

Reformed *Informer*

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FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
SULLY, IOWA

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"Questions of Life"

Dear Friends,

This month will signal the beginning of summer. We will have tell tale signs that announce this much anticipated season. The fields that were planted will show signs of new life. Corn and beans will begin to emerge from the soil and soon cover the brown and black fields with a green carpet of growth.

Many of us will attend graduations of our youth from high school and colleges.

These young people will be asked, "Now what are you planning to do with that degree?" or "What are you going to do after school?" We all need to know what to do. Wisdom is the answer to the questions of life. Wise people know what to do. How do you find out what you should do in life? James 1:5 says, "Do any of you need wisdom? Ask God for it. He is generous and enjoys giving to everyone. So he will give you wisdom." Wisdom comes from God. Apart from God, we are fools! Asking God for wisdom is not a futile action. We see from James that God is generous in giving it to those who ask for it.

There in lies the key. We need to apply what God give us. He is willing to do so freely!

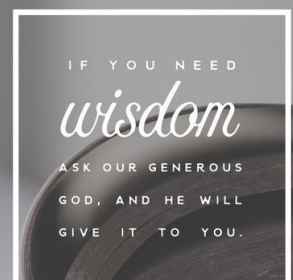
This advice applies not only to students or newly minted graduates. It is good advice to all who seek wisdom in their lives!

So, if you ask, God will give it to you. There is no reason to worry or obsess over the next step or what to do in life. If you ask God, then the wisdom you need will be given to you when you need it!

Congratulations graduates! See the Lord in all things and He will provide!

In Christ,

Pastor Wayne





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FUNDRAISER

Happy May, everyone! May is a very bittersweet month for the youth world here at First Reformed Church. This month we will celebrate but also say goodbye to our seniors. We also wrap up our youth group year this month and look ahead to summer trips and retreats, which we are so excited for! **We have seven seniors graduating this year: Mason Dunsbergen, Cale Foster, Baylee Jansen, Kaylee Maasdam, Makayla Rozendaal, Kayla Van Dyke, and Shaleah Van Wyk.** These seniors have made a lasting impact on all of our lives, and we know that God has great things in store for their lives. Would you be praying for these seniors as they transition into this new chapter of their lives?

It is crazy to me that the year is already drawing to a close, but I am so thankful for what God has done this past year. I am also so grateful for our volunteer leaders who sacrifice so much of their time and energy to love our students well. If you see one of our leaders, be sure to thank them for all they do.

Thank you all for your support of all things youth here at First Reformed. Have a great summer!



Have you signed your kids up for camp yet? It's not too late! 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.

TENNESSEE TRIP T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

The Faithwalkers are selling these awesome T-shirts to help raise funds for our Tennessee Retreat this summer! These shirts are super-soft, look great, and will help our high school friends have an incredible week in the Smoky Mountains! T-shirts are **\$15** (XXL and more are \$17).

The inspiration for these shirts came from a line in the Hillsong song, So Will I (100 Billion X), that says, "If the mountains bow in reverence so will I."

This shirt is a great reminder that God is bigger than all of our circumstances, and has never left us or stopped loving us. So even if the great mountains bow in awe of Jesus, we will too!



(T-Shirts are forest green)

(Please indicate number of each size)

Name	S	M	L	XL	XXL (\$17)	3XL (\$17)	4XL (\$17)	Total # Of Shirts	Total Amount (\$)

Please make checks payable to: Faithwalkers.
Our Fundraiser ends on Friday May 24

Please return form with payment to the office at First Reformed Church by May 24th.



DATES FOR MAY

Sunday, May 5:

Impact Youth Group—4:59 pm

Faithwalker Youth Group—6:27 pm



Wednesday, May 8—Annual Crud Wars in the Sully City Park—both Impact and Faithwalkers. We will also honor our graduating seniors!



Prayer Breakfast

Free Jesus, and donuts.

Every Friday morning at 7:30 am all 9th—12th grade are invited to come for donuts, chocolate milk, orange juice and prayer.

Our last Prayer breakfast will be Friday, May 31!



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Kidz Movie Night



There is a 0.0296% chance your child will become a professional athlete.



There is a 100% chance your child will stand before Jesus.

Inscribe the Word

May 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 PHILIPPIANS

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

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Thank-you to all of our faithful volunteers who have taught, guided and shepherded the children of our church family this year. We couldn't do it without you!



May 12—Mothers of children in the Primary Sunday School Department (grades 1st - 4th) & Beginner Department (3 yrs – Kindergarten) are invited to attend Sunday School with their child! This is an opportunity for your child to show you what they do each week in Sunday School!



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This will be our LAST DAY for Sunday school!



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)

2019 Vacation Bible School Volunteer Sign-Up

Yes! I'd love to help! Please sign me up to help out in the following position(s). Supper will be served every night from 5:15-5:45 for students and volunteers. Program will be Thursday during closing. (Rate positions 1 most interested, etc)

- Table Escort (**only from 5:15-6:00**)
- Meal Cleanup
- Preschool/Kindergarten Teacher
- Preschool/Kindergarten Crew Leader
- Preschool/Kindergarten Craft Leader
- Preschool/Kindergarten Craft Helper
- Preschool/Kindergarten Game Leader
- Preschool/Kindergarten Game Helper
- Bible Lesson Teacher
- Bible Lesson Helper
- Crew Leader
- Nursery Care
- Recreation Leader
- Recreation Helper
- I am willing to help wherever help is needed.

Our **offering this year** will be for Keaton's Angel Homes, a nonprofit organization created to provide loving homes, personal care, proper nutrition, therapy to special needs orphans in Taiwan and India. The following is a list of items that can be brought to VBS which will then be given to Keaton's Angel Homes, as well as any monetary donations:

- Clothes size infant to 5T
- Cloth diapers
- Wet wipes
- Children's socks and underwear
- Infant and children fever reducer
- Infant and children's blankets
- Crib sheets
- Rubber crib sheets
- Orajel
- Desitin

CLASS of 2019

*His will.
His way.
My Faith.*

JEREMIAH 29:11



*Shaleah
2019*

Shaleah Van Wyk plans to attend DMACC in Newton, IA for Nursing

*Be Strong,
Be Brave,
Be Fearless.
You are never alone.
Joshua 1:9*



Kaylee Maasdam plans to attend Northwestern College in Orange City, IA. She is undecided on her major, but will be participating in Theatre and the Honors program.



Mason Dunsbergen plans to farm with his dad.

Sunday, May 12, 9:30 a.m. we will honor our graduating Seniors during the morning worship service.

Monday, May 13, 6:15 pm– LS Baccalaureate
Saturday, May 18, 7:00 pm– LS Graduation



Makayla Rozendaal plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, IA majoring in Accounting.



Kayla Van Dyke plans to attend DMACC in Ankeny for Human Services. Then plans to transfer to a 4 year college and major in Social Work.



Baylee Jansen plans to attend Central College in Pella, IA and major in Biochemistry

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the
LORD IS GREAT
AND
Greatly
TO BE
Praised
-Psalm 96:4



Cale Foster plans to attend DMACC in Newton, IA to complete his welding certification





- May 2**
Garrett De Hoedt
- May 3**
Morgan De Jong * Shannon Dunsbergen
Marjorie Kramer * Barb Van Der Wilt
- May 4**
Arloa Harthoorn
John Terpstra * Bryce Van Der Wilt
Gary Roorda (82)
- May 5**
Brenda Newell
- May 6**
Leah Rozendaal
- May 7**
Cheyanne Collins * Tracy De Jong
Linda Huyser * Kayla Henkle
Linda Van Maanen
- May 10**
Maddison Jansen * Delaney Jansen
Cale Foster
- May 11**
Faye Brand * Shelly Rozendaal
- May 12**
Brayden Bassett * Dwayne Maasdam
- May 13**
Kyle Kramer
- May 14**
Ellie Torres
- May 16**
Kevin Van Manen

- May 17**
Andrea Vos
- May 18**
Shelby Foster
- May 19**
Bryce Doane * Slater Young
- May 21**
Cayla Wichhart * Clarence De Jong
Laci Keen * **Glenn Vanderpol (80)**
- May 22**
Sandy De Jong
- May 23**
Monty Lukehart
- May 24**
Becky Rozendaal * **Ruth Van Maanen (81)**
Johnnie De Jong (88)
- May 25**
Meleisha Vos
- May 26**
Susan Jansen * Doug Maasdam
- May 27**
Darrel Jansen
- May 28**
Kara Warrick * Annette Zimmerman
- May 29**
Ellie Dunsbergen
- May 30**
Jacob Dykema
- May 31**
Janice Roorda (82)

- May 2**
Bryan & Carna De Jong—**39 years**
- May 4**
Tony & Deana Torres—**2 years**
- May 9**
Jordan & Miranda Vos—**4 years**
- May 14**
Mark & Justine Wyma—**26 years**
- May 16**
Gilbert & Ada Kay Van Maanen—**56 years**
- May 17**
Harlan & Carleen Maasdam—**53 years**
- May 18**
Murray & Judy Zegers—**34 years**
Mark & Sarah Scholten—**35 years**
Jason & Michelle Van Zante—**23 years**
- May 22**
Monty & Carol Lukehart—**27 years**
- May 24**
Gary & Janice Roorda—**57 years**
LeRoy & Ruth Van Maanen—**58 years**
- May 26**
Gary & Laura Lee Creasy—**18 years**
- May 28**
Mason & Cayla Wichhart—**3 years**
- May 31**
Ryan & Carrie Mortvedt—**16 years**



CHURCH PEWS: The Deacons are asking for bids on the Sanctuary pews that are being removed. The top bid will get first choice. Please contact the church office with your bid per pew along with the number of pews you want. **Bids need to be turned in by May 18. Removal of pews is tentatively scheduled for July 1.** You will be contacted for a time to pick them up.

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

National Day of Prayer, Wednesday, May 1 at Sully Community Church at 9:00 a.m.. All ladies are urged to gather for a time of reflection and prayer as we consider the need for a revival in our land,

and women of faith can pray that the Lord will indeed send that revival. Following a time of refreshments and devotions we will divide into groups and spend some time in prayer. A nursery will be available



May
SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN
Identity in Christ

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| Day 1: John 1:9-13 | Day 17: II Timothy 2:1-7 |
| Day 2: Ephesians 1:1-4 | Day 18: II Timothy 2:8-12 |
| Day 3: Ephesians 1:5-10 | Day 19: II Timothy 2:15-16 |
| Day 4: Ephesians 1:11-14 | Day 20: II Timothy 2:19-22 |
| Day 5: Romans 14:7-9 | Day 21: Titus 2:11-14 |
| Day 6: Genesis 1:26-27 | Day 22: John 17:9-13 |
| Day 7: Colossians 2:6-12 | Day 23: John 17:14-19 |
| Day 8: Colossians 1:1-6 | Day 24: John 17:20-26 |
| Day 9: I Peter 4:1-16 | Day 25: Galatians 3:27-28 |
| Day 10: Revelation 3:5 | Day 26: I Corinthians 6:19-20 |
| Day 11: Revelation 21:5-7 | Day 27: II Corinthians 6:14-18 |
| Day 12: I Thessalonians 4:16-18 | Day 28: Jeremiah 1:5 |
| Day 13: I Thessalonians 5:23-24 | Day 29: I John 3:1-3 |
| Day 14: II Thessalonians 2:13-17 | Day 30: II John 1:9-11 |
| Day 15: I Timothy 6:17-19 | Day 31: III John 1:11 |
| Day 16: I Peter 2:9-10 | |

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.





2019 Prayer Calendar

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 Morgan Vander Molen	2 Carlene Van Der Pol	3 Glenn Vanderpol	4 Bryce & Barb Van Der Wilt
5 Maury, Stacie, Corey & Kristen Van Der Wilt	6 Gerry, Jill, Kyle, Kayla, Krystal & Klayton Van Dyke	7 Gary & Dorothy Van Genderen	8 Melvin & Shirley Van Genderen	9 Eldred Van Gorp	10 Liz Van Hemert	11 Ryan & Emilie Van Kooten
12 Scott & Deb Van Kooten	13 Dennis & Linda Van Maanen	14 Dorothy Van Maanen	15 Gilbert & Ada Kay Van Maanen	16 LeRoy & Ruth Van Maanen	17 Marilyn Van Maanen	18 Terry, Kaylee, Tessa & Jarrett Van Maanen
19 Conrad & Mary Ann Van Maaren	20 Emily Van Manen	21 Jacob, Kate & Kennedy Van Manen	22 Kevin & Julie Van Manen	23 Drew, Leah & Max Van Rees	24 Duane & Marla Van Rees	25 Kyle Van Rees
26 Barbara Van Sant	27 Brooke Van Soelen	28 Ken & Lorie Van Soelen	29 Ervin & Carolyn Van Waardhuizen	30 Aaron, Amber & Lane Van Wyk	31 Abby Van Wyk	



2019 Activity Calendar

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



			1 5:45 Promise Keepers 9 am National Day of Prayer	2	3 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	4
5 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 10:45 am Sunday School 5 pm IMPACT 6 pm Prayer for Crops & Industry 6 pm Faithwalkers	6	7	8 5:45 Promise Keepers 6:30 pm Crud Wars (6th—12th grade youth groups)	9	10 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	11 Graduation Party in the Gathering Place
12 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 10:45 am Sunday School NO Evening Worship	13 6:15 pm LS Baccalaureate	14	15 5:45 Promise Keepers 6:30 pm Elders 6:45 pm Deacons 7:30 pm Consistory Mtg.	16 5-8 pm LS Drama Banquet	17 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast Graduation in the Gathering Place	18 7 pm LS Graduation
19 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller—Teacher Appreciation 10:45 am Last day of Sunday School NO Evening Worship	20	21	22 5:45 Promise Keepers 6:30 pm Inspirations Preschool Graduation	23 5:30 pm Central Iowa Classis Mtg.—Third Church, Pella, IA	24 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	25 Graduation Party in the Gathering Place
26 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 6 pm Pastor Tom VandeBerg	27 	28	29 5:45 Promise Keepers	30	31	

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