



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*

March Worship

March 3 AM—"Jesus teaches: New Wine and Old Wineskins"
PM—The Ten Commandments Series

March 10 AM—"Watching Jesus Pray"
PM—The Ten Commandment Series

March 17 AM—"Watching Jesus Face Death"
PM—The Ten Commandment Series

March 24 AM—Palm Sunday: "Jesus on a Donkey"
PM—No evening Worship

March 29 Good Friday—Communion

March 31 Sunrise Service
AM—Easter Service "On the Road to Emmaus"
PM—No Evening Worship



Worship TIMES

Morning Worship
9:30 a.m.

Evening Worship
5:00 p.m.



Dates of Interest:

March 3GEMS Sunday
March 24 Gospel Singers
March 29Good Friday
March 31 Easter Sunday

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Search Committee

Update...

We continue to be blessed by Pastor Jack as he serves us as interim pastor.

The Search Committee continues to meet with and interview prospective pastors. Continue to pray that God will connect us with the man of His choosing.



We would like to thank our friends and church family for all your cards, prayers and words of sympathy with the passing of our sister Henrietta Terpstra. All were very much appreciated!!!!

VanSoelen Family
Zylstra Family

Thank you to the congregation for your continued support of the Megan Hoogeveen Memorial Foundation through the Thanksgiving offering. It is truly amazing and humbling to me that even 12 years after Megan's death you still support our effort to find a cure for HLH. I spoke with Dr. Jordan at Cincinnati Children's Hospital (CCH) HLH Center of Excellence the other day. He assured me that progress is being made in the treatment of HLH. Even though that progress is slow, it is still progress and a step forward on the path to a cure. There are still far too many deaths from HLH, but I also see a small uptick in those who survive this dreaded disease. Dr. Jordan expressed his appreciation and amazement at the continued support that is given to CCH even after 12 years. He also shared with me that much of the funding from the federal government has dwindled dramatically. This is due to the simple fact that so much of the funds previously received have been funneled to other institutions for Covid research and treatment. This makes the dollars that are given through Megan's Legacy, from you, all that much more valued and appreciated.

In Christ's love, blessings to all of you.

Mike Hoogeveen

The family of Clara Hoogeveen would like to thank Pastor Jack Vanden Heuvel for the meaningful celebration of life service and Darwin Van Wyk, Tara Fransman, Emily Vande Griend, and Tanya Tiesenga (granddaughters) who provided music.

Thank you to the many church and community members who shared memories and kind words at the visitation and service. Thank you to all who provided food and offered prayers. It was wonderful to share meals and fellowship with our family again.

Mom's life was one of service to family, school, and church. We thank all who visited her after she moved to Pella. Even there, she always felt like Sully was her church home. After 96 years of serving her Lord and Savior, Mom is now in Heaven with Dad and her loved ones who have gone before her.

Thanks to all!

The family of Clara Hoogeveen

BUDGET REPORT



April Report			
Category	Amount	Year to Date Received	Year to Date Budgeted
General Fund (includes Ministry Share)	\$23,435.40	\$270,494.31	\$280,026.18
Missions	\$ 1,766.43	\$ 18,733.36	\$ 17,624.97
Building and Grounds	\$ 1,883.74	\$ 22,757.72	\$ 22,500.00
Total	\$27,085.57	\$311,985.39	\$320,151.15

Offerings Received		
Date	Recipient	Amount
February 4	Sully Christian School	\$1,930.00
February 11	The Well	\$2,160.00
February 18	Therefore Go Ministries	\$2,073.00
February 25	Christian Education Encouragement Fund	\$1,652.00

March Offering Schedule



- March 3- GEMS
- March 10-Sully Christian School
- March 17- CRC Liberia Ministry (Joseph & Rachel Zarway)
- March 24- Seminary Offering
- March 29- Benevolence

Monday, March 11
Bethel Mission Ministry - Outreach Committee




Quilt Day January 25



SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 21, 2024

On Thursday March 21, 2024, we will gather in the church social room at 9:00 AM for our last quilt making day of the season. We welcome anyone to join us for some amazing food and quilt tying marathon. There will be a sign up sheet closer to the date in the lower church level for food for our lunch. Looking forward to seeing all of you with needle and scissors in hand.

Coffee Servers		Nursery			
March 3	GEMS	March 3	Jacie Kramer		
			Bethany Kramer		
March 10	Clarence and Judy Van Zee		March 10	Conrad Kramer	
	Kevin and Jared Laverman	Elly Van Zee			
March 17	Kevin and Melanie Van Maanen	March 17		Breckyn Lowry	
	Loren and Shawna Fopma		Alayna Van Kooten		
March 24	Ed and Joyce Dieleman	March 17	Karla Vos		
	6th Grade Catechism Class		Aspen Kramer		
March 31	Dan and Sharla Dunsbergen		March 24	Noelle Van Zante	
	Jud and Pam Vos	Norma Beerends			
April 7	Cadets	March 24		Harlan Beerends	
			Alli Pleima		
April 14	Gary and Lynnette Christensen	March 29	Jentri Van Wyngarden		
	Bob and Marilyn Van Soelen		Aaron Van Wyngarden		
April 21	Brent and Brenda Rolffs	March 31	Laura Fynaardt		
	Tim and Rindy Vander Schel		Alicia Fynaardt		
April 28	Doug and Brenda Vos		April 7	Hayden Lowry	
	Roger and Carolyn Zylstra	Jana Van Zante			
<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> 		April 7		Alexa Van Zante	
			April 14	Averie Plowman	
				Linda Menninga	
		Matthew Fynaardt			
		April 21	Jackson Plowman		
			Jud Vos		
			Pam Vos		
		April 28	Seylah Vos		
			Kelly Vos		
			Erica Vos		
				April 28	Isabelle Vos

If unable to serve in the nursery on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone on the list.

Celebrating...



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1	Sue Pastoor
March 3	Kevin Veenstra Karla Vos Emily Van Soelen
March 6	Lillian Nikkel
March 8	Marty Vander Molen Bailey Vos
March 9	Amy Hoogeveen Alexa Van Zante
March 11	Nellie Zylstra (94)
March 12	Brennan Veenstra Chloe Vos
March 14	Jason Lowry
March 15	Carolyn Zylstra Steve Van Sant
March 16	Marthon Rapsing
March 17	Judy Van Kooten
March 19	Sierra Pleima Katherine Ann Zylstra Hadilyn Faith Lowry
March 20	Marcille Jansen
March 21	Alicia Van Kooten
March 22	Staci Jansen
March 25	Karson Van Maanen
March 26	Jeff Pastoor Dan Dunsbergen Shelby Veenstra Nile Vos
March 27	Jamie Van Kooten
March 28	Colton Jochems

And Anniversaries

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 5	Scott & Rebecca Jochems (15)
March 7	Kevin & June Veenstra
March 8	Kevin & Jan Laverman
March 12	Scott & Vicki Nikkel
March 24	Daryl & Linda Menninga Kevin and Melanie Van Maanen
March 25	Monte and Dorian Goodyk
March 26	Marvin & Myrna Goodyk (60)
March 27	Mike & Marlene Van Soelen
March 30	John and Jacie Kramer
March 31	Lauren & Julie Van Wyk



Celebrating...



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1 Norm Schuring (85)

April 2 Pearl Vos (85)
Derrick Jansen

April 6 Millie Van Soelen
Judy Beyer
Scott Jochems

April 7 Alicia Fynaardt

April 9 Austin Van Kooten

April 13 Robert Pothoven
Shawna Fopma

April 14 Brenda Nikkel
Glenda Vander Leest
Nora Ritter

April 16 Elijah Vos

April 17 Curt Fopma
Staci Schut

April 19 Sharlee Fopma
Daniel Fopma

April 20 Darlene Vos (85)

April 21 Darrell Veenstra

April 22 Monte Goodyk
Piper Van Zee

April 23 Darlene Struik
Tessa Van Zee
Julia Van Zee

April 24 Vernon Jansen
Britton Lowry

April 27 Asa Van Wyngarden

April 28 Duane Arkema

April 30 Eldon Nikkel
Megan Vos
Trevor Nikkel
Andrew Van Kooten

And Anniversaries

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 6 Brent and Brenda Rolffs (40)

April 14 Josh and Tasha Thaden

April 15 Rick and Carla Fopma

April 18 Curt and Brenda Fopma

April 25 Carroll and Marla Fopma

In today's culture, we fear age. To stay youthful is something to be desired and worked at by means of exercise, diet and even surgically.

The Bible uses powerful words to show that **old age is a time of Divine Tribute**. People given the gift of long life are to be: Adorned, Honored, Respected, and Esteemed. God has bestowed unique favor on those granted longevity. It is a time of special dignity.

Thank God for the years he has given you and always look for ways to serve Him.

The following article is excerpted from *Breeze*, our church software program.

Hospitality Ministry in Church is Everyone's Responsibility. We must all be on the lookout for newcomers to greet, to extend invitations to join small groups or attend church events, and to simply offer a kind word or a listening ear. This collective effort can transform the entire church environment into a place where everyone feels truly seen and valued.

Church Hospitality

Picture this: You're arriving at a new church for the first time – alone. You see people greeting each other with warm hugs, hear laughter over inside jokes, and notice the hustle to prepare for the service. This scene, while lively and vibrant for regular attendees, can be just plain intimidating for a newcomer – regardless of their familiarity with the Christian faith.

This scenario underscores the profound importance of your church's hospitality ministry. Hospitality in a church setting is not just about making a good first impression; it's about bridging that intimidating gap for new visitors and inviting people into the beauty of Christian community.

Why Your Church Hospitality Ministry Matters

When you think about hospitality in church, what comes to mind? Is it hot coffee served before the Sunday service? A gift bag handed to a first-time visitor? A well-placed sign pointing newcomers to the welcome center? While these are all excellent hospitality ideas for your church, tangible offerings like these are not the entirety of church hospitality – *they are merely the beginning!*

Sure, a specialized sermon series targeting new believers will make people feel seen and welcomed. Designated parking spots for first time visitors will go a long way in making their experience easier and less intimidating. These gestures are warm, welcoming, and often well-received.

Even so, true hospitality in the church is not just about what you can give physically but how you can connect spiritually and emotionally with each individual who walks through your doors.

True church hospitality is about more than simply welcoming in a new visitor; it is about being filled with the love of Jesus and then extending that love to someone else in intentional ways. It is about hosting the presence of God while hosting people who are made in His image.

Hospitality Ministry in Church is Everyone's Responsibility

While most church hospitality duties and responsibilities will fall on the shoulders of your hospitality ministry team, hospitality in your church is everyone's responsibility. Remind your congregation frequently that every member plays a vital role in creating a welcoming atmosphere. Encourage them to be on the lookout for newcomers to greet, to extend invitations to join small groups or attend church events, and to simply offer a kind word or a listening ear. This collective effort can transform the entire church environment into a place where everyone feels truly seen and valued.

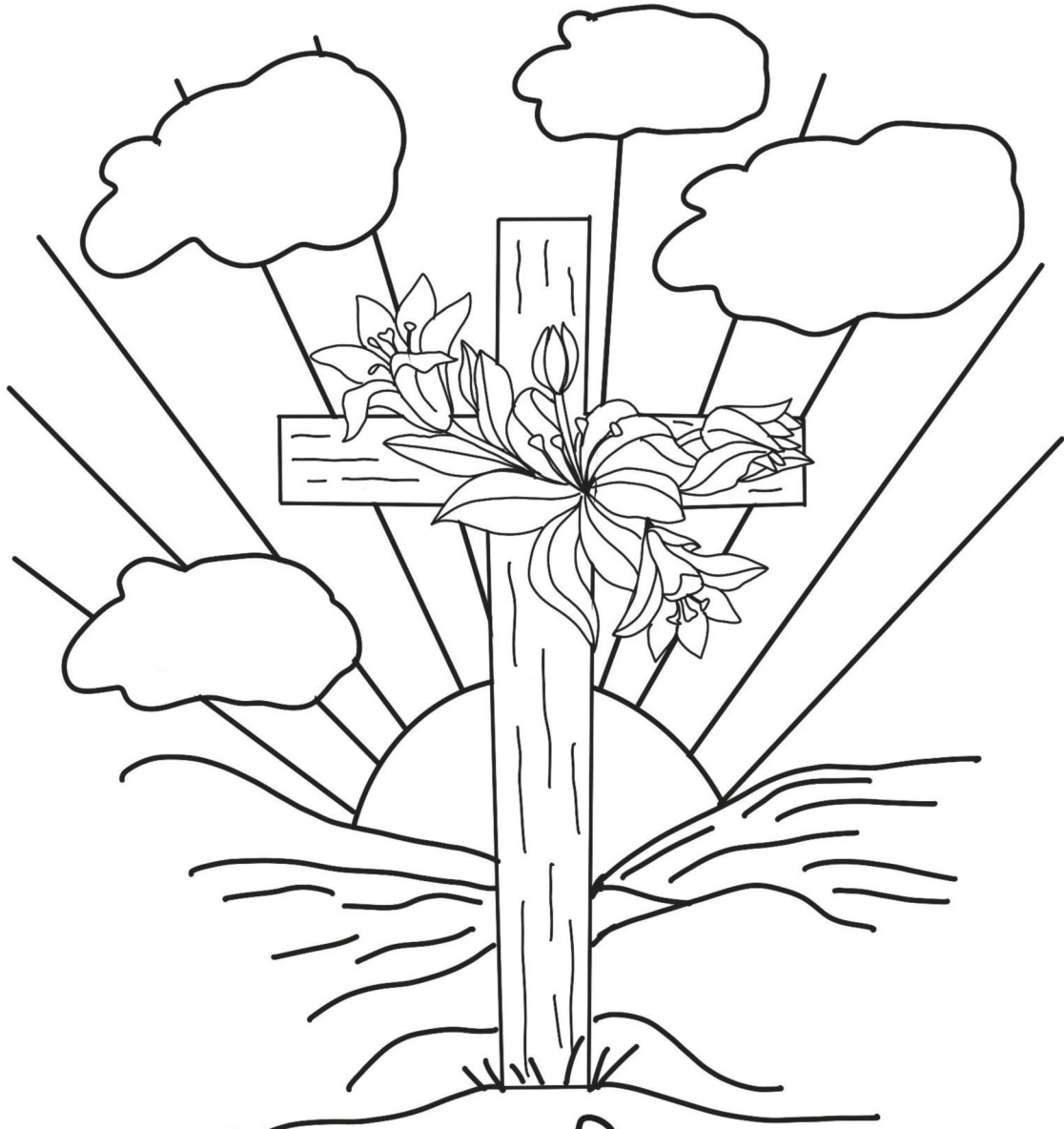
Conclusion

Hospitality in church goes beyond handshakes and polite greetings. As church leaders and members, we have the opportunity to redefine hospitality, making our churches not just a place people attend but a *community* where they feel welcomed and seen!

Let's make our churches a community where people feel welcomed and seen!

Let's all do our part!

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JESUS HAS OVERCOME

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.
In this world you will have trouble. But take heart!
I have overcome the world.”
John 18:33

In this verse, when Jesus said “these things” to the apostles, He was foretelling His death and resurrection, and providing assurance for them not to be afraid or worried—He would still be with them (through His Holy Spirit). His death on the cross meant taking on the sin of the world! He overcame Satan’s curse of death on our behalf. Because of this, we are righteous in God’s eyes and have the gift of eternal life with Him. This promise is as true today as it was then, and that is something for which to give all praise and glory. **Jesus has overcome!**

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13

Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel.
Philippians 4:7

*Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ,
The Son of the Father, in truth and love.*
// John 1:3