

Reformed *Informer*

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SULLY, IA

"WORTH THE NOISE"



Pastor Wayne Sneller
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As I sit in my study, I hear the sound of construction. Sometimes it has been a bit trying to hear yourself think because of the pounding of hammers and the buzz of saws but it is worth the noise!

With each sound of construction, I know that the day is coming when our renovated sanctuary will be ready for worship. Meanwhile during our wait, our congregation worships together in another setting in the Gathering Place. This experience has also brought new joys of meeting different people because you have had to sit in new spots! We have relearned to celebrate the first purpose of Christ's church and that is worship.

The church exists to worship God. We learn to express our love to God and to love our neighbor. You will notice worship comes before service. Sometimes we get so busy working for God, we don't have time to express our love for him through worship.

One aspect of our current worship setting is that we sit a little closer to each other and as a congregation we use our space to the max!

As a pastor, I have always expressed that people are more important than property.

When I look over a packed worship setting, I am reminded that we must continue to live out our mission statement that we exist as a church to "Impact Lives for Christ".

The word "impact" in our mission statement has come alive to me during this building project. Impact is a word that expresses an intentional coming together with someone! I want you to imagine how much influence you have as a member of God's family!

God is using you as a member of First Reformed to be an instrument of grace to impact your world, our community!

I want to encourage you to invite someone to worship with you and bring them to church.

It could be a family member, a neighbor or a friend that needs that invitation of belonging to get involved in our church family!

May you be a part of our church's purpose of Impacting Lives for Christ!

Blessings!

Pastor Wayne

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Our morning service is livestreamed
through our website

WE ♥ OUR PASTOR

THANKS FOR MINISTERING TO OUR CHURCH

JOIN US FOR

Pastor Appreciation Luncheon

Pastor Wayne & Tammy Sneller

Sunday, October 20, 2019

12:00 pm

Gathering Place

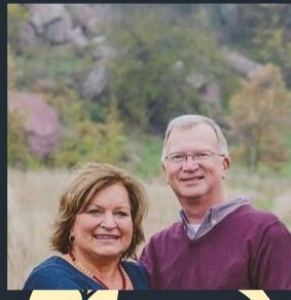
MENU: Smoked pork sandwich, cheesy potatoes, green beans, fruit salad & dessert!

Lemonade, water and coffee.

What to bring: Your family!

Thank You!

10+ YEARS AT FRC



PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR

97% of pastors have been betrayed, falsely accused or hurt by their trusted friends. 70% of pastors battle depression. 7,000 churches close each year. 1,500 pastors quit each month. 10% will retire a pastor. 80% of pastors feel discouraged. 94% of pastors' families feel the pressure of the ministry. 78% of pastors have no close friends. 90% of pastors report working 55-75 hours per week. Pray for your pastor.

Join us in thanking Pastor Wayne & Tammy for all they have done in the Lord's Service these past 10+ years at FRC. They are indeed a reflection of God's love and we want them to know how very much appreciated they are and for all they do! **BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!!**

OCTOBER

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Scripture Reading & Writing Plan

Take 10 minutes each day to read that day's Bible verse, write it in your journal and pray over it. Ask God to reveal to you what He wants to show you through His Word.

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| 1. Philippians 4:6 | 16. Mark 11:24 |
| 2. Romans 8:26 | 17. James 5:13 |
| 3. Luke 18:1 | 18. Job 22:27 |
| 4. Matthew 7:11 | 19. Jeremiah 29:12 |
| 5. Matthew 6:9-13 | 20. Ephesians 6:18 |
| 6. Proverbs 15:29 | 21. 2 Chronicles 7:14 |
| 7. Psalm 145:18 | 22. 2 Chronicles 6:21 |
| 8. Psalm 4:1 | 23. 1 John 5:15 |
| 9. Romans 12:12 | 24. 1 John 5:14 |
| 10. Psalm 141:2 | 25. Colossians 4:2 |
| 11. Psalm 102:17 | 26. James 4:3 |
| 12. Psalm 17:6 | 27. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 |
| 13. Proverbs 15:8 | 28. Hebrews 4:16 |
| 14. Matthew 26:41 | 29. Matthew 6:6 |
| 15. Matthew 5:44 | 30. James 1:6 |
| | 31. Luke 6:27-28 |



PASTOR BRYAN VAN SOELEN

"TRAPPED TO TRANSFORMED"

REDEDICATION SERVICE

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FIRST REFORMED CHURCH &
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
OF SULLY

Sunday, October 13, 2019

at 9:30 a.m.

Lynnville Sully High
School Gym



Youth & Ed Director—
Jeff Knouse

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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)

October dates:

- October 6—Becoming Series
- October 13—Fall Fun Night @ Old Setts
- October 20—The Holy Spirit Series
- October 27—The Holy Spirit Series
- October 31—Holy House Fundraiser

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

YOUTH Activities

Youth activities are in full swing! We kicked things off at the beginning of the month with our annual hayrack ride and bonfire out at Co-Line. At Impact we have been talking about Community & Mission: what Christian community looks like and what our collective mission is. In Faithwalkers we have been walking through a book called Becoming: Loving the Process to Wholeness, which talks about Identity. We are so excited for another great year of youth groups!

This month we have something new that we're going to try out. On Halloween we are going to put on a **"Holy House" fundraiser**. This will take place during trunk or treat and Beggars' night. We plan to have a photo booth with a costume contest, games, and potentially a mild haunted house suited for kids. **This fundraiser will be for Operation Christmas Child, and admission will be some item to donate to the cause (which we will put out this month).**

God is good, and has lots of exciting things in store for us!

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!



Wednesday evenings We begin serving at 5:30 during the school year. **Meals for the month of October** will be: Walking taco, peach salad & ice cream.



IMPACT YOUTH GROUP—6th—8th grade

We will meet EVERY Sunday evening at 5:00 pm in the Well (downstairs in the basement)

October dates:

- October 6— The Great Mattress Race
- October 13— Conflict Series
- October 20— Conflict Series
- October 27— Conflict Series
- October 31—Holy House Fundraiser

Leaders: Jeff & Alison Knouse and Dennis & Donna Liekweg



STARS – “Under Construction” is the theme for the Bible lessons this fall.

Construction sites are exciting places, filled with interesting equipment and abuzz with noise and activity. When we accept Jesus, God begins a good work in us. We become the construction

site where God is building something amazing! Sixty-two children are learning that God is working in the hearts of those who follow Jesus.

Last week Kara Warrick from Jasper County Extension was our special guest and she provided the children an opportunity to construct with cardboard as each crew was able to create a chair.

“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.”
Psalm 127:1a (NIV)

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

The first Family Meal Night is scheduled for Oct. 9, 5:30 pm.



**Children's Ministry Director—
Julie Van Manen**

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We will be doing trunk or treat here in the church parking lot on Thursday October 31 from 6–8 pm. Please sign up if you would like to decorate your trunk and hand out candy. If you cannot hand out candy and would like to participate in some way, drop off candy in the church office. This will be a fun time to show the community some love. **Sign-up sheets are outside the church office or email church office at frcsully@netins.net.**



Oldest STARS crew (above) and youngest STARS crew (right)



Donavon & Darlys De Penning

Birthdays: Donavon—February 2

Darlys—September 14

Anniversary: September 4, 1981

Darlys attended Vacation Bible School in the late 60's here at First Reformed Church and loved it as it was a special memory of hers. She says she may also have shed a tear during the last service in the old sanctuary due to the fact that she has attended First Reformed her entire life and there are many blessings that have come from the church services.

Darlys pledged herself to be married to Donavon De Penning in the sanctuary of First Reformed in 1981. He drove a cement truck at the time for the Sully Cooperative Exchange, so someone brought a cement truck for them to drive around

town in before they left the church!

Donavon and Darlys were part of the group which sits in the "wing" of church growing up as kids. A farm on the County Line Road south of Lynnville is where Darlys lived and she graduated from Lynnville-Sully High School in 1978. Donavon finished high school in 1977, also graduating from Lynnville-Sully as he lived about 3 ½ miles from Sully as well.

Sully Plumbing and Heating in Sully is where Donavon is employed and Darlys works for Merle Norman in Pella as a Nail Technician. She enjoys visiting with people from the church when they come in and get manicures or pedicures!

The De Penning's have 2 children Nicholas and Katherine. Nickolas is married to Hannah and they are expecting "Baby D" in December. Katherine lives in Greece and works with GEM (Greater Europe Mission) Together they love to go out to eat on the weekends and no matter what, Donavon always finds a way to end up at Jersey Freeze in Monroe!

Thanks Donavon and Darlys De Penning for letting us "Get to Know You Better!"



Brian & Elizabeth Bruxvoort

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The Need Indigenous churches and missionaries, isolated by tremendous distances and without any road system, need transportation and logistical and spiritual support.

Brian Bruxvoort's ministry Brian is a pilot and aircraft mechanic. He supports churches and missionaries in Alaska by flying pastors, others, and supplies to remote villages, and by providing maintenance for those who fly their own aircraft. Brian Bruxvoort serves in partnership with Missionary Aviation Repair Center.

His wife, Beth, participates in a women's Bible study and an after-school club called Child Evangelism Fellowship, and reaches out to women around her who need a friend. The Bruxvoorts have four children: Brianna, Michael, Lucas, and Jonathan.

Brian serves in partnership with the Mission Aviation Repair Center (MARC).

Please pray: • For safety in flying. • For encouragement for those whom the Bruxvoorts serve. • For the Bruxvoort family as they work with Child Evangelism Fellowship after-school clubs. • For Brian and Elizabeth as they seek to honor God in all areas of their lives.

Brian and Elizabeth will be her to speak on **Sunday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m.**



October

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- October 1**
Tim Dunsbergen ~ Dennis Van Maanen
- October 2**
Majesta Vos ~ Cody Kesling
- October 4**
Cale Van Wyk ~ Matthew Vasileiadis
- October 5**
Corey Kramer
- October 7**
Trisha Vander Molen
- October 8**
Sandy Beyer (94)
- October 10**
Karissa Chapman ~ **Joyce De Goey(82)**
Dana Dunsbergen ~ Tim Jansen
- October 11**
Hinley Jansen ~ Cathryn Dunsbergen
- October 12**
Tatum Huyser ~ Mikayla Bonnema
- October 13**
Kaylee Maasdam ~ Katelyn Nikkel
- October 14**
Cooper Scandridge
- October 15**
Mark Scholten
- October 16**
Luke Kramer
- October 17**
Ron McKeag

- October 18**
Miranda Vos
- October 20**
Kevin Van Wyk
- October 21**
Alex Huyser ~ Morgan Vander Molen
- October 22**
Justin Deal
- October 23**
Bryan De Jong ~ Taylor Vos
- October 24**
Caulen Deal ~ Abel Harsselaar
- October 25**
Shirley Baarda(82) ~ Gerald Droppert
Minnie Huyser ~ Linda Jansen
- October 27**
Eric De Jong ~ Brinley Doane
- October 28**
Dennis Dunsbergen
- October 29**
Delia De Jong (88)
Mathias Torres
- October 30**
Dawn Terpstra
- October 31**
Cindy Hackert

- October 2**
Russ & Lois Rozendaal— 49
- October 5**
Jamie & Julie Keen— 23
- October 7**
Shawn & ChyAnne Huyser—19
- October 8**
Drew & Leah Van Rees—3
- October 15**
Tim & Brenda Jansen—25
- October 16**
Ken & Lorie Van Soelen—38
- October 24**
Darrel & Barb Jansen—58
Bryan & Myra Rozendaal—44
Tim & Marsha Vanden Hoek—32
- October 31**
David & Jessica Winegar—10

Fall is Here!



Sandy Beyer—She will be 94 years old this month on October 8. She lives at The Mayflower, 616 Broad Street, Rm. P104, Grinnell, IA 50112.



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 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!

OPEN MY EYES October 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 grader.

THE PROMISES OF GOD

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| Day 1: 1 John 2:25 | Day 17: James 4:7-8 |
| Day 2: Ezekiel 36:26 | Day 18: Hebrews 2:18 |
| Day 3: 1 John 1:9 | Day 19: Psalm 91:10-11 |
| Day 4: Psalm 103:12 | Day 20: Psalm 138:7 |
| Day 5: Micah 7:19 | Day 21: 1 John 4:18 |
| Day 6: Acts 2:17 | |
| Day 7: Luke 11:13 | Day 22: Revelation 21:4 |
| | Day 23: Isaiah 61:3 |
| Day 8: John 16:15 | Day 24: John 8:35-36 |
| Day 9: Psalm 34:10 | Day 25: 2 Corinthians 5:17 |
| Day 10: Matthew 6:33 | Day 26: Psalm 61:3-4 |
| Day 11: Malachi 3:12 | Day 27: Matthew 17:20 |
| Day 12: Romans 8:31-32 | Day 28: Luke 4:18 |
| Day 13: Psalm 84:11 | |
| Day 14: Jeremiah 30:17a | Day 29: Psalm 9:9-10 |
| | Day 30: Lamentations 3:22-23 |
| Day 15: Exodus 15:26 | Day 31: 2 Corinthians 1:3 |
| Day 16: 1 Corinthians 10:13 | |

October 2019 Prayer Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Don & Karen Jansen	2 Gene & Eleanor Jansen	3 Jerry & Linda Jansen	4 Joel & Deann Jansen	5 Kendall & Darci Jansen
6 Maddison Jansen	7 Mike & Susan Jansen	8 Tim, Brenda, Brooke, Baylee & Tyson Jansen	9 Troy Jansen	10 Tyler, Ryanne, Hinley & Archer Jansen	11 Chuck & Deb Johnson	12 Jamie, Julie, Daniel & Laci Keen
13 Cody, Kelly, Kennedy, Kacey & Kaiser Kesling	14 Jeff & Alison Knouse	15 Austin Kramer	16 Corey Kramer	17 John, Jennifer & Luke Kramer	18 Kyle Kramer	19 Marjorie Kramer
20 Jerry & Charlotte Kunce	21 Eric & Amber Lanser	22 Dennis, Donna, Dylan & Deven Liekweg	23 Monty, Carol & Kemper Lukehart	24 Craig & Barb Maasdam	25 Curtis Maasdam	26 Darrell & Susan Maasdam
27 Denamae Maasdam	28 Doug, Shawna, Brett & Kaylee Maasdam	29 Dwayne, Janelle, Zach & Taylor Maasdam	30 Harlan & Carleen Maasdam	31 Joyce Mackenzie		



October 2019 Activity Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 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	3	4 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	5 10 am Shower in the Gathering Place
6 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller—Communion 10:45 am Sunday School for all ages 5 pm IMPACT 6 pm Phil & Olivia Iekel—Missionaries 6:30 pm Faithwalkers	7	8	9 5:45 am Promise Keepers 3:30 pm STARS Afterschool 5:30 pm STARS & Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	10	11 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	12
13 9:30am Rededication Service—LS High School—Pastor Bryan Van Soelen 5 pm IMPACT 6 pm Evening worship—Sully CRC with Pastor Bryan Van Soelen 6:30 pm Faithwalkers	14	15	16 5:45 am Promise Keepers 3:30 pm STARS Afterschool 5:30 Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th 6:30 pm Elders Mtg. 6:45 pm Deacons Mtg 7:30 pm Consistory	17	18 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	19
20 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 10:45 am Sunday School for all ages 5 pm IMPACT 12 pm Pastor Appreciation Luncheon 6 pm Brian & Elizabeth Bruxvoort 6:30 pm Faithwalkers	21	22	23 5:45 am Promise Keepers 3:30 pm STARS Afterschool 5:30 Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	24	25	26
27 9:30am Laity Sunday 10:45 am Sunday School for all ages 5 pm IMPACT 6 pm Bob Hammann 6:30 pm Faithwalkers	28	29	30 5:45 am Promise Keepers 3:30 pm STARS Afterschool 5:30 Family Night Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	31 6—8 pm Trunk or Treat Holy House Fundraiser		