

Consistory Notes – May 13, 2020

We opened with prayer and devotions.

The elders shared their meetings of April 22, April 29 and May 6. All of these meetings addressed the needs of the congregation during the COVID-19 pandemic and explored what would it look like to have in-person worship again.

Recommendations would be shared with the full consistory. Highlights of one of the meetings where medical professional Justine Wyma was shared.

It was shared there will be no spring Central Iowa Classis meeting because of COVID-19. Also all assessments for 2020 have been reduced by 30% because of COVID-19. General Synod for 2020 has been postponed for 2020 but a special session is scheduled to be held in October 2020 (TBD).

It was shared that First Reformed has been notified that we have been left in the will of Wilma Rozendaal. We will be receiving 1/10 of the estate. There are no stipulations on the use of the estate.

The deacons shared their report. General Fund giving - \$33,490; Mission Fund - \$7,070; Building Fund - \$1,101.75. Balance as of 4/30/2020 – General Fund - \$40,812.95; Mission - \$24,359.86. The treasurer's reports were approved.

The executive committee submitted a report on a plan to reopen church to in person worship. The plan was presented with the logistics needed to meet the Iowa's COVID-19 guidelines on social distancing and the responsibilities involved in having public worship services.

The consistory voted to approve the plan subject to revisions when and where if needed and set the day to reopen in person worship for Sunday, May 24, 2020.

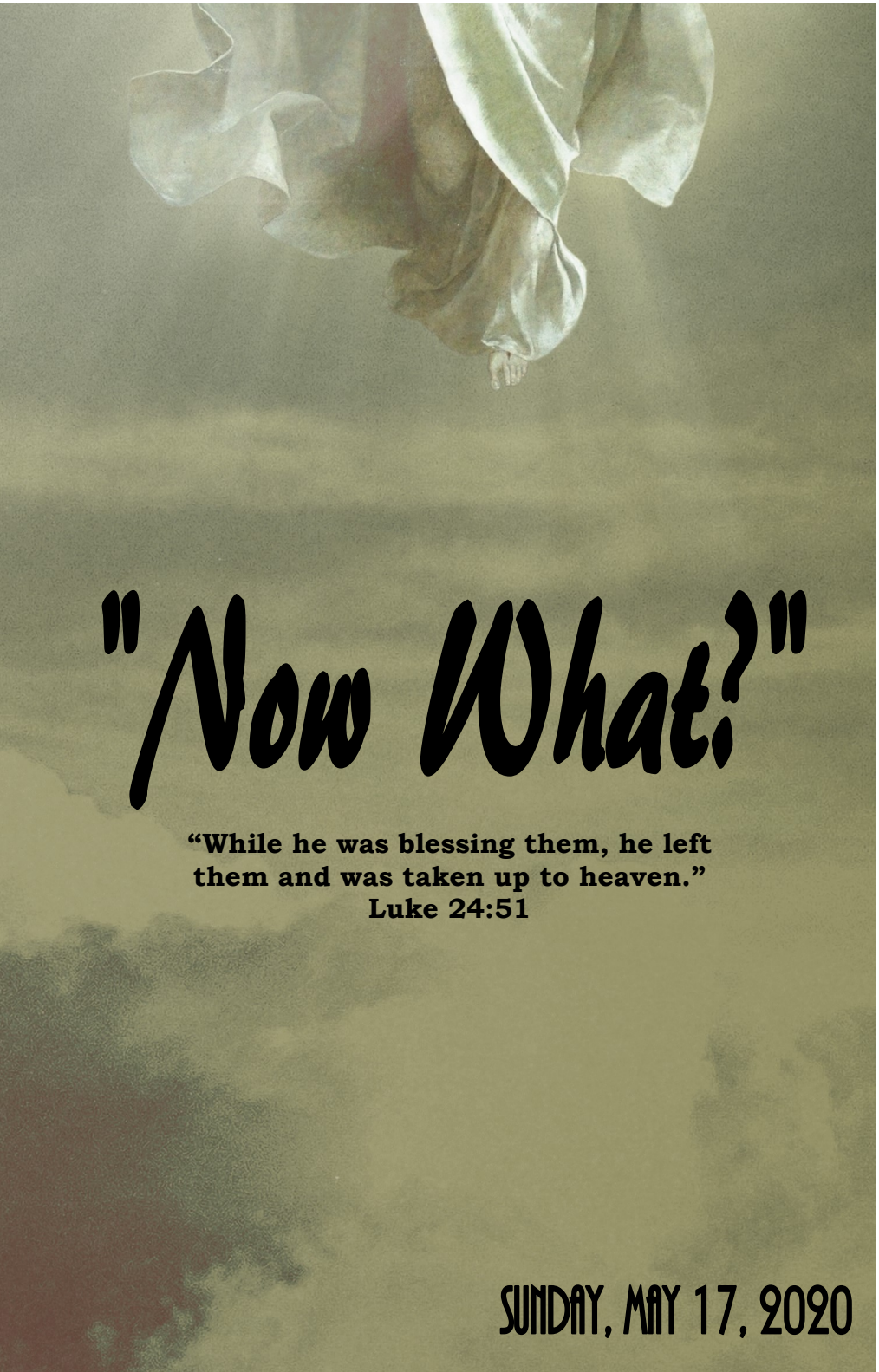
This will apply to morning worship only. Sunday evening worship is on hold for the foreseeable future. All other ministries that are held at church are also on hold as well until the impact of the COVID-19 restrictions are lessened.

A full detailed guideline on what Sunday in person morning worship will look like will be published for the congregation prior to our resuming services.

It is noted the consistory (elders & deacons) will be taking the initial volunteer roles needed to begin in person worship.

God is good!

For the Consistory,
Pastor Wayne



"Now What?"

"While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven."

Luke 24:51

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

**Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.
Sunday, May 17, 2020
First Reformed Church, Sully, Iowa
Pastor Wayne Sneller**

Welcome

Song: *“A New Hallelujah” and “This Is Amazing Grace”*

Prayer

Children’s Message video— “Arky, Arky (Rise & Shine)”

Announcements

Song: *“Blessed Assurance”*

Scripture— Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:7-11

Message— “Now What?”

Prayer

Song— *“The Sound of the Saints”*

Benediction

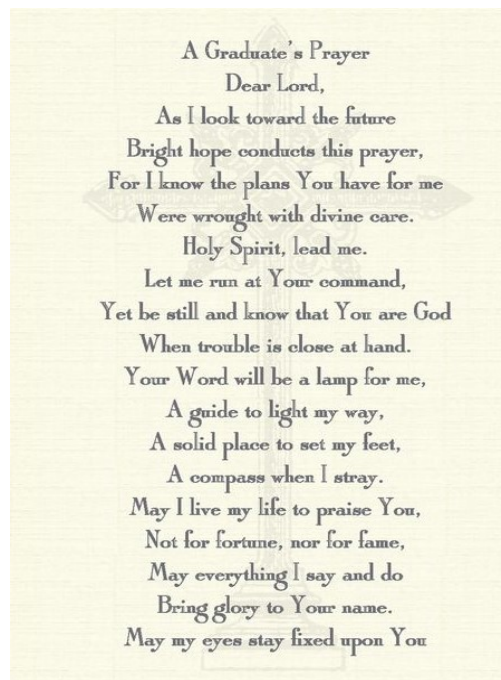
Response— *“Doxology”*

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2020 Graduates from High school this year

**Brittney Hansen
Cheyanne Collins
Destiny Torres
Ethan Wyma
Slater Young**



PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise

- We extend our congratulations to **Cole & Shelly Vos** in the birth of a healthy son, **Memphis Dean**, born Friday, May 8. Memphis had trouble breathing and was taken to Blank Hospital but both mom and baby were able to return home on Sunday, May 10.
- We extend our congratulations to **Corey & Brooke (Van Soelen) Harthoorn** who were united in marriage on Saturday, May 2 in a private ceremony. We ask for God’s blessing on this new union.

Church Family

- **Conrad Van Maaren** had surgery Wednesday, May 13 to remove bone chips from his toe. Surgery went well. He will be receiving antibiotics to help with the infection. He will be in skilled care for up to 6 weeks at least. He would love a phone call as there are no visitors allowed (not even family) and he is quite bored. His phone # is 641-521-4086. We pray for complete healing!
- **Dennis Renaud** went to the Mayo Clinic for testing the week of May 4. He had a great report as the treatment for his cancer is working. We continue to pray for increased energy and appetite!

Christian Sympathy

- We extend our Christian sympathy to **Shirley Baarda & Howard Huyser** in the death of their sister-in-law, **Ila Mae Huyser**, age 93 who passed away Thursday, May 7, 2020 at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell. Private burial was held Tuesday, May 12 at the Sully Cemetery.

Pray for our President, Leaders, Hospital staff, pastors, our sick and shut ins.



Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent to us at Easter. Thank you also to Bruce Dunsbergen and Susan Bey-er, our care team, for all the cards sent and visits made. They are really appreciated.

Gilbert & Marlene Van Wyk

First Reformed Church Members

Thank you for your extremely generous monetary donation to the East Jasper Christian Food Pantry. Your donation allowed us to increase the amount of food each client receives for children who are now at home daily during the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as open up our coverage area during this extreme time of need. We appreciate your continued support of our mission to feed the needy in our area. God bless you all.

East Jasper Christian Food Pantry

Members of First Reformed Church

Justin, the boys and I want to express our gratitude to everyone in our church community. We have been blessed with love, support, prayers, food, donations, money and many other amazing things because of our church family. Thank you for being there for us.

Justin, Jayme, Conner, Chase & Caulen Deal

INFORMATION

Giving Options:

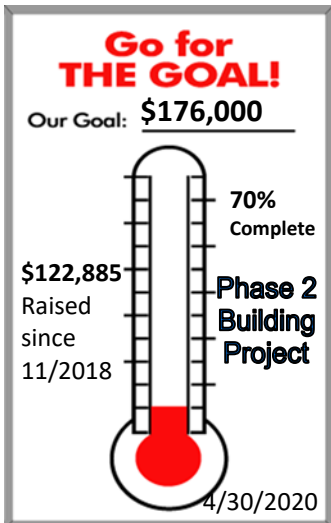
Thank you so much for your continued faithful giving during this pandemic crisis. You have been faithful in your giving. If a need arises, please contact Duane Van Rees, Deacon Chairman or Pastor Wayne.

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 - 12pm.
- 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.

CHURCH EMAIL UPDATES

- 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**



VBS registration is now open! All aboard the **Rocky Railway!** VBS will be held July 6-9, 2020 from 6-8 pm, with dinner being served from 5:30-5:45 pm. Due to the current events, we will not be holding a physical registration, but you can register your children via **e-mail at sullyvbs@gmail.com** or online at **<http://sullyfrc.org/vbs-2020/>**. When

emailing please include children's names, grades, any special information such as allergies that we should be aware of, your phone number, and whether they will be eating with us. **Volunteers** may also use this E-mail and website to sign up or they may contact Heather Zylstra (CRC) or Julie Van Manen (FRC) to volunteer. We look forward to seeing you! **VBS—Casey's Box Tops needed**

LAKE VIEW CAMP UPDATE: CAMP FAMILY // It's with broken hearts that we are announcing the cancelation of Lake View's camps (Day Camps, Overnight Camps, Angel Tree Camps, + Mission Camps) as scheduled for Summer 2020. Click the link in our bio or www.lakeviewconference.com + click this picture to read a letter from Director Diana Brummel. Also, please keep checking in to our website + FaceBook + Instagram pages as we will be sharing updates on summer activities, staff videos, games, + more! We love you all + are praying for you!!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH UPDATE: It is with a heavy heart that we announce that Rocky Mountain High has been postponed to the summer of 2021. We thank the Synod of the Heartland Youth Ministries team for their hard work and prayerfulness as they came to this decision. If you would like to know more, click on the video below for more information from the Synod directly. If you have any questions you can contact Jeff at jkfrcsully@gmail.com. We look forward to Rocky 2021 and how the Lord will use it to bless our students!

SEWING DAYS UPDATE:

Sewing days was a success again this past winter. We had around 18 women attend each week, even a baby. We were glad to be a grandma for a few minutes so mom could know a quilt. There were 56 of various sizes brought in completed. We made 6 queen, 27 full and 54 twin for a total of 87. The quilts will be shared with Salvation Army, Hope Ministries, Beacon of Life, Nursing homes and anyone in need.

We want to thank everyone who attend for their help in making quilts, bringing food for lunch and coffee time, also the ladies who organized our meals. It was all appreciated.

If you would like to knot a quilt check in by the office. Please return back when finished. Any donations of new or used sheets or blankets and material are appreciated. Place under the mailboxes. Come join us next year if you could like to serve in this mission. If you have any questions, call Dorothy Van Genderen at 594-2967.

Sully First Reformed Church—Reopening Guidelines **5/13/2020**

Dear members of Sully First Reformed, we the consistory have voted and approved a plan and set of guidelines to have **in person church services again, beginning May 24, 2020**. We look forward to meeting in fellowship and praise to our Lord and Savior. In the best interest of our health and the health of others we ask you to follow these guidelines. First if you are ill or have been exposed to Covid -19, or do not want to risk being in social groups yet, please stay home and watch the service on line.

Entering Church:

- As you enter church, a greeter will be at each door to open it for you, and give directions. As you enter the church a table with hand sanitizer, a mask if you want to use one (please take mask home with you for disposal), and a box for your offering will be available. There will only be three entrances used at this time.
- From the north parking lot, enter into the north door of the Gathering place, and move into the hallway, and proceed to the left up the steps into the front of the sanctuary, and fill seats from the front to the back or proceed into the wing. Someone will help direct you to open spaces.
- From the south parking lots enter either the south door of the Gathering place or south doors of the sanctuary. The elevator will be available for use. Go up the steps and to the sanctuary, we will use the outside aisles, to seat people using every other row of chairs. We ask to maintain a three chair spacing between families, If parents and grandkids want to sit together they may without spacing.
- The Gathering Place will be roped off and only used for overflow if seating capacity is reached in the wing and main sanctuary.
- All other entries will be locked, no entry into the basement, balcony, church office, kitchen, or Legacy room.
- Drinking fountains will off limits.

Exiting Church:

- After the service is over people will be dismissed by rows to help maintain distancing. Doors will be propped open weather permitting.

Additional Information:

- We will be taking pictures of the congregation before the service begins for future reference. Why? In case an individual contracts COVID-19, those around them can be notified.
- Bathrooms in the Gathering place and by the elevator will be open, please limit number of people using at one time. There will be no coffee time after the service.
- There will be no nursery or children's church at this time. We hope to start these ministries at a later date.
- The church service will be limited in some areas. We will only sing three songs, two at the start of church and one at the end of the service. When social guidelines relax, a children's message will be given.
- Offering boxes will be placed at church entrances.
- Impact and Faithwalkers leaders will be working on plans with their groups as options become available.

We would like to encourage everyone to come to church again when they feel comfortable attending, we are implementing these guidelines so that those who want to attend can do so in a safe manner.

Consistory, Sully First Reformed Church