

Reformed Informer



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FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SULLY IOWA — APRIL 2019

"A Long Shot!"

Dear Friends,

This past month I watched some exciting basketball games as "March Madness" officially took over the nations news! My family members fill out a bracket and try to predict the winner of the NCAA basketball championship.

It is a fun exercise in futility! At least for me! I'm currently last in the family standings! My bracket is busted! Thanks Iowa State and Iowa! One of my daughters is in first place! Her strategy is to pick teams that wear blue! I can't argue with the results.

Against all odds is a theme that also reflects a world gone mad when they nailed the Savior of the world on the cross! This month we celebrate a resurrection that changed our lives and eternity forever! I am reminded that Jesus' resurrection was a long shot. Death could not hold Jesus. Therefore we have an awesome promise of Romans 8:11, *"And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your immortal bodies through his Spirit, which lives in you."*

This is the Bible's life changing promise to you! It is a promise I need to be reminded of. This Easter we celebrate the power of God over a world that was bent on evil. The cross couldn't hold Jesus. The grave couldn't keep Christ! Death couldn't run a victory lap over our Lord!

Do you ever feel that the odds are stacked against you in some area of your life? Easter reminds us that the impossible became possible because the power of God overcame sin's penalty!

One of the most dangerous attitudes that a Christian can develop is what I call the case of the "ordinaries". It is where your spiritual growth has been exchanged for survival tactics! We live a life with a joyless and apathetic faith! Easter reminds us that against all odds resurrection happens. Christ is victorious over all the things we fight against.

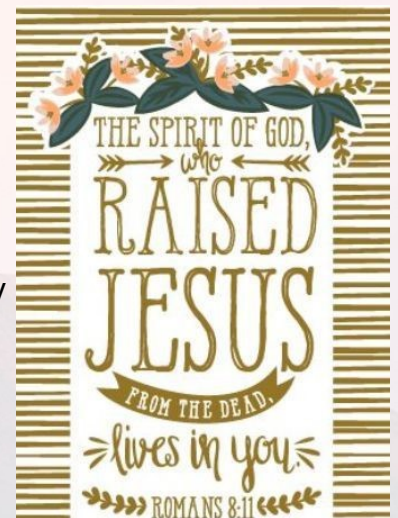
May this Easter remind us to take a stand in living for Christ. You might feel like you are taking a long shot, but God is using your life for something grand and bold in Christ!

He will use you!

Against all odds God will use you to be part of the message of the empty tomb!

Now that goes beyond March Madness!
Have a Blessed Easter!

Blessings!
Pastor Wayne





Who: ALL 6th—8th graders
Impact Youth will be meeting
EVERY SUNDAY at 4:59 pm in the
WELL throughout the year!

April Dates:

April 5—7—Middle School Retreat in Dayton, IA
April 14
April 21—No IMPACT Youth
April 28

IMPACT Youth Group (6th-8th) meets Sunday evenings from 4:59—6pm in the Well

Leaders: Jeff & Alison Knouse, Denny & Donna Liekweg, Hailey Scandridge & Caden Dunsbergen

Youth & Ed Director—

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JUST a NOTE

The semester is flying by! I cannot believe that April is already here. Soon the youth world will be filled with prom pictures, graduation parties, and heartfelt “see-you-laters.” But as we enter in to our last full month of youth group we are excited to see what God has in store for us. We kick this month off with our annual Middle School Retreat to Hidden Acres Camp in Dayton, IA, where we are bringing six middle school friends with us. Would you please be praying for this trip, that our middle school friends would encounter Jesus in a new and powerful way?

This month in Impact we are going through discussions where we ask BIG questions such as, “Could God really love me?” and, “How can I know an invisible God?” In Faithwalkers we will finish our series walking through the fruits of the Spirit. We love getting to dig deep into the Word to uncover the truths and blessings of God.

Lastly, I've got a question for you: how would you like to make a difference in a teenager's life? Are you looking for somewhere to use the gifts the Lord has blessed you with? Well I want to invite all of you to consider, “Could I be a youth leader?” I believe you can be. If you are interested in being a youth leader for Impact or Faithwalkers, please let me know and we can talk about leadership! The Lord can use you in incredible ways if you step out in obedience. Pray about it. We'd love to have you on our team. Have a great April everyone!

FAITH WALKERS
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 2 Corinthians 5:7

FAITHWALKERS meet at 6:27 pm in the Well

All 9th - 12th Grade invited
Upcoming Events:

April 7
April 14
April 21—No Faithwalkers
April 28

Faithwalkers Youth Group (9th—12th) meets every Sunday evening beginning at 6:27pm in the Well

Leaders: Jeff & Alison Knouse, Brent & Sandy De Jong and Cale & Kendra Van Wyk



Making summer plans? Don't forget about summer camp! Registration is open for **BE BOLD 2019!** Lake View Camp offers day camps, overnight camps, service opportunities, and grandparent/grandchild camps. Fun, faith, friends - it's all waiting for you at camp this summer! Our church will pay ½

the registration cost of one event for all those who attend FRC regularly. **Early bird discount if you register by May 1.** There is also a “Friends Discount” as well as a “Multiple Camp Discount”. A link to this is located on the front page of our website—www.sullyfrc.org as well as www.lakeviewconference.com. **INSTRUCTIONS** if you register online: Since our church pays 1/2 of registration fee, no payment is required at registration. Print off confirmation and give to the church office for payment. Once the church has submitted payment you will get an email with your portion of balance due. Registration forms are also located by the church office or in the Sunday school rooms.

Prayer Breakfast
 Free Jesus, and donuts.

Every Friday morning at 7:30 am all 9th—12th grade are invited to come for donuts, chocolate milk, orange juice and prayer. Invite your friends! It's a great way to end the school week!



Children's Ministry Director—

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STARS

The **STARS** after school program concluded with the children presenting a brief program for their families which included the reciting of The Lord's Prayer, singing Lord, I Lift Your Name on High; and the showing of a slide show highlighting the activities of the year. Since the children had been talking about prayer and for a Lenten activity the children had the opportunity to make their own pretzels. It was a busy evening.



Looking ahead—the Primary Sunday School Department (1st—4th grade) will be singing on Palm Sunday, April 14 during the morning worship service. Our last day of Sunday school will be Sunday, May 19.



VBS 2019 ROAR: Life is Wild, God is Good! Save the dates for a great time learning about God's strength and goodness, July 8-11, 2019, 6-8 p.m. There will be a meal served ahead of time!

*******NOTE DATE CHANGE*******

Kindergarten—3rd Grade

Friday, April 12

5:30—8:30 pm

**Food, chips and a beverage
Craft, game and a movie!
Invite your friends to join you!**

**Bring your favorite pillow
or sleeping bag to lay on the floor
while watching the movie**



Registration requested by:

Wednesday, April 10

**Please call 594-2935 (church) or
641-891-4864 (Lynn Dunsbergen)**

Email: frcsully@netins.net

SINCERE HEARTFELT THANKS

to ALL of the wonderful volunteers who shared their gifts and love for the children – over 34 involved – at least 15 each week!!

Please register your kids by going on our church webpage—<http://sullyfrc.org/ministries/children/> scroll down to Kidz Movie Night info. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at frcsully@netins.net or 641-594-2935 ext 1



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who have supported the STARS program through financial gifts and prayers!

Primary Sunday School Children (1st – 4th graders) are joyfully preparing songs to sing during the morning worship on Palm Sunday.

It is hard to believe that we are weeks away from Easter and the many activities of spring. I would just like to encourage you to take some time with your children/grandchildren to read about and participate in worship as Holy Week approaches. After all, it's the resurrection of our Savior that changes all our lives.



Writing out Scriptures is a way to understand God's Word and Hear His voice without distractions. Each of the Scriptures below should take fifteen minutes to copy. So grab your journal, your bible, and some pretty pens, and let us INSCRIBE THE WORD together.



How to Study the Bible

1. Read the Scripture out loud.
2. Write the Scripture in your journal.
3. Ask yourself how you can live out the Scripture.
4. Pray that Jesus would help you apply the Scripture.

**The Book of
EPHESIANS**

- 1. Ephesians 1:3
- 2. Ephesians 1:7
- 3. Ephesians 1:11
- 4. Ephesians 1:17-18
- 5. Ephesians 1:19-20
- 6. Ephesians 2:1
- 7. Ephesians 2:4
- 8. Ephesians 2:8-9
- 9. Ephesians 4:16
- 10. Ephesians 4:31
- 11. Ephesians 4:32
- 12. Ephesians 5:1
- 13. Ephesians 5:2
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- 27. Ephesians 6:19
- 28. Ephesians 6:20
- 29. Ephesians 6:22
- 30. Ephesians 6:23

Getting To Know You

Randy & Shelly Rozendaal

Birthdays: Randy—6/30/61

Shelly—5/11/63

Anniversary: August 27, 1982



Randy and Shelly Rozendaal have been connected with First Reformed Church their entire lives. They grew up attending Sunday school; they were married in the church; their children were baptized at First Reformed as well as their grandchildren all of which are cherished memories of the church. The variety of music played each Sunday during worship is also appreciated by them.

In his early years, Randy Rozendaal, who is the son of Don and Evelyn, enjoyed living in Sully with his siblings Vicki (Scott) Nikkel of Sully, and Mike (Sandy) Rozendaal of West Des Moines. He attended Lynnville-Sully grade school and high school and currently is a self-employed farmer. Shelly lived on a farm north of Lynnville where her parents Don and Karen Jansen and brothers and sister Kendall (Darci) Jansen of Lynnville, Terri (Don) Morris of Sully, and Corey (Sunny) of Johnston spent their time raising their family. She also went to Lynnville-Sully grade school and high school and is a part-time secretary at Star Auto in Sully as well as helps on the farm. They now make their home in the country east of Sully.

After the Rozendaals were married in 1982, they raised three sons; Brad (Stephanie) Ashton and Owen; Brent; and Jeremy (Becky) Jay and Case and have four grandsons. For over 20 years the Rozendaal family has been taking a vacation every summer to the Lake of the Ozarks where they love to boat, sight-see and spend time with the grandkids creating memories that will last forever. Riding motorcycle to new locations and traveling are some activities Randy and Shelly love to do in their leisure time.

Thank you Randy and Shelly Rozendaal for letting us “Get to Know You Better!”



Felipe and Janelle deWaard-Silva's ministry



Since the fall of communism, Romania has been putting itself back together. However, there is still significant government corruption, a lack of trust, and skepticism that hard work, courage, and perseverance can pay off.

We have been called to work with Roma youth in the Jiu Valley to build trust, perseverance, character, and courage through rock climbing. Roma people are heavily discriminated against. And Dallas, the neighborhood closest to our gym, is one of the poorest in the valley.

Many parents move away to find work but leave their children behind in Dallas. These children receive little education and have to beg or steal to make ends meet. Our ministry provides youth in Dallas with an environment where they can experience safety and respect, develop life skills and character, pursue education, and come to know the love of Christ.

We work in partnership with the New Horizons Foundation.

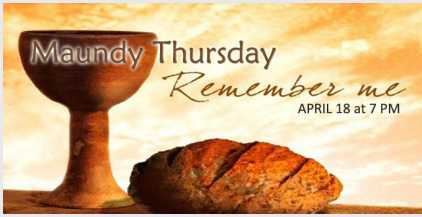
Please pray: • For the youth at the gym— that they continue to grow, for their family and living situations, and for the provision of material needs. • For our family as we welcome our second child and handle the challenges of raising kids in this area. • For the spiritual health and growth of our church, our pastors, and us as the youth leaders. • For opportunities to expand our climbing gym and for the wisdom and financial support to do so.

**FELIPE AND JANELLE
DEWAARD-SILVA**

**WEBSITE:
WWW.RCA.ORG/SILVA**



Sunday, April 7, 6:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place. The Messiah in the Passover presentation is a powerful visual message not only of Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt, but the redemption of individuals from the bondage of sin through the atoning work of Jesus. The program is designed to give participants a deeper understanding both of Passover and of the Communion table.



Maundy Thursday Service with communion, Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 pm. Nursery is provided!

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with His disciples. What does Maundy Thursday Mean? Christ's "mandate" is commemorated on Maundy Thursday---"maundy" being a shortened form of mandatum (Latin), which means "command." It was on the Thursday of

Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected that He said these words to his disciples: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." John 13:34

EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 21 at 8:00 am in the Gathering Place
Egg Bake, Sausage links, Fruit and Cinnamon & Caramel Rolls
Coffee, Milk & Juice

Celebration Coffee Time
 after the morning worship
 Coffee, juice & cookies
 In the Gathering Place
 (fellowship hall)



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

A quick summary of our Phase 2—

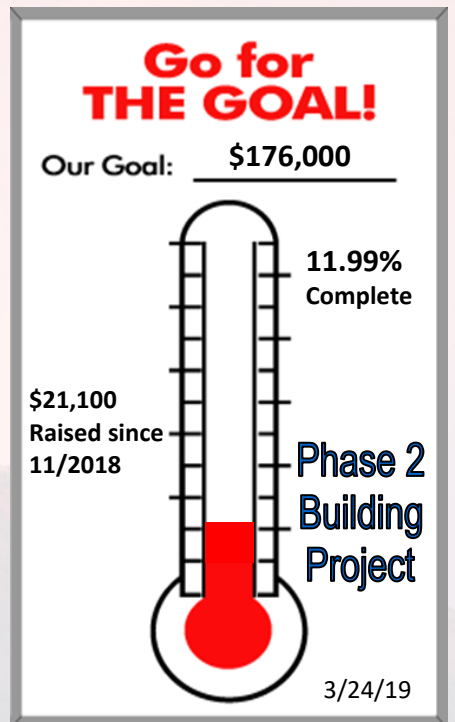
Sanctuary Renovation Project

On November 11, 2018 the congregation approved an approximate cost of a \$600,000 renovation of the sanctuary. The financing of this project will be accomplished by a \$365,000 gift of the Veldhuizen gift to the Building fund and \$8,792 from the Vande Krol annuity. \$50,291 was applied from the current balance (at this time) from our Building Fund, leaving \$175,917 as an outstanding balance on the remaining project. We will be using funds from the General church account (\$175,917) to pay down the difference until funds are raised through our Building fund to pay back the General account (hence, borrowing from ourselves).

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| Quick Clip —Cost of project | \$600,000 |
| Estate Gifts | \$373,792 |
| Congregational Responsibility | \$175,917 |
| Funds raised since 11/2018 | \$ 21,100 |
| Balance on Project | \$154,817 |

July 1—Project anticipated to begin

2 Corinthians 9:7 says "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."





- April 1**
Andrew Scholten
- April 3**
David Nikkel
- April 4**
Glenda Renaud ~ Linda Schnell
Abby Van Wyk ~ Logan Vos
- April 5**
Darrell Maasdam ~ Nancy Huyser
Donna Brand (82)
- April 6**
Mason Dunsbergen ~ Jager Huyser
- April 7**
Conner Deal
- April 8**
Karen Hackert ~ Dylan Liekweg
Roger Van Der Kamp
- April 9**
Carlene Van Der Pol
Mariah Vos
- April 11**
Carl De Goey (85)
Daniel Keen ~ Darrell Zegers
Case Rozendaal
- April 12**
Dorothy Van Der Kamp (95)
- April 13**
Liz Harthoorn ~ Asher Rozendaal

- April 15**
Daren Rozendaal
- April 16**
Makenzy Rozendaal ~ Harlow Vos
- April 18**
Kayla Van Dyke ~ Deb Van Kooten
Shaleah Van Wyk
- April 19**
Tim Vanden Hoek
- April 20**
Kelsi Bowman ~ Aubrey Harthoorn
Cory Van Zante
- April 21**
Margaret Vande Krol (92)
Lois Vander Leest
- April 22**
Audrey Brand ~ Jennifer Torres
- April 24**
Brent De Jong
- April 25**
Dale Huyser
- April 28**
Kathryn De Penning

- April 8**
Jim & Marlis Van Zante—**47 years**
- April 10**
Brent & Sandy De Jong—**38 years**
- April 11**
Mike & Susan Jansen—**39 years**
- April 15**
Carl & Joyce De Goey—**64 years**
- April 20**
Rusty & Sharla Van Wyk—**29 years**
- April 26**
Arie & Elaine Scholten—**51 years**
- April 27**
Wayne & Reda Daniels—**6 years**
- April 28**
Ervin & Linda Arkema—**47 years**
- April 30**
Mike & Kathy Zylstra—**37 years**



April

The Grace of God

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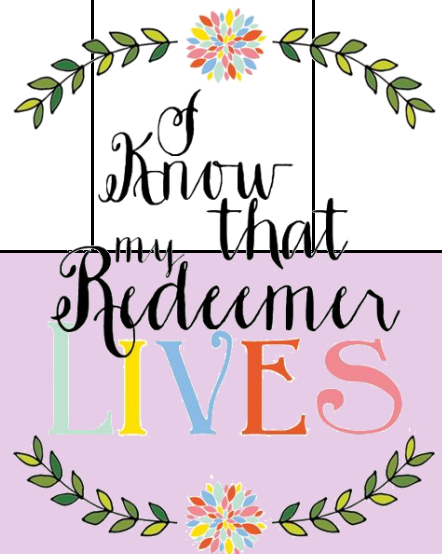
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Central Iowa Teens Encounter Christ was held here February 28—March 3. Over 150 teens and adults had a great weekend encountering Christ. Jeff Knouse, Ethan Wyma, Kaylee Maasdam and Meleisha Vos attended.

2019 PRAYER CALENDAR

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 Hailey Scandridge | 2 Payton Scandridge | 3 Matt, Dawn, Asher, Peyton, Lucy, & Samuel Schechinger | 4 Chet, Ali & Brody Schnell | 5 Dick & Linda Schnell | 6 Allen Scholten |
| 7 Andrew Scholten | 8 Arie & Elaine Scholten | 9 Mark & Sarah Scholten | 10 Drew & Shelby Shinkle | 11 Bailey Smith | 12 Paul & Patty Sneller | 13 Pastor Wayne & Tammy Sneller |
| 14 Kevin, Kelly & Riley Terlouw | 15 Henrietta Terpstra | 16 John & Dawn Terpstra | 17 Logan Terpstra | 18 Warren & Alma Terpstra | 19 Felix & Tia Torres | 20 Jenny Torres & Marlee |
| 21 Tony, Deana, Destiny, Mathias, Elizabeth, Ellie & Lincoln Torres | 22 Margaret Vande Krol | 23 Tena Vanden Hoek | 24 Tim, Marsha & Brett Vanden Hoek | 25 Jerry & Pam Vander Beek | 26 Dorothy Van Der Kamp | 27 Roger & Jean Van Der Kamp |
| 28 Irvin & Lois Vander Leest | 29 Jeff & Shelley Vander Molen | 30 Jeremy, Trisha, Kylie & Bailey Vander Molen | | | | |



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2019 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----|---|---|--|--|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 5:45 am Promise Keepers | 4 8:30 am Ministerial Meeting | 5 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast Middle School Retreat— April 5-7 Dayton, IA | 6 Women with Purpose outing to Chonda Pierce |
| 7 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 10:45 am Sunday School 6 pm Chosen People 6:30 pm Faithwalkers | 8 | 9 6:30 pm Meeting in Gathering Place | 10 5:45 am Promise Keepers | 11 | 12 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast 5:30—8:30 pm Kidz Movie Night | 13 |
| 14 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 10:45 am Sunday School 5 pm Impact Youth 5:30 pm Young Couples Bible Study 6 pm Pastor Tom VandeBerg 6:30 pm Faithwalkers | 15 | 16 | 17 5:45 am Promise Keepers | 18  7 pm Maundy Thursday Service | 19  No Prayer Breakfast | 20 |
| 21  8 am Easter Breakfast 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 12 pm Reunion NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NO EVENING WORSHIP | 22 | 23 | 24 5:45 am Promise Keepers 6:30 pm Elders Mtg. 6:45 pm Deacon Mtg. 7:30 pm Consistory | 25 | 26 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast | 27 |
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