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By the time you read this our recent snow is hopefully melted and we have Halloween behind us. I must confess that the first thing that came out of my mouth when I looked out my window this recent October 31st morning was “not again”!

I was way past ready to extend the fall tree color department and I am not even a farmer trying to harvest corn and beans in a frustratingly wet fall!

And so even as the TV and radio trumpeted that records of both cold and snow had fallen all across Iowa my brain was telling me other things! These were supposed to be days filled with the slow transitions of one season to another. However, we live in Iowa and we know what can happen in the weather department! Anything! And so as I watched a combine unload its golden harvest of corn in the middle of a muddy hole and ruts made by tractors and grain carts going back and forth to the bins, I thought of how too much moisture changes everything—especially when you are trying to get a crop in during a wet fall!

I thought God still is in charge! He is in charge in the middle of a harvest. He is in charge in a political climate that frustrates common sense and leaves us wondering what will the future bring? He is in charge of life and all its celebrations and its disappointments.

In all of this, we are called to be thankful! I am reminded of a verse in the book of Habakkuk 3:17-18. It says, *“Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines; though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.”*

It wasn’t too long ago that drought was a concern for most of Iowa. God has been faithful and has rewarded us with the blessings of moisture both in the form of rain and snow!

Dry seasons that eventually result in a drought are not times that we enjoy. We recognize we need the moisture so that we can grow. Without water, we will eventually die.

The prophet Habakkuk addressed the problem of spiritual dryness. He went to the center of our disappointment when the harvest that was expected didn’t materialize! He proclaimed we can still depend on our God and be thankful for his saving grace!!

Have you ever gone through a spiritually dry time in your life? Have you ever felt like quitting your faith journey and saying goodbye to your Christian walk all together? We have wandered long enough in our spiritual desert and are longing for water. We are tired.

I would like to give you some peace and encouragement. Spiritual dryness is a normal experience we all encounter. During times of spiritual dryness Satan will try to convince us we are all alone. Just as the seasons of Iowa go through different moisture results, there are times when our lives cry out for something more.

Let me share several reasons you may be experiencing spiritual dryness in your walk with God. 1. The first reason for dryness sometimes is the issue of unconfessed sin in our lives. If so, to get back on track with God we must agree with God where we have blown it and restore our relationship with him. 2. Another reason is when we underfeed our souls. That is, we starve our souls. We have a hit and miss relationship with God. We have pushed him out because something else has replaced him in our lives. It can be busyness or business! 3. Life changes can also impact us. It can be a death, an illness, a change of job that can change our spiritual perspective about God’s relationship with us. I would like to remind you this is normal and God understands. He made you and will work with you in a pace you can handle.

This is not exhaustive but I want you to be encouraged that the dryness you feel is only for a season. God has promised not only to be with you in your time of growth but also in your time of thirsting for spiritual renewal.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I don’t know how the year has been for whoever is reading this but I do know we claim what the prophet Habakkuk exclaimed and we can look faithfully to what the prophet Ezekiel wrote down about the Lord and his address to a nation that was near death “And the Lord God spoke and said ‘Dry bones.. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life.’ Ezekiel 37:6

And so there was breath and the bones came to life! We need to hear that today! There is life and that life is in Christ our Savior!

May you experience the refreshing life that God has prepared for you when the dryness is no more! Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



This month the youth here at First are taking a very servant-hearted look at our local community and the world to see what kind of Impact we can make. We have two service projects this month that we are really excited about, and we need your help!

Our first project is our annual local youth group food drive to benefit the Salvation Army in Newton. We have paper grocery bags located at the north and south sides of the Gathering place. You can pick one up, take it home, fill it with groceries, and bring it back to the church office by November 10th! We are packaging with the other youth groups on Wednesday November 13 at the Sully Community Church!

Our other project is a new one we started last year. It's called Operation Christmas Child. We fill shoeboxes with things like toothbrushes, combs, socks, sandals, etc. and they get sent to a foreign country so that kids in the third world can have a gift for Christmas! Would you consider helping us out with this as well by donating some items to be packaged in the shoeboxes? There should be a yellow list of items to donate in your church mailbox, and there is a basket in the Gathering Place where you can leave those items by November 17th!

We love the chance to be the hands and feet of Jesus, and we hope you will join us this month!

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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 3, 6:00 pm—Worship Series

November 10—Worship Series

November 17—Operation Christmas Child

November 24—Worship Series

Leaders: Jeff & Alison Knouse, Cale & Kendra Van Wyk, Shawn & ChyAnne Huyser and Cody & Kelly Kesling

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 27.** 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.



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 3 at 6:00 pm: Grace Series

November 10—Grace Series

November 17—Operation Christmas Child

November 24—Junk Food Thanksgiving

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



Operation Christmas Child: There is a basket set out in the Gathering Place for items purchased that our youth will be packing in shoeboxes in

November. There is a list of items you may purchase in your mailbox!



LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER—Our Faithwalker Soup Dinner will be held on **Saturday, December 7 from 11—1 pm** in the Gathering Place. And IMPACT youth will be hosting a bake sale during the

soup dinner.



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During the month of October the STARS children completed the lessons on construction. Highlights of the month included creating concrete stepping stones, painting pumpkins, string art crosses, and guest speaker Andy Dunsbergen. The month of November will focus on Thankfulness. November 20 will be a family meal night.

If you walk the hall between the Beginner and Primary Department on Sunday morning you may hear a few Christmas melodies coming from the rooms as the children prepare for the Christmas program on Sunday, December 15th! A few new exciting things are in the works!

However, we need to make time to focus on giving thanks and celebrating Thanksgiving. How important it is to gather with extended generations to take time to reflect, give thanks to our awesome God, and create memories!

Thank you to all of the third grade families who shared in the Bible Blessings. So excited to hear how the children are using their Bibles.



3rd Grade Bible Blessings:

Front: Katelyn Nikkel, Aubrey Harthoorn, Abigail Brand & Bristol Hardeman

Back: Mia Van Zante, Bentlee Vos, Bryson Hardeman & Asher Schechinger

Sunday School

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 pm— Sunday school Christmas Program for our Beginner (3 yr—K) and Primary (1st—4th grade) Departments. A coffee time will be held after the service!



OPEN MY EYES November 4kids!

The Open My Eyes Scripture Writing plan is focused on children ages 4-10. Each of the Scriptures below should take ten minutes to write. You can use this plan in conjunction with the adult writing plan as a family devotional, Family Bible Study, or handwriting practice for your Kindergarten to Fifth grade.

THANKSGIVING & GRATITUDE

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| Day 1: | Psalm 100:4 | Day 19: | 1 Corinthians 15:56-57 |
| Day 2: | Psalm 107:1 | Day 20: | Revelation 11:17 |
| Day 3: | Psalm 118:1 | Day 21: | Daniel 2:23 |
| Day 4: | Psalm 136:3 | Day 22: | 1 Corinthians 1:4 |
| Day 5: | Psalm 136:26 | Day 23: | 1 Thessalonians 2:13 |
| Day 6: | 2 Corinthians 2:14 | Day 24: | Philippians 1:3-4 |
| Day 7: | 2 Corinthians 9:14-15 | | |
| Day 8: | Philippians 4:12 | | |
| Day 9: | Colossians 3:15 | | |
| Day 10: | Hebrews 13:15 | | |
| Day 11: | 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 | | |
| Day 12: | 2 Samuel 22:50 | | |
| Day 13: | 1 Chronicles 16:8 | | |
| Day 14: | 1 Chronicles 16:34 | | |
| Day 15: | Psalm 18:49 | | |
| Day 16: | Psalm 30:12 | | |
| Day 17: | Psalm 92:1 | | |
| Day 18: | Luke 22:19 | | |
| | | Day 25: | Philemon 1:4 |
| | | Day 26: | Psalm 69:30 |
| | | Day 27: | Isaiah 51:3 |
| | | Day 28: | Jonah 2:9-10 |
| | | Day 29: | Colossians 4:2 |
| | | Day 30: | Psalm 116:17 |



Above: Painting pumpkins and making their very own ice cream concrete mixers!



Garrett & Jade De Hoedt
Birthdays: Garrett 5/2/1997
Jade 3/26/1996
Adler 10/23/19

Anniversary: December 31, 2018

Garrett De Hoedt and Jade Van Rees both went to Lynnville-Sully school where they became best friends while in high school. Jade went on to attend Central College in Pella and is now an Elementary Special Education Teacher at North Mahaska Elementary School. Garrett is the Forman of his dad's construction company Lynnville Construction in Lynnville.

Duane and Marla Van Rees are Jade's parents and she has two brothers and one sister. Drew (Leah) Van Rees and their son Max live in New Sharon; Kyle who lives in Sully; and Tara (Clint) Stout and their children Regan and Rees also live in the New Sharon area.

Garrett's parents are J.D. and Linda De Hoedt of Lynnville. His brothers are Spencer, who is engaged to Haley; and Jacob who lives at home and a sister Randa who also lives in Lynnville.

The De Hoedt's recently added to their family with the birth of their son Adler Duke. He has brought so much of joy into their lives! When they are not so sleep deprived, from the excitement of a new baby, they love to go boating together in the summer months and also play with their dog Laika.

Getting married at First Reformed is one of the special memories the De Hoedt's have of the church as well as a few mission trips they took together which always brought their friendship closer together. The closeness of the congregation, the kind and loving atmosphere, as well as having the music continue to develop and getting the chance to sing songs they hear on the radio are what they appreciate about First Reformed.

Sunday School

Project

2019

**Let's help raise
\$2500!**



Build a Home for a Family



After hurricanes, earthquakes, and other disasters families and, at times, whole communities are left with damaged or destroyed homes. Following hurricanes that struck the Caribbean, Samaritan's Purse began working through church partners to help provide homes to families who would otherwise have nowhere to turn for help. Through the generosity of our donors we have been able to rebuild or repair dozens of homes in these island communities, and our efforts extend to many other parts of the world where desperate people are experiencing help and hope in Jesus' Name. *"Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it"* (Psalm 127:1).

SUGGESTED GIFT \$2,500 | SHARE THE COST \$100
Housing Construction 013758



thankful AND blessed

9th 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 10, 11:00 a.m.

- We will be drawing for 2020 Elders & Deacons

Important Dates and INFORMATION

Saturday, December 7, 11–1 pm:
Faithwalker Soup Dinner in the
Gathering Place and IMPACT Youth
Bake Sale.

Sunday, December 15, 6:00 pm:
Beginner & Primary Department
Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 22, 6:00 pm:
Candlelight Service

**Wednesday, December 25, 10:00
am:**
Christmas Day Service



November 27, 7:00 p.m.

We want to invite the congregation to our Thanksgiv-
ing 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 dur-
ing 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 Chris-
tian Food Pantry and families of our local communities.
This was a great success the last couple of years and en-
joyed 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 spe-
cial 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 to-
wards our Mission Fund** (mission share support, mission-
aries, 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 des-
ignate your offering to other missions and church needs
of your choice. **Give as the Lord has blessed you!**

Pastor Wayne





- November 2**
Carna De Jong ~ Jamie Keen
Harold Rozendaal (84)
- November 3**
Lucy Schechinger
- November 4**
Terry Van Maanen
- November 5**
Verna Hackert ~ Colton Harthoorn
- November 6**
Harlan Maasdam ~ Paul Sneller
- November 7**
Chayse Huyser ~ Alan Newell
Gerry Van Dyke ~ Tim Hardeman
- November 9**
Pastor Wayne Sneller
- November 10**
Jamie Hackert
- November 11**
Henrietta Terpstra (83)
- November 12**
Doyle Huyser ~ Kenzie Huyser
- November 15**
Amber Lanser ~ Zachary Maasdam
Jeff Vander Molen
- November 16**
Lisa Dunsbergen ~ **Ruby Van Wyk (95)**

- November 17**
Mike Jansen ~ Joyce MacKenzie
- November 18**
Nick De Penning ~ Ryan Van Kooten
- November 19**
Eloise Vos ~ Carleen Maasdam
Charlotte Kunce (81)
- November 20**
Kate Harthoorn ~ Mason Nikkel
- November 21**
Travis Chapman ~ Ellen Rozendaal
- November 22**
Alison Schnell ~ Laureen Van Wyk
Ervin Van Waardhuizen (80)
- 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 (90)
Howard Huyser (89)
Warren Terpstra ~ HarLee Nunnikhoven
- November 30**
Reese Dunsbergen ~ Marcia Rozendaal

- November 1**
Shaun & Kristy Baarda (22)
- November 2**
Nathan & Stephanie Young (23)
- November 3**
Brad & Stephanie Rozendaal (12)
- November 7**
Loren & Tammy Vos (39)
- November 12**
Carroll & Norma Harthoorn (60)
- November 14**
Dennis & Melanie Renaud (44)
- November 15**
Logan & Taylor Vos (5)
- November 17**
Dale & Minnie Huyser (47)
- November 18**
David & Monica Nikkel (13)
- November 19**
Jacob & Kate Van Manen (3)
- November 24**
Dick & Linda Schnell (58)
Felix & Tia Torres (35)
- November 28**
Eric & Faye Brand (21)
Maury & Stacie Van Der Wilt (27)
- November 29**
Conrad & Mary Ann Van Maaren (45)

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Scriptures of Thankfulness

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| 1. Psalm 107:1 | 16. Colossians 4:2 |
| 2. 1 Chron. 29:13 | 17. Psalm 28:7 |
| 3. Daniel 2:23 | 18. Revelation 7:12 |
| 4. Psalm 95:2-3 | 19. Jeremiah 33:11 |
| 5. Phil. 4:6 | 20. Ephesians 5:20 |
| 6. Philemon 1:4 | 21. Colossians 3:15 |
| 7. Psalm 100:4 | 22. Jonah 2:9 |
| 8. Isaiah 12:4 | 23. Rev. 4:9-11 |
| 9. 1 Thess. 5:18 | 24. Luke 22:19 |
| 10. Psalm 106:1 | 25. Psalm 75:1 |
| 11. Colossians 3:16 | 26. Daniel 6:10 |
| 12. Hebrews 12:28 | 27. Psalm 136:1-3 |
| 13. Psalm 118:1-8 | 28. 2 Cor. 1:11 |
| 14. Psalm 69:30 | 29. Psalm 30:12 |
| 15. Psalm 105:1 | 30. Rev. 11:17 |



POINSETTIAS -

Poinsettia plants are again being used to decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season. If you would like to give a

poinsettia in memory of a loved one or would just like to share a plant for the holidays, **please fill out an order form located in the church office & online at www.sullyfrc.org. The cost is \$8.** The **deadline for ordering is NOVEMBER 24** and Velda Dunsbergen will pick the poinsettias up. Any time after Christmas you may pick up the poinsettia to enjoy at home or share with a friend. **Any questions call Velda Dunsbergen at 641-891-1677 or contact the church office!**



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 2019 Prayer Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Ron & Deloris McKeag	2 Ryan, Carrie, Dayton & Brock Mortvedt
3 Nate & Lindsay Nees	4 Alan, Brenda & Elana Newell	5 Austin & Lysandra Newell	6 David, Monica, Katelyn, Alivia, Colton & Mason Nikkel	7 Don, Hollie, Zoey & Harlee Nunnikhoven	8 Dwayne Ramer	9 Dennis & Melanie Renaud
10 Keith & Glenda Renaud	11 Ruth Renaud	12 Scott & Valerie Rolffs	13 Gary & Janice Roorda	14 John, Julie & Dylan Roozeboom	15 Alvin & Shirley Rozendaal	16 Brad, Steph, Ashton & Owen Rozendaal
17 Brent Rozendaal	18 Bryan & Myra Rozendaal	19 Daren Rozendaal	20 Derek Rozendaal & Amelia	21 Earl & Marcia Rozendaal	22 Ellen Rozendaal	23 Harold & Velma Rozendaal
24 Jeremy, Becky, Jay & Case Rozendaal	25 Josh, Suzanne, Corrina, Jordyn & Gabe Rozendaal	26 Kendall, Marlene & Asher Rozendaal	27 Lucas & Leah Rozendaal	28 Marilyn Rozendaal	29 Randy & Shelly Rozendaal	30 Riley & Kim Rozendaal

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November 2019 Activity Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	2 8:30 am Women's Bible Study
3 9:30am Jeff Knouse 10:45 am Sunday School 6 pm Pastor Tom VandeBerg 5 pm IMPACT 6:30pm Faithwalkers	4	5	6 5:45 am Promise Keepers 3:30 pm STARS After-school 5:30 pm Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	7 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	8 No School	9
10 9:30am Pastor Wayne Sneller 10:45 am Sunday School for all ages 11 am Congregational Meeting 4:59 pm IMPACT 6 pm Bob Hammann 6:27 pm Faithwalkers	11	12 6 pm LS Football Banquet	13 5:45 am Promise Keepers 3:30 pm STARS After-school 5:30 Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	14	15 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	16 8:30 am Women's Bible Study 4 pm Harthoorn the Well
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