

**“Acceptance of Life from the Hand of God”**

Pastor Duane Laman 9:30 am

July 26, 2020

One condition of the heart is indispensable to anyone achieving a happy and blessed life—acceptance of that which cannot be changed. Today we see we must learn:

**FIRST TO ACCEPT SUFFERING.**

- Rebellion against our lot in life, will always separate us from God.
- Our Lord is Himself the model we need to follow. He accepted life and death from the hand of God and yielded His will to God's will and said: “Your will be done!”

**A SECOND ASPECT OF ACCEPTANCE IS ACCEPTANCE OF WHO WE ARE.**

- We should begin to see that God made us who we are and we should be able to pray: “Thank you God for making me, me.”

**A THIRD ACCEPTANCE IS FAMILY AND HEREDITY ACCEPTANCE.**

- Pray: “Thank you God for putting me in this family.” Give your family to God and He will use your family background, whatever it is, to make you a blessing.

**A FOURTH ACCEPTANCE IS ACCEPTANCE OF ONE'S MARITAL STATUS.**

- Paul says that if we are married we should give ourselves for our spouse and bless them, but he says, if we're not married, it is good to stay unmarried.
- “Each one should retain (accept) the place in life that the Lord assigned to them and to which God has called them.” (1 Cor. 7:17)

**A FIFTH ACCEPTANCE IS ACCEPTING THE PASSAGE OF TIME.**

- We are each exactly the age God wants us to be? Ps. 139 says it clearly: “All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”

Well, in addition we could consider such subjects as the need to accept one's spouse as they are and the need to accept our gifts and abilities, and even the need to accept our own height. But in a far superior way the Apostle Paul summarizes when he says: “I have learned in whatever state I am therein to be content.” He knew that in any situation he had Jesus Christ, and when you have Christ and walk with Christ daily, you can cope with anything.

So, don't spend your life fighting things you cannot change, give them up to God and He will change you and use you.

**DIRECTED PRAYER:** O God help me to accept myself as the person you wanted and made. Help me accept my family and to thank you. Help me accept my marital status. Help me accept my age and enjoy every age you give me. In Jesus name. Amen

**Sunday, July 26, 2020  
Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.  
First Reformed Church, Sully, Iowa  
Pastor Duane Laman**

Prelude ..... *“Soul On Fire”* .....Praise Team

Welcome

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

\*Call to Worship

\*Hymns of Praise ..... *“This Little Light of Mine”*  
..... *“We Will Glorify”*

\*Worship Prayer

Music video— ..... *“Praise Ye the Lord, Hallelujah!”*

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture ..... Various scripture passages (on screen)

Message.... **“Acceptance of Life from the Hand of God”**

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**THE RESPONSE TO GOD**

\*Closing Hymn ..... *“Multiplied”*

\*Benediction

\*Response ..... *“Raise a Hallelujah”*

**POSTLUDE** .....Praise Team

**\*Congregation will be dismissed by rows**

\*Indicates standing if able

\* CCLI License # 790003

\*Coffee time will be served outside under the carport on the south side and also in the north parking lot.

# "ACCEPTANCE OF LIFE FROM THE HAND OF GOD"

*“I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”*

**Philippians 4:11-13**

*July 26, 2020  
First Reformed Church  
Sully, IA*

# WEEKLY SCHEDULES

## Sunday, July 26

9:30 am **Morning Worship**—Pastor Duane Laman  
1-4 pm **Shower** in the Gathering Place

### WORK SCHEDULE FOR July 26

**NO NURSERY or CHILDREN IN WORSHIP ACTIVITIES**  
until further notice.  
**No Ushers needed until further notice**

## Tuesday, July 28

7:00 pm **FRC 1 (Jacob VM) vs. Heart of Worship** (East)  
8:00 pm **FRC 2 (Jeff K) vs. Peoria CRC** (West)

## Sunday, August 2

9:30 am **Morning Worship**—Pastor Wayne Sneller  
1-5 pm **Shower** in the Well

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Saturday, August 15, 11—1 pm**—Come support **Forward With Faith** at our BBQ! Enjoy a pulled pork sandwich and chips serving curbside. We will be serving from our first home located at 812 Lincoln St., Pella. There is an informational flier in your church mailbox!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for our 3 year old—Kindergarten Sunday school department.** This can be a shared position. Please prayerfully consider helping out!

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

## CHURCH FAMILY

- **Wanda Dunsbergen** was admitted to the Pella Regional Health Center on Wednesday, July 22 with low oxygen.
- **Suzanne Rozendaal** is scheduled for surgery the 2nd week of August. She will not know if Chemotherapy is needed until after the pathology report from surgery is back.
- **Carson Dunsbergen** has a new address:  
Carson Dunsbergen  
CMR 366 PO Box 48  
APO AP 96273-2001

**Pastor Wayne & Tammy** will be on vacation the next couple of weeks. He will be out of the office July 14—30. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel and enjoy some rest and relaxation. If a need arises, please contact the church office, Dennis Dunsbergen, VP (641-891-5440) or one of the elders.

## NURSING HOME/PROLONGED HOSPITAL STAY/HOMEBOUND

Pray for our President, Leaders, our Nation, Hospital staff, & pastors.

**BABY BLESSING BASKET:** There is a baby blessing basket set out in the Gathering Place for our newest little one:  
**Maxwell James Anthony Gebhart, son of Steven Gebhart & Jenny Torres born July 3, 2020.**



*Thank You!*

Thank you so much to my family and wonderful friends for showering me in love on my birthday. I am so appreciative of you all. Your thoughtful birthday wishes were just a reminder how truly blessed I am. You all made my big day so special.

Wanda Dunsbergen

- If you are no longer receiving church emails, and you used to, please contact the church office about this so we can address the issue.
- If you add the following to your contact list, it will prevent church emails from going to your spam/junk folder: [noreply@sullyfrc.org](mailto:noreply@sullyfrc.org)
- **SIGN UP for TEXT ALERTS** on our **website at sullyfrc.org** on the home page at the bottom of the page. You will then be notified by a text when services are cancelled!

⇒ The **AED Defibrillator** is located in the church office on the 2nd shelf on east wall

# INFORMATION

The **Vander Pol Scholarship** has funds available for college students interested in full time Christian services. Please contact Pastor Wayne or Dennis Dunsbergen.

## Deacon Highlights from their meeting Monday, July 20:

We met to discuss whether or not we were going to act on the Employee Retention Tax Credit. It was decided we were not going to do anything with this.

For Information Only—Buildings and grounds met with someone from Pella Windows and determined that 10 windows on the north side of the church by the wing are rotted out and need to be replaced. It was decided to accept a bid from North Ridge Estates Builders to install and finish the windows. The cost of the windows is around \$8700 with a bid of \$2000 to install and finish the windows.

## GIVING AT CHURCH

**You can Securely Give Online now at [www.sullyfrc.org](http://www.sullyfrc.org).** Your information is held securely by an SSL encrypted connection. This information will remain private and will never be given away to third parties, other than to process your scheduled contributions. You can also give by mail or our deacons pick up a weekly offering each Sunday morning.

**ACH Contributions** - ACH Contributions are a convenient way to give directly from your checking account. Contributions are taken out the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Stop into the church office to pick up a form.



**Next Building Fund Offering—**  
September 27, 2020

**Left to pay: \$41,218**