

# Fellowship Findings

Sully Christian Reformed Church

May 2023

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# OurMission

WHAT GOD IS CALLING US TO DO

Cultivate space for people to experience the transforming love of Christ.

# Our Vision

WHAT GOD IS CALLING US TO BE

A family of believers experiencing personal transformation, *Romans 12* using their unique gifts, *Ephesians 4* to glorify GOD *I Corinthians 10:31* and edify others. *I Thessalonians 5:11* 

## Worship TIMES

Morning Worship 9:30:30 a.m.

Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

## **Important Dates:**

Church Potluck ....... May 7 Bethel Mission ...... May 8 (Out Reach Committee)

## **May Worship**

May 7 AM—Pastor Bill Vis

1:30 PM—Pastor Bill Vis

May 14 AM—Pastor Bill Vis

PM—Small Group Discussion

May 21 AM—Pastor Bill Vis

PM—Pastor Bill Vis

May 28 AM—Pastor Bill Vis

PM—Small Group Discussion

Sunday, May 7, will be a church potluck dinner at Sully Christian School at 12:00. There will be no coffee time following morning worship. The second service will be held following the meal. Each family is asked to bring <a href="two">two</a> large Dishes (one hot and one cold) along with serving utensils. Singles do not need to bring any food. Table service, drinks and dinner rolls will be provided.



**PLEASE NOTE:** Under the new council organizational structure, full council will no longer be meeting monthly. Council clippings will be provided through the Fellowship Findings in the months council meets.

- 1. Chairman Verlan Van Wyk opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. The needs of many in the church and community were lifted in prayer.
- 2. The elders were honored to hear the testimonies of many in our church through their professions of faith. It was a joyful experience and we rejoice with each individual and their families!
- 3. Financial information and reports were reviewed. The general fund balance is at about \$155,000.
- 4. Gary Christensen and Mike Vander Molen are our council delegates to the May Classis Central Plains meeting that will be held either May 17 or 18 meeting at Faith CRC in Pella. Landon Van Zante and Trevor Nikkel are alternates.
- 5. Family visitation will take place in August this year. More details will be provided in the coming months.
- 6. Council approved a request from Justin Van Zee to release him from his ordination in order to follow a shift in his calling. This will come as a motion from Sully CRC to Classis Central Plains at the fall classis meeting. We are thankful for Justin's heart for serving where God leads him!
- 7. Council approved the Church Expansion Committee's request to engage SVPA Architects to work with the committee in refining the concepts that are being considered, develop preliminary plans and provide some initial estimates.
- 8. Pastor Brad Bierma of Calvary CRC in Pella led a training for all shepherding elders and deacons on April 24.
- 9. The council held a senior night for many of the seniors from our church and 412 youth group, along with their families, on April 19. It was a wonderful night of fellowship and encouragement.

Offerings Received		
Date	Recipient	Amount
April 2	World Renew-Turkey Earth Quake Relief	\$3,373.00
April 7	Benevolence	\$ 828.00
April 9	Resonate Global Missions	\$2,015.00
April 16	Sully Christian School	\$2,174.50
April 23	Freedom House Ministry	\$2,164.16
April 30	Christian Education Encouragement Fund	\$1,695.55



I want to sincerely thank Prayer and Fellowship group #4 along with Couples for Christ members for the noon luncheon and the special treats and plant that were brought to my apartment. I enjoyed visiting with members of my home church family.

## **Search Committee**

## Update...

During the month of April, the search committee had one prospective pastor remove himself from the process. Another prospective pastor was added to the list, keeping the list at four pastors. Some members of the search committee took a trip to meet with the one mentioned in the last update. Further conversations and meetings are in the works with the four currently on our list. We ask that you continue to uphold these prospective pastors in your prayers. Our prayer is that both parties have a clear sense of the next steps God is calling us to.

## **Coffee Servers**

May 7  Wes & Heather Zylstra  Roger & Caroll Jansen	
Troger & Caroli Janisen	
May 14 Brennan & Shelby V	
Alvin & Mary Fopma	
May 21 Scotty & Brenda DN	
Ben VM & Zeke VL	
May 28 Kendra VK	
Curt & Candice Vos	
June 4 Jamie & Michelle VK	
Steve & Sharon Fopma	l
June 11 John & Jacie Kramer	
Craig & Linda Zylstra	
June 18 Stuart & Sheila Pleima	
Darrell & Angela V	
June 25 Tyler/Derek/Emily VS	
Merl & Candy Van Zan	te



April Report			
Category	Amount	Year to Date Received	Year to Date Budgeted
General Fund (includes Ministry Share)	\$36,655.68	\$308,870.25	\$326,461.19
Missions	\$ 3,383.70	\$ 29,109.84	\$ 29,788.00
Building and Grounds	\$ 3,089.46	\$ 26,032.45	\$ 27,500.00
Total	\$43,128.84	\$364,012.54	\$383,749.19

## **Greeting Schedule**

	(N) Frank & Karen Van Soelen
May 7	(S) Jason and Jen Lowry
May 14	(N) Jaron and Tasha Vos
	(S) Scott and Vicki Nikkel
May 21	(N) Kevin & Brenda Van Kooten
	(S) Randy and Jodi De Vries
May 28	(N) Nolan and Karla Vos
	(S) Dennis and Staci Schut
June 4	(N) Jud and Pam Vos
	(S) Heather Hastings
June 11	(N) Kevin & Melanie Van Maanen
	(S) Clarence and Judy Van Zee
June 18	(N) Rick and Kim Vos
	(S) Landon and Jana Van Zante
June 25	(N) Kelsie Van Haaften
	(S) Gary and Dena Van Wyk

## **Nursery Schedule**

	Jacie Kramer
May 7	Conrad Kramer
	Owen Vos
May 14	Jen Lowry
	Linda Zylstra
	Hayden & Breckyn Lowry
May 21	Angela Veenstra
	Trevor De Berg
	Jackson Plowman
May 28	Linda Menninga
	Lily Vander Leest
	Renae Van Wyk
	Norma Beerends
June 4	Harlan Beerends
	Alayna Van Kooten
	Sheila Pleima
June 11	Allison Pleima
	Erika Van Maanen
June 18	Jentri Van Wyngarden
	Ada Van Wyngarden
	Averie Plowman
	Alexa Van Zante
	Candice Vos
June 25	Chloe Vos
	Adrianna Vos

"then I will send *Rain* on your land in its season, both autumn and *spring rains*, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil. Deuteronomy 11:14

# Celebrating...



### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

May 2 Laura Fynaardt
May 5 Brent Rolffs
May 6 Keagan Fopma
Alivia Van Wyngarden

May 7 Carroll Fopma May 10 Merl Van Zante

Adalie Fynaardt
May 11 Joan Pleima

May 12 Wanda Lanser

Melanie Van Maanen

May 13 Deloris Van Rees Marcia Nikkel Ada Van Wyngarden

May 15 Vicki Nikkel
Ben De Nooy
Conrad Kramer

May 18 Eli Vander Leest

May 19 Grant De Nooy

May 20 Colt Freese

Dawn Plowman

May 23 Alex Van Wyngarden

May 24 Hayden Lowry

### **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

May 4 Tim and Lurinda Vander Schel Mike and Denise Arkema

May 10 Ed and Judy Van Kooten Jeff and Sue Pastoor

May 14 Ed and Joyce Dieleman Doug and Elly Van Zee

May 31 Jason and Jennifer Lowry



From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you. Psalm 71:6

# Celebrating...



### **TUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Treva Nikkel June 2 Rick Vos June 5 Nelson Geels (93) Kevin Laverman

June 7 Cindy Laverman

June 8 Clint Vos Murray Pothoven

June 11 Marvin Goodyk

June 12 Larry Van Wyk (85) Matthew Fynaardt

June 16 Marilyn Van Soelen

June 17 Irene Moes (100)

June 18 John Kramer

June 19 Henrietta Laverman (93)

Beth Vander Molen June 20

June 21 Iune Veenstra

June 22 Jenna Van Maanen

June 23 Renae Van Wyk

June 24 Donald Van Rees

June 25 Kyle Van Kooten

June 28 Dan Pastoor (91)

June 30 Kelly Van Wyk

## **JUNE ANNIVERS**ARIES

June 1 Loren and Shawna Fopma

June 9 Lawrence and Sandy Van Zee Landon and Jana Van Zante

June 10 John and Jodi De Berg

June 11 Norm and Treva Nikkel (60)

Clarence and Judy Van Zee (55)

Kevin and Dawn Plowman

June 13 Vernon and Lucille Jansen

June 17 Judson and Pam Vos

June 18 Nathan and Rachel Nikkel

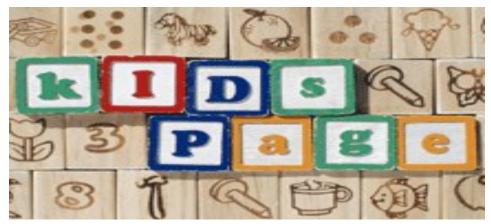
June 20 Alvin and Mary Fopma

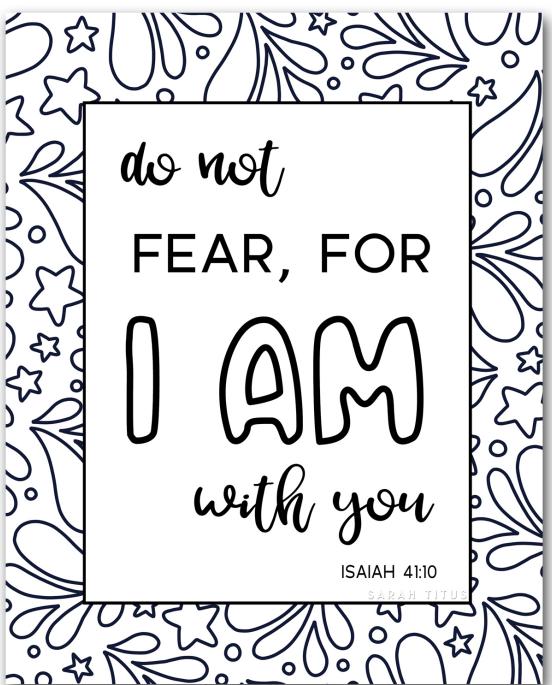
June 23 Howard and Marilyn Vander Griend

June 27 Darrell and Angela Veenstra (25)

June 29 Joel and Megan Vos

Your birth was the beginning of your life. God created you to serve a purpose in this world. Every time you have a birthday, it is an indication that you still have work to do for the kingdom of God. Your birthday is a sign that you have yet another chance to fulfill your unique purpose.





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## CHRIST IS IN YOU

As soon as you accept Christ as your personal Savior, His Spirit takes up residence in your heart! He lives there to love, to forgive, and to intercede on your behalf when you pray to God the Father. Your physical body is still alive, but the Spirit of Jesus is in authority to lead and guide you, to speak to you, to give supernatural strength and courage and whatever else you need to live out God's call on your life. By faith and belief in God's Son, you are no longer living on your own—He is in you!

But when the Father sends the Comforter instead of me—and by the Comforter I mean the Holy Spirit—he will teach you much, as well as remind you of everything I myself have told you.

John 14:26 TLB

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
Philippians 1:21 ESV

But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners,
Christ dies for us!
Romans 5:8 HCSB

100 days of Bible Promises Shanna Noel

(For the many young people who have come forward to make Profession of Faith.)