



# 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, January 21, 2024*

Mr. Scott Roose will lead us in both morning and evening worship.

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

- We express our sympathy to Jerri Jansen, as well as Craig and Linda Zylstra, in the passing of Jerri's sister Wilma Ryken this past week. We pray for God's comfort as they grieve this loss.
- Out of a desire to care for all our members, each week we will be placing names of shut-to-remember in prayer. This week we want to specifically remember Neva Lanser, Henrietta Laverman, and Melissa Laverman.

### **Next Week Sunday, January 28**

Next week Sunday we welcome Interim Pastor Jack Vanden Heuvel as he ministers to us for the next couple of months. Pastor Jack will lead both morning and evening worship.

Offering: Christian Education Encouragement Fund

Nursery Assignment: Jana Van Zante, Bailey Vos, and Noelle Van Zante

Coffee Servers: Dennis and Staci Schut

Kevin and June Veenstra

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Bulletin Deadline Thursday Noon.)

#### **Budget Giving**

Total Congregational Giving since June 1, 2023: \$273,359.82

Budgeted goal by January 31, 2024: \$284,578.80

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

**Today is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.** January 2024 commemorates the 40th year our nation has observed SOHL Sunday. It is an opportunity to focus our time and attention on God's true plan and purpose for each and every human life. Since the overturn of Roe on the 24th of June 2022, we have seen a shift in our nation. While we continue to celebrate the Supreme

Court's decision, this is not the end of abortion or the devaluation of life. This simply turns the legal status of abortion back to individual states. The work of defending the unborn is far from over. Abortion, especially chemical abortion (which now accounts for over half of all abortions in the US), continues to occur. Ministry to the abortion-vulnerable is challenging: it's private and hidden; further, it's been politicized and disconnected from the gospel, discipleship, and grace. *Dear God, we can't decrease the number of abortions in a transformative way without you changing the human heart. Please strengthen our church to lead with love and compassion.*

**Pastor Jack Vanden Heuvel** and his wife Karen will be moving into the parsonage this week. We want to welcome the Vanden Heuvel's as they spend the next couple of months ministering to us.

**Sew Day** will be held Thursday, January 25, at 9:00 AM. If you can tie a knot and enjoy great fellowship you are qualified. You do not need to know how to sew to help people in need. Bring nothing or bring a scissors and large needle. Along with loads of fun and great fellowship you will get a terrific lunch and coffee time. **Please check the food list in the quilt room, more items are needed!**

**Food Drive:** 412 Youth, along with other high school youth groups of the three Sully churches, invite you to fill food items in grocery bags and deliver back to the church basement by Sunday, January 28. Paper bags and instructions are in your church mailboxes. We appreciate your generosity to show God's love to those less fortunate.

**Save the Date!** GEMS Soup supper on February 21, 5-7pm.

**Cadet Pine-wood Derby:** The Cadet Pine-wood Derby race will be on February 21. If you are interested in a car to enter in the open class, please contact a cadet counselor.

**You are invited to attend Sully Christian School's Food & Fun Night Fundraiser!**

Join us on **Saturday, January 27th, 2024**, at Sully Christian School. Enjoy a pulled pork dinner from 4:30-6:30 pm, kid carnival games from 5:00-6:30 pm, a silent auction from 4:30-7:00 pm, and a live auction beginning at 7 pm. Come out and support SCS!

**From the Auction Committee:** Attention Bakers, Canners, & Snack Makers! We will be holding a bake sale again at Food and Fun Night this year! We are looking for anything home-made; baked goods, home-made snacks, and canned goods such as pickles, salsas, jams, and jellies. If you would like to donate something, please contact Heather Zylstra at 641-521-9836.

**From the Food Committee:** We are in need of pies and 9x13 desserts to serve for the meal and workers to help serve the meal! Please contact Candice Vos at 515-321-7456.

Thank you so much to the Sully CRC church family for their continued support of SCS! We couldn't do it without you!

**Fall Alumni Drive:** The Pella Christian High School Board is grateful for the donations received for the annual Fall Alumni Drive and thank all who supported this fundraising effort.

Over \$80,000 was raised to support the school's mission, another example of God's faithful provision and the gracious giving of our constituency.

**Service/Homecoming Activities; Friday, January 26** will be a day dedicated to service projects and our annual homecoming activities. Both of these are intended to provide students with the opportunity to serve one another and build community in a collaborative manner. Lunch will be served at PCHS. Our annual homecoming chapel will begin at 12:30 with homecoming activities beginning in the gym around 1:00. **Parents are welcome to attend our homecoming chapel and activities.**

## 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

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