



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*

Worship

In morning worship we are working our way through the book of Judges.

Evening worship will be based on the Parables of Jesus.

October 5 AM—Pastor Darren—Judges 8:29-9:57
PM— Pastor Darren

October 12 AM— Pastor Darren—Judges 10:6-12:7
PM— Pastor Darren

October 19 AM— Mr. Scott Roose
PM— Mr. Scott Roose

October 26 AM— Pastor Darren—Judges 13:1-23
PM— Pastor Darren

Worship TIMES

Morning Worship
9:30 a.m.

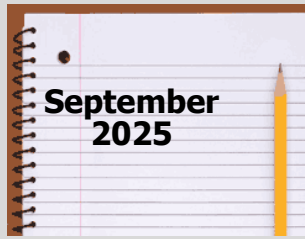
Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.

Dates of Interest:

October 2..... Quilt Day
Custodian Appreciation Day
October 12.....
..... Pastor Appreciation
October 20.. Elder's Meeting

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GREETERS SCHEDULE



Council Clippings

October 5	(N) Zach & Brooke Dunsbergen
	(S) Mike & Val Vander Molen
October 12	(N) Rick & Staci Jansen
	(S) Larry & Joan Pleima
October 19	(N) Kevin & June Veenstra
	(S) Harlan & Norma Beerends
October 26	(N) Glenn & Navonne Shultz
	(S) Carroll & Marla Fopma
November 2	(N) Jaron & Tasha Vos
	(S) Randy & Jodi De Vries
November 9	(N) Rick & Kim Vos
	(S) Nathan & Rachel Nikkel
November 16	(N) Dwight & Glenda Vd.Leest
	(S) Howard & Marilyn Vd.Griend
November 23	(N) Carolyn VV/Charlene VM
	(S) Kevin & Brenda V. Kooten
November 30	(N) Scott & Vicki Nikkel
	(S) Frank & Karen Van Soelen

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.

1. Chairman Jeff Pastoor opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.
2. Pastor Darren led a discussion on Articles 12 and 13 of the Belgic Confession. The full council will continue a study of the Belgic Confession throughout the year.
3. Financial information and reports were reviewed. The general fund balance is at about \$195,000 with an additional \$105,000 in a CD.
4. Church financial accounts were audited and found to be in good order.
5. The work on the lawn and deck at the parsonage has continued and the Cadet building looks to be ready for use.
6. Classis Central Plains was held at Sully CRC. We were represented by Jeff Pastoor and Clint Vos.
7. We discussed Family Visiting for this year with Elders and Deacons reporting on many good visits with the congregation.
8. Council discussed start times for evening worship with a decision to keep the plan from the previous years of changing evening start time with the time change. We will plan to move evening worship to 5:00 PM when the time changes.

Check out the adult opportunities offered:

Every Sunday Morning: 8:00 am -Men's Bible Study/ 11:00 am -Adult Sunday School
 First and Third Sunday Evening: Truth Seekers (Singles and couples of any age welcome.)
 Second and Fourth Sunday Evening: Growing in Grace. (Singles and couples of any age welcome)
 Every Tuesday Morning: Coffee Break (Women's group, nursery for children.)
 Every other Wednesday afternoon: Ruth Circle. (Women's group)
 Every Wednesday Evening: Share Your Faith (Women's group)

BUDGET REPORT

Report			
Category	Amount	Year to Date Received	Year to Date Budgeted
General Fund (includes Ministry Share)	\$25,009.52	\$115,578.97	\$126,858.68
Missions	\$ 2,689.77	\$ 12,627.07	\$ 9,683.32
Building and Grounds	\$ 3,499.16	\$ 16,519.22	\$ 13,333.32
Total	\$31,198.45	\$144,725.26	\$149,875.32

Offerings Received		
Date	Recipient	Amount
September 7	ReFrame Ministries	\$2,430.00
September 14	Sully Christian School	\$2,337.75
September 21	Benevolence	\$1,756.00
September 28	Christian Education Encouragement Fund	\$1,588.95

Offering Schedule

- October 5 Sully Christian School (with envelope offering)
- October 12 Central Iowa Teens Encounter Christ
- October 19 Thrive
- October 26 Christian Education Encouragement Fund



October 5	Rick & Carla Fopma
	Kevin & Dawn Plowman
October 12	Joel & Megan Vos
	Bryce & Donna Arkema
October 19	John & Jodi De Berg
	Brent & Brenda Rolffs
October 26	Wayne & Nora Ritter
	Ben Vd. Molen/Zeke Vd. Leest
November 2	Scotty & Brenda De Nooy
	Roger & Carroll Jansen
November 9	Verlan & Sally Van Wyk
	Kyle & Kendra Van Kooten
November 16	Curt & Candice Vos
	Alvin & Mary Fopma
November 23	Daryl & Linda Menninga
	Jaden & Kelly Vos
November 30	Doug & Elly Van Zee
	Wes & Heather Zylstra

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.

October 5	Jen Lowry
	Hampton Lowry
October 12	Kelly Vos
	Conrad Kramer
October 19	Brenda Vos
	Bailey Vos
October 26	Melanie Van Maanen
	Alexa Van Zante
November 2	Jud Vos
	Pam Vos
November 9	Laura Fynaardt,
	Matthew Fynaardt
November 16	Candice Vos
	Anabelle Vos
November 23	Karla Vos
	Aspen Kramer
November 27 Thanksgiving	Jentri Van Wyngarden
	Ada Van Wyngarden
November 30	Megan Vos
	Isabelle Vos

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

Dear Sully CRC, We wanted to tell you a huge **THANK YOU** for your part in making the bags given to Angel Tree Campers this summer! Through these bags, campers not only have essential items like soap, deodorant, or a toothbrush, but they also have the ability to feel good about the bodies that they're in! What a gift of dignity and comfort you can give these kiddos through the bags. The bags are a sweet detail in our Angel Tree Ministry, and we are so thankful for the time, energy & care put into each and every one of them. Lake View flourishes because of the body of believers working together, and we so appreciate your part in our ministry. Staff at Lake View Camp.

Celebrating...



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 3	Lawrence Van Zee
October 4	Joyce Dieleman
October 6	Zachary Dunsbergen
October 7	Sharon Van Wyk
October 8	Marvin Slings
October 9	Bonnie De Nooy
October 10	Valerie Vander Molen
	Kelsie Winslow
October 11	John Meyers
October 14	Hampton Lowry
October 15	Phyllis Zylstra
	Jodi De Berg
October 17	Harlan Beerends
October 18	Theda Fopma (98)
October 19	Owen Vos
October 21	Tyler De Berg
October 23	Marilyn Vander Griend
	Norma Beerends
	Abbie De Berg
	Gwendalyn Zylstra
October 24	Laurel Zylstra
	Berkley Nikkel
October 25	Heather Hastings
	Caleb Roose
	Aspen Kramer
October 26	Caroll Jansen
October 28	McKenzie Goodyk
October 29	Molly Kornelis
October 30	Duke Zylstra
October 31	Esme Plowman
	Amelia Plowman

And Anniversaries

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

October 2	Stuart & Sheila Pleima
October 4	Randy & Jodi De Vries
October 8	Merl & Candy Van Zante
October 9	Murray & Kendra Pothoven
October 12	Brent & Beth Vander Molen



Celebrating...



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 4	Ed Dieleman
	Brayden Van Sant
	Bradley Van Sant
	Elizabeth Hoksbergen
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 (93)
	Joan Vos
November 17	Hudson Plowman
November 19	Peter Van Soelen (98)
	Josie Veenstra
November 21	Dwight Vander Leest (80)
	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)

And Anniversaries

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

November 1	Harlan & Norma Beerends
November 4	Gary & JoAnn Fynaardt
November 19	Doug & Brenda Vos
November 23	Mike & Val Vander Molen
November 28	Frank & Karen Van Soelen
	Dale & Julie Van Wyk



"Hello Friends! I want to say thank you for your support of the children we serve in Cebu. You're helping to provide a loving, nurturing, Christ-centered environment for the kids and young adults in our care. And now even our young adults have the new Hope House so they can have a home of their own as they continue in college or trade school or begin their working years. What a blessing! It's so meaningful to have caring congregations like yours come alongside these children who need a home. It means so much, and we deeply appreciate you.

Sue Yonker



Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle.
Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks
below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

WORDS:

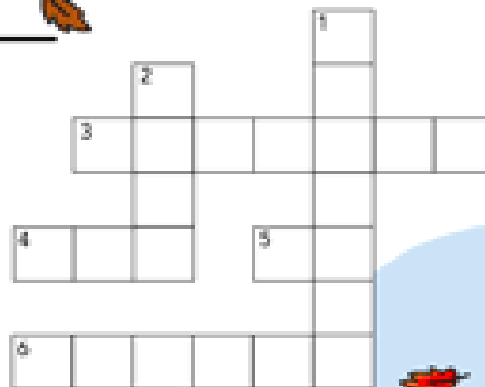
GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST,
YIELDS, US, LAND

ACROSS

3. Rhymes with farthest.
4. Rhymes with nod.
5. Rhymes with thus.
6. Rhymes with fields.

DOWN

1. Rhymes with messes.
2. Rhymes with hand.



The _____
its _____;
our God, _____

Psalm 67:6, NIV



Answer: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. Psalm 67:6, NIV

HUYSERS

Forming Students
in the
Gospel of Grace



Mission camp in the Philippines: Journaling, serving, witnessing!

Dear friends, A couple decades ago, I (Joel) read the now famous book “Good to Great” by Jim Collins. Have you read that book or maybe heard of it?

One insight from that book has always stuck with me. It has remained with me because it challenged how I viewed ministry. It turned my world upside down like Jesus must have turned the disciples’ world upside down when he said the last will be first and the first last!

As principal I find myself praying and thinking a lot about the future of Grace. We work on strategic plans. We draft job descriptions. We plan an open house to recruit new students. We post job openings for new teachers. We work hard on the “what” of a Christian school, as we should.

But Collins argued that organizations that want to move from “good to great” need to put the “who” before the “what.” He contended that the most important thing is to get the right people on the bus and into the right seats.

Collins insisted that “who” was on the bus would largely determine the “what” of where and how far the bus could travel. If the right people were on the bus, he said, it could go almost anywhere. But with the wrong people on the bus even the best travel plans would fail!

Can I add to the advice that Collins gave? I have experienced that rather than us finding the right people, it is often God that surprises us with the right people at the right time. Rather than us finding the right people through our brilliant strategy, it seems that the right people find us in ways that can only be attributed to God’s grace.

When I think about having the right people on the bus at Grace, I think first of parents and teachers. If we have the right parents and right teachers on the bus, we can go almost anywhere with God’s help!

Jeannie and I returned to Korea on August 11 after a month of visiting our family and friends in the U.S. It was a hectic summer with trips to Colorado, Iowa and Michigan and necessary repairs to our house.

We returned to a hot and humid Korea – it reminded us of Nicaragua just before the start of the rainy season. We are now a couple of weeks into our 5th semester with Grace. How time flies!

In just the few weeks we have been back God has surprised us by sending us unexpected candidates for the Grace “bus” of parents and teachers.

Last week we interviewed a father and mother with prospective students for the school year beginning in March 2026. The family has four boys. (This is very, very unusual for a family in Korea where the fertility rate is 0.8, one of the lowest in the world!). This family has a potential first grade student, a potential kinder student and twins who are under two years old! All boys! The family found us by researching schools on the internet. When we asked why they were interested in sending their child to Grace they said:” We want our child to build a strong foundation of faith from an early age, to love God deeply, and to live with a biblical worldview.”

Then a couple of days ago we had a serendipitous visit from a woman who was interested in teaching at Grace. She had just moved to Changwon to care for her aging parents. She also found us on the internet! She is a Korean with many years of experience in teaching English and with a degree in counseling. We have put a high priority on hiring Koreans who are fluent in English and Korean. Could this be another gift that God is sending us?

As Christians we confess that it is not so much that we find God as that God has found us. Over the years I have found the same thing in Christian ministry.

It is not so much that we find the right people for the bus as that God seems to know how to send the right people at the right time. And then surprisingly they find us!

-Joel

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STEADFAST IN YOUR WORK

When working unto the Lord, no matter what that looks like, there are times when the enemy wants to make your efforts feel worthless, especially when you don't see an immediate return. But don't let that stop you from pressing forward! Even though you may not see earthly gain, you can know that as a child of the King, there is a far greater plan He is working out for eternal glory. So be steadfast—He is present to help you stand firm in your faith and finish the work He's called you to do. Nothing is wasted.

Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically,
As something done for the Lord and not for men.
Galatians 3:23 HCSB

He alone shapes their hearts;
He considers all their works.
Psalm 33:15 HCSB

Therefore, my dear brothers, be steadfast,
Immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work,
Knowing that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
I Corinthians 11:58

*Father, my eyes are on You and the greatness of Your power
As I do the work You've put on my heart to do.*

*100 days of Bible Promises
Shanna Noel*