

The Newsletter

September 2018

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

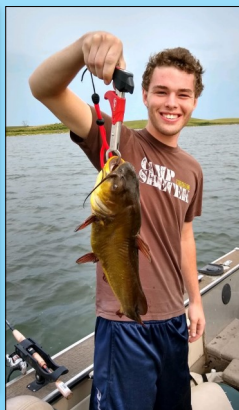
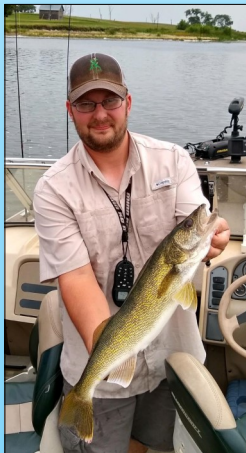


In the Spotlight



7th Annual Father/Son FRC Fishing Trip

On August 2-4 19 men and boys enjoyed a few days of fishing and experiencing God's great outdoors at the beautiful Hidden Hill Lodge in Roslyn, SD.



More pictures on back

September at a Glance

- 5: 9:00am** Coffee With the Pastor
- 6:30pm** Wednesday Night Bible Classes begin
- 6:30pm** MS Remnant begins
- 7:30pm** HS Remnant begins
- 9: 10:10am** Sunday School begins for 3 years old—Adult
- 17:9:00am** Faith Bible Study
- 4:00pm** Patience Bible Study
- 6:00pm** Elder/Deacon Meetings
- 7:00pm** Full Consistory
- 19:** Soup & Pie Supper for Missions
- 24-Oct 5:** Meals on Wheels
- 26:** Fall Sub Sandwich Sales Start
- 2:00pm** Nursing Home Services
- 30:** Communion Preparatory

*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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Words from Pastor Luke

In this last month I have been doing a lot of thinking. Don't panic! Maybe you are even thinking what is Pastor Luke up to. I actually have not only been thinking but also praying. Not that I don't do that otherwise. As I reflect on the last 4 ½ years here at Sibley I have seen God do some great things. Lives are being changed, people are growing in their relationship with Christ and we have been blessed. But on the other hand I feel there is something different.

Even for myself, I have found it easy to become comfortable. You know, just go through the routine. For me, work on a sermon, visit those in need, teach a Bible study every now and then. These are all good, but I have a sense that there is something more. I feel God has a bigger plan for me and a bigger plan for this church. I need to push myself beyond my own comfort zone. I also see the same thing happening with many of you. You have become comfortable, coming to church once or twice a month or maybe even each week and feel like that's all we need. But like me, I am confident God has a bigger plan for you. And I want to challenge you to go beyond your comfort zone. Be willing to push yourself.

I have sought some advice and insight from some other pastors as well as reading a couple of books recommended to me. I have been personally challenged in my own personal walk with Christ. It has made me uncomfortable, a little nervous, and even scared. But even more than that I have become excited, reenergized and in anticipation of what God has in store. I have been challenged in how do I love God, what does that look like and how does that impact me in the ministry I am in.

I feel we are at a pivotal point within this church as we think about our future and what it will look like. There are way too many churches that are slowly fading into the sunset. Especially here in the Midwest. The sad part is that they are ok with that. As long as the church meets my needs and is here until I die is all that matters. To me that is sad. We have forgotten what our purpose is and what He is calling us to do. So, what's it going to take.

In Matthew 28:19,20 we read, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." and in Acts 1:8 we read "⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Are we truly doing that, or do we need to change? What are we willing to do? What changes do we need to make to grow in our personal faith walk as well as our outlook on church and how can we impact our world for Jesus Christ?

I am asking you to join me over this next month to intentionally and purposefully lift our church up in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring us wisdom, courage and strength to be the church that God has called us to be. I ask you this next month to intentionally and purposefully pray for yourself and ask the Holy Spirit to bring you wisdom, courage and strength. God has great things in store for this church! Become excited in what He is about to do!

Blessings and love,

Pastor Luke



Stewardship & Giving

Special offering for August is **The Village NW.**

Offering Summary through August:

General Fund: 221,252; (cash in \$32,000 cd)

Budget: 311,308; 71% of budget

Benevolent Fund: 30,370;

Budget: 108,215; 28% of budget

Building Fund: 1,180;

Budget: 54,210; 2% of budget

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



September Faith In Action:



Here is what is on their list:

Canon Printer ink:

#240—black #241—color;

***Kleenex, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper
(Highly Needed Items)**

Card Stock Paper—white;

Hershey's Kisses;

***cans of coffee**

(also highly needed);

30 gal trash bags.

Trivia Time!!!

Who Said That? New Testament Quiz

1. "Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?"
A) Saul B) King Herod C) Ponteus Pilate D) King Agrippa
2. "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years."
A) Peter B) Mark C) Zacharias D) Joseph
3. "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."
A) a Samaritan B) a Sadducee C) a Pharisee D) Satan
4. "Come, follow me and I will send you out to fish for people."
A) John the Baptist B) Satan C) Jesus D) Peter
5. "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
A) Simon Peter B) a publican C) a Sadducee D) a rich ruler

Cornerstone Service Greeters, 9 am



2: West—Dave and Jessica McDyer/family
Middle—John and Kim Mc Dougall/family
East—Ed and Leona Meendering

9: West—Keith and Brenda Michelson
Middle—Dick and Marcia Oldenkamp
East—Marlys Pietz and Jen Schram

16: West—Larry and Rhonda Riebeling
Middle—Lyle Peelen and Marlin Roelfs
East—Cal and Kathy Runia



9:00 am Nursery

2: Wilma Leusink and Andrea Leusink
9: Laurel and Natalie Klaassen
16: Gina Jacobsma and Chelsey Alexander
23: Brenda Michelson and Linda Mehls
30: Jenna Ver Steeg and Hannah Lucas

Sunday School Nursery



2: No Sunday School
9: Peg Van Kley
16: Ruth Ann Wiersma
23: Luella Eggink
30: Jan Henrichs



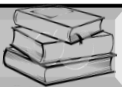
11:00 am Nursery

2: Melissa De Boer and Sami Fox
9: Kathy Runia and Abby Kreykes
16: Wendy and Jahlyn De Jong
23: Melissa Anderson and Melissa Langstraat
30: Sarah Loerts and Megan Loerts

23: West—Marvin and Janice Runia
Middle—Dr. Brian and Heidi Sayler/family
East—Ted and Eileen Schutte

30: West—Verlyn and Donna Smidt
Middle—Donna Sterler and LaVonne Prins
East—Dave and Lesa Stofferan

Library Volunteers



2: Janice Runia
9: Jen Schram
16: Pauline Van Engen
23: Leanne Van Kley
30: Marcia Van Ruler



Prayer With the Elders

10:00

2: Bill Hartzell
9: Heath De Jong
16: Lennis Harberts
23: Duane Vande Hoef
30: Stan Gaalswyk

12:00

2: Dick Oldenkamp
9: Marcus De Boer
16: Lawrence Wiersma
23: Dale Honken
30: Cal Runia

September Willing Hands Group



Willing Hands Group #3

will be responsible for
services during the month.

Co-chairpersons are:
Jamie/Scott Hulstein
Sandy/Dave Lamfers

Fellowship Coffee Servers

- 2:** Greg and Deb Kosters
9: Charlie and Brenda Kuhl
16: Dave and Sandy Lamfers
23: Ken and Wilma Loerts
30: Ed and Leona Meendering



After Church Greeters



- 2:** SE: Josh Lucas
C: Bill Hartzell
SW: Dale Honken
BE: Dan Janssen
BW: Pastor Luke

- 9:** SE: Pastor Luke
C: Josh Lucas
SW: Dr. Greg Kusters
BE: Arnie Langstraat
BW: Ken Loerts

- 16:** SE: Larry Riebeling
C: Cal Runia
SW: Pastor Luke
BE: Josh Lucas
BW: Bob Tiedeman

Children and Worship Leaders/Helpers



Cornerstone Service 9:00am

2: No children and worship

- 9:** Leader: **Deb Kusters**
Helper: The Family of Brynna Loerts
16: Leader: **Deb Kusters**
Helper: The Family of Addison McDyer
23: Leader: **Deb Kusters**
Helper: The Family of Logan Ver Steeg
30: Leader: **Annette Janssen**
Helper: The Family of Lucy Anderson

Open Door Service 11:00 am

2: No children and worship

- 9:** Leader: **Deb Kusters**
Helper:
16: Leader: **Deb Kusters**
Helper:
23: Leader: **Deb Kusters**
Helper:
30: Leader: **Annette Janssen**
Helper:

- 23:** SE: Duane Vande Hoef
C: Paul Vander Linden
SW: John Van Diepen
BE: Pastor Luke
BW: Josh Lucas

- 30:** SE: Josh Lucas
C: Curt Van Kley
SW: Harvey Van Ruler
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.

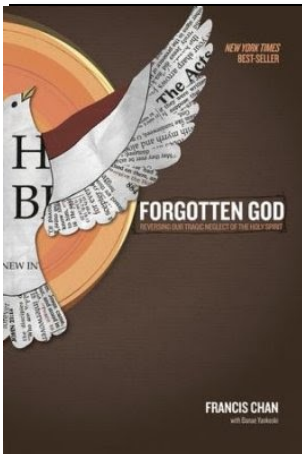
Romans 15:4



Faith Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, September 17 at 9:00 am** in the Library. Leader: Anita Ernst; Hostess: Lynn Schram. We will begin a new study by Douglas Connelly, about ANGELS, standing guard. In the unseen realms of God's universe, powerful and wonderful beings dwell. They move as the speed of light to carry out their master's will. They are involved in the political affairs of nations and in the smallest concerns of children. They may stand guard over your life and protect you in countless ways. They engage in cosmic battles that you aren't even aware are happening. We would love to have you join us!

Patience Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, September 17 at 4:00pm** will meet to study lesson 12, "Investing In Heaven," from the book *End Times* by R. Paul Stevens. Barb will lead and serve as hostess. 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. 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.



Starting September 9, **The Men's Bible Study**, who meets on the west end of the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings at 10:10am, will begin a video study by Francis Chan entitled, *Forgotten God*. This video series will help remind us of the true source of the church's power—the Holy Spirit. Chan contends that we've ignored the Spirit for far too long, and that without Him, we operate in our own strength, only accomplishing human-sized results. This video offers a compelling invitation to understand, embrace, and follow the Holy Spirit's direction in our lives. Hope to see you there!



Hello First Reformed Church,

Your wacky Youth Director here to give you all an update on what has been happening, and what is going to happen in Youth Group! Our summer has been a very eventful one! I have never had a summer with so much going on, and that is not a complaint! I had so much fun this

summer, and I hope the kids did as well! Here are some of the things we did: First, we kicked off our summer programs for the youth groups. This will be something we will continue to do in the future so please take note of that for next summer. Second, the High School Remnant students and I went to Texas the second week of July for our first mission trip. It was so much fun, we are looking into options for doing this again next summer. Third, I was chaplain at Inspiration Hills for one of the camp weeks, which was a very rewarding experience and I look forward participating in this again next summer too. Fourth, the Junior High Remnant students had a great time going to Power Connection during the last weekend in July! We would like to make this a tradition as well. Finally, the Junior High students had their first Lock-In of the year. At our amazingly cool Lock-In we locked the kids in the church for 12 hours and played games and did some wacky things! As I said it was a busy Summer, but a very rewarding one! Now that you have seen what we did, here is what we are planning on doing this upcoming year! Do you have your seat belts on?! HERE WE GO!

Our kickoff to Wednesday Night Youth Group is happening September 5th starting at 6:30 pm- 7:30 pm for Junior High, and 7:30 pm- 8:30 pm for High School! We will have food, fellowship, and Bible Study that night! Next, we will be doing service projects throughout the year to serve our community and serve our congregation. Therefore, if there is something that you need, or if you know of someone who is in need of some assistance please don't hesitate to contact me or see a Youth Leader. As always, we will also be doing fundraisers throughout the year, so please be on the lookout for those! We really do appreciate all of the support you as a congregation give us! Finally, as I stated before we will be having another busy summer in 2019 as we did in 2018. Please keep an eye out for any opportunities for you as a congregation to serve with us. We are going to see what our winter weather is looking like before we make official dates for events at the start of 2019.

Let's keep the good times rolling with some awesome news that Hannah and I got recently! Hannah and I heard the heartbeat of our baby. The Doctor told us the heartbeat is normal and healthy. God really does come through on his promises and he is faithful if we love him and stay faithful to him. Please continue to lift us up in prayer for a continued healthy baby, and for Hannah as she is now starting to feel the effects of being pregnant. As we continue doing ministry here we know it is going to be hard with a newborn baby, so please continue to lift us up in prayer in that way too. We love and appreciate each and every one of you! If you ever need a hug this big ole teddy bear has got one for you!

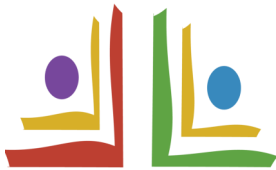
Lots of Love,

Josh Lucas

Jokes with Josh:

Q- What do they call Pastors in Germany?

A-German Shepherds



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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** begin September 5
- **Sunday School Classes** begin September 9

Teachers are needed!! Please use the links found in this newsletter to access the Google Docs for Sunday School as well as Wednesday night Bible Class Signups. You can also access those 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 September 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!

September 1
Ezekiel 18-19

September 10
Ezekiel 42-43

September 19
Ezra 4-6; Psalms 137

September 28
Nehemiah 8-10

September 2
Ezekiel 20-21

September 11
Ezekiel 44-45

September 20
Haggai 1-2

September 29
Nehemiah 11-13;
Psalms 126

September 3
Ezekiel 22-23

September 12
Ezekiel 46-48

September 21
Zechariah 1-7

September 30
Malachi 1-4

September 4
Ezekiel 24-27

September 13
Joel 1-3

September 22
Zechariah 8-14

September 5
Ezekiel 28-31

September 14
Daniel 1-3

September 23
Esther 1-5

September 6
Ezekiel 32-34

September 15
Daniel 4-6

September 24
Esther 6-10

September 7
Ezekiel 35-37

September 16
Daniel 7-9

September 25
Ezra 7-10

September 8
Ezekiel 38-39

September 17
Daniel 10-12

September 26
Nehemiah 1-5

September 9
Ezekiel 40-41

September 18
Ezra 1-3

September 27
Nehemiah 6-7



Start Dates:
Wednesday Night Bible Classes
September 5th
Sunday School
September 9th

Please consider helping by leading a class this year!

Sign-up sheets can be found on the Information Center, via a link on the church website (sibleyfrfc.org) under the Children tab, as well as on these Google Docs links:



(Wednesday Bible Classes) <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dJE4sd9Mktix67DTzefCymUv4HxMY5oyeAdFQsHQRU/edit?usp=sharing>



(Sunday School Classes) <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pBk1yqPAAqRRX6lQFsSImqP7YLPWZq8Gyii2yzRZw4g/edit?usp=sharing>



*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!!!



Mothers Together
With God in the Middle

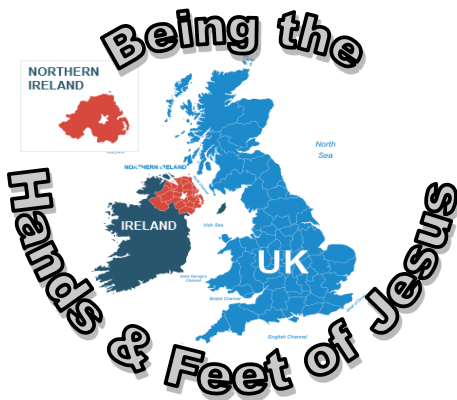
Do you ever wish you had a place where you could connect with others who have experienced the same parenting issues that you have? Want some time to relax, recharge and make new friends? Then Mothers Together is just the place for you.

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!!

• **Start Date Coming Soon!**

**START EVERYDAY
WITH
PRAYER.** 
**TAKE IT TO
GOD
BEFORE YOU TAKE
IT TO FACEBOOK.**





My missions trip to Northern Ireland was an incredible experience. We performed dances on the streets of Londonderry to bring people in so we could share the Gospel with them. From there we went to Portrush where we worked with The Surf Project. We helped professional surfers teach kids to surf and then spent time teaching the kids about Jesus.

All of that was amazing and we got to see God work in some really great ways, however, for me, the most significant part of my trip was the transformation God did within me. When I went on this trip, a huge part of it was discipleship training. The leadership on my trip taught us how to start conversations with complete strangers, love memorizing scripture, and be able to spread the Word and love of Jesus Christ.

I found myself able to walk up to people I didn't know and strike up a conversation. We'd make small talk at first and then the conversation would slowly open into talking about Christ and what they believed. It was the most incredible thing because surprisingly, a lot of the people we talked to were very open to it. Now that I'm back I can see that a huge part of why God sent me to Ireland on this mission trip was to give me the opportunity to gain leadership and discipleship skills. I now feel equipped to share the Gospel and invite others into a relationship with Jesus. I have a newfound desire to witness to people wherever I go and to grow in my walk with the Lord.



Thank you for this incredible opportunity! I wouldn't have been able to do this if not for the support of the church, both financially and spiritually.

God's blessings to you,

Gabrielle Anderson



PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1: Pray for our College Students | 17: Brent and Chelsey Town; Hudsyn, Hadlie, Kasen, Kayler |
| 2: Pray for our Church | 18: Greg and Tami Tracy; Lindy |
| 3: Ryan and Kaitlin Sederquist | 19: Chad and Megan Travaille |
| 4: Verlyn and Donna Smidt | 20: Randy and Kelli Van De Berg |
| 5: Donna Sterler | 21: Duane and Pam Vande Hoef |
| 6: Le Roy and Karen Stevenson; Jill | 22: Pray for our College Students |
| 7: Dave and Lisa Stofferan | 23: Pray for our Church |
| 8: Pray for our College Students | 24: Paul and Phyllis Vander Linden |
| 9: Pray for our Church | 25: Harold and Shelia Van Der Sloom |
| 10: Josh and Heather Tangeman; MaKayla, Lane, Kyra, Damon | 26: Mark and Kim Van Der Sloom; Damian, Jackson, Keegan |
| 11: Bob and Gladys Tiedeman | 27: Helen Vander Veen |
| 12: Jared and Jenny Tiedemann; Andrew, Avery, Alex | 28: Ger and Barb Van Diepen |
| 13: Ken and Sharalyn Tjaden | 29: Pray for our College Students |
| 14: Jackie Tjaden; Alexa | 30: Pray for our Church |
| 15: Pray for our College Students | |
| 16: Pray for our Church | |

College Students:

Paige Hurlburt
Kaitlyn Bechler
Kalie De Boer
Keyana Gust
Jaden Abels
Madison Norman
Nick Buysman
Brayden Bruxvoort

Hunter DeJong
Hunter Rockman
Ryan Van Marel

Lars Ackerman
Meggan Block
Peyton Crichton
Britta Harberts

Andrea Meyer
Garrett Saylor
Makayla Tangeman
Colby Wagenaar
Collin Van Diepen

Adam Ackerman
Kailey Bruxvoort
Lexi Ackerman

Sarah Honken
Jena Van Marel

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
Luke 21:36

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

September Celebrations

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| 1 Lacey Julius
Rylan Marco | 15 Gary Wolter
Jason Runia | 24 Kaitlin Sederquist
Alex Mulder |
| 2 Kayla Hoekstra | 16 Ken Loerts
Luke Heilman
Tyler Feldkamp | 25 Alex Zylstra
Emma Langstraat |
| 4 Michael Wielenga | 17 Donna Sterler | 26 Paul Vander Linden
Eileen Schutte |
| 5 Diane Langstraat
Dean Van Marel | 19 Dean Ackerman | 27 Jo Hielkema
Jim Van Engen
Ross Wiersma
Keyana Gust
Alex McDougall |
| 6 Tracy Den Beste
Hugh Schiphoff
Aubrey Hulstein
Levi Christensen | 21 Drew Heemstra
Jude Anderson | 28 Kathy Verdoorn
Luke Myers |
| 7 Makya Dykstra
Brian Altoff | 22 Marvin Runia
Hadley Crichton | 30 Gannon Rockman |
| 13 Kelly Jacobsma
Jackie Tjaden | 23 Taylor Langstraat | |
| 14 Clara Meyer
Israel Joseph | 24 Jodi Wagenaar | |

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

~~Anniversaries~~

- 3 Larry & Rhonda Riebeling-----24yrs
- 3 Mike & Laurie Kraayenbrink ----30 yrs
- 4 Harold & Shelia Van Der Sloot--54 yrs
- 5 Frank & Darcy Martinez----- 26 yrs
- 5 Mitch & Abby Kreykes-----13 yrs
- 8 Gary & Wilma Leusink-----51 yrs
- 9 Matt & Missy Julius----- 12 yrs
- 13 Derek & Ashley Heronimus-----10 yrs
- 14 Jamie & Jennifer Bruxvoort----22 yrs
- 15 Dale & Josie Herrboldt-----29 yrs
- 16 Larry & Melissa De Boer----- 23 yrs
- 19 Marvin & Janice Runia-----60 yrs
- 21 Dennis & Dar Jurgens-----33 yrs
- 21 Josh and Heather Tangeman----22 yrs
- 23 Bill & LaDonn Hartzell-----40 yrs
- 30 Kyle and Rebecca Baker-----1 yr

MILESTONES

WORTH CELEBRATING!

Congratulations to

Tracy Den Beste

**who will
celebrate
her 100th
birthday on
September 6!!**



Sportsmen's Devotional

Bible Study Verse

Matthew 6:1-4

"Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly." (NKJV)



Thoughts

The above tree is a mystery steeped in tradition. For the last 20+ years, Christmas decorations appear at the end of November and disappear in January. To celebrate July 4th, patriotic decorations appear and eventually disappear. Only God and maybe a few highway patrols may have witnessed the decorating elves, but no one knows their identities. Phoenix newspapers have featured the tree and no identities!!!

The 20 ft tree is near Cordes Junction nestled in the median of Interstate 17 North of Phoenix. The locals love it's welcomed sight and the quiet reminder of what's important at Christmas and at America's Independence Day.

The tree has been endowed with its own watering system which may have been why it has miraculously survived several wildfires in its past. Many believe God has protected this tree. It has been nicknamed "the mystery tree."

Action Point

Don't you just love the creativity that God blessed some individuals with. The authors of the mystery tree must have a lot of spirit and loads of creativity! They sure do well at keeping secrets too!!! Don't know them, but respect them!!!

The above scripture gives us direction on quietly blessing others without tooting our own horns. Deal is if we avoid man's praise, God will honor and bless us openly in His timing and in His ways!

Knowing we blessed someone, knowing we were Jesus to another, knowing we denied ourselves, knowing no one else knows, and knowing God approves should be enough.

Sportsmen's Tip of the Day

Portable solar outdoor lights ranging from \$5 to \$10 can be a ready substitute flashlight in a pinch or around your camp. You just have to remember to put them back so they stay charged and you can find it when you pack up your camp.

Trivia Time Answers!!!

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



Consistory Meeting

August 20, 2018

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Elders Meeting, 6:00 pm

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7 present, a quorum

117. Alex Anderson came before the elders to share her testimony and make her Profession of Faith.
118. MMSC to approve Alex Anderson's profession of faith
119. MMSC to approve the baptism of Alex Anderson and to allow the baptism to be held off-site from the FRC building. We will also have Alex Anderson do a Profession of Faith during a Sunday Worship service.
120. MMSC to approve the membership transfer of Stan and Abby De Zeeuw and their baptized children Keegan, Aiden, Joselyn, Addison
121. The Constitutional Question was asked about those that need spiritual care.
122. MMSC for Diane Langstraat to reserve the church for July 13, 2019 at 12pm for the afternoon.
123. Motion made, seconded and carried to approve minutes as read.
124. Motion made, seconded and carried, to adjourn

Consistory Meeting, 7:55 pm

August 20, 2018

13 present, a quorum

125. Pastor Luke opened by reading from the book "Who moved my Pulpit"
126. Various Ministry Team reports were given
127. MMSC to have the 2018 Congregational meeting on Wednesday November 14th at 7:00pm
128. Deacons business was discussed. A serious discussion was had about the financial situation of FRC and that our giving is about \$60,000 behind budget 2018 year to date. A time of prayer was held by Consistory.
129. MMSC to approve the reading of the amended minutes
130. MMSC to adjourn following prayer by Greg Tracy

From the library--

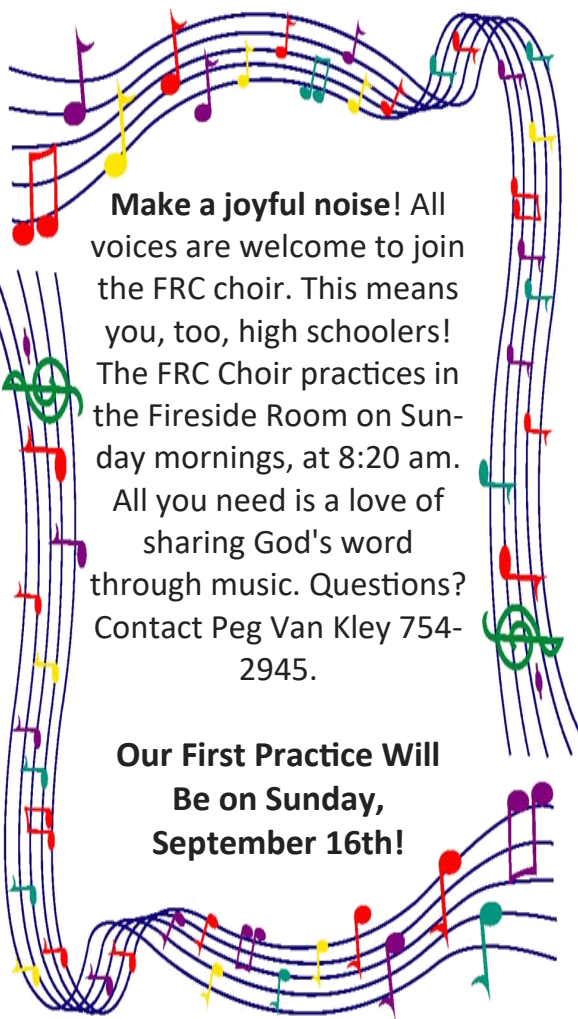
Some time ago I told you that I was recycling the check-out cards by erasing the few names on the front of the card and gluing on new information at the top so they could be reused. Now since we are really outdated in how we process the books we find it difficult to buy new check-out cards. We will be making copies to replenish our supply but until we do I have taken some old cards a step farther by using cards that are clean on the back (or maybe have erased a few names) glued info of the new book at the top and have space below for you to write your name and the date due. I have written USE OTHER SIDE on what used to be the front of the card. Oh, one more thing, if you see "White Out" on the card, a name that could not be erased was on that line and I "erased" it by "whiting" it out. Be sure to write your name on the whited out line to check out the book.

We have added many new books to the library and they will be displayed a few at a time on the little table with the "New Books" label. There are books by Beverly Lewis, DiAnn Mills, Nancy Mehl, Tracie Peterson and more.

Jeannette Juffer



FRC is responsible for Meals on Wheels September 24-October 5th. See the sheet on the information center to get signed up to help out.



Make a joyful noise! All voices are welcome to join the FRC choir. This means you, too, high schoolers! The FRC 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.

Our First Practice Will Be on Sunday, September 16th!

You can speak with spiritual eloquence, pray in public, and maintain a holy appearance... but it is your behavior that will reveal your true character.

- Steve Maraboli

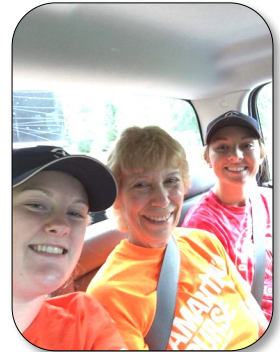
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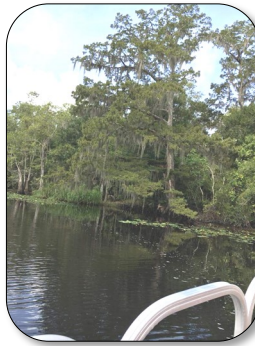


College Mission Trip 2018

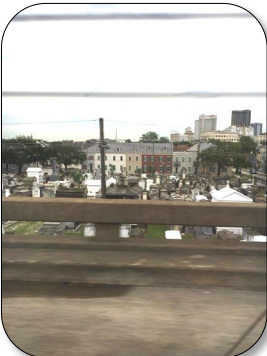


We made the short trip to Louisiana (actually a 17 hour trip) but it was totally worth it! We went on this mission trip knowing that we were going to rebuild from the rain they received 3 years ago. We had daily devotions in the morning and after supper we had a share time, which is when we could either share what we did that day on the job site or how God spoke through us while working. I think I can speak for all of us when I say that the work we did didn't feel like work. We were helping people in need and getting them one step closer to getting into their homes.



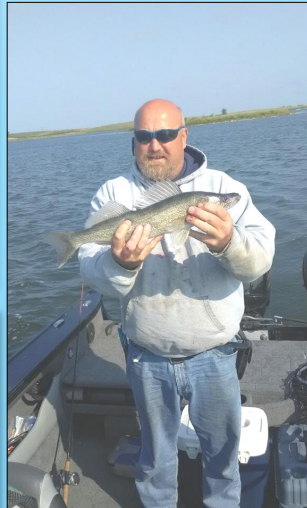
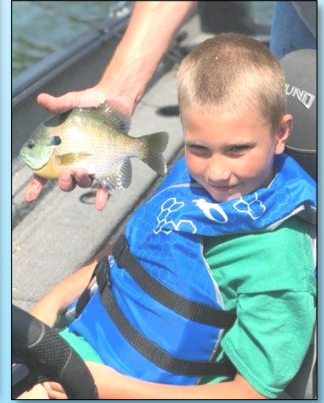
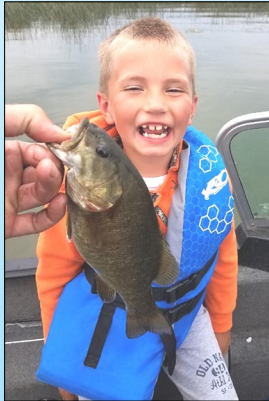
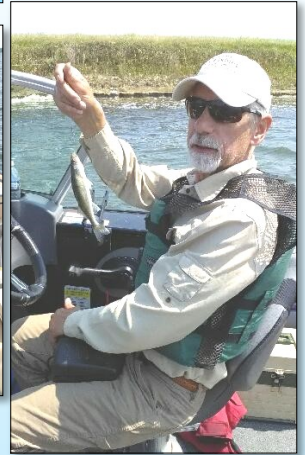


Here are some of the duties that we did at different job sites: tiling a shower, using a power saw, being on top of a roof shingling or small jobs, such as using a power drill for the very first time! It was a memorable trip for all and we feel blessed that we made the journey together!! Thank you to everyone for keeping us in your prayers while we were gone. It was great knowing God was using us to be his hands and feet.



If you want to hear more about our adventures, please join us on September 16 to hear our trip highlights during the morning services.

FRC Fishing Trip...



Just For Fun...



What did the fisherman say to the magician?



"Pick a cod, any cod!"