



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 *1 Corinthians 10:31*
and edify others. *1 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.

September 7	AM—Pastor Darren—Judges 6:1-40 PM— Pastor Darren
September 14	AM— Mr. Scott Roose PM— Mr. Scott Roose
September 21	AM— Pastor Darren—Communion—Judges 7:1-8:3 PM— Pastor Darren
September 28	AM— Pastor Darren—Judges 8:4-35 PM— Pastor Darren

Worship TIMES

Morning Worship
9:30 a.m.

Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.

Dates to Remember:

Bethel Mission..... Sept. 8
Coffee Break..... Sept. 9
Communion..... Sept. 21
St. Francis Ministry.....
.....September 28

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Council Clippings

PLEASE NOTE: Under the new council organizational structure, full council will no longer be meeting monthly. Council clippings will be provided through the Fellowship Findings in the months council meets.

September 7	(N) John & Jacie Kramer
	(S) Merl & Candy Van Zante
September 14	(N) Craig & Linda Zylstra
	(S) Lawrence & Sandy VanZee
September 21	(N) Joel & Megan Vos
	(S) Mike & Marlene VanSoelen
September 28	(N) Steve & Sharon Fopma
	(S) Gabe & Izzy Hoksbergen
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

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 8 and 9 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 \$190,000 with an additional \$100,000 in a CD.
4. Church financial accounts are in the process of being audited.
5. A representative from ReFrame ministries is wishing to speak to the congregation on Sept. 7.
6. Building and Grounds is doing some erosion prevention work on the parking lot.
10. A conversation was held to discuss the work of the facility team. Council has asked the team to create a proposal of what a new church building could look like.
11. The church received a letter from Erica (Van Soelen) Mundy letting us know where she is worshipping and thanking Sully CRC for the leadership given in her life in this congregation.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Bethel Mission Ministry:

September 8, Growing in Grace.

St. Francis Ministry: September 28

Jud & Pam Vos

Clarence & Judy Van Zee

Dwight & Glenda Vander Leest

Share Your Faith

Share Your Faith would like to welcome anyone to join us on Wednesday evenings for Bible study. We will begin our sessions on October 1, 2025, with the study of I Corinthians. We meet at 6 :45 in the consistory room. Our society begins in October and ends in March. Hope you can join us!!!!

BUDGET REPORT

Report			
Category	Amount	Year to Date Received	Year to Date Budgeted
General Fund (includes Ministry Share)	\$32,823.81	\$90,569.45	\$95,144.01
Missions	\$ 3,979.76	\$ 9,937.30	\$ 7,262.49
Building and Grounds	\$ 5,087.59	\$13,020.06	\$ 9,999.99
Total	\$41,891.16	\$113,526.81	\$112,406.49

Offerings Received		
Date	Recipient	Amount
August 3	Sully Christian School	\$1,311.00
August 10	Freedom House	\$1,826.00
August 17	Rehoboth Christian School	\$1,961.00
August 24	Rededication Service	\$2,510.00
August 31	Christian Education Encouragement Fund	\$1,655.00

Offering Schedule

September 7	ReFrame Ministries
September 14	Sully Christian School
September 21	Benevolence
September 28	Christian Education Encouragement Fund



September 7	Dan and Sharla Dunsbergen
	Heather Hastings
September 14	Jud and Pam Vos
	Noah & Kelsie Winslow
September 21	Kevin & Melanie VanMaanen
	Loren & Shawna Fopma
September 28	Scott & Vicki Nikkel
	Kevin & Brenda Van Kooten
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

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.

September 7	Jana Van Zante
	Noelle Van Zante
September 14	Brooke Dunsbergen
	Adri Vos
September 21	Jentri Van Wyngarden
	Alyza Van Wyngarden
September 28	Sheila Pleima
	Bethany Kramer
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

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



Thank you to everyone for all the prayers and cards when I had my surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Darren and Nolan and Karla for their visits, they were much appreciated. Above all we are thankful to God for His healing mercies.

Norm and Treva Nikkel

Celebrating...



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 3 Marla Fopma
Ron De Nooy
September 4 Kevin Van Kooten
September 5 Gary Christensen
Scott Nikkel
September 6 Tim Vander Schel
September 8 Gabriel Hoksbergen
Barbara Van Zante (80)
September 9 Marlene Van Soelen
September 11 Mike Arkema
September 12 Loren Vander Wilt
September 13 Gary Fynaardt
Sally Van Wyk
Roger Jansen
September 14 Allison Pleima
September 15 Isabelle Vos
September 17 Dale Van Wyk
Heather Zylstra
Bethany Kramer
September 18 Erica Vos
September 19 Candice Vos
September 20 Sharla Dunsbergen
Marcus Goodyk
September 21 Alene Fopma
September 22 Norm Nikkel
September 23 Steve Fopma
September 27 Ethan Vander Leest

And Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 3 Larry and Joan Pleima (55)
Kevin and Brenda Van Kooten
Trevor and Jerri Nikkel
September 5 Rick and Staci Jansen
Jamie and Michelle Van Kooten
Bradley & Allyson Van Sant
September 6 Dennis and Staci Schut
September 9 Melvin and Wanda Lanser
September 15 Marvin and Lynda Slings
Craig and Linda Zylstra
September 21 Don and Deloris Van Rees
Scotty and Brenda De Nooy
September 23 Wayne and Nora Ritter

Thank
you

We would like to
say thank you for all the expressions of
sympathy and prayer following the passing
of our brother, Glenn Vanderpol.
All were very much appreciated.

Melvin and Wanda Lanser

Celebrating...



And Anniversaries

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
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

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



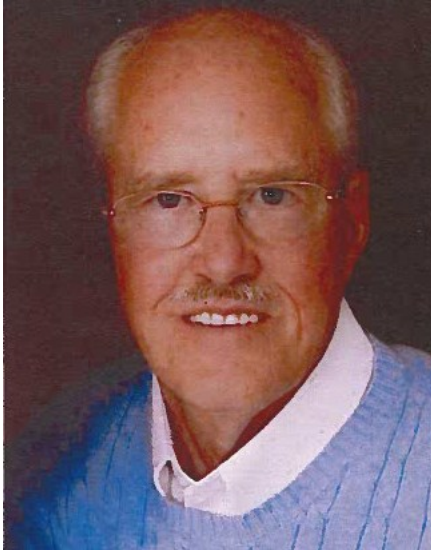
What Stephen Ministry Means to Me...

Six Things:

- A) Life can be hard and unpredictable.**
 - B) Many times people need help coping.**
 - C) Usually that means someone will listen and care.**
 - D) Someone who is present and not judgmental.**
 - E) A Stephen Minister can be that person.**
 - F) Hopefully, with time and compassion, we can share and help them cope and move on in life.**
- DVW

IN MEMORIAM ...

Norman Schuring



Norman Glen Schuring was born on April 1, 1939 in Pella, Iowa. He was the second of four children born to Cornie and Wilhemina Schuring. Norm was educated in the Pella Christian School system, graduating from Pella Christian High School with the class of 1957. On February 25, 1960, he was united in marriage with Betty Ann Van Rees, daughter of Clarence and Elizabeth Van Rees, at the Sully Christian Reformed Church. They were the parents of four children: Steven Todd, Sandra Lynn, Susan Kay and Sheryl Renee. Norm and Betty were best friends, business partners and spent most of the time together, working or antiques. Together they operated Norm's Painting until December of 2004. They were known as quality

painters, meticulous in their craft and proud of the work they provided for families and contractors in Sully, Pella, and surrounding communities. Norm had many interests, including hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting in the spring, coin collecting, antiques, including DX gas station memorabilia, and listening to southern gospel music. Norm was remembered by his family for reading the newspaper daily, a routine he continued until the last week of his life. Norm was a kind and gentle soul. He cared for the needs of his family in many ways, fondly remembered by his children. As a child, Norm was baptized at the Second Christian Reformed Church in Pella and later made profession of his faith at the Sully Christian Reformed Church where he remained an active member for almost 70 years. He taught Sunday School and Catechism classes to the youth and served as an Elder and Deacon. He also served on the Sully Christian School Board. Norm and Betty moved to Pella in 2019 and later became residents at Independence Village in Pella. Norm transitioned to Hospice of Pella and left this world and went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at the age of 86. He is survived by his loving wife Betty and their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family. Norm is also survived by his siter, Betty and Marty Vander Molen and sister-in-law Jenice (Leonard) Van Rees. Norm was preceded in death by his parents, Cornie and Wilhelmina Schuring, his brother, Norman Gareth who died in infancy, sister and brother-in-law Jane and Kenneth Steenhoek, his parents-in-law, Clarence and Elizabeth Van Rees, and brother-in-law, Leonard Van Rees.



Days of the Harvest

Equipping Labourers in God's Vineyard



RYAN & JODY FABER ~ ZAMBIA

Greetings from Lusaka, Zambia. We realize that this update is long overdue. We apologize. The first half of 2025 has been a very full season of life and ministry for our family. Here are some of the highlights:

In January, Ryan began teaching courses in the first term at Justo Mwale University.

In February, our family moved to a new house in Lusaka.

In early March, we welcomed Resonate colleagues Anthony Sytsma (Uganda) and Jonny Kabiswa (Kenya) for a "Helping Without Hurting in Africa" course.



Anthony, Jeremy, Jody, Ryan

PRAYER POINTS

Praises

- ♦ A new house with more outdoor space
- ♦ Visit from family in May and June!
- ♦ The opening of a seventh Timothy Leadership Training site in Lusaka

Petitions

- ♦ For Evan and Graeme's university studies in North America.
- ♦ For Torin's YWAMDTS experience.
- ♦ For upcoming training events in September and October:
 - Langham Preaching
 - Helping Without Hurting in Africa
 - Timothy Leadership Training
 - Justo Mwale University
 - United Church of Zambia University
- * For the start of another homeschool year with Bronwyn, Gwennyth, Saeryn, and Norah.

In late March, Ryan spent two weeks teaching two intensive courses at St. John's Anglican Seminary in Kitwe.

In April, Ryan coordinated Timothy Leadership Training at six sites across Lusaka.

In May, we welcomed Bertus Cilliers, a guest lecturer from South Africa who taught at Justo Mwale University in term 2. We also welcomed Jody's sister Sarah from Scotland who came to visit.

In June, more of Jody's family from Canada came to visit, which always requires a trip to—and swim on top of!—Victoria Falls, one of the seven wonders of the natural world!



In July, Ryan again coordinated Timothy Leadership Training in Lusaka. By God's grace, a seventh site for training was opened!

In late July, Torin began a Youth With a Mission (YWAM) DTS (discipleship training school) program in Mkushi. The program includes eleven weeks of lectures, followed by eight weeks of outreach in Zambia and neighbouring countries.

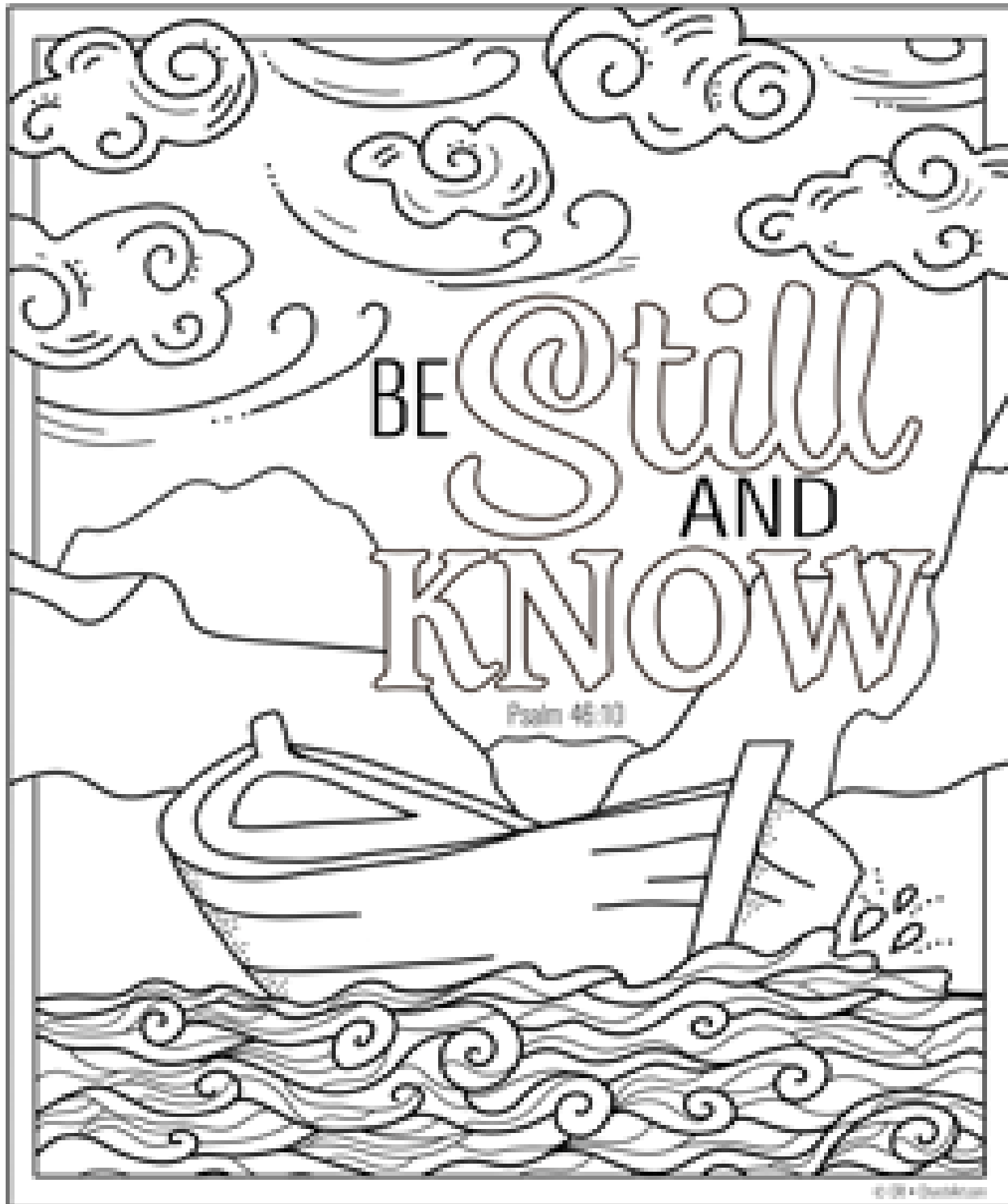
In August, Jody flew to North America to help Graeme move to Longview, Texas where he'll begin studies at LeTourneau University, and to visit Evan who returns to Redeemer University for his second year.

On Reconnect (home service) in 2024, we shared an anticipated funding gap of \$14,000. By God's grace and your generosity, we met our fundraising goal for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support,

Ryan & Jody, Evan, Graeme, Torin, Bronwyn, Gwennyth, Saeryn, and Norah.

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BIBLE MEMORY VERSE CARDS



Jesus Christ is
the same
yesterday and
today and
forever.
Hebrews 13:8

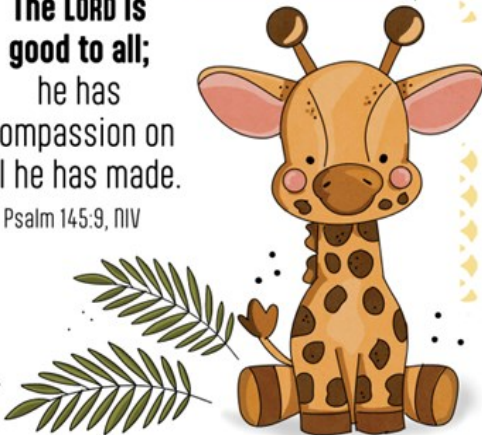


This is the day that
the LORD has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:24, ESV

**The LORD is
good to all;**
he has
compassion on
all he has made.

Psalms 145:9, NIV



**Be strong and
courageous...**
for the LORD
your God is
with you
wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9, ESV

Trust in the LORD with
all your heart and lean not
on your own understanding.

Proverbs 3:5, NIV



Love the LORD
your God with
all your heart
and with **all your**
soul and with
all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:5, NIV



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BACK TO SCHOOL

A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.
Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.
Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities
that this new school year brings.
Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.
Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and
courage to accept new opportunities.
Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience
Your presence in my new friends.
Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!
Amen