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"Out of Order! NOT!"

Dear Friends,

It has been a long winter! It seemed that way for me as I looked up at the piles of snow that lined our street by my house and towered over the church parking lot!

In actuality, it has been the last six or seven weeks that have brought together most of our white landscape. It must be the deep freeze we are in!

Being in the mood that was hoping for an early spring and dreaming of warmer temperatures, I walked through the old kitchen in our church basement and noticed a note on the refrigerator. The words on that note jumped out at me. They read "Out of order. Please leave in the off position." Upon further inspection, I noticed the note referred to the ice cube maker! "Appropriate", I mused thinking of the winter wonder land outside!!

Giving that a little more thought, I compared this to the church season we are entering called Lent. I'm not sure what Lent means to the average person, but it literally means to give up or remember! It is a season in the church that precedes Easter!

Remembering that sign on the refrigerator, I thought of the significance of those words in our life if we didn't have Christ as our resurrected Lord.

We would be literally and spiritually "Out of order". We would be in a permanent spiritual off position separated from the love of our God. It was through the hope of the resurrected Christ through his death and victory over sin that we have life! We have been moved to an "on position" that allows us to conquer the ruts of life and rise above them! (Thinking of some terrible country roads I just drove on)!

As I grew in the knowledge of my faith, I learned that Lent is a time where a Christian is called to remember the preparation that God provided for our salvation!

It causes us to stop and prepare for the victory of Easter.

Praise God that we have not been left in the "Out of order" position that sin's condition entangles us in but that we have been released by the power of the risen Christ!

In Christ,

Pastor Wayne





Who: ALL 6th—8th graders
Impact Youth will be meeting EVERY SUNDAY at 4:59 pm in the WELL throughout the year!
March Dates:

March 3—NO IMPACT
 March 10
 March 17—Spring Break—No Meeting
 March 24
 March 31

IMPACT Youth Group (6th-8th) meets Sunday evenings from 4:59—6pm in the Well
Leaders: Jeff & Alison Knouse, Denny & Donna Liekweg, Hailey Scandridge & Caden Dunsbergen

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JUST a NOTE



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

March 3—NO FAITHWALKERS
 March 10
 March 17—Spring Break— No meeting
 March 24
 March 31—9:30 am—Faithwalker Worship

Faithwalkers Youth Group (9th—12th) meets every Sunday evening from 6—7 pm in the Well
Leaders: Jeff & Alison Knouse, Brent & Sandy De Jong and Cale & Kendra Van Wyk

Praise the Lord that Spring will soon be approaching! The Winter is (hopefully) almost over, which means longer and warmer days are heading our way! We have got a lot of fun things in store this March, starting with TEC the very first weekend, leading to a conference for our youth leaders, spring break, and ending with our annual Faithwalkers service!

In both Impact and Faithwalkers we are walking through a series called Elements where we are learning about the fruits of the Spirit that Paul talks about in Galatians 5. It seems only fitting to be walking through this series as we enter into Spring and get to witness the physical growth of flowers, leaves on the trees, etc. We know that growth takes time, both physical and spiritual, but we know that we have the Holy Spirit living within us, and He is the One who is growing these fruits in our lives.

Would you please pray for our youth this month and every month? We thank you for your continued support of both our youth ministries and our students here at First Reformed Church. Happy Spring!



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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STARS

STARS - Even though we have not met as much as we would have liked to we have tried to make the most of our time together this winter. Thank you to everyone for being flexible and understanding! The STARS children are learning The Lord's Prayer. Diana Scandridge shared her talents by leading the children in making foil crosses. The children also decorated prayer pillowcases. The last STARS will be held on March 13 and will conclude with a family meal.

SPRING IS COMING!

For most of us it has been a rather long winter, but it will make us appreciate those hot summer days even more! On a positive note - there are no mosquitoes or weeds right now! Sometimes we find ourselves waiting for the "perfect" weather to enjoy the day, or even life in general; but each season has its purpose as does each season in life.

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)

For so long, we wait for everything to be "perfect" in order to tackle big projects, move forward in our business, start taking steps toward accomplishing goals, go on trips with our children or start a new family hobby.

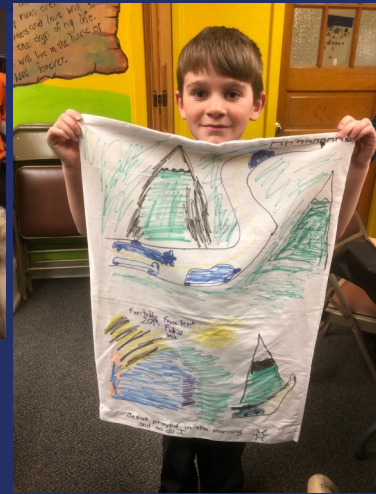
We think that if we could just get our timing right, we'd have a whole lot more to show for it. But I wonder, if we gave God a chance to take what is likely to be imperfect timing or situations and bring something beautiful out of it, who knows what doors would open or what we'd be able to pursue that would help us set aside more time for what matters most, our families.

As we approach the season of Lent, make some time to do things for others or pray for some one new each day as a family.

God's mercies are new every morning, and spring really isn't that far away!



Fun night at STARS—they made pillowcases and Diana Scandridge teaches the kids how to make foil crosses.



Kidz Movie Nite

Our final Kidz Movie Nite will be held Saturday, April 6 from 5:30—8:30 pm. Watch for details in the next few weeks!



Looking ahead—the Primary Sunday School Department (1st—4th grade) will be singing on **Palm Sunday, April 14** during the morning worship service. **Our last day of Sunday school will be Sunday, May 19.**



SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School will be held July 8 – 11 from 6-8 p.m.

Inscribe the Word

March 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.



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.

The Book of GALATIANS

- 1. Galatians 1:3
- 2. Galatians 1:6
- 3. Galatians 1:10
- 4. Galatians 1:13
- 5. Galatians 1:20
- 6. Galatians 2:5
- 7. Galatians 2:6

- 8. Galatians 2:16a
- 9. Galatians 2:16b
- 10. Galatians 2:20
- 11. Galatians 3:3
- 12. Galatians 3:6
- 13. Galatians 3:10
- 14. Galatians 3:11

- 15. Galatians 3:22
- 16. Galatians 3:26
- 17. Galatians 4:6
- 18. Galatians 4:7
- 19. Galatians 4:11
- 20. Galatians 4:12
- 21. Galatians 4:20

- 22. Galatians 4:28
- 23. Galatians 5:1
- 24. Galatians 5:5
- 25. Galatians 5:7
- 26. Galatians 5:13
- 27. Galatians 5:14
- 28. Galatians 5:15

- 29. Galatians 5:22
- 30. Galatians 5:23
- 31. Galatians 6:17



Harold & Velma Rozendaal
Birthdates: Harold 11/02/1935
Velma 6/17/1944
Anniversary: September 19, 1987

Harold and Velma Rozendaal met through friends and were married in Sully in September of 1987. They live just west of Sully in a brick house where they both enjoy gardening and Velma works hard to keep her flowers looking beautiful.

Harold grew up north of Sully on a farm with his parents Albert and Cora Rozendaal and had lots of fun with his brothers Don (Evelyn) Rozendaal of Pella; Alvin (Shirley) Rozendaal of Sully; Cass (Beverly) Rozendaal of Pella; Russ (Lois) Rozendaal of Sully; and Earl (Marcia) Rozendaal of Grinnell. All of his siblings have stayed in the area to raise their families. Velma is the daughter of Henry E. and Mattie Jansen and her siblings include Vernon (Lucille) Jansen of Sully; Orville Jansen of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Marilyn (Andy) Brummel of Williamsburg; and Phyliss (Evert) VanderBerg of Kalamazoo, MI.

After working most of their lives, Harold and Velma are both retired. Harold was a brick and cement mason as well as a general contractor. Velma worked at Maytag in Newton in the Payroll Department. Velma loves to sew with the ladies of the church when they get together for Sewing Days in the winter months of January, February and March. She also enjoys reading, and doing puzzles. Attending tractor shows and restoring old tractors are some hobbies of Harold.

Together Harold and Velma have five children; Sherry Rozendaal; Sandy (Brent) De Jong; Kevin (Kim) Rozendaal of Little Elm, Texas; and Bryan (Sharla) Dieleman of Pella. Their grandchildren and great grandchildren include Meggan (Pavlos) Vasileiadis, Theodore, Matthew and Risa; Morgan and Dan Jameson; Chris and Kelly De Jong; Samantha and Jeremy Roe; Emily and John Nance; Brady and Alicia Dieleman; and Brendon Dieleman.

The Rozendaal's enjoy the activities within the church family as they are a very caring group of people! Thank you Harold and Velma Rozendaal for letting us "Get To Know You Better!"



Phil & Olivia Iekel

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Phil and Olivia's ministry:

God has called us to support the work of the RCA's partner ministries in Nicaragua by facilitating their relationships with North American churches and universities. As the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, Nicaragua faces extreme poverty. The staff at the RCA's partner ministries in Nicaragua—Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua (CEPAD) and the Moravian Church— seek to be Jesus' hands and feet among the most impoverished through feeding programs, medical care, and training in the areas of agriculture, leadership, and theology.

We serve as liaisons between mission teams and volunteers so that the staff in Nicaragua can fully dedicate themselves to their ministry. In doing so, we help these volunteers get connected to God's work in Nicaragua and foster long-term relationships to bring about greater transformation.

Please pray: • For new relationships and partnerships to form between RCA churches and Nicaraguan communities. • For CEPAD and the

Moravian Church's long-term work to be strengthened. • For transformation in Christ for volunteer program participants. • For courage, safety, and a grounding in God's Word and love as Phil and Olivia make their home in Nicaragua.



- March 1**
Dale De Penning ~ Brenda Jansen
Ryan Mortvedt
Danis Hedrick (83)
- March 2**
Duane Brand (82)
- March 3**
Brevin Hansen
Bailey Vander Molen
- March 4**
Carol Ver Ploeg
- March 5**
Ryenne Jansen
- March 6**
Deb Johnson
Wayne Zegers (82)
- March 10**
John Roozeboom
- March 11**
Krystal Van Dyke
- March 12**
Sandy Rozendaal
- March 13**
Baylee Jansen ~ Russ Rozendaal
Hailey Scandridge ~ Alma Terpstra
- March 14**
Kendall Rozendaal
- March 15**
Eric Brand ~ Julie Keen
Hannah De Penning

- March 16**
Chase Jansen ~ Loren Vos
- March 17**
Brent Rozendaal ~ Corrina Rozendaal
- March 18**
ChyAnne Huyser
- March 19**
Carrie Mortvedt ~ Maury Van Der Wilt
- March 20**
Jan De Goey
- March 21**
Andy Dunsbergen
- March 23**
Stephanie Rozendaal
- March 24**
Kendra Fikse
- March 25**
Doyle Ver Ploeg ~ Rory Vos
- March 26**
Jade De Hoedt
- March 27**
Barb Maasdam ~ Payton Scandridge
Felix Torres ~ Ellington Dunsbergen
- March 29**
Zachary Dykema
Julie Roozeboom
- March 30**
Jennifer Kramer
- March 31**
Tammy Vos
Clarence Wyma

- March 11**
Kendall & Darci Jansen—**31 years**
- March 12**
John & Julie Roozeboom—**26 years**
- March 17**
Randy & Nancy Huyser—**47 years**
- March 23**
Andy & Jamie Dunsbergen—**6 years**
Craig & Barb Maasdam—**40 years**
- March 26**
Gene & Eleanor Jansen—**55 years**



ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



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| Ash | Holy Week | Palm Branch |
| Wednesday | Holy Thursday | Forty Days |
| Sacrifice | Good Friday | Jesus |
| Almsgiving | Holy Saturday | Passover |
| Prayer | Easter | Foot Washing |
| Fasting | Palm Sunday | Resurrection |
| Lent | Purple | Love |



March 31 DAY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

He is enough: what the Bible says about the sufficiency of God

Mar. 1 - Proverbs 3:1-8	Mar. 15 - John 10:6-10
Mar. 2 - Psalm 23:1-3	Mar. 16 - John 10:11-16
Mar. 3 - Psalm 23:4-6	Mar. 17 - John 10:17-18
Mar. 4 - Psalm 6:1-5	Mar. 18 - Psalm 103:1-8
Mar. 5 - Psalm 65:6-9	Mar. 19 - Psalm 103:9-14
Mar. 6 - Psalm 65:10-13	Mar. 20 - Psalm 103:15-19
Mar. 7 - Isaiah 49:8-10	Mar. 21 - Philippians 1:3-11
	Mar. 22 - Philippians 1:27-30
	Mar. 23 - Philippians 4:4-9
	Mar. 24 - Philippians 4:10-14
	Mar. 25 - Philippians 4:15-20
Mar. 8 - Isaiah 49:11-16	Mar. 26 - Deut. 8:6-11
Mar. 9 - Luke 12:22-26	Mar. 27 - James 1:1-8
Mar. 10 - Luke 12:27-32	Mar. 28 - James 1:9-13
Mar. 11 - Matthew 6:1-4	Mar. 29 - James 1:14-18
Mar. 12 - Matthew 6:5-8	Mar. 30 - Matthew 7:7-11
Mar. 13 - Matthew 6:9-15	Mar. 31 - Psalm 84:11
Mar. 14 - John 10:1-5	

hwy encouraging women toward God's Word



Lenten Pancake Night

Wednesday, March 6, 5 – 7 pm—Invite your family and friends for pancakes & sausage links with all the toppings! There will be a Freewill Donation.

MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, March 31, 6:00 pm we will be hosting the movie "I Can Only Imagine" in the Gathering Place. Join us for this gripping reminder of the power of forgiveness, I CAN ONLY IMAGINE beautifully illustrates that no one is ever too far from God's love—or from an eternal home in Heaven.

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

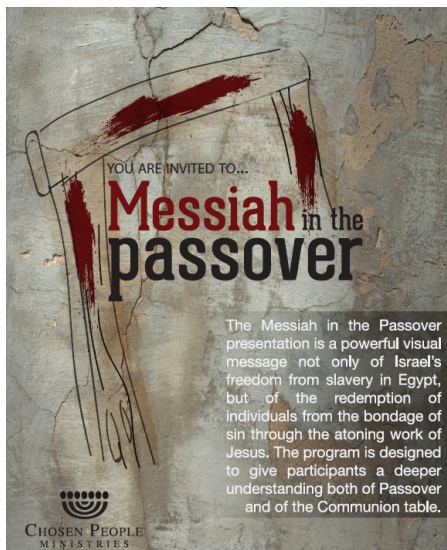


Making summer plans? Don't forget about summer camp! Registration is open for BE BOLD 2019! Lake View Camp offers day camps, overnight camps, service opportunities, and grandparent/grandchild camps. More information and registration is available at www.lakeviewconference.com. Fun, faith, friends - it's all waiting for you at camp this summer!

We are also still hiring summer camp counselors so if you know of any college students or young adults (at least one year out of college) in your church who are interested in spending their summer serving God at camp, let us know!



Women With Purpose Outing: Come listen to Chonda Pierce's "Still Laughing" Tour at **Hoyt Sherman Place in Des Moines, Saturday, April 6 at 7 pm**. Chonda is an inspirational comedian with fierce wit and southern charm. A group rate of 10 or more people is \$20 per ticket. If you would like to attend, **please contact Carna De Jong at dejong@netins.net or 641-780-4243 or the church office at 641-594-2935 or frcsully@netins.net ASAP with the deadline of March 13** - as tickets will go fast! We will be eating out before, so we will leave the church around 3:45 pm.



Sunday, April 7 at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Place

"Messiah in the Passover" a vivid and exciting demonstration showing how Jesus fulfilled the ancient feast of Passover. This gives the Christian community insight into Jewish traditions so that the Jewish roots of Christianity can be better understood. This program also helps the Jewish and Christian communities understand their common heritage.

Chosen People Ministries is an over one hundred –year –old mission that was founded in 1894 by Leopold Cohn, a Hungarian rabbi who came to believe that Jesus is the Messiah promised in the Hebrew Scriptures. From humble beginnings in Brooklyn, New York, Chosen People Ministries has grown into a worldwide ministry to "the Jew first and to the Gentile."



2019 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1 Wilda Nikkel	2 Don, Hollie, Zoey & HarLee Nunnikhoven
3 Dwayne Ramer	4 Dennis & Melanie Renaud	5 Keith & Glenda Renaud	6 Ruth Renaud	7 Scott & Valerie Rolffs	8 Gary & Janice Roorda	9 John, Julie & Dylan Roozeboom	
10 Alvin & Shirley Rozendaal	11 Brad, Stephanie, Ashton & Owen Rozendaal	12 Brent Rozendaal	13 Bryan & Myra Rozendaal	14 Daren Rozendaal	15 Derek Rozendaal & Amelia	16 Earl & Marcia Rozendaal	
17 Ellen Ann Rozendaal	18 Harold & Velma Rozendaal	19 Jeremy, Becky, Jay & Case Rozendaal	20 Josh, Suzanne, Corrina, Jordyn & Gabe Rozendaal	21 Kendall, Marlene & Asher Rozendaal	22 Lucas & Leah Rozendaal	23 Marilyn Rozendaal	
24 Mike & Sandy Rozendaal	25 Randy & Shelly Rozendaal	26 Riley & Kim Rozendaal	27 Rod, Dana, Makenzy & Makayla Rozendaal	28 Russ & Lois Rozendaal	29 Wilma Rozendaal	30 Bob & Diana Scandridge	
31 Cooper Scandridge							



2019 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 TEC WEEKEND	2 TEC WEEKEND
3 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller NO Sunday School NO Evening Worship 6 pm TEC Closing	4 6 pm LS Girls Basketball Banquet	5 9 am LAST Sewing Days	6 5:45 am Promise Keepers 3:30 pm STARS 5—7 pm Lenten Pancake Supper 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	7	8 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	9
10 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 10:45 am Sunday School 4:59 pm IMPACT 5:30 pm Young Couples Bible Study 6 pm Pastor Wayne 6:27 pm Faithwalkers	11	12	13 5:45 am Promise Keepers 3:30 pm LAST STARS 5:30 STARS Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	14	15	16
17 9:30 am Pastor Duane Laman 10:45 am Sunday School 2-4:30 TEC Reunion 4:59 pm IMPACT 6 pm Pastor Tom Vande Berg	18	19	20 5:45 am Promise Keepers 6:30 pm Elders Mtg. 6:45 pm Deacon Mtg 7:30 pm Consistory	21	22	23 10—3 pm Shower in the Gathering Place
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