



# Fellowship Findings

Sully Christian Reformed Church

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## Our Mission

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 a.m.

Evening Worship  
5:00 p.m.

## September Worship

- September 3 AM—Pastor John De Vries  
11:30-Church Potluck at Sully Christian School  
PM—Pastor Bill Vis
- September 10 AM—Rededication Service at Sully Reformed Church  
PM—Pastor Bill Vis
- September 17 AM—Pastor Bill Vis—Communion  
PM—Pastor Bill Vis
- September 24 AM—Pastor Bill Vis  
PM—Pastor Bill Vis  
Coffee/Fellowship Time

### Dates of Interest:

- September 3 ..... Potluck
- September 6 ..... Cong. Mtg.
- September 10 .....  
..... Rededication Service
- September 12 .....  
.....Coffee Break Begins
- September 24 .....  
Farewell for Pastor Bill & Betty

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# Search Committee

## Update...

**Special Congregational Meeting, September 6 @ 6:30 PM:** We will hold a congregational meeting on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 PM in the church sanctuary. The agenda will include a vote on whether to extend a call to Pastor John DeVries. A 75% majority vote will be required to call Pastor John DeVries.



# Council Clippings

**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 Dale Van Wyk opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. The needs of many in the church and community were lifted in prayer.
2. Financial information and reports were reviewed. The general fund balance is at about \$190,000.
3. Positive reports were provided out of family visiting.
4. First aid kits have been purchased for the church.
5. Committee structure for the upcoming year is mostly in place. As communicated and approved at the 2022 congregational meeting, there will be five main committees outside of the council structure: Discipleship, Education, Hospitality, Outreach and Facilities.
6. Members of the Search Team met with council to discuss the pastor candidate and plans for his upcoming visit. There will be interviews with our pastor candidate on Saturday, September 2. The candidate will lead worship on Sunday and we will have a meal following the service with a Q&A time. We will also plan on holding a congregational meeting on Wednesday, September 6 with a vote to extend a call.
7. Rededication Services will be held on September 10 with Joel Vander Molen speaking. For handicap accessible reasons, the service will be at Sully First Reformed Church instead of the high school this year.
8. We are planning for a farewell meal for Pastor Bill and Betty Vis the evening of Sunday, September 24.
9. Due to the other Sunday events called out above, we will begin the next evening small group sessions in October.
10. Members of the New Facility Team met with the council to give an overview of the work they have done to date. The team will provide an update at the congregational meeting on September 6.
11. December services were discussed and approved:  
Candlelight Service: Dec. 17 PM  
No PM Service on Sunday, Dec. 24  
Christmas Service (Monday, Dec. 25) at 9:30 AM
12. Rick Vos closed in prayer following the singing of "Find Us Faithful."

## Coffee Servers

Sept. 3	Kevin & Jared Laverman
	Loren & Shawna Fopma
Sept. 10	Dan & Sharla Dunsbergen
	Kelsi VH & Heather Hastings
Sept. 17	Kevin & Melanie VM
	Gary & JoAnn Fynaardt
Sept. 24	Jud & Pam Vos
	Clint Vos & Arlyn VZante
Oct. 1	Bryce & Donna Arkema
	Kevin & Dawn Plowman
Oct. 8	John & Jodi De Berg
	Brent & Beth Vd. Molen
Oct. 15	Bob & Marilyn Van Soelen
	Paul Scott & ZekeV Leest
Oct. 22	Wayne & Nora Ritter
	Doug & Brenda Vos
Oct. 29	Roger & Carolyn Zylstra
	Tim & Rindy Vander Schel

Make juice on Saturday so that it has time to chill. Meet in the church basement before the service to set up. Instructions are in the kitchen. If unable to serve, please trade with someone

# BUDGET REPORT



April Report			
Category	Amount	Year to Date Received	Year to Date Budgeted
General Fund (includes Ministry Share)	\$28,149.00	\$84,253.48	\$93,342.06
Missions	\$ 1,793.39	\$ 6,103.92	\$ 5,874.99
Building and Grounds	\$ 2,262.61	\$ 6,792.60	\$ 7,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,205.00</b>	<b>\$97,150.00</b>	<b>\$106,717.05</b>

Offerings Received		
Date	Recipient	Amount
August 6	Sully Christian School	\$1,853.00
August 13	Lake View Camp	\$1,882.00
August 20	Christian Education Encouragement Fund	\$1,539.50
August 27	Resonate Global Missions	\$1,737.00

## **September Offering Schedule**

- September 3 Sully Christian School
- September 10 AM—Rededication Service  
PM—East Jasper Christian Food Pantry
- September 17 Benevolence
- September 24 Christian Education Encouragement Fund

### **ATTENTION ALL QUILTERS:**

The first quilt date has been set for September 21, 2023. We welcome anyone who would love to join us for a day of fellowship and sewing awesome quilts. Watch your e-mail for lunch planning. Just bring a large needle and your own scissors!!!!

CENTRAL IOWA RETREAT  
for women and men

# GROWING INWARD

REACHING OUTWARD

*The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of our God stands forever. Isaiah 40:8 NLT*

THURSDAY 9-14-23

9:30am-10:00am Registration & Coffee

10:00am-3:30pm Program (lunch included)



Their only child is serving a life sentence for first-degree murder. How do you come out on the other side when life sends its worst? Join us as best-selling author *Carol Kent* shares from God's Word and her family's life experience in growing an enduring faith and impacting the world for Christ.

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## Bible League International

### VOLUNTEERS

866.825.4636  
bibleleague.org

#### Registration Information:

Thursday 9/14/23

9:30am-10:00am:

Registration & Coffee

10:00am-3:30pm:

Program (lunch included)

#### Registration Deadline:

September 11, 2023

(No refunds after 9/11/23)

\$40—Single Registration

\$70—Married Couple

#### Register online at:

bibleleague.org/tickets

You may also call Bible League at

708-367-8500 during business hours

– 8:00-4:30 pm for assistance

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## RUTH CIRCLE INVITES YOU...

Ruth Circle will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at 1:00 P.M. We meet every other week to study God's Word and have lunch afterwards. Marilyn Vander Griend is our leader and we would welcome women of all ages to join us!



Greeting Schedule		Nursery	
Sept. 3	(N) Jamie & Michelle Van Kooten	Sept. 3	Linda Zylstra
	(S) Ed & Judy Van Kooten		Breckyn Lowry
Sept. 10	(N) Craig & Linda Zylstra		Abbie De Berg
	(S) Trevor & Jerri Nikkel	Sept. 10	Rededication Service
Sept. 17	(N) Gary & Lynnette Christensen		
	(S) Roger & Carolyn Zylstra	Sept. 17 Communion	Candice Vos
Sept. 24	(N) Merl & Candy Van Zante		Adri Vos
	(S) Darrell & Angela Veenstra		Bethany Kramer
October 1	(N) Larry & Joan Pleima	Sept. 24	Megan Vos
	(S) Carroll & Marla Fopma		Joel Vos
October 8	(N) Harlan & Norma Beerends		Owen Vos
	(S) Charlene VM & Carolyn V Voort	Oct. 1	Elly Van Zee
October 15	(N) Mike Vander Molen & Val Nikkel		Jessa De Vries
	(S) Alex & Jentri Van Wyngarden		Alicia Fynaardt
October 22	(N) Dennis & Staci Schut	Oct. 8	Brooke Dunsbergen
	(S) Eric & Laura Fynaardt		Emma Plowman
October 29	(N) Lauren & Julie Van Wyk		Alexa Van Zante
	(S) Rick & Staci Jansen	Oct. 15	Jud Vos
NOTE: If you are unable to greet on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone for a different week. If you would like to have your name removed from the greeter list, please contact Steve Van Sant.			Pam Vos
			Aaron Van Wyngarden
	Oct. 22	Shawna Fopma	
		Renae Van Wyk	
		Lily Vander Leest	
	Oct. 29	Laura Fynaardt	
Matthew Fynaardt			
Owen Vos			
		If unable to serve in the nursery on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone on the list.	



# Celebrating...




## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

September 3 Marla Fopma  
Ron De Nooy  
September 4 Kevin Van Kooten  
September 5 Gary Christensen  
Scott Nikkel  
September 6 Tim Vander Schel  
September 8 Barbara Van Zante  
September 9 Marlene Van Soelen  
September 11 Mike Arkema  
September 13 Gary Fynaardt  
Sally Van Wyk  
Roger Jansen  
September 14 Allison Pleima  
September 15 Isabelle Vos  
September 17 Dale Van Wyk  
Heather Zylstra  
Bethany Kramer  
September 18 Erica Vos  
September 19 Candice Vos  
September 20 Sharla Dunsbergen  
Marcus Goodyk  
September 21 Alene Fopma  
September 22 Norm Nikkel  
September 23 Steve Fopma  
September 27 Ethan Vander Leest  
Larissa Simbro

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

## **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

September 3 Larry and Joan Pleima  
Kevin and Brenda Van Kooten  
Trevor and Jerri Nikkel  
September 5 Rick and Staci Jansen  
Jamie and Michelle Van Kooten (25)  
Bradley & Allyson Van Sant  
September 6 Dennis and Staci Schut  
September 9 Melvin and Wanda Lanser  
September 15 Marvin and Lynda Slings  
Craig and Linda Zylstra (45)  
September 21 Don and Deloris Van Rees  
Scotty and Brenda De Nooy  
September 23 Wayne and Nora Ritter (35)



*"It is not how much we have, but how  
much we enjoy, that makes happiness."*

*-Charles Spurgeon*



# Celebrating...

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### **October Birthdays**

- October 2 Justin Van Zee
- October 3 Lawrence Van Zee
- October 4 Joyce Dieleman  
Miranda Nikkel
- October 6 Glenna Budding (95)  
Kallie Van Zee  
Zachary Dunsbergen
- October 7 Sharon Van Wyk
- October 8 Marvin Slings
- October 9 Bonnie De Nooy
- October 10 Valerie Nikkel  
Kelsie Van Haaften
- October 11 Troy Fopma
- October 12 Gladys Stravers
- October 13 Skyler Stoll
- October 14 Hampton Lowry
- October 15 Phyllis Zylstra  
Madison Jochems  
Jodi De Berg
- October 17 Janice Pothoven  
Harlan Beerends
- October 18 Theda Fopma (96)
- October 19 Owen Vos
- October 21 Tyler De Berg
- October 23 Marilyn Vander Griend  
Norma Beerends  
Abbie De Berg  
Gwendalyn Zylstra
- October 24 Clara Hoogeveen (96)  
Carla Zylstra (91)  
Laurel Zylstra
- October 25 Heather Hastings  
Caleb Roose  
Aspen Kramer
- October 26 Caroll Jansen
- October 28 McKenzie Goodyk
- October 29 Derek De Nooy
- October 30 Duke Zylstra
- October 31 Esme Plowman  
Amelia Plowman

### **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- October 2 Stuart & Sheila Pleima (25)
- October 4 Randy & Jodi De Vries
- October 6 Ryan & Aimee Pastoor
- October 8 Merl & Candy Van Zante
- October 9 Murray & Kendra Pothoven
- October 12 Brent & Beth Vander Molen

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*We want to thank you for your many prayers, cards, phone calls and visits after Gary's diagnosis of cancer. They are greatly appreciated.*

*Gary and Dena Van Wyk*

*We would like to express our thankfulness for our church family who remembered us with cards and phone calls of sympathy in the passing of brother Steve. Also a special phone call from Pastor Vis with his comforting words and also to Tim and Rindy for their visit and food they brought to share with Steve's family. They were all greatly appreciated. We have the assurance he is at home with his Lord and Savior.*

*Don and Deloris Van Rees*

## FROM THE ARCHIVES...

A Letter from the Consistory...

Spring is hastening to a close and will soon be history. We have almost arrived to the half way of 1952. According to the calculation of our calendar summer will soon be ushered in; and already we have experienced some unseasonably hot weather. The past week the mercury ascended to the near nineties. We had some very nice rains recently which are proving very beneficial to the growing crops. Cultivating and making hay are the order of the day. No doubt you boys will be forming a mental picture of what is happening at home and the urge will be aroused to return and participate in the duties at hand.

Much has happened since the beginning of the year. Both joys and sorrows have come to various homes; and some very serious accidents have occurred. We are particularly mindful of May 21st when in the morning Oney Arkema had the misfortune of losing his right arm, Mrs. L. Van Zee suddenly passed away in the evening as a result of two strokes which she experienced in the afternoon, and Rev. and Mrs. Jake De Koning from Washington, Iowa, met with a car accident which caused the death of Mrs. De Koning and badly injuring Mr. De Koning. Then about a week later we learned that Seymour was badly burned on a remote island, Cheju Do, in the Yellow Sea. This all happened on the same day, May 21.

How we often worry about the young men at or near the front lines of battle, but how little thought is given the insecurity of the present life of the civilian. You need but listen to the radio or read your daily newspaper and the grim fact reveals that by comparison many more lives are snuffed out at the home front than the casualties of war dead.

By and large many of these tragedies could have been prevented, but are the direct result among other things, particularly of carelessness and liquor. Not only is this a warning of the alcoholic evil which is so prevalent at home and in the army, but also that we should be prepared to make the transition from this life to life eternal.

I hope this doesn't sound too preachy, but writing on behalf of a consistory I believe my letters should be in keeping with the demands of our office.

Plans are in operation for our annual 4th of July celebration. How we cherish the fact that we enjoy the liberties which are ours as a nation. May we show our gratitude to God, but above all may we enjoy the liberties which we have in Christ Jesus which makes us free. It is our hope and prayer that you may share these liberties with the people of God.

Christian Greetings,  
R. Zylstra, Secretary

Sergeant to Pete J.—"What! Didn't you obey orders when I said Company halt?"

Pete —"Well, I've been here two weeks already, and I don't feel like company anymore."



Wilford Laverman writes from Camp Stoneman, California...

Dear Friends,

I find it about time to send my contribution to the Sully Chimes. When the last issue came out I was fortunate enough to be on furlough and the time was past before I got my letter in. A lot of things have happened since the last time. I spent an eighteen day furlough at home and am now down in Camp Stoneman, California. I got here around 8:00 Sunday morning. After I got in Oakland I went down to the First Christian Reformed Church in Alameda. After the service I was introduced to Mr. and Mrs. Mulder and more of the servicemen stationed around here. The Mulders took me along for dinner and also spent the afternoon with them and then we all went to the evening service together. There were twenty one servicemen there. They certainly are doing a wonderful job out here. I wish there could be more homes like that for us far from home. I also had the privilege of meeting Rev. Dykstra, our service pastor in California. Rev. Dykstra also came down to see us here in Stoneman Monday night. We had a wonderful visit with him. I must say if any of you boys happen to come through Stoneman don't pass the opportunity of visiting with the Mulders. It's only about thirty five miles from here and they will make your visit well worth your time. I met Dr. Bartley Wednesday night and had a nice visit with him.



The weather here is nice, but the lines are getting longer all the time. Seems all we do is stand in one line after another.

I must sign off for now but will be thinking about you folks in Sully. May God's blessings continually rest upon each one of you.

As ever,  
Wilford

The men from Sully CRC who served in the Korean War are...

PFC Nelson Geels  
PFC Clarence Nikkel  
Pvt. Cornelius Van Soelen  
Dennis Wayne Van Wyk  
Pvt. Paul Zylstra  
PFC Donald Fopma  
CPL Wallace Van Wyk  
CPL Wilford Laverman  
CPL Gerrit Van Hal  
Andrew Van Sant  
PFC Marvin Vos  
Pvt. Kenneth Jansen

PFC Marvin Lanser  
PFC William Nikkel  
PFC Peter Van Soelen  
CPL Orville Zylstra  
S/Sgt. John Vos  
PFC Seymour Zylstra  
Pvt. Wilbur Vos  
Pvt. Leo Nikkel  
Pvt. Daniel Van Wyk  
Pvt. Cornie Jansen  
CPL Nelson Arkema  
PFC John Rolffs

PFC Lyle Latcham  
A/3C Harris Van Kooten  
A/2C Bernard Van Zante  
PFC Jacob Goodyk  
Pvt Peter Jochems  
CPL Quintin Zylstra  
Pvt. John Huyser  
Pvt. Earl Jansen  
Dick Van Sant  
Pvt. Delmar Van Kooten  
A/C Chester Geels  
PFC Wilbur Nikkel

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## A Prayer For Our Students

Lord, thank you for the **unique gifts** of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with **fresh enthusiasm** and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your **enduring love**, give them **confidence and grace**, and equip them with the ability to **persevere** through trials. Bless their teachers with **wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve**, as they embark on the journey together! **Amen!**



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