provision is a guarantee; but we often have to work to see the reality. Hard work still pays dividends. Even in hunting and fishing as in any sport, great reward is usually the result of great effort. Time for good preparation may be the wisest investment of all!



MILESTONES
WORTH CELEBRATING!

**Congratulations to
Ed and Leona
Meendering**
who will celebrate their
50th Wedding
Anniversary
February 14.



If you would like to have your "Milestone" published in our Newsletter please let the office know. Thanks!

From the library--

If you have never looked at the DVD's in the library, now is the time to do so with the long winter evenings. Following are synopsis from a number of what the library has to offer.

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY:

HEAVEN IS FOR REAL recounts the true story of a small town father who must find the courage and conviction to share his son's extraordinary life-changing experience with the world.

MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN based on the incredible true story of the Beam family. After Anna has a freak accident, an extraordinary miracle unfolds in the wake of her dramatic rescue that leaves medical specialists mystified, her family restored and their community inspired.

FOR OLDER CHILDREN, TEENS AND THEIR FAMILIES:

GOD'S NOT DEAD When an atheist Philosophy plans to forgo "dusty arguments" in his class, he insists the new students declare that "God is dead." Unable to do this, Josh is challenged to defend his faith and prove to the class that GOD'S NOT DEAD.

GOD'S NOT DEAD 2 When high school history teacher Grace Wesley is asked a question about Jesus in class, her reasoned response lands her in deep trouble. The ensuing epic court case could expel God from the classroom—and the public square—once and for all!

THE CASE FOR CHRIST Based on a true-life story, Lee Strobel works to disprove the growing Christian faith of his wife. As an investigative journalist, he chases down the biggest story of all time, with unexpected, life-altering results

***Be sure to check the small book case right around the corner of the west library door to see what else is offered. There are more family movies and a number of "Veggie Tales" and other children's movies. We ask that you check them out for a week at a time and be sure to return them in the case.

First Reformed Church Presents:

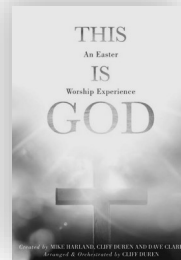
"This Is God"

Easter Cantata

Sunday

April 1, 2018

at 10:00 am



As we prepare our Easter Cantata, the choir would like to invite anyone in the congregation who is interested in singing, to join us. It does not matter if you have never joined us before. This is also not a long term commitment.

Practice will begin on Sunday, February 18 at 1:30pm. If you have any questions please contact Peg Van Kley. We are looking forward to a great turn out with many voices!!!

Trivia Time Answers!!!

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

New for 2018



By now the new 2018 Phone and Address Directory is in your hands. If you have browsed through it you may have come across the instructions to access this directory on line. This is a new feature we hope many people will find useful and convenient. If you would like to view our church e-directory here is our link: www.servantkeeper.com/directory/sibleyfrc. Once there you will need to put the church password in. The password is **SibleyFRC** This is not an app. If you would like quick access to this page, simply bookmark it to your phone's home screen or computer desktop.

After logging into the directory you will find a link toward the bottom of the page saying "Manage My Family Info". This is where you would go to make changes to your account profile, such as address, phone numbers, email address and even update your picture.

In order to access the "Manage My Family Info" page you will need to receive an invitation from no-reply@servantpc.com in your email account. This email will be sent though the church office and not from servant keeper. If you would like to be able to access your family information please let the office know and we will get an invitation sent to you. Once you get your invitation, follow the link in the email to create your own username and password. This username and password is for your use only. It will be the information you will need to access the Member Portal. Here is an example of what the email will look like:

Hi, _____ & _____,
First Reformed Church has given you access to manage your family profile online.
To get started follow this link [Manage My Family](#) where you can create a password and login today.

Once logged in, you will be able to view and edit your family and individual profiles. Be sure to bookmark this page for easy access to your family profile anytime. If you think this email is a mistake, or don't wish to receive any more invitations, contact First Reformed Church at sibleyfrcoffice@gmail.com.

Our goal of making the e-directory is to improve communication with our Congregational Members. If at any time you have any questions about how this all works, please feel free to ask the office.

Meet Our



Missionaries

Jeff and Chelsea Lampen

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, from the comparatively close town of Orange City, Iowa! It has been wonderful to be close to family as we prepared for and welcomed our second child, Caspian Kharis Lampen. Caspian was born on October 3 at 11:45 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 12 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. Chelsea and the baby were both healthy, praise God, and Caspian continues to be quite the little eater! Lorelei, at 4 years old, has proven herself to be a wonderful little helper for us and dearly loves her little brother. She has also fallen in love with her teachers and classmates at her preschool here in town!

Our current plan is to remain in the United States through the holiday season while Chelsea and Caspian continue to become better able to travel back home to Romania. In the meantime, we continue to enjoy meeting with churches and individuals to update them on our work in Romania, while also planning for events in the coming year and continuing in the development of the Credo IMPACT youth group curriculum.

Many key steps have been taken in the last several months with Credo IMPACT. If you could use a refresher, this is a program that aims to help young people in churches throughout Romania develop into the people God has called them to become. Credo IMPACT addresses many practical areas of life through engagement with scripture and the rich stories of the history of the church. By using non-formal educational tools like story-telling and community service-learning projects, together with prayer and scriptural engagement, we hope to help young people discover ways to connect their faith to topics like diversity, environmental care, and standing against corruption. My co-worker, Father Adi Albet, was able to lead another training in these methodologies for a group of priests a number of weeks ago, while I was able to attend a conference in Cambridge with Evangelical and Orthodox leaders from around the world on the topic of theological education and communication between our two traditions. Meanwhile, my supervisor, Dana Bates, has been arranging a meeting with the patriarch of the Romanian Orthodox Church (the spiritual head of around 17 million Romanians) to advocate for these kinds of approaches to spiritual formation in young people. One exciting new development for the program is the upcoming addition of Andreea Baltaretu as our new Program Manager – using her own theological education and relationships within the Orthodox church, she will be building on the curriculum framework that I've prepared and taking the reins of Credo IMPACT with the hope of expanding the current network of churches and youth. Andreea's new role with Credo IMPACT frees me to be able to join Chelsea in another transition that awaits us in 2018.



Due to some personnel changes within the New Horizons Foundation, Chelsea and I will be taking on the roles of coordinators of the study abroad program for 2018. This is a crucial role for the organization that interfaces with learners from the United States, organizing and leading groups through experiences that broaden their understanding of what it's like to live and worship in a new setting and theological tradition. We also continue to look forward to the opportunity to welcome church groups to continue constructing the new Viata youth camp, as well as leading Bible studies and providing spiritual care for members of the staff and community. This coming year, we expect to receive groups from New York, Iowa, Texas, and Pennsylvania, as well as individuals from throughout the region.

Given the changes that we've experienced in the past few weeks (hello Caspian!) and those we continue to look forward to in the coming months, we ask that you pray for this time of transitions and adjustments, that we would adapt and work together to glorify God. We ask for prayers for Caspian, that he would continue to grow healthy and strong and that we might display the love of Christ to him. We pray for all those who we will welcome to Romania in the coming year, that the Holy Spirit might work through us to deepen others' knowledge and love for God. And we continue to pray that we might follow God's will in all things.

In Christ,

Jeff, Chelsea, Lorelei, and Caspian



Lampens' Ministry

Jeffery and Chelsea Lampen have been appointed to serve in Romania, a new field for the RCA. They work with the New Horizons Foundation, an outreach to youth in Romania. Jeffery spent one year serving the Roma in Hungary, with the Hungarian Reformed Church, and Chelsea spent three months in Romania serving and getting to know New Horizon's work with youth through educational and community development models of engagement.



**Consistory Meeting
January 15, 2018**

**Elders Meeting
6:00 pm**

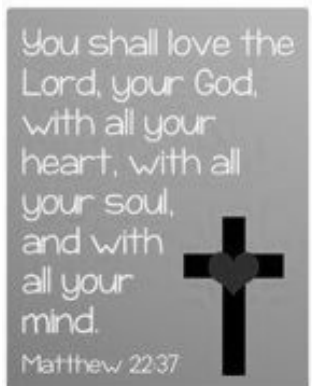
6 present, a quorum

6. Pastor Luke opened the meeting with prayer.
7. MMSC to approve baptism of Jada Ann Wills daughter of Kody and Rachel Wills.
8. The Constitutional question was asked and discussion was held about those in need of spiritual care.
9. MMSC to approve church use for Arnie and Diane Langstraat for use of the church Fellowship Hall and Kitchen on November 22, 2018.
10. MMSC to approve church use for Tillie Rook on July 14, 2018 for the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen from 9 am- 5 pm.
11. A special Elder's meeting has been schedule for January 30, at 6:30 pm.
12. MMSC to adjourn meeting following prayer by Duane.

**Consistory Meeting
7:15 pm**

14 present, a quorum

13. Pastor Luke opened with devotions from Psalm 15 and then offered prayer.
14. Various ministry team reports were given.
15. Worked on consistorial report to be given to Classis.
16. Information was shared about the FRC visitation Team.
17. The Church by-laws were reviewed and discussed.
18. Discussion was had on how we as a Consistory of FRC will handle disputes biblically based on Matthew 18:15-17.
19. Treasurer's Reports were given.
20. There was no Deacon business to discuss.
21. MMSC to approve reading of minutes.
22. MMSC to adjourn meeting following prayer by Marcus.



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Famous Men of the Old Testament

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BAALAM	JOSHUA
CAIN	JUDAH
CALEB	LEVI
CYRUS	LOT
DANIEL	MORDECAI
DARIUS	MOSES
DAVID	NATHAN
ELIJAH	NEHEMIAH
ELISHA	NOAH
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ISHMAEL	SIMEON

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Psalm 35

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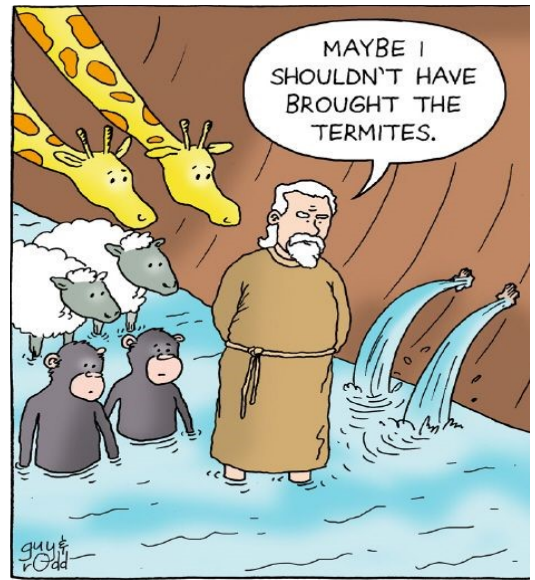
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Dear friends,
let us *love* one another,
for *love* comes from *God*.

Everyone who *loves* has been
born of GOD and knows GOD.

1 John 4:7

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Give thanks
to the Lord
for He is good;
HIS
Love endures forever.
Psalm 107:1