

Reformed *Informer*



FEBRUARY 2020

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SULLY, IA



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"INGREDIENTS FOR COMMUNITY"

Dear Friends,

This month many of our local sports teams will prepare themselves for the final three weeks before district play begins.

Have you ever looked around and observed what motivates a team? If you go into a high school gym, you will see signs and mottos that are placed prominent places that remind both the teams and fans of the goal at hand.

The whole mind set, whether you are listening to the cheerleaders or participating in the chant, is to support your team. Winning or losing is the outcome of the contest, but it is how well players performed to their best ability that is often remembered.

God created all of us to be winners, giving us the gifts, skills and circumstances that we need to succeed at what he has called us to do. Yet many people – even Christians who should feel totally secure in Christ – don't seem to believe that truth.

I have never met a consistent winner who had a negative attitude.

One thing that for sure will hamper or destroy a Christian witness or an aspiring church are people with losing attitudes that say things like "We can't do it," "It won't work," "It's not my job" or "It costs too much." To cultivate a winning attitude, see what Scripture says. God's word will tell you things like, "I can do it," "Let's give it a try," "I'll be glad to help" and "I owe it to others."

About a month ago, we moved into our renovated sanctuary! The enthusiasm of worshipping together in a new worship space carried over from the Gathering Place!

I believe one major take away we have learned as a congregation is the power of community or fellowship!

As Christians we are called to belong, not just believe. We are not meant to live lone ranger lives, instead we are to belong to Christ's family and to be members of His body.

When we anticipate worship together, we realize we are part of the family of God. We are not alone. We have each other for support. The church exists to provide fellowship for believers and we come together to worship God. I love the way Ephesians 2:19 says, "You are members of God's very own family... and you belong in God's household with every other Christian!"

John Wooden, one of the greatest basketball coaches of all time said, "It's what you learn after you know it all that counts." Just as water that stands still too long becomes stagnant and stale, a person or a church who isn't growing loses their momentum and effectiveness.

Let's get out of our comfort zone and grow. That's what our God expects of us who call him Lord!

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!
February Dates:

February 2—NO IMPACT
 February 9—Love Talk
 February 16—Spiritual Growth Series
 February 23 Impact Service at 6 pm in the Sanctuary
IMPACT Youth Group (6th-8th) meets Sunday evenings from 4:59—6pm in the Well
Leaders: Jeff & Alison Knouse, Denny & Donna Liekweg & Caden Dunsbergen

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FAITHWALKERS meet at 6:27 pm in the Well
All 9th - 12th Grade invited
Upcoming Events:

February 2—NO FAITHWALKERS
 February 9—People of the Bible
 February 16—People of the Bible
 February 23—People of the Bible

Faithwalkers Youth Group (9th—12th) meets every Sunday evening from 6—7 pm in the Well
Leaders: Jeff & Alison Knouse, Cale & Kendra Van Wyk, Cody & Kelly Kesling and Shawn & ChyAnne Huyser.



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!

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FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

BOUQUETS



STARS

The Fruit of the Spirit – Love

What two words frequently come to mind when we think of February? Winter and Valentine's Day! When we think about those words: one represents cold and the other represents warmth. In February, we find ourselves in the middle of a cold blanket of snow, freezing temperatures, and even ice. But in the middle of February our hearts are warm as we think of Valentine's Day representing love, warmth, and maybe even a little chocolate. Even though love is shown throughout the year, Valentine's Day is one day set aside where we can emphasize what our family and friends mean to us.

At STARS, as we continue to talk about the Fruit of the Spirit, the children are learning how love is more than a big red Valentine heart. It's how we treat others and listen, obey, and share. Love shows up in our actions. Furthermore, Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice of love when He died for our sins. In John 3:16, we read, God so LOVED the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. In 1 John 3:1, we read, See what great LOVE the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God. Furthermore, 1 John 4:7 states, Let us LOVE one another, because LOVE is of God. 1 John 4:7

I would like to encourage you to let your February be one of love, warmth, and blessings of family and friends.

a jelly bean prayer

- red is for the blood He gave.
 - green is for the grass He made.
 - yellow is for the sun so bright.
 - orange is for the edge of night.
 - black is for the sins we've made.
 - white is for the grace He gave.
 - purple is for His hour of sorrow.
 - pink is for the new tomorrow.
- Handfuls of jelly beans, colorful and bright, a prayer, a promise of a brand new life.*

FEBRUARY

28 DAYS OF GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 1 John 3:1 2 Galatians 2:20 3 1 John 4:7-8 4 Jeremiah 29:11 5 John 3:16 6 Psalms 136:26 7 1 John 4:16 8 Zephaniah 3:17 9 Psalms 86:5 10 Romans 5:8 11 Ephesians 3:16-18 12 John 13:34-35 13 1 Corinthians 13:13 14 Psalms 86:15 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15 Ephesians 2:4-7 16 Jeremiah 31:3 17 Isaiah 54:10 18 Romans 8:37-39 19 1 Chronicles 16:34 20 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 21 Deuteronomy 7:9 22 1 Peter 5:6-7 23 Psalms 107:8-9 24 Romans 5:2-5 25 Nehemiah 9:17 26 1 John 4:9-11 27 Psalms 36:5-6 28 John 15:9-17
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Missions UPDATE



Jeremy and Susan
Beebout

PRAY

- For wisdom as the Beebouts and their ministry partners increase services and intensify evangelism efforts at Clinique Olivia and as they build a new clinic in Dogon Doutchi, to open in 2020.
- For the nursing school, which opened in the fall of 2019 and is the first Christian university in Niger.
- For qualified missionary teachers each year at the Beebout children's school, Sahel Academy.
- For security in Niger as terrorist activity threatens the country from every side, and the need for proclamation of the gospel becomes more urgent.



About the ministry

Beyond the gates of the compound stretches a busy dirt road bordered by small shops, a warehouse, and many worn down mud-brick houses. This is just one corner of Niamey, Niger's capital, where its one million residents are daily confronted with the challenges of climate, unemployment, and lack of basic necessities including food and basic health care. The compound is home to CADR, the development office of the Evangelical Church of the Republic of Niger. Clinique Olivia is part of CADR, as well as a new nursing school and a guesthouse.

The Beebouts work at CADR and at Clinique Olivia, which provides affordable healthcare to folks from all over the country who regularly battle with recurrent malaria, diarrhea, and respiratory infections. The clinic and CADR staff have created a welcoming community where health issues and other challenges, life stories, and faith in God are shared.

To learn more or support this ministry, visit:

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100th Anniversary 1904-2004 COOKBOOK



First Reformed Church
Sully, Iowa

SHROVE PANCAKE NIGHT



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, February 26, 2019

5:00 – 7 pm

Gathering Place at FRC

**Invite your family and friends for
pancakes with all the toppings!**

Freewill Donation

Back by popular demand

The **100th Anniversary Cookbook** is being reprinted! So many great recipes in this cookbook! If you would like a copy the cost is \$15. We are not sure when they will arrive, but should be soon!



Tim & Desiree Hardeman
Birthdates: Tim 11/7/1980
 Desiree 1/21/1983
 Brayden 9/28/2004
 Brooke 6/2/2009
 Bryson 1/12/2011
 Bristol 1/12/2011
Anniversary: April 5, 2003

After meeting through mutual friends, Tim and Desiree Hardeman were married at the Christian Reformed Church in Sully. They now make their home in the Lynnville area with their children Brayden, Brooke, Bristol and Bryson. Tim is the owner of Iowa Grain Systems in Grinnell and Desiree works

in the office part time, but most days she just chauffeurs kids around to their activities! (which can be a full time job!)

Tim's parents Bernie and Mary Hardeman raised Tim and his brothers; Mike, who lives with his family in Orange City and Dan, who lives in Runnels with his family, in Leighton, Iowa. In his formidable years, he went to Pella Christian Grade School as well as graduating from Pella Christian High School. Desiree also has two brothers; David Nikkel (and family) and Trevor Nikkel (and family), and her parents are Scott and Vicki Nikkel who all live in Sully. As she grew up, she attended Sully Christian Grade School and went on to get her diploma from Pella Christian High School.

The Hardeman family enjoys spending time together whether it be traveling, camping or swimming in the summer. In the winter the kids encourage Tim to take them ice fishing on ponds in the area! As the kids grow, those times spent together become precious due to everyone's busy schedules.

With the addition of many young families and the friendliness of the congregation, Tim and Desiree feel at home at First Reformed Church. They enjoy some of the traditions the church has like the applause for new members and the dessert bar on Thanksgiving eve.

Thanks to the Tim and Desiree Hardeman family for letting us "Get To Know You Better!"

Christ-Centered Marriage

-  **Jesus as the Center**
2 Corinthians 6:14
-  **Humble and Gentle in Heart**
Matthew 11:29
-  **Forgives Each Other**
Ephesians 2:8
-  **Good Communication**
James 5:16
-  **Sacrificial Love**
Ephesians 5:25
-  **Makes Intimacy a Priority**
Genesis 2:24
-  **Hopes in the Lord**
Romans 10:11

6 VERSES TO PRAY OVER
YOUR KIDS

-  **SELF CONTROL**
1 Peter 5:8
-  **COURAGE**
Joshua 1:9
-  **HELP FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT**
John 7:38-39a
-  **OPPORTUNITIES TO DO GOOD**
Galatians 6:10
-  **OVERCOME EVIL**
Romans 12:21
-  **LOVE GOD AND OTHERS**
Matthew 22:37-39

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February 1

Nicole Dunsbergen ~ Dylan Roozeboom
Pavlos Vasileiadis

February 2

Donavon De Penning

February 3

Judy Zegers

February 4

Linkoln Torres

February 5

Henry Veldhuizen (96)
Myra Rozendaal ~ Brody Schnell
Scott Rolffs ~ Kacey Kesling

February 6

Jim Van Zante

February 7

Charles Brand (85)
Kendra Van Wyk

February 8

Ervin Arkema ~
Irvin Vander Leest
Marlis Van Zante ~ Megan Van Zante

Liz Van Hemert (91)

February 9

Mary Ann Van Maaren
Gilbert Van Wyk (87)

February 10

Katelyn Beyer
Rowyn Vos

February 12

Kaiser Kesling

February 14

Iva Baarda (87)
Jean Van Der Kamp ~ Joel Van Wyk

February 17

Arie Scholten

February 20

Chris De Jong

February 24

Dustin Dunsbergen

February 25

Gabe Rozendaal ~ Steve Vos
Brooklyn Chapman

February 27

Jordan Vos

February 28

Patty Sneller

February 1

Darrell & Susan Maasdam—23 years

February 2

Ken & Verna Hackert—59 years

February 5

Cody & Kelly Kesling—16 years

February 10

John & Jennifer Kramer—24 years
Ervin & Carolyn Van Waardhuizen—59 years

February 13

Marvin & Iva Baarda—67 years

February 15

Gilbert & Marlene Van Wyk—63 years

February 18

Verlan & Helen Brand—54 years

February 23

Alvin & Shirley Rozendaal—58 years

February 26

Melvin & Shirley Dunsbergen—55 years

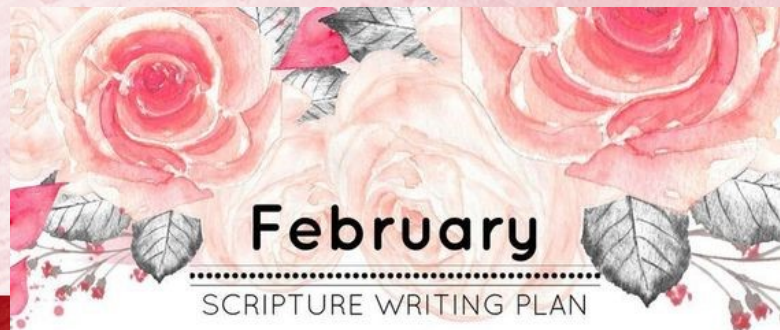
February 27

Beryl & Velda Dunsbergen—50 years

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, February 7— 818 Forward With Faith's 3rd Annual Dessert Dash! The evening will start with a silent auction from 4 - 6 pm, followed by supper and desserts. We will also hear an inspirational message from Former Navy Seal, Patrick Bisher. The event will be held at Sun Valley Barn in Pella. Please RSVP to promotion@forwardwithfaith.org OR click "going" on our Facebook event! We look forward to seeing you!
Saturday, February 8—15—Work Trip to Meridian, Mississippi

Thursday, February 28—Central Iowa Classis Meeting here at FRC.



February
SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN
The Heart of the Matter

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| Day 1: Deuteronomy 4:7-9 | Day 15: Jeremiah 29:11-13 |
| Day 2: Deuteronomy 6:4-6 | Day 16: Joel 2:12-13 |
| Day 3: Deuteronomy 10:12-13 | Day 17: Matthew 6:19-21 |
| Day 4: Psalm 2:3-5 | Day 18: Matthew 15:17-20 |
| Day 5: Psalm 26:2-7 | Day 19: Matthew 22:37-40 |
| Day 6: Psalm 73:26-28 | Day 20: Luke 6:45 |
| Day 7: Psalm 84:2-4 | Day 21: Romans 8:27-28 |
| Day 8: Psalm 86:11-13 | Day 22: Ephesians 3:14-19 |
| Day 9: Psalm 119:9-11 | Day 23: Colossians 3:14-17 |
| Day 10: Psalm 139:23-24 | Day 24: 1 Timothy 1:5 |
| Day 11: Proverbs 3:3-6 | Day 25: Hebrews 4:12-13 |
| Day 12: Proverbs 4:23-24 | Day 26: Hebrews 10:22-25 |
| Day 13: Proverbs 16:23-24 | Day 27: James 4:8-10 |
| Day 14: Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 | Day 28: 1 Peter 3:14-16 |

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*



2020 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Ervin & Carolyn Van Waardhuizen
2 Aaron, Amber & Lane Van Wyk	3 Braden & Christine Van Wyk	4 Cale & Kendra Van Wyk	5 Cody Van Wyk	6 Edith Van Wyk	7 Esther Van Wyk	8 Gilbert & Marlene Van Wyk
9 Jeff & Deb Van Wyk	10 Joel, Heidi & Jesse Van Wyk	11 Kevin & Julie Van Wyk	12 Marlin & Lauren Van Wyk	13 Rachel Van Wyk	14 Ross Van Wyk	15 Ruby Van Wyk
16 Rustin, Sharla & Shaleah Van Wyk	17 Sarah Jonella Van Wyk	18 Cory Van Zante & Mia	19 Jason, Michelle, Tyler & Megan Van Zante	20 Jim & Marlis Van Zante	21 Pavlos, Meggan, Theo, Matthew & Risa Vasileiadis	22 Henry Veldhuizen
23 Dick & Joyce Ver Ploeg	24 Doyle & Karna Ver Ploeg	25 Teryl & Carol Ver Ploeg	26 Brandon, Andrea, Rory & Harlow Vos	27 Cole, Shelly, Bentlee, Paisley & Rowyn Vos	28 Jordan, Miranda & Nora Vos	29 Logan, Taylor, Kreighton & Oaklynn Vos





2020 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 11—4 pm Shower in the Gathering Place
2 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 10:45 am Sunday School 6 pm Pastor Mike Holleman	3	4 9 am Sewing Days	5 5:45 am Promise Keepers 3:30 pm STARS 5:30 STARS Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	6	7 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	8 Work Trip leaves & returns February 15
9 9:30 am Jeff Knouse 10:45 am Sunday School 4:59 pm IMPACT 6 pm Royce Spoelstra 6:27 pm Faithwalkers	10	11	12 5:45 am Promise Keepers 3:30 pm STARS 5:30 Family Nite Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	13	14 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	15 Work Trip re- turns 12—6 pm Reunion in the Gathering Place
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23 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 10:45 am Sunday School 6 pm IMPACT Youth Service	24	25	26 5:45 am Promise Keepers 3:30 pm STARS 5 pm Shrove Pan- cake Supper 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	27 5:30 pm Central Iowa Classis Meeting here at FRC	28	29