

Reformed *Informer*



NOVEMBER 2018—FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SULLY, IOWA

"A Thanksgiving Challenge"

Dear Friends,

If you have driven by the church lately you will have seen that there are all kinds of signs of construction. The "makeover" of the north parking lot has had every kind of construction equipment and then some on site.

The fresh concrete that section by section has been poured is beginning to look like a parking lot. Around the edges stand orange warning cones that tell passerby to stay away for now until everything has dried!

I'm thinking maybe by Thanksgiving we will be able to use it for actual parking!

This phase of construction has forced me and others to use different routes to get to church. We seem to be creatures of habit. Over the years I've noticed that in church we like to enter from a certain door and sit in the same pew!

We like what is familiar to us!

God gives us times to celebrate or give thanks to get out of our spiritual ruts and routines.

God challenges us to think about what we say to Him and what we offer to Him. What He is doing is molding our hearts so that we might love Him in spite of the circumstances we find ourselves in. This is the kind of love that allows us to love others in His name!

Love your neighbor as you would love yourself! Matthew 22:37-39 is the kind of love that comes from loving our God first.

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving. This is a national holiday and not one the Bible specifically sets aside. However, as Christians we are to have an attitude of gratitude each and every day to keep us from getting into the rut of just asking and worse, feeling entitled to what we have been given.

Before we get lost in the busyness of the holidays, let's not forget the symbols of the blessings that we are thankful for.

What's your symbol of thankfulness during Thanksgiving?

Maybe it's a load of corn just harvested from the field, perhaps it's the hug and smile from a grandchild or a loved one or a cup of coffee with a friend. Pick one of your own and make it personal!

This Thanksgiving season make it a point to give thanks for something you've always taken for granted!

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Pastor Wayne



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FAITH WALKERS



2 Corinthians 5:7

FAITHWALKERS—9th-12th grade
We will meet **EVERY Sunday evening at 6:30 pm in the Well (downstairs in the basement)**

November dates:

November 4, 6:00 pm— Gym Night

November 11—Operation Christmas Child

November 18—Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

November 25, 6:00 pm—Anchor Worship Service

Leaders: Jeff & Alison Knouse, Brent & Sandy De Jong and Cale & Kendra Van Wyk

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.

Invite your friends! It's a great way to end the school week!



Community Food drive is set for Wednesday, November 14. We will be collecting groceries from each church that night and sorting them at the Community Church gymnasium.

NOTE: This is a separate drive than the one we do for our **Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 21.** Our food drive goes to Eastern Jasper Christian Food Pantry in Kellogg, IA.



Wednesday evenings We begin serving at 5:30 during the school year.
Meals for the month of November will be: Creamed chicken on biscuit, green beans & cupcake.



Is the semester flying by or what? As we approach November we are already halfway through our youth groups for the semester! But as, in my opinion, the most wonderful time of the year approaches, exciting things remain for all things youth here at First Reformed Church. Over the next two weeks we have the annual Sully Youth Group Food Drive for the Jasper County Food Pantry, so be on the lookout for grocery bags in your mailboxes. As the holidays approach, this is often a very hard time of year for families who are food insecure. Would you consider supporting not only these families, but also our youth who are putting this on and donate some non-perishable food items? The food pantry has a specific list of food items they need, so feel free to use that as a reference.

The Faithwalkers will also be participating in Operation Christmas Child this month. We will be packing our shoeboxes to be distributed to children across the world on November 11th. We are also open to any donations as well. If you would like to know what is needed to go in the shoeboxes, please contact me.

I think this is a perfect time of year to be really focusing in on mission and service. As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach I am reminded to be thankful for all the ways that God has blessed Alison and I. It also stirs within me a desire to replicate the sacrificial love of Jesus and spread that love across our congregation, this community, this nation, and the world. I hope that truth stirs your hearts as well.



IMPACT YOUTH GROUP—6th—8th grade. We will meet **EVERY Sunday evening at 5:00 pm in the Well (downstairs in the basement)**

November dates:

November 4 at 6:00 pm: Gym Night

November 11—Mission Impossible

November 18—Thanksgiving Feast

November 25, 6:00 pm—Anchor Worship Service

Leaders: Jeff & Alison Knouse, Denny & Donna Liekweg, Caden Dunsbergen & Hailey Scandridge



dinner.

LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER—Our Faithwalker Soup Dinner will be held on **Saturday, December 8 from 11—1 pm** in the Gathering Place. And IMPACT youth will be hosting a bake sale during the soup



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Sunday School

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, December 9 at 6:00 pm—
Sunday school Christmas Program
for our Beginner (3 yr—K) and Pri-
mary (1st—4th grade) Departments.

A coffee time will be held after the service!



Kidz Movie Nite

Kindergarten—3rd Grade

Saturday, November 17

5:30—8:30 pm

**Food, chips and a
beverage**

**Craft, game and a
movie!**

**Invite your friends to
join you!**



**Bring your favorite pillow
or sleeping bag to lay on the floor
while watching the movie**

**Registration requested by:
Thursday, November 15**

Please call 594-2935 (church) or
641-891-4864 (Lynn Dunsbergen)

Email: frcsully@netins.net

Please register your kids by going on our church
webpage- <http://sullyfrc.org/ministries/children/>
scroll down to Kidz Movie Night info
If you have any questions, please contact the church
office at frcsully@netins.net or 641-594-2935 ext 1

The **STARS** children were attentive as we con-
cluded the month of October with a visit from Newton
Police Officer Britton (granddaughter of Carolyn and
Ervin Van Waardhuizen).
The week before Kara War-
rick from the Jasper County
ISU Extension office shared
some information about corn
through some popcorn ex-
periments. It is great to see
how God equips people in
our community with gifts for
certain jobs.



The first week of November the children will be
packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.
On **November 14**, the **STARS** children will have the
opportunity to recite the books of the Old Testament
and share a song with their families at the family meal.

Sunday School – Both the Beginner and Pri-
mary Sunday Schools have begun work on their
Christmas program. Please plan to join us for the pro-
gram on **Sunday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m.** It will be
a great beginning to your Christmas celebration! In
addition, the entire **Sunday School** department have
a goal to raise \$500 for a special Christmas offer-
ing to buy some farm animals for children through
World Vision. The offering for this project will begin
Sunday, November 4 and conclude **Sunday, De-
cember 16**.

Children's Library - We are excited to an-
nounce that the first books have been purchased!
Watch for more details to see how you can help grow
our library!

Inscribe the Word

November Scripture Writing Plan

FOR KIDS!

Writing our 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.



Giving Thanks for Family

- ☐ 1. 2 Corinthians 6:18
- ☐ 2. Psalm 127:3
- ☐ 3. Ephesians 3:14-15
- ☐ 4. Psalm 128:1
- ☐ 5. Ephesians 1:4
- ☐ 6. Galatians 6:2
- ☐ 7. Galatians 6:7

- ☐ 8. 1 John 4:19
- ☐ 9. Deuteronomy 6:4-5
- ☐ 10. Deuteronomy 6:8
- ☐ 11. Joshua 24:15
- ☐ 12. Proverbs 6:20-21
- ☐ 13. Exodus 15:2
- ☐ 14. Psalm 100:4-5

- ☐ 15. Psalm 133:1
- ☐ 16. 1 Corinthians 13:4
- ☐ 17. Colossians 3:12
- ☐ 18. Colossians 3:15
- ☐ 19. Hebrews 10:23
- ☐ 20. Ruth 1:17
- ☐ 21. Ephesians 6:1

- ☐ 22. Psalm 68:4
- ☐ 23. Luke 18:16
- ☐ 24. Matthew 5:23
- ☐ 25. Matthew 5:24
- ☐ 26. Romans 12:9
- ☐ 27. Romans 12:12-14
- ☐ 28. Romans 12:18
- ☐ 29. Luke 1:46-47
- ☐ 30. Psalm 147:4

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.



Kurt & Arloa Harthoorn

Birthdate: Kurt — 11/24/52

Arloa — 5/4/52

Anniversary: July 26, 1973

First Reformed Church's many different programs for children to adults is one thing Kurt & Arloa Harthoorn are grateful for. This way there are so many opportunities to grow and serve God for every age! Having all of their grandchildren baptized in this church are special memories they will always have of First Reformed.

Kurt and Arloa were married in the Christian Reformed Church on a very hot Ju-

ly day when the church's had no air conditioning! It was very hot! They had met at a very exciting time in both of their lives, when they were learning to drive—in Driver's Ed! Kurt went to Lynnville-Sully, Iowa State University and University of Northern Iowa. Arloa attended various elementary schools, Pella Christian High School and Marshalltown Community College.

Arloa moved around some when she was younger, because her dad Rev. Paul (Marge) Bakker was a minister. She has lived in Grand Rapids, MI, New Holland, SD and also in Sully. Her siblings are, Kathy Kroeze, Mesa AZ, Jan Dirksen, Sioux Falls, SD, Beth Wassenaar, Crofton, NE, and Doug (deceased). Joe & Henrietta Harthoorn (both deceased) of Sully were Kurt's parents and his brothers are Bryce (deceased) and Donovan of Sarasota, Florida.

Eight grandchildren and the Harthoorn's two sons' and wives complete Kurt & Arloa's family. Joel and Liz's kids are Joah, Major, Tre and Grace. Nick and Amy have Kate, Brooke, Aubrey, and Colton and they all live in Sully.

Kurt is retired now but had worked many years as the Guidance Counselor at Lynnville-Sully School, a teacher as well as a Loan Officer for the First State Bank. Arloa works part-time as an LPN in Newton. When the couple has spare time, they enjoy boating, water skiing, and attending sporting events or taking care of their grandchildren. Individually, Kurt likes to officiate or coach and Arloa loves to play piano.

Thanks Kurt and Arloa for letting us "Get To Know You Better!"



Pavlos & Meggan Vasileiadis (Commission to Every Nation)

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Right: Theodore & Matthew; below: new baby girl, Risa

Pavlos & Meggan are full-time missionaries as staff members at the **Greek Bible College**. The college was founded by missionaries over 30 years ago, and several of its Greek national graduates, after going on to obtain Masters and Doctorate degrees at seminaries in the US and other European countries, have returned to Greece and now serve the church as Pastors, Church Ministry leaders, and Professors at the College. We believe that a **constant growth in the knowledge of God's Word** is vital for a healthy relationship with Him. The goal

of the Greek Bible College is to provide high-quality biblical education and training to their students while offering opportunities for practical ministry. **We believe that the gifts and opportunities God has given us** - such as experience in a corporate environment, advanced computer skills, discipleship experience, and music ministry training - **are uniquely suitable to support the needs and goals of the college.**

Pray for the recent wildfires and prayers of thanksgiving that baby Risa is home and doing very well.



Our mailing address is:

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thankful AND blessed

8th Annual Thanksgiving Dessert Fest

Join us after the Thanksgiving Eve Service
in the Gathering Place for
a dessert bar!

This will be a great way to enjoy some
food and fellowship with friends and the church
family!

**Bring your favorite bars, cookies or pie to
share!**

Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 11, 11:00 a.m.

- We will be drawing for 2019 Elders & Deacons
- We will be voting on Phase 2 Renovation—details in November 4 bulletin (absentee ballots available in the church office on November 4)



North Parking Lot Update



November 21, 7:00 p.m.

We want to invite the congregation to our Thanksgiving Service this year as it will be held on Thanksgiving eve at 7:00 p.m. **Nursery is provided.**



Each congregational member that attends the service is encouraged to **bring an item of food (canned dry good, etc.) that will be collected during the service.** The collection of these food items will be done by our children of the congregation with coaster wagons. These items will then be unloaded in the front of the church. All this is done while we are singing a medley of Thanksgiving songs.

Food collected will go to the Eastern Jasper Christian Food Pantry and families of our local communities. This was a great success the last couple of years and enjoyed by everyone in the congregation. The result was that many families of our communities were blessed by the generosity of your food donations.

Come hear the Word of God preached with a special Thanksgiving song. You will also have an opportunity to give to the Lord and thank Him for all his Blessings! See you at church!

Our Thanksgiving offering this year will go towards our Mission Fund (mission share support, missionaries, and other organizations that we've not yet included in this year's offerings). All undesignated offering will go towards the support of these missions. You may also designate your offering to other missions and church needs of your choice. **Give as the Lord has blessed you!**

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November 2

Carna De Jong ~ Jamie Keen
Harold Rozendaal (83)

November 3

Lucy Schechinger

November 4

Terry Van Maanen

November 5

Verna Hackert ~ Colton Harthoorn

November 6

Harlan Maasdam

November 7

Chayse Huyser ~ Alan Newell
Gerry Van Dyke

November 9

Pastor Wayne Sneller

November 10

Jamie Hackert

November 11

Henrietta Terpstra (82)

November 12

Doyle Huyser ~ Kenzie Huyser

November 15

Amber Lanser ~ Zachary Maasdam
Jeff Vander Molen

November 16

Lisa Dunsbergen ~ **Ruby Van Wyk (94)**

November 17

Mike Jansen ~ Joyce MacKenzie

November 18

Nick De Penning ~ Ryan Van Kooten

November 19

Eloise Vos ~ Carleen Maasdam
Charlotte Kunce (80)

November 20

Kate Harthoorn

November 21

Travis Chapman ~ Ellen Rozendaal

November 22

Alison Schnell ~ Laureen Van Wyk
Ervin Van Waardhuizen

November 23

Acea Hackert ~ Callista Hackert

November 24

Kurt Harthoorn ~ Shelley Vander Molen

November 26

Ross Van Wyk

November 27

Deana Torres

November 29

Jonella Van Wyk (89)
Howard Huyser (88)

Warren Terpstra ~ HarLee Nunnikhoven

November 30

Reese Dunsbergen ~ Marcia Rozendaal

November 1

Shaun & Kristy Baarda (21)

November 2

Nathan & Stephanie Young (22)

November 3

Brad & Stephanie Rozendaal (11)

November 7

Loren & Tammy Vos (38)

November 12

Carroll & Norma Harthoorn (59)

November 14

Dennis & Melanie Renaud (43)

November 15

Logan & Taylor Vos (4)

November 17

Dale & Minnie Huyser (46)

November 18

David & Monica Nikkel (12)

November 19

Jacob & Kate Van Manen (2)

November 24

Dick & Linda Schnell (57)
Felix & Tia Torres (34)

November 28

Eric & Faye Brand (20)
Maury & Stacie Van Der Wilt (26)

November 29

Conrad & Mary Ann Van Maaren (44)

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Perpetual Gratitude

Commit to spending 30 minutes a day writing 1 to 2 passages from the daily reading. Writing out Scripture will help us to memorize it and spending time with God helps us to know Him and His Word better.

WEEK ONE

DAY 1: 2 SAMUEL 22:50
DAY 2: 1 CHRONICLES 16:8, 34
DAY 3: 1 CHRONICLES 29:10-13
DAY 4: 2 CHRONICLES 5:13
DAY 5: NEHEMIAH 12:27

WEEK TWO

DAY 6: ISAIAH 12:4-5
DAY 7: LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24
DAY 8: PSALMS 7:17
DAY 9: PSALMS 28:7
DAY 10: PSALMS 34:11-3
DAY 11: PSALMS 92:1-5
DAY 12: PSALMS 95:1-2

WEEK THREE

DAY 13: PSALMS 100:1-5
DAY 14: PSALMS 105:1-2
DAY 15: PSALMS 106:1
DAY 16: PSALMS 107:1
DAY 17: PSALMS 109:30
DAY 18: PSALMS 118:19-21
DAY 19: DANIEL 6:10

WEEK FOUR

DAY 20: LUKE 17:11-16
DAY 21: COLOSSIANS 3:15-17
DAY 22: ROMANS 7:23-25
DAY 23: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:4-7
DAY 24: 2 CORINTHIANS 2:14
DAY 25: EPHESIANS 1:15-16
DAY 26: EPHESIANS 5:20

WEEK FIVE

DAY 27: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7
DAY 28: ROMANS 1:21
DAY 29: COLOSSIANS 4:2
DAY 30: HEBREWS 13:15



In contrast to those in this world who are never content with God's provision, the true Christian is thankful for everything, even the smallest joys.

R.C. SPROUL



Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

Questions to journal

WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TEACH ABOUT THE LORD?
WHAT ARE SOME DOCTRINAL TRUTHS FOUND IN THIS PASSAGE?
AFTER READING THIS, HOW SHOULD MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD CHANGE?

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Dutch Letters for Sale! Sully

Christian School is again selling delicious, hand-rolled Dutch Letters. Each 12" stick is stuffed with yummy almond filling and comes to you frozen, so you can bake at your convenience. They are great for holiday get-togethers, or just for a treat on a cold day! A box of 6 Dutch Letters is \$25.00. Pick-up date is Friday, November 9, noon-9 pm at Sully Christian School. Deliver options are also available. Place your order soon by contacting Sandi De Vries at Ph 641-793-2911, Cell 641-780-4049 or email to scsdutchletters@gmail.com.



In case of inclement winter weather the decision to cancel services will be made by 7:30

a.m. for the morning service and 3 p.m. for the evening service. Church meetings will be cancelled if the Lynnville-Sully School cancels classes or is dismissed early for bad weather. Cancellations will be announced on KGRN, KCCI, WHO TV and www.sullyfrc.org, through our FRC email list and now TEXT ALERTS!



Sign up for text alerts.

SIGN UP for TEXT ALERTS on our website at sullyfrc.org on

the home page under the service times (join FRC Text)! You will then be notified by a text when services are cancelled! You can also sign up for volunteer opportunities as well!

November 2018 Prayer Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Derrick, Annette & Georgia Zimmerman	2 Henry & Betty Zuidema	3 Rod Zuidema
4 Mike & Kathy Zylstra	5 Ervin & Linda Arkema	6 Craig & Sheryl Baarda	7 Marvin & Iva Baarda	8 Shaun, Kristy & Brooke Baarda	9 Shirley Baarda	10 Sandy Beyer
11 Susan Beyer	12 Corky Boat	13 Kyle & Mikayla Bonnema	14 Jake, Kelsi & Berkley Bowman	15 Audrey Brand	16 Charles Brand	17 Duane & Donna Brand
18 Eric, Faye, Carter & Abigail Brand	19 Verlan & Helen Brand	20 Travis, Karissa & Aiden Chapman	21 Duane, Joni, Coltin & Cheyanne Collins	22 Gary & Laura Lee Creasy	23 Wayne & Reda Daniels and Mehkayla Miller	24 Justin, Jayme, Connor, Chase & Caulen Deal
25 Carl & Joyce De Goey	26 Ryk & Jan De Goey	27 Brent & Sandy De Jong	28 Bryan & Carna De Jong	29 Chris & Kelly De Jong	30 Clarence De Jong	

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Next Deadline: November 26



November 2018 Activity Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5-9 pm LS Volleyball Banquet	2 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	3 2—10 pm Reunion in the Gathering Place
4 9:30am Pastor Wayne Sneller— 10:45 am Sunday School 6 pm Pastor Tom VandeBerg 6 pm Faithwalkers/Impact	5 6 pm Cub Scouts meet in the Well	6 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	7 5:45 am Promise Keepers 3:30 pm STARS Afterschool 5:30 pm Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	8 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	9	10 4 pm Harthoorn the Well
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