



# SULLY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

**Cultivating space for people to experience the transforming love of Christ.**

## **Prayers, Praise, and Plans**

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**A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF CHURCH FAMILY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **PRAYER PARTNERSHIP**

*Worship Today, December 10, 2023*

Mr. Scott Roose will lead us in morning worship.

This evening we will have small group discussion.

### ***Church Family Prayers***

- Congratulations to Brennan and Shelby Veenstra on the birth of a daughter, Josie Faith, born on November 19. There is a baby basket in the quilt room to celebrate her birth.
- Out of a desire to care for all our members, each week we will be placing names of shut-ins for you to remember in prayer. This week we want to specifically remember Bob and Jan Pothoven, and Norm and Betty Schuring.

### **Next Week Sunday, December 17**

Next week Sunday Pastor Will Verhoef will lead us in worship as we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Sunday evening will be the 412 Youth Candlelight Service.

Offering: AM - Benevolence, PM - 412 Youth

Nursery Assignment: AM - Kelly Vos, Aspen Kramer, Erica Vos  
PM - Jentri and Aaron Van Wyngarden

Coffee Servers: Steve and Sharon Fopma  
John and Jacie Kramer

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Bulletin Deadline Thursday Noon.)

### **Budget Giving**

Total Congregational Giving since June 1, 2023: \$206,514.82

Budgeted goal by December 31, 2023: \$249,006.45

Budget Giving Goal by May 31, 2024: \$426,868.22

**Handouts for Small Group Discussion:** There are extra handouts in the bottom right-hand mailbox.

**Greeting and Mutual Greeting** has been suspended for the time being to prevent the spread of disease.

**The Council has** approved the organization of a **Capital Campaign Team** to see how much financial support there is in the congregation for future improvements to our church building. The team will be in place before the end of the year for those desiring to make a year-end donation. A couple more volunteers are needed to complete the team (women welcome), if you are willing to serve in this way, please contact Dale Van Wyk.

**Celebrate Christmas** at the **Sully CRC high school youth candlelight service**, titled *Because of Bethlehem, Love Is Born. Hope Is Here*, Sunday evening, Dec. 17, at 5:00 pm. Enjoy an evening that includes:

- High school youth on hand bells
- Christmas praise packs for little children
- Kaylee Maasdam, local artist, painting artwork during the service

**Change of Date - Sully Christian School invites you to "The Christmas Story"** as presented by our TK-8th grade students on **Thursday, December 14**, at 7:00 p.m. in the SCS gym. Using instruments and voices, our students will share the beautiful Christmas story and the joy of the Christmas season. Please join us this evening as we offer praise to our Savior.

**Upcoming opportunities:** On Christmas Day there will be three opportunities for different ages to be involved in the service.

**K-5** will be ringing colored bells for the prelude. Practice right before the service on December 25.

**All ages** will be ringing chimes for the offertory. There will be a practice on Saturday, December 16 at 9:00 am.

**All ages** will be singing a special number in the choir. Practice at 4:00 on December 10 and right after the service on December 24.

Please consider being part of this special service. A signup sheet will be in the quilt room to get an idea of how many bells and chimes will be needed. Thank you!

**Pre-Profession of Faith class:** The Discipleship Committee will be offering a question and answer session for those who are thinking about or want to know more about making profession of faith. The date is Wednesday, December 20, 6:00 pm, at the Church. We will be providing pizza so please let Mike Van Soelen know at 641-780-3953, if you have any questions or if you would like to attend.

*I am Pastor Jack...*

I am Pastor Jack Vanden Heuvel and my wife is Karen. We look forward to this time with you in Sully! We plan to be at Sully CRC as Interim Pastor, Lord willing, February, March, and April. I will say a few things to help all of you get to know us.

Karen and I grew up in the country near Zeeland, Michigan. I went to Calvin College and Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Karen became a Registered Nurse through Calvin College. I was Pastor in a little rural church near South Haven, Michigan for 10 years. Then I moved to Iowa and was Pastor of the Rolling Acres CRC in Mason City for over 30 years. I retired 10 years ago and moved to the Minneapolis, Minnesota area. I spent the last years doing part time interim Pastor work at several Christian Reformed Churches.

We have four children. Our two daughters and their families live near us in Chaska, MN. One son and his family live in Calgary, Canada and our other son and family live in Plano, Texas. We have 10 grandchildren

I have lots of hobbies and interests! My big hobby is nature photography. I make digital sight sound programs with these photos using stereo music, and have self-published two books: *Forty Days in the Psalms with Photography*, and *The Wows and Wonders of Nature: Photography, Facts, and Stories*. If anyone is interested in photography, be sure to tell me about it! My web site is:

<http://jacknaturephotography.smugmug.com/>

I play pickleball on a regular basis. I also like to garden, play chess, and have been a bow hunter. Karen and I like to camp. Karen likes to read, regularly does volunteer work, does some knitting and crocheting, and we go for many walks together, and she has been playing pickleball as well. We also enjoy *Wordle*. I am a nature nut, and plan to do some exploring in your area! If you have tips on what to photograph in nature and the prairies in this area, please talk to me!

Karen plans to be gone the first few weeks doing work in Louisiana for disaster relief through the Christian Reformed Church. She will join me later.

While I am here, I want to be a pastor and preacher for you. I will be here if you want to get together to talk or share your story. You can reach me on my cell phone (641-512-5366), parsonage, email ([jackvh@outlook.com](mailto:jackvh@outlook.com)), or friend me on *Facebook*.

May the Lord bless our time together and use it for the coming of His Kingdom!  
Blessings! Pastor Jack

**New Life Prison Church invites you** to come say goodbye to Pastor Rick & Rose. There will be an open house on today, December 10 from 3-5 PM at the Calvary Youth House.

### **Celebrate the birth of our Savior with Pella Christian Schools:**

Pella Christian Schools invites you to enjoy the sounds of the Christmas season at their upcoming Christmas Programs. As we celebrate the birth of a Savior, may we also live in anticipation of His second advent. Merry Christmas from the Pella Christian family to yours!

#### **Pella Christian High School Christmas Concert**

Title: Sounds of Christmas

Featuring: Pella Christian High School's band and choirs

Details: Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00pm

#### **Programa Navideño de Español por Inmersión**

#### **Pella Christian Grade School Spanish Immersion Christmas Program**

Featuring: Preschool through 5th graders in the Spanish Immersion program at PCGS

Details: Thursday, December 14 at 6:30pm

All programs are held at the Pella Christian High School Vermeer Auditorium at 300 Eagle Lane.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - In the Bible, the Greek term that is usually translated as "hospitality" means "love of strangers." How might your home (whether it's a house, an apartment, a dorm room, or another place) become a space to practice the love of strangers? Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

## COUNCIL FUNCTION/DISTRICT

### ELDERS

Lawrence Van Zee (24)..... Team 1  
Mike Arkema (24)..... Team 4  
Rick Vos (24) ..... Vicar  
Roger Zylstra (25) ..... Team 6  
Gary Christensen (25)..... Team 5  
Landon Van Zante (25)..... Clerk  
Dale Van Wyk (26)..... Chairman  
Tim Vander Schel (26)..... Team 2  
Nolan Vos (26)..... Team 3

### DEACONS

Rick Jansen (24) ..... Collection Fund, Team 5  
John De Berg (24)..... General Fund  
Kyle Van Kooten (24) ..... B & G, Team 2  
Mike Vander Molen (25)..... Benevolence, Team 3  
Trevor Nikkel (25)..... Secretary, Team 6  
Dennis Schut (26)..... Chairman  
John Kramer (26)..... Vicar/Auditor, Team 4  
Zach Dunsbergen (26) ..... Team 1

## CHURCH PROGRAM

### Sunday

Men's Bible Study ..... 8:00 AM  
Prayer Meeting ..... 8:45 AM  
Church School ..... 10:45 AM  
\*Growing in Grace..... 7:00 PM  
\*Truth Seekers..... 7:00 PM

### Tuesday

\*Coffee Break Ministry ..... 9:30 AM

### Wednesday

\*Ruth Circle..... 1:00 PM  
\*Share Your Faith..... 6:45 PM  
\*GEMS ..... 6:45 PM  
\*Cadets ..... 6:45 PM  
\*412 High School Youth Group..... 7:00 PM  
\* Indicates these groups meet September through March.  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 PM (year-round)

## INFORMATION

Secretary ..... Glenda Vander Leest—Office 594-3491 (cell-641-780-6166), bulletin deadline Thursday, 12:00am  
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Cancellations ..... KCWN (99.9 FM), WHO (TV 13), and KCCI (TV 8)  
Church Use . ..... Church Office – 594-3491  
Communion ..... Good Friday, third Sunday of February, June, September, and the last Sunday of December.  
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