

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



In the Spotlight

MISSIONS SOUP AND PIE SUPPER

379 people served!!
 All money went
 toward missions!



Thank you to everyone
 who volunteered their
 time!! Many hands made
 light work!!



October at a Glance

- 3: 9:00am** Coffee With the Pastor
- 7:** World Wide Communion
- 10: 7pm-8pm** Pick Up Sub Orders
- 15: 9:00am** Faith Bible Study
 - **4:00pm** Patience Bible Study
 - **6:00pm** Elder/Deacon Meetings
 - **7:00pm** Full Consistory
- 24:** MS Remnant Papa Murphy's Pizza Fundraiser begins

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

***Monday Evenings:**
 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

***Tuesday Mornings:**
 8:30 am Chickadee Quilters

***Wednesday Evening Activities:**
 6:30-7:30pm Bible Classes G. 1-5
 6:30-7:30pm MS Remnant
 7:30-8:30pm HS Remnant

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This week I cannot help but think about my message last Sunday. I talked about bringing in the harvest. As I preached on Sunday I knew that this week many of the farmers would begin to get into the field to start combining and collecting their crop. That was all good until we began to get the rain.

I was reminded there is an urgency to collecting the crop at the right time in order to obtain the greatest yield. The time is now. So here the farmers are, nervous, wondering and praying that they will be able to get out into those fields very soon. If not, the crop will be hurt or even lost. All the time, energy, careful watching, and preparation for this time could be gone. It is scary and yet there is even more of an urgency when the time comes.

Why don't we feel that same way when it comes to Jesus? We think we can live how we want, do the things we do and feel like we will have a day down the road to make the changes necessary before Christ's return. The problem is we don't know when that will be and so we too need to live with an urgency. This is not only for ourselves but also for those who do not know Jesus.

Just this past week I had conversation with someone who lost two of their children in their twenty's. I'm sure the expectation was they would live to be 70, 80 or even longer. But it didn't happen. It crossed my mind in wonder, did anyone see an urgency to share Christ with them or was their thinking there will also be another day to do so tomorrow.

People of God, we can't wait! The harvest is ready, and we are few. We need to live with urgency and intentionality. We need to live with focus and purpose. I can guarantee that as soon as they can, our farmers will be out in their fields. They will even be pushing the limits knowing they might get stuck along the way. They will not say to themselves, "I will wait till tomorrow because it might be a better day" they will take action today!

We need to do the same. As individuals and as a church we need to take action today. What are you doing to share Christ with those around you? And the question doesn't refer to what you will do tomorrow, it is what are you doing today? As a church what are we doing today? We can spend hours upon hours strategizing and planning how to do ministry but that will get us nowhere. We need to start taking and doing ministry today, right now. There are thousands of people within our community that God is preparing for the harvest. He is calling us to go out into the field. Can God do it on His own? Sure. But the beauty of God is he wants to use us, he has chosen us to do his work. This is not a burden but a blessing.

The farmer finds joy knowing his crop is finally out of the field. God has chosen the farmer to bring in the crop. For us, there is joy in being used by God for kingdom growth. The rains remind me of the urgency for the harvest. It is my prayer that you will be reminded in these rains the urgency God has given us to live our lives completely and fully for him and that we need to take today's moment to talk about Jesus!!

Finally, this month you will be presented with the budget. Major changes have been made and proposed. Prayerfully look over it. If you have any concerns or thoughts, please take the time to talk to any of the elders or deacons currently serving on consistory. Your voice will be taken seriously as we make final changes and then final approval by the consistory for 2019. God is Good All the Time! All the Time, God is Good!

Blessings and Love,
Pastor Luke




Stewardship & Giving

Special offering for October:: Operation Christmas Child.

Offering Summary through September:

General Fund: 274,984; (transferred in \$43,998)

Budget: 311,308; 88% of budget

Benevolent Fund: 38,534;

Budget: 108,215; 35% of budget

Building Fund: 1,305;

Budget: 54,210; 2% of budget

Want to contribute?
Scan here with your
smart phone to link to
our online donation page!



October Faith In Action: Center of Hope



Clean your closets and bring
any winter coats, scarves,
mittens and caps, that are in
good shape, to church. They
will be put to good use.

Trivia Time!!! Who Said That? New Testament Quiz

1. "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong."

A) Lazarus B) One of the thieves crucified with Jesus C) Martha D) a Samaritan

2. "Please, sir, give me this water! Then I'll never

be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water."

A) Samaritan woman at the well B) Mary Magdalene C) Good Samaritan D) Andrew

3. "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."

A) Timothy B) James C) Matthew D) Simon Peter

4. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.

A) Jesus B) King Harod C) Paul D) Peter

Cornerstone Service Greeters, 9 am



- 7:** West—Bob and Gladys Tiedeman
Middle—Ken and Sharalyn Tjaden
East—Josh and Hannah Lucas
- 14:** West—Greg and Tami Tracy/family
Middle—Paul and Phyllis Vander Linden
East—Harold and Shelia Van Der Sloot

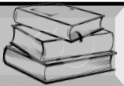
- 21:** West—Mark and Kim Van Der Sloot/family
Middle—Ger and Barb Van Diepen
East—John and Lois Van Diepen
- 28:** West—Keith and Janelle Van Drunen
Middle—Jim and Pauline Van Engen
East—Joel and Angie Van Gelder/family



9:00 am Nursery

- 7:** Kayla Hoekstra and Chelsea Hulstein
14: Rachel Wills and Sandy Lamfers
21: Ashley Heronimus and Diane Langstraat
28: Kim and Alex Mc Dougall

Library Volunteers



- 7:** Phyllis Vander Linden
14: Marcia Van Ruler
21: Kathy/Joel Verdorn
28: Ruth Ann Wiersma

Sunday School Nursery



- 7:** Sandy Lamfers
14: Megan Loerts
21: Tami Tracy
28: Pam Vande Hoef



Prayer With the Elders

10:00

- 7:** Marcus De Boer
14: Lawrence Wiersma
21: Dale Honken
28: Bill Hartzell

12:00



11:00 am Nursery

- 7:** Marvella Harberts and Kira Christensen
14: Kelsey Joseph and Maureen Heilman
21: Darcy Martinez and Lacey Julius
28: Tiffany and Liz Wynia

- 7:** Heath De Jong
14: Lennis Harberts
21: Duane Vande Hoef
28: Dick Oldenkamp

October Willing Hands Group



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

Co-chairpersons are:
Karen & Dale Honken
Marcia & Dick Oldenkamp

Fellowship Coffee Servers

- 7:** Larry and Rhonda Riebeling
14: Ted and Eileen Schutte
21: Dave and Lesa Stofferan
28: Bob and Gladys Tiedeman



Children and Worship Leaders/Helpers



Cornerstone Service 9:00 am

- 7:** Leader: **Deb Kosters**
Helper: The Family of Grace Hoekstra
14: Leader: **Jamie Hulstein**
Helper: The Family of Olivia Daiker
21: Leader: **Annette Janssen**
Helper: The Family of Jaxton Loerts
28: Leader: **Deb Kosters**
Helper: The Family of Kalen Heronimus

Open Door Service 11:00 am

- 7:** Leader: **Deb Kosters**
Helper: The Family of
14: Leader:
Helper: The Family of
21: Leader: **Deb Kosters**
Helper: The Family of
28: Leader: **Deb Kosters**
Helper: The Family of

After Church Greeters



- 7:** SE: Pastor Luke
C: Josh Lucas
SW: Lawrence Wiersma
BE: John Bartels
BW: Marcus De Boer
- 14:** SE: Heath De Jong
C: Pastor Luke
SW: Josh Lucas
BE: Ron Dykstra
BW: Harold Ernst
- 21:** SE: Henry Fisher
C: Stan Gaalswyk
SW: Pastor Luke
BE: Josh Lucas
BW: Lennis Harberts

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

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, October 15 at 9:00 am** in the Library. Leader: Phyllis Vander Linden; Hostess: Imogene Rasmussen. We will study the chapter "Angels Among Us", in Douglas Connelly's book, ANGELS. Scripture for the morning comes from Genesis 18:1-22 and 19:1-29. We invite anyone to join us, be an angel and give us a try.

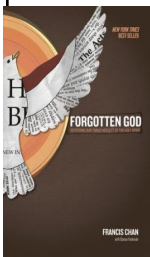
Patience Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, October 15 at 4:00pm** will meet to study lesson 13, "Going to the Lamb's Wedding," from the book *End Times* by R. Paul Stevens. This is the final lesson in this study. We will decide on a new book at this month's meeting. Barb will lead and Ellen will serve as hostess. If you are interested in joining this study, please let Barb Van Diepen.

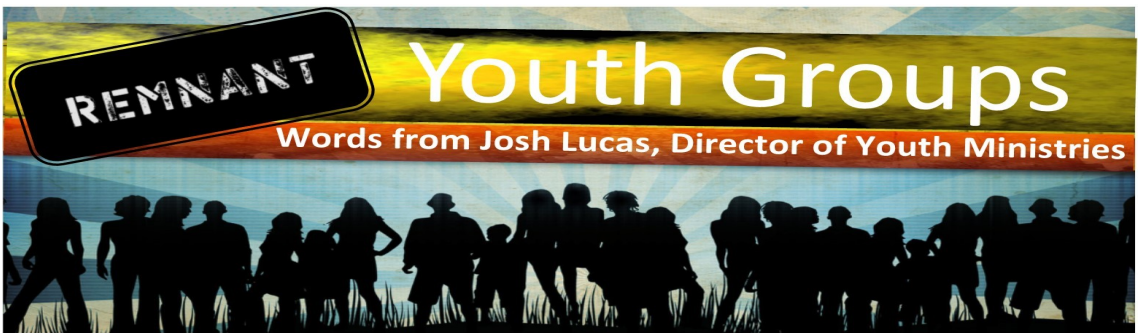
Monday Evening Bible Study meets weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. Ladies, join us as we study the book of Colossians. This book is a letter written by Paul and many consider it as one of the most important letters ever written. This will be a video study that will go in depth on this book of the Bible. Video teaching will be by Pastor Louie Giglio. We will meet weekly for this 8 part Bible Study. Contact Annette Janssen for more details 754-4174.

Sunday Morning Women's Sunday School Class, who meet on the north side of the west end of the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings at 10:10 am, will be doing a six-session video-based study, *Let. It. Go.*, from author and popular speaker Karen Ehman. Women are wired to control life's details. This video series aims to give women practical, biblically based steps for letting go of the need to control, dictate, and even manipulate the people and situations around them, and instead, trust that God has their best interests in mind. All women are welcome!



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,

I hope that everyone is doing amazing! Here is a new update on what is happening and what is to come in youth group. If you haven't heard or seen we have updated the youth room a little bit by adding some things to the room to make it more inviting. We added some furniture, a snack bar, and three scrabble style letters that spell out: Love, Learn, Serve. Those are the three things we do in youth group! It is pretty cool! Lastly, we are now moving forward in our service projects. If you or someone you know is in need of anything from the youth group please let me know.

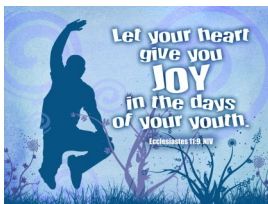
The year started off with a time change for the Wednesday night youth groups. The Junior High Remnant youth are meeting from 6:30-7:30 and High School Remnant youth meet from 7:30-8:30. We decided it was time for each group to have a full hour for study and fun!

We are having a lot of fun so far doing our fundraiser "Protection Money." Please don't forget to buy insurance or else your yard may get an ugly looking toilet put on it. In the near future, we will be selling sub sandwiches, so be prepared to get your orders in for some amazing tasting subs! Finally, we are putting together a discipleship class for the students to learn how to disciple their friends and have conversations about God.

Baby Lucas is doing just fine! Hannah and I are so excited for this wonderful blessing! It is so crazy that just a little over a year ago we were standing outside abortion mills pleading with mothers and fathers to not murder their babies, and now we are having a baby ourselves. We are beyond blessed by our baby! Hannah is convinced that it is going to be a girl, but I know differently it's obviously going to be a boy! Now our Great Dane Zeus soon won't be the only baby boy in the house, and I'm not sure how he will feel about that. However, whether Hannah is right or I am, all we truly want is a healthy baby.

We are very excited for the ministry that is happening here at First Reformed Church, and we pray that the youth group will continue to grow not only in numbers but spiritually. Hannah and I love you all! If you ever need a hug this big ole teddy bear has got one for you!

Lots of Love,
Josh Lucas



Jokes with Josh:

Q- How much does Tampa Bay's professional football team charge for corn?

A- A Buccaneer



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:

- **Wednesday Night Bible Classes** will meet every Wed. in October
- **Sunday School Classes** will meet every Sunday in October

Teachers are still needed for the year!! You can access the signups via our website by clicking on the Children tab or by checking the Information Center in the Fellowship Hall. Please be in prayer about helping out this year.

College Addresses

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

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



READ — THROUGH — THE BIBLE IN *365 Days* CHALLENGE

The October edition of the 365 day challenge is here. 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!

October 1

Luke 1; John 1:1-14

October 8

John 5

October 16

Matthew 9-10

October 24

John 9:1-10:21

October 2

Matthew 1;
Luke 2:1-38

October 9

Matthew 12:1-21;
Mark 3; Luke 6

October 17

Matthew 14;
Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17

October 25

Luke 10-11;
John 10:22-42

October 3

Matthew 2;
Luke 2:39-52

October 10

Matthew 5-7

October 18

John 6

October 26

Luke 12-13

October 4

Matthew 3;
Mark 1; Luke 3

Matthew 8:1-13;
Luke 7

October 19

Matthew 15; Mark 7

October 27

Luke 14-15

October 5

Matthew 4;
Luke 4-5;
John 1:15-51

October 12

Matthew 11

October 20

Matthew 16;
Mark 8; Luke 9:18-27

October 28

Luke 16-17:10

October 6

John 2-4

October 14

Matthew 13; Luke 8

October 21

Matthew 17;
Mark 9; Luke 9:28-62

October 29

John 11

October 7

Mark 2

October 15

Matthew 8:14-34;
Mark 4-5

October 22

Matthew 18

October 30

Luke 17:11-18:14

October 23

John 7-8

October 31

Matthew 19;
Mark 10



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

- October 10 (First meeting of the year)
- October 24

Solution to Cryptogram

You will walk in the ways of good men and keep to the paths of the righteous. For the upright will live in the land Prov 2:20-21 N.I.V.



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!!!



VOLUNTEER AT A SHOEBOX PROCESSING CENTER

SENDING A MESSAGE OF LOVE

to children around the world



Keep your eyes open for more details about times and available spots for this exciting opportunity!!



Why Pack a Shoebox?

Tania and The School Supplies

I grew up during the communist regime in Romania. There was a cloud of gloom and sadness in the country. The atmosphere was very cold and unwelcoming. People focused all their energy on their jobs and sometimes overlooked their children. Sometimes my dad worked two jobs. He worked hard, and our basic needs were met, but we didn't have anything extra. My sister and I didn't usually receive gifts, even at birthdays or Christmas.

Even though it was forbidden to talk about God, I grew up in a family that loved Jesus and went to church. But I was looked down upon for my faith. At school I was often ridiculed and bullied—it wasn't easy for me. When I was 10 years old I participated in a Christmas Eve program at church. After the program, the children were surprised with shoebox gifts. We were thrilled to receive the boxes. I saw so much joy and excitement in the room. I was deeply appreciative of the gift. We had to wait and open the shoeboxes when we got home. Our house was a 30-minute walk from the church, and we had to walk in the snow.

When I opened my shoebox, I saw an explosion of color—plastic jewelry, a new hat, and scarves. My favorite items were school supplies. I received colorful pens, a notebook, and colored pencils.

As a child, I really loved going to school. I loved reading and writing. But school supplies were not readily available at that time. We only received a few pencils and they needed to last a long time. So, anything extra, or anything colorful, really meant a lot to me.

~~We were told that the shoeboxes were packed by other Christians. I learned that there are people who love Jesus Christ enough to give special gifts to children they haven't even met. I felt valued and loved, and this helped me to have a deeper walk with the Lord. As a child, I really loved going to school. I loved reading and writing. But school supplies were not readily available at that time. We only received a few pencils and they needed to last a long time. So, anything extra, or anything colorful, really meant a lot to me.~~



I moved to the United States in 2003, and I'm now a special education teacher at a high school. Every year I pack shoeboxes with my husband and children. Packing shoeboxes has become a treasured family tradition. I want my children to understand that many children around the world do not have as much as they do. I want to teach my children to be cheerful givers. We must give abundantly in order to bless others in the way we have been blessed.



PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

- 1: John and Lois Van Diepen
- 2: Keith and Janelle Van Drunen
- 3: Jim and Pauline Van Engen
- 4: Joel and Angie Van Gelder; Teddy
- 5: Barb Van Hattem
- 6: Pray for our College Students
- 7: Pray for our Church
- 8: Curt and Peg Van Kley
- 9: Steve and Leanne Van Kley
- 10: Dean and Amy Van Marel; Jena, Ryan
- 11: David Van Ruler; Kacee, Kelsey
- 12: Harvey and Marcia Van Ruler
- 13: Pray for our College Students
- 14: Pray for our Church
- 15: Justin and Angela Van Tilburg; Jackson, Cole, Trace
- 16: Cavell and Emily Van Westen; Carson, Keegan, Kennedy
- 17: Bryan Verdoorn
- 18: Joel and Kathy Verdoorn
- 19: Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn
- 20: Pray for our College Students
- 21: Pray for our Church
- 22: Roger Verdoorn
- 23: Jim and Jena Ver Steeg; Aiden, Logan
- 24: John and Faye Vos
- 25: Caleb Wagenaar
- 26: Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar; Josh, Colby
- 27: Pray for our College Students
- 28: Pray for our Church
- 29: Brent and Brenda Wassman; Alyssa, Austin
- 30: A.J. and Jenny Weg; Addison
- 31: Michael and Amber Wielenga; Maddie, Dane, Haiden, Berkley

<u>College Students:</u>	Hunter DeJong	Andrea Meyer	Sarah Honken
Paige Hurlburt	Hunter Rockman	Garrett Saylor	Jena Van Marel
Kaitlyn Bechler	Ryan Van Marel	Makayla Tangeman	
Kalie De Boer		Colby Wagenaar	Ignacio Romero
Keyana Gust	Lars Ackerman	Collin Van Diepen	Devan Vander Veen
Jaden Abels	Meggan Block		Owen Wiese
Madison Norman	Peyton Crichton	Adam Ackerman	Hannah Lucas
Nick Buysman	Britta Harberts	Kailey Bruxvoort	
Brayden Bruxvoort		Lexi Ackerman	


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




PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Assisted Living

Ethel Jurgens
Geneva Wissink

The Nursing Homes

Minnie De Jong
Tracy Den Beste
Dutch Kruger
Lois May
Harold Schram

Our Missionaries

Dr. Bernadeth Kelly &
Adrian Bobb
Jeff & Chelsea Lampen
Sayuri Kist—Okazaki
Brian & Donna Renes
J.J. & Tim Ten Cley
Rowland & Jan Van Es

PRAYER JOURNAL

Lined area for writing prayer journal entries.

October Celebrations



~~Birthday's~~

1. Russell Gaalswyk
Katie Kruger
2. Leona Meendering
Joanne Klaassen
Peg Van Kley
3. Jada Wills
4. Eugene Groen
Gretchen Bartelson
5. Pam Kruger
Mike Anderson
6. Karen Doorenbos
Will Altoff
7. Marcus De Boer
8. Jane Buysman
Harvey Van Ruler
Alecia Martinez
Megan Block
9. Renae Wolter
Addison Mc Dyer
Logan Ver Steeg
10. Ethel Jurgens
Carol Iedema
Ken Heronimus
Gina Jacobsma
11. Britta Harberts
Marlin Runia
Marissa Ackerman
12. Dr. Greg Kosters
13. Chelsey Lampen
Jerry Bosma
14. Cliff Mehls
Derek Ackerman
15. Nathan Kraayenbrink
16. Elijah Saylor
Levi Saylor
17. Marlys Brink
18. Jason Jacobsma
22. Peter Meyer
Elizabeth Hibma
23. Halle Block
Kira Christensen
27. Pauline Van Engen
Kaylee Maxwell
29. Janice Runia
LeRoy Stevenson
Jodie Kruger
30. Duane Vande Hoef
31. Cole Dykstra
Collin Van Diepen



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

~~Anniversaries~~

- 2 Cory & Amy Dykstra--19 years
- 4 Alan & Lacey Julius--4 years
- 5 Gary & Sandy De Vries--45 years
- 6 Jerry & Sylvia Bosma--57 years
- 7 Ryan & Kaitlin Sederquist -- 1 year
- 8 Clint & Jamie Klaassen--2 years
- 10 Dale & Marilyn De Boer--56 years
- 11 Joe & Nisa de Boom--15 years
- 12 Levi & Kira Christensen--5years
- 13 Cory & Anne Maxwell--17 years
- 17 Ben & Rachel Waits--9 years
- 20 Terry & Chrissy Ackerman--11 years
- 20 Dwayne & Janice Heikes--39 years
- 21 Dan and Maureen Heilman--12 years
- 31 Cal & Kathy Runia--3 years

Sportsmen's Devotional

Bible Study Verse

Luke 5:15 But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience. (NKJV)



Luke 5:18 Therefore take heed how you hear.

For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him." (NKJV)

Thoughts

Have you ever noticed how important positioning is? For example: If you are going to set up a portable tree stand, it is important to be downwind from the trail over which you are hunting. You have to find the right tree that will give you stability as well as the right location. Mount the stand to the tree at just the right angle for you to shoot over your left or right shoulders.

There are certainly no guarantees in hunting, so even with a good set-up, you have to be prepared to reposition yourself in the stand to get a good shot off. You don't want the "big one" standing in front of you and then discover that you didn't have the right angle. Too much movement to get into the right position to shoot will potentially ruin the hunt.

Action Point

The Christian life is not always an easy one. I know it seems as though I have to keep on repositioning myself daily for God's service. It's not that I purposely try to put myself in the wrong position. It's just that I live in an imperfect world that bumps into me every day; and if I'm not careful to keep a short account with God, I will soon find myself totally out of position for His service.

We need go to God, to seek Him, every day; and not count on what we've done the previous day or week. God can use us daily; but we need to make sure our hearts are with Him today.

Sportsmen's Tip of the Day

In order to keep quiet on the stand, use fleece to keep you warm if you are in a colder environment. Fleece allows you to move freely without worrying about the clothing making a noise that might potentially scare animals away.

Trivia Time Answers!!!

1.B 2.A 3.D 4.A



Consistory Meeting September 17, 2018

Elders Meeting, 6:00 pm

8 present, a quorum

135. Pastor Luke opened with prayer.
136. MMSC to approve the baptism of Ellie Grace Loerts daughter of Brian and Megan.
137. MMSC to drop the membership of Mike, Melissa, Gabby and baptized member Alex Anderson.
138. The Constitutional question was asked about members of FRC needing spiritual care.
139. MMSC to use the kitchen and Fellowship Hall for the Lennis Harberts family on September 30.
140. MMSC to approve the minutes.
141. MMSC to adjourn meeting following prayer by Dale.

Consistory Meeting, 7:00 pm

All present, a quorum

142. Pastor Luke opened by reading part of an article by David Jeremiah and offered prayer.
143. Various ministry team reports were given.
144. Treasurer's report was given.
145. Pastor Luke read a letter from one of our missionaries, J.J. Ten Kley. She will be coming to visit FRC in the future to update us on some changes in her missionary work.
146. MMSC to approve congregational care section of the budget.
147. MMSC to keep right now media budgeted at \$2,100.
148. MMSC to approve education ministries portion of the budget.
149. MMSC to approve youth ministries and worship portions of the budget.
150. MMSC to approve the property and facilities and grounds portion of the budget.
151. MMSC to approve the office portion of the budget.
152. MMSC to reduce lead pastors insurance/HSA to cap at \$20,000 for 2019.
153. MMSC to give a 1.8% raise to Administrative Assistant to a total salary of \$22,233 for 2019.
154. MMSC to cap the salary for the janitor position at \$12,500 for 2019.
155. MMSC to approve the payroll of \$185,447 for the 2019 budget.
156. MMSC to reduce "Words of Hope" from \$4,600 to \$3,480 for the 2019 budget.
157. MMSC to reduce support to Northwestern College from \$6,000 to \$4,000 for the 2019 budget.
158. MMSC to reduce Partners in Missions by 3 full shares.
159. MMSC to reduce support to Inspiration Hills from \$6,000 to \$5,000.
160. MMSC to approve the Local Ministries portion of the budget as presented.
161. MMSC to approve the Outreach Portion of the budget as presented.
162. MMSC to approve the Other Ministries portion of the budget.
163. MMSC to approve the reading of the minutes.
164. MMSC to adjourn following prayer by Clayton Wagenaar at 11:42 pm.

Christmas Cantata

A Community Choir Cantata *“Sing Christmas”* will be presented on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Sibley-Ocheyedan High School. The concert will be directed by S-O vocal instructor Ben Sides and will serve as a *benefit for ATLAS of Osceola County*.

SINGERS WELCOME (7th Grade and older): IF YOU LOVE TO SING AND WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THIS EXCITING COMMUNITY CHOIR, please contact Brenda Krahlung (461-0687) or Peg Van Kley (461-0635) soon.

Each singer will be provided with printed music and a voice-dominant CD.

The following large group rehearsals have been scheduled in Sibley:

- 7:40 pm Wednesdays Nov. 7, 14, & 28 and Dec. 5 at Trinity Lutheran Church
- 2:00 pm Sundays Nov. 11 & 18 and Dec. 2 at First Reformed Church
- 2:00 pm Sunday Dec. 9
- 10:00 am Saturday Dec. 15 at S-O High School

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Rowland and Jane Van Es in Kenya



Dear Friends and Supporters,

We just returned from a meeting in South Africa and saw snow on the mountain tops there. It was the NetACT (Network of African Congregational Theology) annual general meeting and this year it was held in Wellington, South Africa. Being so far south of the equator in July meant it was really their winter and it was cold (in 40s) with no heat in the rooms. Jane and I were there representing both the RCA and St. Paul's at the meeting attended by 50+ people from 40+ institution from all over Sub-Saharan Africa.

We met several old friends including a former South African missionary to Malawi who was our pastor in the 1990s and his wife who was also one of the mid-wives present for the birth of our two daughters there. We also met Bishop Moses Deng of South Sudan, one of our former students here. We made final plans for the book on Theology and Community Development, adding a few more chapters.

When we got back to Kenya, there was a Winter School being hosted on the campus of St. Paul's that brought together people from US, Netherlands, Zambia, and Kenya on the topic "Gender, Power and Difference." There was good theological and cross-cultural debate and stimulating lectures and table conversations. One highlight was the closing day with dramas presented by the students and a cultural evening with dancing and "nyama choma" (or roast meat)—this time it was goat, a local favorite.

The Winter School was organized by the Faculty of Theology's Center for Translation and Contextual Bible Study. It was attended by several current students and many St. Paul's alumni. It was good to get caught up and hear what they are doing in various churches here. Rev. Peter Joel is working in a church in Mathare slum and another, Rev. David is an assistant chaplain at the Methodist University in Nairobi.

Speaking of doing things in various churches, we will be back in the USA this fall for our home service. If you would like to have us come and speak in your church, please contact Megan Razenberg, mrazenberg@rca.org, assistant to RCA mission in Africa supervisor to coordinate this possibility via RCA Speakers Bureau. With 25+ churches we will not have time to visit all of you but would love to catch up with as many as possible. It will also be nice to be in Holland, MI near Jane's mother and our girls. We look forward to time with Rowland's family as well.

We thank God for the work of NetACT and for all the theological training happening in over 40 church schools in Sub-Saharan Africa. Pray that more students would choose to study for the ministry. Pray that the books and materials produced by NetACT will meet the needs of students throughout Africa.

Pray for all our St. Paul's alumni who are now ordained and working in many different denominations in Kenya (like Rev. Peter Joel and Rev. David in Kenya) and elsewhere (like Bishop Deng in South Sudan). We praise God that the church is growing here and that our students are ready to serve these churches.

Pray for Rev. Philister Tuwei Keter who was just ordained as the first woman minister in the Reformed Church of East Africa. Pray also for Rev. Dinah who will be the second woman to be ordained in August and for the four other RCEA women who will be ordained this year. It will not be easy for these first six women to be accepted by the male ministers in all their churches. Pray that hearts and minds will be opened to this.

Pray for us as we travel all over the Midwest this fall. Pray that we will make good connections and have opportunities to share our work and to raise support for the RCA-St. Paul's scholarship program as well. We look forward to sharing about our students and our work and what God is doing in Kenya and Africa!

Sincerely,
Jane and Rowland Van Es

Jane and Rowland's ministry

At St. Paul's University, an ecumenical school that has trained people for ministry since 1903, Rowland teaches Old Testament introduction and interpretation and business ethics, and Jane teaches psychology and sociology to bachelor of divinity students and a master's level course in caring for people with HIV/AIDS. Learn more at www.rca.org/vanes.

From the library--

Here we are coming to October, the days are getting shorter and obviously the evenings are longer. We can think of no better way to spend the long evenings than reading a good book. So pop some popcorn, grab a good crisp apple or stir up some hot chocolate (with marshmallow, of course), curl up in a comfy chair and read. The church library has many good books. You will notice there are a number of series (stories by the same author about one person, family or location). We always try to complete a series so if you get started in one that intrigues you, you will be able to enjoy the whole set

Remember, we would appreciate your suggestions of what books we should purchase. If you have a favorite author, let us know and we will see what we can find by that person.

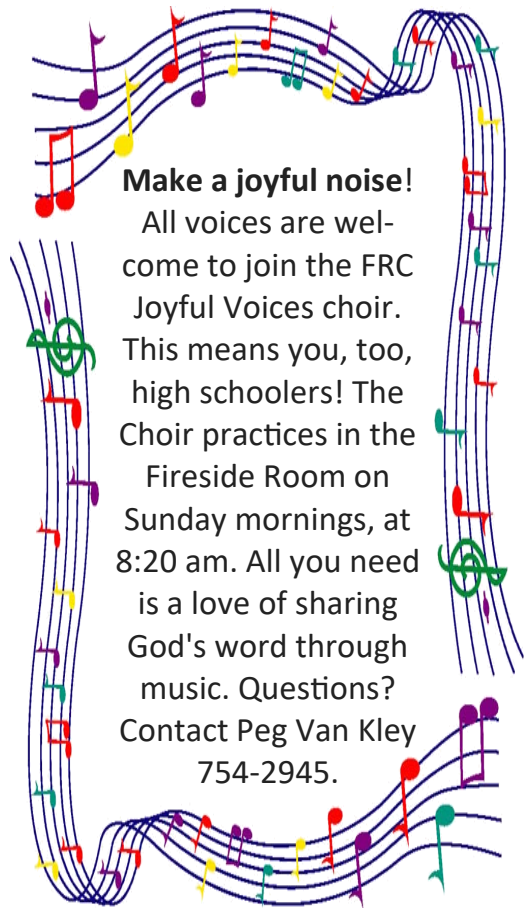
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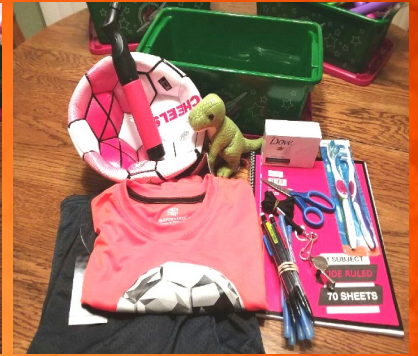
Make a joyful noise!

All voices are welcome to join the FRC Joyful Voices choir. This means you, too, high schoolers! The Choir practices in the Fireside Room on Sunday mornings, at 8:20 am. All you need is a love of sharing God's word through music. Questions? Contact Peg Van Kley 754-2945.





Wondering what to include in your Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes?? Here a few awesome ideas from one of our members!!



It is time to start putting those shoeboxes together. Shoeboxes are due from Nov 12 until noon on Nov 18. Lets see how many we can donate this year! Make this a family event!! Remember...**DO INCLUDE:** school supplies, personal care items, clothing, hair accessories, crafts, activities, toys, and a personal note. **Do NOT include** candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans. Remember your gift may be the only gift a child will ever receive.

Have You Ordered Your HS Remnant Subs Yet??

~Turkey, Ham, and Club~
Orders Due October 10!!



Order forms available on the Information Center

Pick up on October 17th from 7-8 pm!

Coming Soon...



MS Remnant will be taking orders soon! Keep your eyes open for more details to come at a later date!!