



# 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*

## April Worship

April 7 AM—Pastor Jack - “Why Did this Happen to Me?”  
Job and Suffering

-Cadet Sunday

PM—Pastor Jack –8th Commandment: Do Not Steal  
9th Commandment: How to Talk about Other People

April 14 AM—Pastor Darren Kornelis  
11:30 Potluck, no evening service

April 21 AM—Pastor Jack—  
Eschatology, the Binding of Satan and the 1000 Years  
PM—Pastor Jack—#10: Do Not Covet: Be Content, Give Thanks!

April 28 AM—Mr. Scott Roose  
PM—Small Group Discussion



## Worship TIMES

Morning Worship  
9:30 a.m.

Evening Worship  
6:00 p.m.



## Dates of Interest:

April 7 ..... Cadet Sunday  
April 14 ..... Potluck  
April 21 ..... Farewell  
..... Pastor Jack and Karen  
April 28 .....  
..... Profession of Adri Vos

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## Search Committee

Pastor Darren Kornelis and family will be coming April 13 & 14. The search committee distributed a handout with detailed information. If you didn't receive one please reach out to Jentri Van Wyngarden (641-780-2191).

Things to do:

\* Pray for safe travels, wisdom, and discernment for Pastor Darren and his family as well as Sully CRC council and congregation.

\* Come April 13 from 4-6pm for an open house meet and greet with Pastor Darren and family. Ice cream and brownies provided.

\* Join in worship led by Pastor Darren at 9:30AM on April 14.

\* Fellowship at the church potluck that will begin at 11:30AM in SCS gym.

\* Ask questions and listen to answers at the Q&A time immediately following the potluck.

\* **Vote** on April 15 at 7PM.

### **THANK YOU!!**

*Thank you to the congregation for the prayers, food, cards, and visits. Thank you to my care team elder Tim and Rindy Vander Schel for their visit and prayers. I especially want to thank God for His loving care and skilled doctors who provided medical intervention.*

*Jenice Van Rees*

*We would like to thank our church family and our friends for cards, prayers and words of sympathy with the passing of our brother Orville Van Wyk. They are appreciated!*

*Gary and Dena Van Wyk*

## GREETERS

April 7	Cadets
April 14	(N) Harris and Darlene Vos
	(S) Bob and Marilyn Van Soelen
April 21	(N) Joel and Megan Vos
	(S) Brent and Beth Vander Molen
April 28	(N) Kevin and Dawn Plowman
	(S) Doug and Brenda Vos
May 5	(N) Roger and Caroll Jansen
	(S) Melvin and Wanda Lanser
May 12	(N) Jaden and Kelly Vos
	(S) Jeff and Sue Pastoor
May 19	(N) Doug and Ellie Van Zee
	(S) Curt and Candice Vos
May 26	(N) Verlan and Sally Van Wyk
	(S) Scotty and Brenda De Nooy



# BUDGET REPORT



March Report			
Category	Amount	Year to Date Received	Year to Date Budgeted
General Fund (includes Ministry Share)	\$36,313.25	\$306,807.56	\$311,140.20
Missions	\$ 2,467.74	\$ 21,201.10	\$ 19,583.30
Building and Grounds	\$ 2,918.84	\$ 25,676.56	\$ 25,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,699.83</b>	<b>\$353,685.22</b>	<b>\$355,723.50</b>

Offerings Received		
Date	Recipient	Amount
March 3	GEMS	\$2,895.00
March 10	Sully Christian School	\$2,103.00
March 17	CRC Liberian Ministry (Zarway)	\$2,850.25
March 24	Seminary Offering	\$2,983.50
March 29	Benevolence	\$ 815.75
March 31	Christian Education Encouragement Fund	\$1,426.00

## April Offering Schedule

April 7            Cadets  
 April 14          Sully Christian School with SCS Envelope Offering  
 April 21          Joel Huyser and Amy Hogeveen  
 April 28          Christian Education Encouragement Fund

Coffee Servers		Nursery	
April 7	Cadets	April 7	Jana Van Zante
April 21	Brent and Brenda Rolffs	April 14	Alexa Van Zante
	Tim and Rindy Vander Schel		Averie Plowman
April 28	Doug and Brenda Vos	April 21	Linda Menninga
	Roger and Carolyn Zylstra		Matthew Fynaardt
May 5	Wes and Heather Zylstra	April 28	Jackson Plowman
	Roger and Caroll Jansen		Jud Vos
May 12	Jaden and Kelly Vos	May 5	Pam Vos
	Kyle and Kendra Van Kooten		Seylah Vos
May 19	Curt and Candice Vos	May 12	Kelly Vos
	Bob and Marilyn Van Soelen		Erica Vos
May 26	Scotty and Brenda De Nooy	May 19	Isabelle Vos
	Tyler, Derek & Emily Van Soelen		Joel Vos
<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>		May 5	Megan Vos
			May 12
Erika Van Maanen			
Aaron Van Wyngarden			
May 19	Candice Vos	May 26	Linda Zylstra
	Bailey Vos		Hayden Lowry
	Adri Vos		Gwen Zylstra
		<p><b>Nursery:</b> If unable to serve in the nursery on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone on the list.</p>	



# Celebrating...



## And Anniversaries

### 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

### 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



It is so encouraging to get a surprise text, phone call, card, or letter, because they all send the same spirit-lifting message:

Someone is thinking about me! Now ponder the truth that God thinks about you constantly. What is it that initiates His moment-by-moment awareness of you?

LOVE.

He loves you so much that He can't—and won't—take His mind off of you. You're far too valuable to Him to neglect, any time of any day.

*"How precious it is, Lord to realize that you are thinking about me constantly!"*

*Psalm 139:17 TLB*

# Celebrating...



## And Anniversaries

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

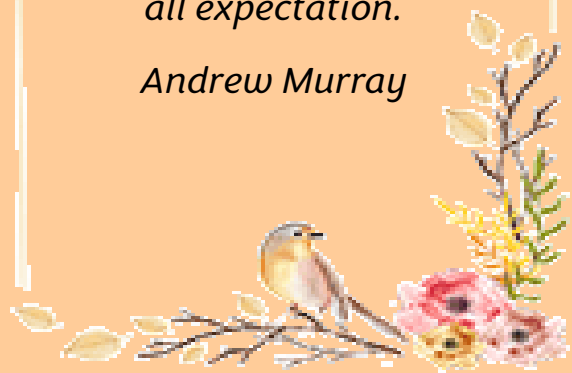
- May 2 Laura Fynaardt  
May 5 Brent Rolffs  
May 6 Keagan Fopma  
Alivia Van Wyngarden  
May 7 Carroll Fopma  
May 10 Merl Van Zante  
Adalie Fynaardt  
May 11 Joan Pleima  
May 12 Wanda Lanser  
Melanie Van Maanen  
May 13 Deloris Van Rees (85)  
Marcia Nikkel  
Ada Van Wyngarden  
May 15 Vicki Nikkel  
Conrad Kramer  
May 18 Eli Vander Leest  
May 20 Colt Freese  
Dawn Plowman  
May 23 Alex Van Wyngarden  
May 24 Hayden Lowry  
May 26 Randy Altena  
Rick Jansen  
May 27 Larry Pleima  
May 30 Colton Vos  
Hollyn Van Zee

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- May 4 Tim and Lurinda Vander Schel (45)  
Mike and Denise Arkema (45)  
May 10 Ed and Judy Van Kooten  
Jeff and Sue Pastoor  
May 14 Ed and Joyce Dieleman  
Doug and Elly Van Zee  
May 31 Jason and Jennifer Lowry

*Faith expects from God  
what is beyond  
all expectation.*

*Andrew Murray*





## Writing Appreciation Messages to your Church Family

Does the following scenario sound familiar?

[A new person comes to your church](#), encounters God's love for the first time, and joins a Bible study. Suddenly, everyone in your community is heavily invested in this new person. They feel loved, appreciated, and valued. They begin to serve in your church's children's ministry, tithe, and lead a small group study.

But as time goes on, the now-church member begins to receive fewer explicit words of encouragement and thanks. He or she is still loved, valued, and appreciated, but there isn't a system set up to communicate this truth.

That's where appreciation messages come in.

Expressing sincere gratitude through appreciation messages for the support of church members is not merely a pleasant gesture; it's a reflection of the love of God working through your church community. Whether it's a simple thank you card for tithing or a thoughtful note to acknowledge the work of a volunteer, these messages reinforce the single important truth that every person is loved and seen!

### What is a Church Appreciation Message?

A church appreciation message is a personalized thank you letter that conveys heartfelt thanks to individuals for their commitment and service to the church community. It's a tangible expression of gratitude for their financial support, involvement in church events, and dedication to the congregation.

### How to Craft a Church Appreciation Message

Running a church is hard work, and many church leaders and administrators don't have a ton of extra time to spend on writing the perfect thank-you message.

Thankfully, with the right tips on how to (and how not to) write an effective note to your members, donors, and volunteers, you can write a great appreciation message...even if you're not a natural-born writer.

### Five Tips for Writing a Great Church Appreciation Message

- 1. Be Personal and Specific:** Tailor your message to the individual or group, mentioning specific contributions or qualities that make their involvement special. If you're writing a message to volunteers, this could be as simple as saying "Thank you for all the time and hard work you generously give to our church family. Without you, we would not be able to accomplish our mission of caring for others with the love and compassion of Jesus!"

**Express Sincerity:** Let your genuine gratitude shine through your words. Avoid generic phrases that could apply to anyone. Adding an extra note on how their time, service, and financial contributions make a specific impact can be a great way to do this. For example, you could say, “Your financial donation of \$X helped us renovate our nursery and care better for our littlest church members.”

**Include Biblical References:** If appropriate, weave in scripture that resonates with the act of giving or serving, reinforcing the spiritual significance of their contributions. One excellent scripture on the power of giving is in the book of Acts: "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

**Keep it Positive:** Focus on the positive impact of their involvement. Even if there are areas for improvement, an appreciation message is not the place to mention these. *Do* mention their loyal commitment to a specific ministry. *Don't* mention their habitual tardiness to team meetings!

**End on a Hopeful Note:** Conclude your message with blessings, prayers, or a hope-filled scripture. If relevant, include a personal note about the recipient.

### What NOT To Say in a Church Appreciation Message

Here are a few things to avoid in a church appreciation message.

- **Avoid Comparisons:** Don't compare the contributions of one member to another. Appreciation should feel inclusive, not competitive.
- **Skip the Clichés:** Steer clear of overused phrases that can dilute the sincerity of your message.
- **Don't Mix Messages:** Keep your appreciation message focused on gratitude. It's not the time to ask for more donations or help.
- **Avoid Negativity:** Even if there have been challenges, an appreciation message should highlight positive contributions, not dwell on past issues.

### Let's Be the Church!



# HUYSEERS

Forming Students  
in the  
Gospel of Grace



Dear friends,

This morning was “Iphakshik” at schools in Korea. Grace Global Christian School where Jeannie and I serve in Changwon was no exception.

“Iphakshik” is a welcoming ceremony for new students at the start of a school year. It was a new experience for Jeannie and me. Let us tell you a little about it.

The ceremony began with a prayer by the pastor who is the president of the school association. Then both Jeannie and I gave a brief welcome to the new primary school and kinder students.

After the opening prayer and welcome, the new students were called up one by one. Each received a flower. Later, the returning students sang a song for them.

But to our surprise “Iphakshik” was more than a first day of school party! It was the formal admission of the new students to the school. In fact, the pivotal point of the ceremony was the speaking of the official words granting admission to the new students.

It reminded us of our wedding ceremony when the pastor pronounced Jeannie and I husband and wife! These were the words that declared the new students as members of the school community- just like the pastor’s words had pronounced us husband and wife!



Some of the new students with flowers.



Jeannie and I giving our welcome  
(with translation!)

After the words of admission, parents and grandparents were called up to form circle around the students. Hands were laid on the students and everyone participated in the prayer in the traditional Korean style. In this style of prayer everyone prays aloud at the same time and then one person closes in prayer. (Jeannie and I were actually familiar with this prayer style as it is also practiced by some churches in Nicaragua!)

There was something that impressed us as very good about the “Iphakshik” ceremony. In North America we celebrate graduations but not so often the admission of a student into a new school community. Yet the entrance of a student into a school community merits recognition as a significant rite of passage for a child.

But there is something else we liked about “Iphakshik.” “Iphakshik” is all about joining a community— a community of parents, teachers, and fellow students. This community will significantly shape the life of the child. It is only right that the community should gather to recognize this moment and celebrate and pray together!

We continue to learn from our Korean friends!

## Praise and Prayer

### **Praise:**

- For robust year end giving that allowed us to help with some of the startup costs for the Little Lambs Kinder. We are so grateful for your prayers and financial support!
- We now have our Korean resident alien numbers, a Korean phone number and a Korean bank account. We are official!

For an excellent staff of teachers for the newschool year – many of them working part-time as volunteers!

## Prayer

- For more students to enroll in Little Lambs. There has been a lot of interest, but many parents want to see the kinder in operation before they take the step of registering their child. For Joel as he co-teaches social studies for the 5th and 6th grade class. We will be experimenting with a curriculum that is both in Korean and English as we prepare to expand to middle school next year.

## 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

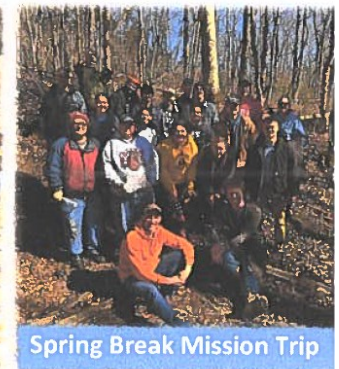
### Canada

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!**





Dear *Dear Friends at Sully CRC,*

Loved ♥ Humbled ♥ Blessed!

This is how we are feeling at Lake View! Your support of God's ministry at Lake View is a warm hug to campers and to staff! God is now and will continue to touch the lives of His children, young and old, with your gift, and we are honored to do His work with your support.

**We are preparing for and excited about 2024!**

Our theme for 2024 is "I Am." How God defines Himself such as, "I Am the Alpha & Omega," "I Am the Good Shepard," "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," "I Am the Vine", and "I Am with You." There are so many "I Am" truths from the Bible! We are excited for what God is going to teach and do through this theme as we dive into scripture, learning about the Great I AM.



Summer brochures are being mailed out and online registrations are coming in! Pray for future campers and that God will raise up staff, leaders, and counselors for the summer! If you know someone who would be a great camp counselor, send them our way! We also ♥ volunteers!



Development News ~ We expect to get a large septic system put into place this year that will allow us to continue forward with building buildings, which means we can bring more of God's children, young and old, to camp! Getting approval for this system has been a long process and one that has required waiting, patience, and prayer. We have been very limited in what we can do without this system. Praise God it has been approved and is in final design phase!

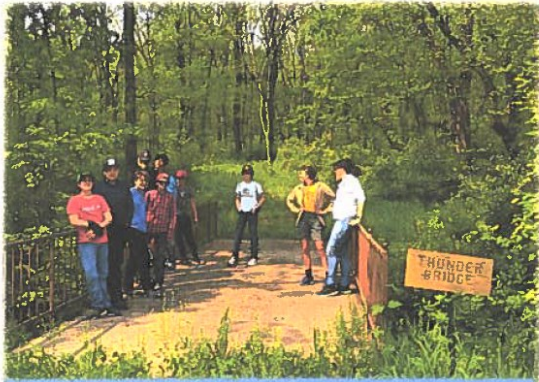


Thank you for your continued support of Lake View Camp and it's ministry and vision. Your heart to touch others with the Love of Christ, your vision for a place where God can reach His children, and your generosity to make it happen is both heart and life changing.





High School Winter Retreat 2024



Volunteers from Pella Christian MS



Pool/Rec Shed



New Cabin

**Celebrate and enjoy the smiling faces.**

**YOU help God create these  
smiles and experiences.**

**YOU bring the light and love of Christ to others.**

**YOU help build God's kingdom!**

**We ♥ YOU!**



Volunteers from Pella Christian HS



Volunteers from Central College

*Thank you for the year end blessing and for the Blessings + faithful support through the years of Gods ministry at Lake View Camp! Thank you for the prayers and so many other ways you bless Campers! Camp Hugs to you All!*

In His service,

*Diana Brummel*

Diana Brummel  
Executive Director



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**TRUST IN THE LORD**

If there's a single word that describes life, it's unpredictable. One day you are motivated and ready to tackle whatever is before you, and the next you're wondering *How did I get here? This is not what I had in mind for my life!* This is why God says not to trust in yourself or your circumstances—that combination will lead to disaster. Instead, trust in Him completely. He is with you and He is for you. When you're focused on seeking and doing His will, He will light your path in the way you should go. You can trust that!

Search for the LORD and for His strength; seek His face always.  
I Chronicles 16:11 HCSB

Those who know your name trust in You because You have not abandoned those who seek You, Yahweh. Psalm 9:10 HCSB

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

Father, I may not understand what's happening in Your overall plan for my life, but I know I can trust You— and that's enough for me.

