



# Fellowship Findings

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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*

## October Worship

- October 1** AM—Mr. Scott Roose  
John 3:1-16—*"Get Out of the Dark"*  
PM—Mr. Scott Roose  
Genesis 11:1-9—*"Scatter"*
- October 8** AM—Mr. Nate Van Wyk  
PM—Small Group Discussion
- October 15** AM—Pastor Will Verhoef  
PM—Mr. Royce Spoelstra
- October 22** AM—Mr. Nate Van Wyk  
PM—Small Group Discussion
- October 29** AM—Mr. Scott Roose  
I Kings 17:7-24—*"From Death to Life"*  
PM—Mr. Scott Roose  
Romans 5, Hebrews 11, James 2—*"Standing, Relating, Doing"*



## Worship TIMES

Morning Worship  
9:30 a.m.

Evening Worship  
5:00 p.m.



## Dates of Interest:

October 15..... Baptism  
.....Bowen Jace Lowry  
October 26..... Quilt Day

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# Search Committee

## Update...

Following the receipt of the letter from Pastor John De Vries, in which he declined the call to Sully, the Search Team will be meeting to discuss the next steps in finding a pastor.

Keep the Search Committee in your prayers as they discern how to best proceed from here.



HOSPICE OF PELLA

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF CELEBRATING  
40 years of hospice care and  
20 years of the Comfort House.

THURSDAY  
NOV. 02 2023 | 5:30 - 8:00 PM  
Central College  
Graham Center

40TH ANNIVERSARY  
Giving Thanks for 40 Years of Hospice Care

CELEBRATION

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER OR VISIT  
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## Coffee Servers

Oct. 1	Bryce & Donna Arkema
	Kevin & Dawn Plowman
Oct. 8	John & Jodi De Berg
	Brent & Beth Vd. Molen
Oct. 15	Bob & Marilyn Van Soelen
	Fifth/Sixth Catechism class
Oct. 22	Wayne & Nora Ritter
	Doug & Brenda Vos
Oct. 29	Roger & Carolyn Zylstra
	Tim & Rindy Vander Schel
Nov. 5	Jeff & Sue Pastoor
	Jaden & Kelly Vos
Nov. 12	Melvin & Wanda Lanser
	Doug & Ellie Van Zee
Nov. 19	Curt & Candice Vos
	Roger & Caroll Jansen
Nov. 26	Wes & Heather Zylstra
	Daryl & Linda Menninga

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: <sup>2</sup> a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; <sup>3</sup> a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup> a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance, <sup>5</sup> a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, <sup>6</sup> a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, <sup>7</sup> a time to tear and a time to mend, <sup>8</sup> a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace, ...  
<sup>12</sup> I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 12

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



September Report			
Category	Amount	Year to Date Received	Year to Date Budgeted
General Fund (includes Ministry Share)	\$24,208.93	\$108,462.41	\$124,456.08
Missions	\$ 1,565.17	\$ 7,669.09	\$ 7,833.32
Building and Grounds	\$ 1,945.90	\$ 8,738.50	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,720.00</b>	<b>\$124,870.00</b>	<b>\$142,289.40</b>

Offerings Received		
Date	Recipient	Amount
September 3	Sully Christian School	\$2,158.00
September 10	East Jasper Food Pantry	\$ 943.00
September 17	Christian Education Encouragement Fund	\$2,314.00
September 24	Benevolence	\$7,491.00

## **October Offering Schedule**

- October 1      Rehoboth Christian School
- October 8      Sully Christian School and SCS Envelope Offering
- October 15     The Children's Shelter Cebu
- October 22     Christian Education Encouragement Fund
- October 29     Seminary Offering (split 50/50 between Calvin and Mid-America unless designated)

Thank  
You!



Dear Congregation,  
We would like to thank you all for the cards, gifts, food, and prayers you have bestowed on our family for the birth of Bowen. We appreciate your kind and generous support towards our family! We feel so blessed to be part of such a supportive congregation and covet your continued prayers as we raise our children to love the Lord.

Blessings, Jason, Jennifer, Hayden, Breckyn, Hampton, Britton, Hadilyn, and Bowen Lowry

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I want to sincerely thank Pastor Bill and the congregation for the prayers offered for my son Steve, as of now things seem stable for him.  
Also, thank you for the many "taxi-drivers" who volunteer to transport me to various functions. It is so much appreciated! I am so thankful to be part of the caring Sully CRC.

Berdena Vos

### From the Gideons...

Recently an offering was taken for the Gideon's. Thank you for the church offering of \$2,918.50. We appreciate your support.

Our local camp meets monthly in the Sully Community Center for their local business meeting. In the past six months we have been quite active handing out New Testament Bibles at the schools in our area -Grinnell, Brooklyn, Montezuma, and Sully.

We were at the Poweshiek County Fair two days. We were at the IA State Fair spending three hours one day in the Gideon booth.

We also joined several Iowa Gideon members handing out Bibles at Iowa State, University of Iowa, and University of Northern Iowa in September.

Each month two groups go to the Poweshiek County jail, and the Newton Camp goes to the Jasper County Jail.

Thank you again for your support.  
The Local Gideon Camp

Greeting Schedule		Nursery	
Oct. 1	(N) Larry and Joan Pleima	Oct. 1	Elly Van Zee
	(S) Carroll and Marla Fopma		Tessa De Vries
Oct. 8	(N) Harlan and Norma Beerends		Alicia Fynaardt
	(S) Charlene VM and Carolyn VV	Oct. 8	Brooke Dunsbergen
Oct. 15	(N) Mike Vander Molen & Val Nikkel		Emma Plowman
	(S) Alex and Jentri Van Wyngarden		Alexa Van Zante
Oct. 22	(N) Dennis and Staci Schut	Oct. 15	Jud Vos
	(S) Eric and Laura Fynaardt		Pam Vos
Oct. 29	(N) Lauren and Julie Van Wyk		Aaron Van Wyngarden
	(S) Rick and Staci Jansen	Oct. 22	Shawna Fopma
Nov. 5	(N) Nathan and Rachel Nikkel		Renae Van Wyk
	(S) Wes Van Wyk/Arlyn Van Zante		Lily Vander Leest
Nov. 12	(N) Clint Vos and Ron De Nooy	Oct. 29	Laura Fynaardt
	(S) Howard & Marilyn Vd. Griend		Matthew Fynaardt
Nov. 19	(N) Jason and Jen Lowry		Owen Vos
	(S) Frank and Karen Van Soelen	Nov. 5	Norma Beerends
Nov. 26	(N) Roger and Marlene Bruxvoort		Harlan Beerends
	(S) Jaron and Tasha Vos		Gwen Zylstra
<p>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.</p>		Nov. 12	Jacie Kramer
			Trevor De Berg
			Conrad Kramer
<p><b>Nursery Attendants:</b> If unable to serve in the nursery on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone on the list.</p>		Nov. 19	Linda Menninga
			Adri Vos
			Bailey Vos
		Nov. 23 Thanksgiving	Megan Vos
			Joel Vos
			Isabelle Vos
		Nov. 26	Jentri Van Wyngarden`
			Ada Van Wyngarden
			Abbie De Berg





# 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) 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



The family of  
Carla Zylstra

*gratefully thank the congregation for their prayers and support during Mom and Grandma's hospice care and recent passing to glory. A special thanks to Elder Lawrence and Sandy Van Zee for all your visits. We would also like to thank Pastor Vis for his visits and conducting Mother's celebration of life. We are so thankful to be a member of the family of God at Sully CRC. God Bless You All,*

*The family of Carla Zylstra*

# Celebrating...



# November

BIRTHDAYS

and Anniversaries

## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- November 4 Ed Dieleman  
Brayden Van Sant
- November 6 Jodi De Vries  
Wesley Zylstra  
Jacie Kramer
- November 7 Linda Menninga
- November 9 Joel Vos
- November 12 Alvin Fopma  
Rick Fopma
- November 13 Barrett Dunsbergen
- November 14 Julie Van Wyk (Lauren)
- November 16 Zelda Engbers (91)  
Joan Vos
- November 17 Hudson Plowman
- November 19 Peter Van Soelen (96)
- November 21 Dwight Vander Leest  
Nolan Vos  
Bella Nikkel
- November 24 Noelle Van Zante
- November 26 Kevin Plowman
- November 27 Scott Roose  
Levi Laverman
- November 28 Julie Van Wyk (Dale)

## **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- November 1 Harlan & Norma Beerends
- November 4 Gary & JoAnn Fynaardt
- November 11 Justin & Cailee Pastoor
- November 19 Doug & Brenda Vos (35)
- November 28 Frank & Karen Van Soelen  
Dale & Julie Van Wyk



### ***Save the Date!***

The next quilt date will be October 26, 2023!  
Be sure to save the date. Watch your email for food sign up.

### **Members of the Hospitality Committee**

will soon be planning greeters and coffee servers for 2024. If you need to take your name off one or both of the lists, or if you would like to be added to one or both lists, please contact the church office, Scotty De Nooy, or Steve Van Sant by October 15.

# HUYSEERS

Forming Students  
in the  
Gospel of Grace

AUGUST 2023



Dear Friends,

In Ecclesiastes 3: 1 the preacher says that "for everything there is a season."



We are writing this at Dallas airport. We are waiting for our flight to San Francisco and from there on to Seoul, South Korea. We sense that we are about to enter another season of our lives together.

With all changes of seasons there is something that is left behind and something that is gained. We remember other leavings: leaving Denver for Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids for Managua, Managua for Dallas. We remember Joël leaving the law firm and us joining Christian Reformed World Missions. We remember the leavings that marked our passages from childhood to adulthood, from raising young children to becoming grandparents.

In all leavings there is both the grieving of what is no longer and the anticipation of what is about to be. We are learning to see life more as a journey of grace to be enjoyed than a destination to be attained. What we thought were destinations only proved to be way stations in the journey.

There are two things for which we are very grateful as we enter this next season of our life journey.

We are grateful that we have Jesus in the boat with us. We have no illusions that the journey forward will be without storms. It never has been. But with Jesus in the boat, we can weather the storms, come what may.

But that is not all. We are grateful that we have a community that accompanies us on this journey. This community, which the Scriptures tell us is the very body of Christ, both sends and receives us as we continue the journey.

So, we are grateful for those that send us – our local church in Irving, those who have supported and prayed for us in the past and continue to do so for the next season of our journey, and, of course, Resonate Global Mission.

And we owe a huge debt of gratitude to those that receive us – the community of teachers, parents and students that make up Grace Global Christian School in Changwon, South Korea.

## Prayer & Praises

Praise:

- The expressions of prayer and financial support we have already received. We are so encouraged!
- The hard work of the community of Grace Global Christian School to prepare our apartment.

Prayer:

- For those we leave: our children, grandchildren, Joel's Mom, our local church, friends.

- For those with whom we will walk in South Korea: the teachers, students and parents of Grace Global Christian School. Pray that we can together embody the unforced rhythms of grace in an educational system that can be harsh and unforgiving.

## How can you help?

**Most importantly, you can support us in prayer.** This is a major move for us into a culture that is quite different from that of Nicaragua. Pray that we would be gracious learners of culture and language. Pray for our own discipleship as we learn from Korean Christians. Pray for the community of teachers, students, and parents of Grace International School as they live out a gospel of grace in a culture of achievement and performance.

**You can stay informed.** We will be sending out regular prayer letters to keep you informed and to invite your partnership in prayer. (You are on our prayer letter list from our previous time work on the field. If you no longer wish to receive these emails, you can unsubscribe below.)

**You can support us financially.** This work is not possible without a mission-minded community. If you wish to partner with us in ministry, you can send your donation to Resonate Global Mission one of two ways:

1. You can send your gift by mail to either of the addresses below. Clearly designate your gift for our Resonate fund code: 804233

### United States

1700 28th Street SE  
Grand Rapids, MI  
49508-1407

### Canada

3475 Mainway  
PO Box 5070, STN LCD 1  
Burlington, ON L7R3Y8

2. Or you can give online at <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/give-us>. Choose "Missionaries-Asia" and then "Huyser, Joel and Jeannie."

**Thank you for partnering with us on mission!**



Our mailing address is:

Grace International School 2115 Coral Ct Irving, TX 75060-7343 USA



# thank you

Sully CRC -

Thank you for being a part of our Angel Tree camping ministry this past summer. With your help, we were able to give every Angel Tree child a backpack full of supplies they needed during their week of camp. What a blessing to share God's love with campers in this way! Campers were amazed that volunteers gave of their time and resources to put together the bags and cared about their week at camp.

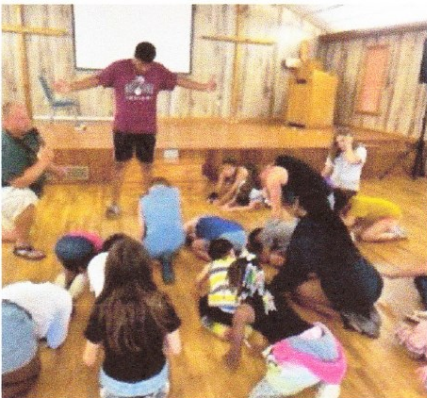
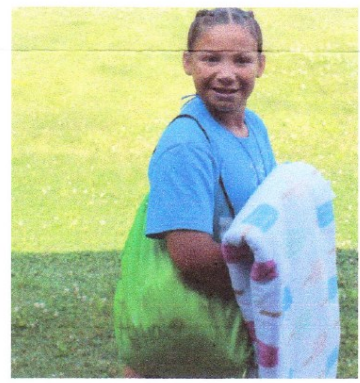
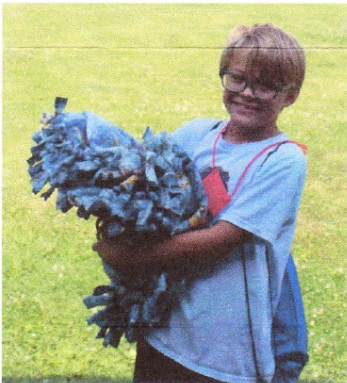
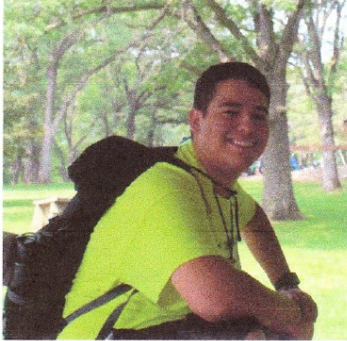
Thank you for being a part of sharing God's love with Angel Tree children and helping campers have a memorable week at camp!

Thanks!

Lake View Staff and Board

*"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."*

1 John 3:18





Fall 2023

Dear Freedom House Supporters,

Whether you have been with Freedom House since the beginning or are new to the Freedom House Ministry, **YOU are a vital part of the work God is doing here.** Together we have accomplished much through God's provision and your continued generosity, and there is more work to be done!

The mission of Freedom House remains pure – to help restore young ladies who have been affected by human and labor trafficking/exploitation to wholistic healing in Jesus Christ. We serve girls 0-18 years of age, including girls who are pregnant or with a child.

It's important for us all to become educated on trafficking to protect the children in our world. "Children are far more likely to be trafficked by someone the child already knows and trusts than strangers." [Polarisproject.org/childtrafficking](http://Polarisproject.org/childtrafficking).

Highlights from the summer: Gardening, putting together shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, biking, and focusing on curriculum, time with the counselor, working on goals, and healing.

We continue to thank God for His provision. Donated hours from volunteers include:

Teaching Art	Leading Bible Study	Going Fishing
Playing Games	Cooking	Mowing
Snow Removal	Accounting	Some House Mom Hours
Administrative Work	Maintenance	Professional Fees

Our team has been enjoying our new donated office space, having a place to meet as a team.

In addition to providing shelter, food, and access to education, it is also part of our program to equip young women with the tools and guidance for healing so that they can reintegrate into the community. Our current monthly budget is approximately \$16,000 and these are just some of the ways that your valued donations are used:

- 24/7 care in the house by the team, including a social worker.
- Opportunity for life skills application and mentor related experiences.
- Utilities, groceries, supplies for the house and participants.
- Licensing, liability insurance and medical coverage for participants when needed.

Monthly supporters provide a foundation for the ministry and one-time donations help meet the total goal.

***Donating to this ministry is an opportunity to not only to provide a better future for young women, but also plays a role in leading them to everlasting life!***

Would you prayerfully consider how God might be leading you to support our ministry? Single, one-time, or recurring monthly donations can be set up online at [www.freedomhouseministry.org/donate](http://www.freedomhouseministry.org/donate), or by check made out to Freedom House Ministries and mailed to PO Box 815 Pella, IA 50219.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do; may you be blessed!

With sincere gratitude,

Jennifer Attema  
Executive Director  
Freedom House  
PO Box 815, Pella  
[Freedomhouse17@gmail.com](mailto:Freedomhouse17@gmail.com)



## FROM THE ARCHIVES...

A letter from a mother to her sons...

My Dear Sons,

As I have been asked by one of the ladies of the committee to be the mother to write this month, I will try and write some.

I think the Chimes is a very interesting paper, and we are always looking forward to the new copies and I know you are too. We have been having nice weather. It is kind of cool in the mornings, but it is real nice to work. We have been having nice rains also. It is raining again this morning. The corn crop so far looks good. They are just about through painting the house. Now they are going to try to finish the hen house.

It seems like there is always plenty of work. The girls have been helping with the painting. I have been doing some canning.

We are glad to hear that you both are getting along fine and like your work. Hope we may read your letters in the "Chimes" too.

May God bless you both and keep you under his loving care. And even though we are separated so many miles apart, we know that our Heavenly Father cares for all of us. It is our constant prayer that in His own time He will bring all the boys safe and well back to their homes. Out thoughts and prayers are always with you.

With all our love,  
Mother

### Humor

Last Friday night when Mr. Fennema came to the school board meeting he was rather worn out. In explaining to Case Van Kooten he said; "My wife asked to me take our old cat off somewhere and lose it. I put it in a basket and tramped out into the country for about eight miles."

Mr. Van Kooten: "Did you lose the cat?"

Mr. Fennema; "Lose it? If I hadn't followed it, I never would have gotten back home!"

A rich man employs a butler, a valet, a secretary, a laundress, a cook and a house-keeper.  
The poor man gets married.

Orville Zylstra greets us from Ladd Air Force Base Alaska

Dear Readers,

Time again for a few lines from the North. About all we do up here is eat, sleep, and work a little, so I'll have to write a little about that.

One could go to the great lengths to complain about the chow as we have some recruits doing the cooking and what they turn out isn't to be compared with good old home cooking. It will indeed be a privilege to again sit down to a square meal with one's family at home. In last month's humor column they had a pun about coffee and butter. (Jake: The butter in this bowl is so strong it can walk right over the coffee and say, "How do you do?" Orville: Yes, but the coffee is too weak to answer.) It was a little wrong as it's the coffee that is strong enough to eat the cups and the butter is all oleo.

Sleeping is very good up here, especially after a full day of work. Although it gets up into the 80s during the day it really cools off at night and makes for very comfortable sleeping. I suppose you folks would appreciate some of this cool night air also.

Our work is progressing yet and if all is well we hope to get it completed in time to return to the states early in October. We expect to start building on our last site in the near future. We have to put up 16 new Quonsets there. Lately we have been fixing up the old buildings. These are the ones we moved and have been trying to get them in shape to live in.

The last week of July my cousin from South Dakota arrived here for a tour of duty in the Alaska theater with the Anti-Aircraft-Artillery. It was really nice to see him and although he is now stationed about 26 miles from here we get to each other on Sundays as we all attend the Presbyterian church in Fairbanks and meet at the Frank Koelewyn home regularly. And so the number of Christian Reformed boys in Alaska continues to increase.

I'm sure glad to hear the crops are coming along so well and I hope that you may be blessed with an abundant harvest this fall. For even though we're GI's now we're still Iowa farmers at heart. And we hope to return there ere long if it may be God's will. So till next time, may we all experience God's richest blessings.



With Christian Greetings,  
Orville

# Kids Coloring Page

"A harvest of  
righteousness  
is sown in  
peace."

**James**  
**3:18** ESV



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...for the abundance with which we have  
been blessed. Above all for the  
faithfulness of our great and mighty God

## God is Good, So Let's Give Thanks

Rejoice in the Lord! Give thanks to God! Worship and praise His holy name!  
Why? For the gift of your very life and those you love; for His never-ending and  
unfailing love for you.

How? In all ways of speaking, singing, praying, loving and serving.

When? This moment, all moments, especially when you least feel like it. Your heart  
will be made glad!

Where? Anywhere and everywhere. Instead of having an "off limits" think of every  
place you go as "on limits." His faithful love endures forever, so let's let our praise  
endure forever too!

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.  
James 1:17 NIV

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples!  
I Chronicles 16:8 RSV

Give thanks to God no matter what circumstances you find yourself in.  
(This is God's will for all of you in Jesus the Anointed.)  
I Thessalonians 5:18 VOICE

Lord, the number of things I could give thanks for are too many to count! But thank You most of all  
for loving me.

*100 days of Bible Promises by Shanna Noel*