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Dear Congregation at First Reformed

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic declaration, the Consistory of First Reformed of Sully unanimously approved to cancel all public worship services (this would include the Sundays of March 22, 29 and April 5) and church activities through April 11.

A review by our consistory will be held on April 5 concerning the developments of the COVID-19 and what it means for future worship and ministry activities of our church.

HOME WORSHIP:

- Live streaming is available through our website at www.sullyfrc.org - **Watch Online** - This will be prerecorded, and you will be able to watch anytime on Sunday morning.
- There will be announcements via the church website as well as through email.

GIVING OPTIONS:

During this time of uncertainty, we believe God calls us to trust and continue to respond in faith. As you consider this, we want to remind you of the different ways you may still give to First Reformed Church.

- You may mail your tithes and offerings to the church at P.O. Box 208, Sully, IA 50251. You may also bring it to the church office Monday - Friday, 8 - 3 pm.
- If you prefer to give with cash, please put in an envelope & bring to the church office.
- Online through the church website at www.sullyfrc.org. You may set up as a one time or recurring gift.
- ACH contributions which is a convenient way to give directly from your checking account. A PDF form is on our church website or you may pick up a form in the church office. Submit your completed form to Sharla Van Wyk or the church office. All information will be kept confidential and secure. Changes can be made at any time.
- Deposits can be made through the drive-thru or night deposit box at First State Bank. Please indicate that you want to deposit either a check or cash into the First Reformed Church of Sully account.

Caring Opportunities:

- Care teams are ready to respond to needs and prayer requests.
- If you have any spiritual or physical needs (food and grocery, medicine or mail pick up etc.) please feel free to contact the church office where church volunteers are ready to be contacted for follow up.
- We will be updating the congregation as the situation demands via our website www.sullyfrc.org and through Facebook and email.

We pray God will continue to move and His Kingdom be advanced in all these things. We are praying for you in these unsettling times but know that God is still in control.

In Christ,

Pastor Wayne and FRC Consistory

“Sensing God During the Storm: Replacing Fear with Faith”

Part 1



“We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the comfort God gives us.”

2 Corinthians 1:7

4th Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 22, 2020
Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.
First Reformed Church, Sully, Iowa
Pastor Wayne Sneller

Welcome

Songs

- * **Reckless Love**
- * **How Firm a Foundation**
- * **O Praise the Name**

Prayer

Children's Message by Jeff Knouse

Announcements

Scripture—2 Corinthians 1:7; 2 Corinthians 4:7-10

Message— *“Sensing God During the Storm: Replacing Fear with Faith” Part 1*

Prayer

Songs

- * **Wonderful, Merciful Savior**
- * **Beautiful One**
- * **Multiply**

Benediction

Prayer

INFORMATION

NOTICE: FAITHWALKERS are in need of **2 hogs or monetary donation to purchase them** for the pancake breakfast on July 4, 2020. If you are able to help out in this area, please contact Jeff Knouse at jkfrcsully@gmail.com.

VBS—Casey's Box Tops needed

Have Casey's box tabs laying around? Don't want to go to the trouble of converting them? We would be happy to take them off your hands! Casey's is allowing tabs be **converted up until June 30**. This will allow us to collect them for one more VBS pizza night! Please put any box tabs in the designated VBS mailbox so we can enjoy one more year of free pizza at VBS!! Thank-you for your faithful support and past Casey's box tabs donations! We are sad to see this fun tradition end.

LAKE VIEW CAMP REGISTRATION—Camps for ALL ages!

Lake View Camp offers day camps, overnight camps, work trips, and grandparent/grandchild camps. Send your child on a great summer adventure where they will swim, fish, canoe, hike, and play crazy games - all while growing deeper in their faith. **Take advantage of the early bird price discount and register before May 1!** More information and online registration available at www.lakeviewconference.com. Our church will pay ½ the registration cost of one event for all those who attend FRC regularly. **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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Irvin Vander Leest** has been moved to Newton Village. His address is 114 N 5th Ave W, Apt. 20, Newton, IA 50208 . All patients are in lock down and cannot have any visitors, even spouses or children. The residents are pretty much confined to their rooms, even for meals, and no activities. Please pray for them and the staff also.
- **Dick Jr. Ver Ploeg** remains at Mercy West Hospital in Des Moines as he continues to recover. He will be moved to Newton Village on Monday, March 23. He'll be there for 6 weeks of daily antibiotic infusions. He would love a call at 641-780-7933.
- Pray for our President, Leaders, Hospital staff, pastors, our sick and shut in.

*“Those who live in the shelter of the Most High
will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
2 This I declare about the Lord:
He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;
he is my God, and I trust him.”*
Psalm 91:1-2



ALL THE FOLLOWING
EVENTS

CANCELLED

Bible League Spring Luncheon-
rescheduled for later in 2020
Gospel Male Singers Chorus
Easter Lily Orders
Easter Morning Breakfast

Consistory Notes – March 18, 2020

Our meeting opened with prayer and scripture lead by Pastor Wayne.

Much of our meeting and decisions that dealt with regular business was affected by the Coronavirus and the pandemic declaration that has followed.

Therefore many actions have been postponed until the situation improves.

The consistory unanimously approved canceling all church worship services (March 22, 29 and April 5) and church activities through April 11. We will meet in a special meeting on April 5 to review the situation.

The elders approved the baptism of Lucy Carolyn Van Wyk, daughter of Aaron and Amber Van Wyk. The date is to be determined. The baptism and public reception of Garrett and Jade De Hoedt and son Adler was postponed due to the church cancellation and will be rescheduled.

The deacons shared February giving was:

- General - \$32,422.20; Mission - \$1,187; Sunday School - \$40.25; Building - \$12,038.16.
- The Quarterly Building Fund offering was rescheduled to April 26.

The other business included the painting in the church balcony is completed and the new carpet on the stairs to the basement on the south side and the balcony stairs is completed.

All salaried employees of the church have signed their contracts.

Five new individuals have signed up for the Sound/AV team. Team training will be held in late April.

The church van had a window recalled and it will be installed in the coming weeks.

The Classis thanked the church for hosting the Winter Classis meeting in February.

The sanctuary dedication is subject to be changed.

“May we yet rejoice in the Lord. I will be joyful in the God of my salvation. The Sovereign Lord is my strength!” Habakkuk 3:18

God is good!

For the Consistory,
Pastor Wayne