

Reformed *Informer*

JUNE 2019—FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SULLY, IA



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"An Appraisal"

On a blistering hot, muggy night on June 4, forty-three years ago this month, my wife and I got married!

All of our guests sweltered with us as we pledged our vows to each other. Never mind, we didn't have hardly a dime between us. We had love and with love we could do and face anything! Ahead of us lay five more years of college and seminary and beyond that only God knows! We had each other!

Over the years, I've kept every anniversary card my wife has given me. They form, like mile markers on a highway, a reminder of the journey we have been on together.

Not long ago, I read an article by Chuck Swindoll. He wrote how important it is to do an appraisal of our lives each year. He based this exercise on Mark 6:30-32, "Let's go," said Jesus, "off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile."

So here we are, six months into the year. We've needed an ark this past May to get anything done because of all the rain and a four wheel drive to get to where we are going if we've lived on gravel (or mud roads)!

Throughout this spring and now early summer, we need to ask the question ... how is it going? Pause long enough to review and reflect on these questions. Is my pace this year really different from last year? Am I enjoying my job or just enduring it? Do I give myself permission to relax? How is my sense of humor? Is God being glorified by the hours I keep or is He getting the leftovers of my energy?

Remember those anniversary cards my wife wrote me? They have been my reminder to lighten up and enjoy life like I did when I faced the unknown future as a 20 year old groom with a beautiful 20 year old bride beside me.

I am reminded that renewal and restoration are not luxuries; they are essentials. Taking your day off each week or a refreshing vacation is renewing your spiritual being.

By not filling every spare moment with activity, you will begin to see the real you, and you'll not like some of the things you see, things that once contaminated your busy life!

Enjoy your summer! Attend a wedding! Relish worship! Soak in God's blessings of renewal!
May you be in balance in right mental health, in good health and in the will of God!

Blessings!

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Summer is here! Summer is my favorite season for a number of reasons; one of which is that it's time for youth trips!

This month is special because we will be embarking on our first ever Tennessee Retreat! We will spend a week in the Smokey Mountains growing closer to Jesus, and we could not be more excited.

Our hope for this trip is that the students who are coming will get up close and personal with the God of the universe, and have some time to really consider who God is and who they are.

Please be praying for our students and leaders who are going on this trip. Your prayers will sustain us and keep us going.

Have a great summer everyone!

Power Connection is an event for middle school students (grades 6-8). Our desire is to provide an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to transform the beliefs of students and adult leaders into a lifestyle of faith in Jesus Christ.

THEME: AWARE

“The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour is not aware of.” - Matthew 24:50

Christ is omnipresent, and He is all-knowing. We don't always see or hear His presence, but it is there. The devil is also very present when we don't always see Him. We want to heighten our spiritual senses and be aware of who God is and what He is always doing in our lives.

YOU'RE INVITED

**4TH OF JULY
 FAITHWALKERS
 PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2019

7 AM TO 9:30 AM

SULLY COMMUNITY CENTER

**SERVING: PANCAKES, SAUSAGE,
 SCRAMBLED EGGS, COFFEE & JUICE**

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June finds us in the full swing of summer activities and schedules.
 As we approach the summer months, I would like to share a concept on how to set summer goals with children based on Luke 2:52 - And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. (Source:Jen, The Purposeful Mom)
 Here's how to be both intentional AND fun while helping your family grow spiritually too!



1. One goal/activity to enrich **knowledge and wisdom** (like summer reading challenges, an art class or a project your family can do together).
2. One physical (**stature**) goal/activity, like swimming, baseball, etc
3. To grow **in favor with God**, like picking Bible verses to memorize or a devotional to do that draws us closer to Jesus as a family.
4. To grow in **favor with people**, such as service projects, mowing the neighbor's yard, baking for someone or visiting a friend.

My hope and prayer is that the Summer Fun Faith Buckets will assist you in these areas as well!
 Hope to see you at V.B.S. in July. In the meantime, enjoy God's wonderful creation!

Julie



The Library is open! Come see us on Sunday mornings to checkout a book. If no one is present, you will find an instruction sheet on the Library Table.

Inscribe the Word

June Scripture Writing Plan

FOR KIDS!

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.

The Book of COLOSSIANS

- 1. Colossians 1:4
- 2. Colossians 1:5
- 3. Colossians 1:9
- 4. Colossians 1:13-14
- 5. Colossians 1:16
- 6. Colossians 1:17
- 7. Colossians 1:22
- 8. Colossians 1:25
- 9. Colossians 1:27
- 10. Colossians 2:3
- 11. Colossians 2:5
- 12. Colossians 2:6
- 13. Colossians 2:9-10
- 14. Colossians 2:13
- 15. Colossians 2:14
- 16. Colossians 2:15
- 17. Colossians 2:20
- 18. Colossians 3:1
- 19. Colossians 3:2-3
- 20. Colossians 3:8
- 21. Colossians 3:12
- 22. Colossians 3:13
- 23. Colossians 3:14
- 24. Colossians 3:15
- 25. Colossians 4:2
- 26. Colossians 4:6
- 27. Colossians 4:7
- 28. Colossians 4:10
- 29. Colossians 4:15
- 30. Colossians 4:18



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.



Maddison Jansen – Graduated from Illinois State University on May 10 with her Master of Science in Communication with an emphasis in Rhetoric and Semiotics. She is pursuing employment in the Naperville, Illinois area.

Shelby Foster— Graduated May 19 from the University of Missouri with a major in Health Sciences and minors in Psychology, Human Development and Family Sciences.

Dylan Roozeboom – Graduated from DMACC with a degree in AG Business

Rachel Van Wyk – Graduated on May 11 from Iowa State University with a BA in Interior Design



Kendra Van Wyk – Graduated from University of Northern Iowa in December with a Bachelors Degree in Marketing.



The **2019 General Synod** will take place **June 6-11** on the campus of Hope College in Holland, Michigan. You can follow what is happening at General Synod here: www.rca.org/rca-basics/general-synod

Saturday, June 15, 6:00 pm—Fourth Annual Heartland Gospel Music Hymn Sing at the First Reformed Church, 603 Broadway St., Pella, IA.

Sunday, July 7, 6:00 pm—4th of July Combined Worship in the Sully City Park with area Churches.

July 8—11 from 5:15—8:00 pm



SAVE THE DATE: ROAR! Life is Wild, God is Good! VBS 2019 is right around the corner and will be held July 8—11, 2019 from 6 –8 pm with supper being served at 5:30 pm. Come join us for a wild time learning about God’s goodness and love in our life!

REGISTER ONLINE at <http://sullyfrc.org/vbs-2019/> (scroll down on first page)

The **VBS donation list** is out! You can find it in the Gathering Place! NEW this year we also have a list on Amazon—here is the link—

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1E10ZSHK0KBTU?](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1E10ZSHK0KBTU?ref_wl_share)

ref_wl_share. Donations can be dropped off at the church until June 24, 2019. Perishable food items may be dropped off on Sunday July 7, 2019.

VBS steering committee is looking for a few men to help set up on the evening of July 7, 2019 and tear down on the evening of July 11, 2019 after the VBS program. Please let Heather Zylstra or Ali Schnell know if you are willing to help!

VBS 2019 will be collecting Casey’s pizza tabs again this year! Please place them in the labeled mailbox!



WAYNE & REDA DANIELS

Birthdays: Wayne—8/29/63

Reda—6/15/61

Anniversary: 4/27/13

Wayne and Reda Daniels met through a friend and fell in love when Reda lived in Johnston, Iowa and Wayne was in Killduff. Being married at First Reformed Church is a special memory of the church they share. When they needed someone to video the wedding, they asked the custodian to help them out!

Reda grew up in Collins, Iowa the daughter of Clarence and Nora Holsenger. She has three siblings; Rhonda Holsenger of Genoa, Colorado; Ronald Holsenger of Ackworth, Iowa and Rod Holsenger of McCallsburg, Iowa. Reda graduated from the Collins High School as well as the Iowa School of Beauty. Helping people is what she loves to do so she is employed with Newton Village in Newton in the Payroll/HR Department. Wayne has called Killduff, Iowa his home for his entire life and he has two sisters; Sandra Naaktgeboren of Knoxville and Stacie Van Der Wilt of Sully. His parents are Leo (deceased) and Jean Daniels. He received his diploma from Lynnville-Sully High School and DMACC and is working as an Auto Body Repair Technician for Lauterbach in Newton.

Marriage meant that Wayne and Reda's families were blended together as well. Their children are now all grown and on their own; Adam Daniels (Jessica) Koby, Miles and Addison; Ashley Daniels, (Frank Duran) Emma and Mehkayla; Logan Daniels; Cassy Johnson (Brandon) Chandler and Layven; and Tyler Brown. In their spare time, the Daniels' love to travel or do some of the many home projects they have.

Their many blessings of First Reformed have included their wedding as well as the campout the church used to have at Red Rock in the summertime and the Junior High Youth Group.

Thanks Wayne and Reda for Letting Us Get To Know You Better!



We are on our way to the Midwest this summer. While there, Pavlos will be using his unique computer skill-set to bless our missions family. Meanwhile, I have been working to arrange our travel schedule as realistically as possible. I enjoy every opportunity to use the gifts God has given me to build up the Body of Christ, therefore it is an honor to participate in worship with you and to share how God has been working in our family as we continue Growing in the Knowledge of God's Word while helping others do the same. In a nutshell, our plans can be summarized as follows:

May through early July: Central Iowa; Mid-July for a week: Twin Cities; Mid-July through early August: NW Iowa; August: Chicago and Central Iowa

We'll be at church to share and worship together in case you want to mark the date on your calendar: - June 23rd: Sully First Reformed

Church

Pavlos & Meggan Vasileiadis

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Of course, please feel free to contact us if you'd like to intentionally plan to connect. You will probably find us many summer evenings hanging out at the Sully square or ball park. Let's see how Mr. Theodore, who has never seen a bat and ball glove, will do playing T-ball, haha! If you have young kiddos who would be intrigued to hear two year old Matthew speaking adorable Greek, let us know! Little Miss Risa Melianna will just be giggling and attempting to walk, but she might just be the day brightener you need to hang out with as well! We know we will be blessed to catch up with you. We look forward to hearing what God has been teaching you and how your gifts are serving God's Kingdom in your context, just as we have the privilege to share what is happening in ours. May God continue blessing you to be a blessing as you shine like stars in this dark world.





June

June 15

Reda Daniels

June 16

Brooke Baarda ~ Tyler Van Zante

June 17

Denise Horman ~ Troy Jansen
 Kyle Bonnema ~ Velma Rozendaal
Denamae Maasdam (80)

June 18

Tyler Jansen ~ Marla Van Rees

June 19

Jacob Van Manen

June 21

Margaret De Jong (100)
 Ashton Rozendaal ~ Dave Winegar

June 22

Eileen Gruver

June 23

Caleb Vander Molen
Edith Van Wyk (93)

June 25

Evelyn Kelly

June 26

Deb Van Wyk
Betty Zuidema (84)

June 27

Gale Horman ~ Derek Rozendaal

June 28

Jill Van Dyke

June 29

Sheryl Baarda

June 30

Randy Rozendaal ~ Tammy Sneller



June 1

Doyle & Karna Ver Ploeg—46 years

June 2

Jeremy & Becky Rozendaal—7 years
 Melvin & Shirley Van Genderen—47 years

June 4

Pastor Wayne & Tammy Sneller—43 years

June 5

Chad & Lynnette Fikse—20 years
 Warren & Alma Terpstra—50 years

June 6

Joel & Heidi Van Wyk—27 years
 Irvin & Lois Vander Leest—58 years

June 8

Kevin & Julie Van Wyk—35 years

June 10

Teryl & Carol Ver Ploeg—42 years
 Blake & Cathryn Dunsbergen—2 years

June 11

Chet & Alison Schnell—14 years
 Nate & Lindsay Nees—3 years

June 12

Dick & Joyce Ver Ploeg—66 years
 Craig & Sheryl Baarda—45 years

June 14

Duane & Donna Brand—62 years
 Josh & Suzanne Rozendaal—16 years

June 15

Alan & Brenda Newell—28 years

June 16

Henry & Betty Zuidema—64 years

June 17

Don & Karen Jansen—59 years
 Doug & Shawna Maasdam—25 years

June 19

Jerry & Linda Jansen—54 years

June 20

Cole & Shelly Vos—10 years
 Doug & Sheri Huyser—44 years

June 21

Bryce & Katelyn Doane—5 years
 Rod & Dana Rozendaal—22 years

June 24

Duane & Joni Collins—31 years
 Dennis & Lisa Dunsbergen—36 years
 Kendall & Marlene Rozendaal—31 years
 Kyle & Mikayla Bonnema—2 years

June 25

Steve & Rita Vos—37 years

June 26

Nick & Amy Harthoorn—15 years

June 27

Chris & Jodi Hansen—21 years

June 28

Chuck & Deb Johnson—16 years

June 30

Chris & Kara Warrick—7 years

June 1

Tre Harthoorn ~ Kendall Jansen

June 2

Brooke Hardeman

June 3

Kelly De Jong

June 4

Jarret Van Maanen
Henry Zuidema (84)

June 5

Curtis Maasdam ~ Hailey Huyser
 Alison Knouse ~ Lane Van Wyk

June 6

Brooke Van Soelen

June 7

Velda Dunsbergen ~ Lisa Foster
 Kennedy Kesling

June 8

Dave Foster

June 9

Gary Creasy ~ Drew Shinkle

June 10

Melvin Van Genderen
 Asher Schechinger

June 12

Abigail Brand ~ Paisley Vos

June 13

Chet Schnell

June 14

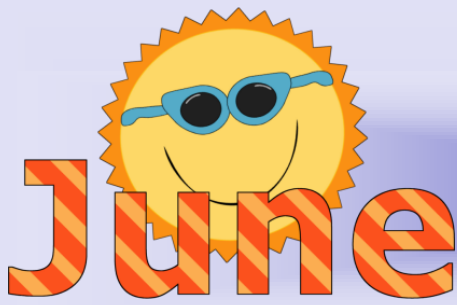
Elaine Droppert ~ Donna Liekweg
 Kemper Lukehart
Marilyn Rozendaal (85)



Dealing with the devil

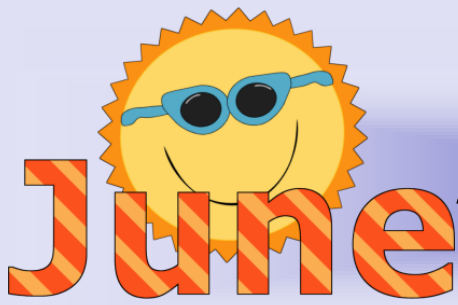
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| Day 1: Genesis 3:1-5 | Day 16: Ephesians 4:25-27 |
| Day 2: Job 1:6-8 | Day 17: Ephesians 6:10-13 |
| Day 3: Job 1:9-12 | Day 18: Ephesians 6:14-18 |
| Day 4: Matthew 16:21-27 | Day 19: 1 Timothy 3:1-3 |
| Day 5: Mark 4:2-4 | Day 20: 1 Timothy 3:4-7 |
| Day 6: Mark 4:13-15 | Day 21: 2 Timothy 2:22-26 |
| Day 7: Luke 22:2-4 | Day 22: Hebrews 2:14-18 |
| Day 8: Luke 22:31-32 | Day 23: James 4:1-5 |
| Day 9: Acts 5:1-4 | Day 24: James 4:6-10 |
| Day 10: Acts 13:8-12 | Day 25: 1 Peter 5:6-11 |
| Day 11: Romans 16:19-20 | Day 26: 1 John 3:8-10 |
| Day 12: 1 Corinthians 5:1-5 | Day 27: Revelation 12:7-12 |
| Day 13: 2 Corinthians 2:10-11 | Day 28: Revelation 12:13-17 |
| Day 14: 2 Corinthians 11:12-15 | Day 29: Revelation 20:7-10 |
| Day 15: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 | Day 30: Revelation 20:11-15 |

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.



Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Braden Van Wyk
2 Cale & Kendra Van Wyk	3 Cody Van Wyk	4 Courtney Van Wyk	5 Edith Van Wyk	6 Esther Van Wyk	7 Gilbert & Marlene Van Wyk	8 Jeff & Deb Van Wyk
9 Joel, Heidi, Rachel & Jesse Van Wyk	10 Katelyn Van Wyk	11 Kevin & Julie Van Wyk	12 Marlin & Laureen Van Wyk	13 Ross Van Wyk	14 Ruby Van Wyk	15 Rusty, Sharla & Shaleah Van Wyk
16 Jonella Van Wyk	17 Cory Van Zante & Mia	18 Jason, Michelle, Tyler & Megan Van Zante	19 Jim & Marlis Van Zante	20 Pavlos, Meggan, Theo, Matthew & Risa Vasileiadis	21 Henry Veldhuizen	22 Dick Jr. & Joyce Ver Ploeg
23 Doyle & Karna Ver Ploeg	24 Teryl & Carol Ver Ploeg	25 Brandon, Andrea, Rory & Harlow Vos	26 Cole, Shelly, Bentlee, Paisley, Rowyn Vos	27 Jordan, Miranda & Nora Vos	28 Loren & Tammy Vos	29 Meldon, Eloise, Marissa, Mariah, Meleisha, Majesta & Mandeesa Vos
30 Steve & Rita Vos						



Activity Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 6 pm Pastor Wayne Sneller	3 Mid-Camp #1—East Iowa Bible Camp—June 3—8	4	5 5:45 am Promise Keepers	6	7 5:30 pm Foster/Van Der Wilt Rehearsal	8 4 pm Foster/Van Der Wilt Wedding
9 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 6 pm Pastor Tom VandeBerg	10 GENERAL SYNOD—June 6—11	11	12 5:45 am Promise Keepers	13	14	15 Elementary Camp #1—Lake View Camp—Pella, IA—June 13—15
16 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 12 pm Shower 6 pm Pastor Tom VandeBerg 	17	18	19 5:45 am Promise Keepers 6:30 pm Elders Mtg. 6:45 pm Deacons Mtg. 7:30 pm Consistory Mtg.	20	21 6 pm James/Newell Rehearsal	22 4 pm James/Newell Wedding
23 9:30 am Pavlos & Meggan Vaseliadis 6 pm Pastor Tom VandeBerg	24	25	26 5:45 am Promise Keepers	27 Tennessee Youth Trip—June 27—July 2	28	29
30 Building Fund Offering 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller—Communion 6 pm Pastor Tom VandeBerg						

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