



SULLY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Cultivating space for people to experience the transforming love of Christ.

Prayers, Praise, and Plans

A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF CHURCH FAMILY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Worship Today, December 14, 2025

Today is the third Sunday of Advent and Pastor Darren will lead our worship. The Sunday School children will participate in our morning worship by singing songs.

Church Family Prayers

➤ Out of a desire to care for all our members, each week we will be placing names of shut-ins for you to remember in prayer. This week we want to specifically remember Mildred Van Soelen, Pete Van Soelen, and Nellie Zylstra.

Next Week Sunday, December 21

Next week Sunday morning we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Sunday evening the 412 Youth will present their annual Candlelight Service.

Offering: 412 Youth

Greeters: (N) Brent and Brenda Rolffs

(S) Loren and Shawna Fopma

Nursery Assignment: Jana and Alexa Van Zante

Coffee Servers: Craig and Linda Zylstra

Gabe and Izzy Hoksbergen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Bulletin Deadline Thursday Noon.)

Budget Giving

Total Congregational Giving since June 1, 2025: \$206,650.26

Budgeted goal by December 31, 2025: \$262,281.81

Budget Giving Goal by May 31, 2026: \$449,626.00

Choir Practice: The choir plans to perform on Sunday morning, December 21, during the morning service. There will be practice at 4:00pm today. It's not too late to join us.

The Council will be selecting names for the nomination of elder and deacon. If you would like to suggest a name or feel called to serve in this capacity, please contact a council member.

The Discipleship Committee will be holding a profession of faith class on Monday, December 22 at 6:00 pm at the Church. We will serve dinner and dessert and have information about making profession of faith. Please text or call Mike Van Soelen @ 641-780-3953 by December 20 if you would like to attend.

Rooted & Built Up

Sully Christian School invites you to prayerfully consider supporting our Rooted & Built Up campaign as we work toward our goal of \$75,000. Your generosity helps provide important facility improvements that will benefit our students and strengthen our school for years to come. For more information, visit <https://sullychristian.org/rooted-built-up/>

Silent Auction Basket/Item Request: Are you feeling creative? We are looking for gift baskets donations to be placed in our silent auction. These baskets can include a variety of items such as gourmet treats, themed products, kids activities, or any other unique and appealing items that would capture the interest of potential bidders. We would like baskets to be dropped off by January 23rd. If you have perishables or need a bit more time and want to bring your basket that night just notify Bethany Tanke of what you plan to donate so we can get it on the list. Bethany: 641-990-6827 or advancement@sullychristian.org

Attention Bakers, Canners, & Snack Makers! We will hold a bake sale again at Food and Fun Night this year! We are looking for anything homemade: baked goods, 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.

Support Christian Education & Receive a Tax Credit with the Legacy of Grace STO

Sully Christian School partners with six other area schools through the Legacy of Grace STO to make Christian education accessible for qualifying families. Donations to the STO qualify for a 75% Iowa tax credit, directly reducing your state tax liability. For example, a \$1,000 donation provides a \$750 Iowa tax credit, meaning you've only given \$250 out of pocket. Giving is simple: visit www.logsto.org to download a donation form.

Thanksgiving Offering:

	Totals
Benevolence	\$ 1,820.00
CEEF	\$ 1,150.00
Gideons	\$ 1,805.00
Holt International	\$ 1,350.00
Hope Ministries	\$ 4,475.00
Megan H Foundation	\$ 1,150.00
Mobility Worldwide (PET)	\$ 2,595.00
New Life Prison Ministry	\$ 2,510.00
PCCI	\$ 4,910.00
Pella Christian High School	\$ 4,620.00
ReFrame (Back To God Hour)	\$ 3,160.00
Resonate (Home & World Missions)	\$ 4,165.16
Sheep Gate (Teen Challenge)	\$ 3,325.00

Sully Christian School	\$ 12,390.00
World Renew	\$ 5,085.00
412 Youth Group	\$ 50.00
Amy Hoogeveen	\$ 2,350.00
Baby Blessings	\$ 700.00
Building & Grounds-Technology	\$ 2,500.00
Cadets	\$ 440.00
Cary Christian Center	\$ 500.00
CEBU	\$ 1,000.00
Christian Opportunity Center (COC)	\$ 685.00
Esther School, Zambia	\$ 500.00
Forward with Faith	\$ 200.00
Freedom House	\$ 100.00
GEMS	\$ 500.00
Lakeview Camp	\$ 300.00
Major Reno/New Building Fund	\$ 14,800.00
Pathways of Pella	\$ 250.00
Pella Christian Grade School	\$ 200.00
Quilting Day	\$ 690.00
Samaritan's Purse	\$ 100.00
Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)	\$ 150.00
Together for Good	\$ 50.00
Truth Seekers/Angel Tree	\$ 300.00
Thanksgiving Offering Total	<u>\$ 80,875.16</u>

Sully Christian Reformed Nut and Peanut Butter–Free Policy

Purpose

At Sully Christian Reformed Church, we strive to create a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. Some members of our congregation—especially children—have severe and potentially life-threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. To protect their health and ensure that all can fully participate in worship, fellowship, and ministry activities, our church is designated a **Nut and Nut Butter–Free Zone**.

This policy applies to:

- All areas of the church property, including classrooms, fellowship halls, kitchens, and outdoor gathering spaces.
- All church events, programs, and ministries, whether held on-site or off-site.
- All food brought in for church functions, potlucks, and activities.

Guidelines

1. Do Not Bring Foods Containing Nuts

- Please do not bring peanuts, tree nuts (such as almonds, cashews, pecans, walnuts, pistachios, etc.), or any products made with them, including nut butters and Nutella.
- Check ingredient labels carefully, as nuts can appear in unexpected foods such as baked goods, sauces, granola bars, or candies.

2. Avoid Cross-Contamination

- If preparing food at home for a church event, ensure all utensils, surfaces, and containers are cleaned thoroughly to avoid cross-contact with nuts.

3. Education and Communication

- We encourage all members and volunteers to be aware of allergy safety and to help reinforce this policy kindly and consistently.
- Ministry leaders and event coordinators are responsible for reminding participants of this policy in advance of events.

Our Commitment

By observing this policy, we demonstrate love and care for one another, particularly for those with serious allergies. Thank you for helping make Sully Christian Reformed a safe place for all to gather in worship and fellowship.

COUNCIL FUNCTION/DISTRICT

Dale Van Wyk (26).....Vicar
Tim Vander Schel (26).....Team 2
Nolan Vos (26).....Team 3
Mike Van Soelen (27).....Team 1
Jeff Pastoor (27).....Chairman
Joel Vos (27).....Team 4
Scott Roose (28).....Clerk
Brent Rolffs (28).....Team 5
Loren Fopma (28).....Team 6
Darren Kornelis.....Pastor

DEACONS

Dennis Schut (26).....Chairman
John Kramer (26).....Vicar/Auditor, Team 4
Zach Dunsbergen (26).....Team 1
Clint Vos (27).....Mission Fund /Team 2
Lauren Van Wyk (27).....Benevolence Fund, Team 5
Nathan Nikkel (27).....General Fund Treasurer
Kevin Van Maanen (28).....Team 6
Jaden Vos (28).....Secretary, Team 3

CHURCH PROGRAM

Sunday

Men's Bible Study8:00 AM
Prayer Meeting.....8:45 AM
Church School.....10:45 AM
*Truth Seekers.....6:15 PM
.....1st & 3rd Sunday of each month
*Growing in Grace 6:15 PM
.....2nd Sunday of each month

Tuesday

*Coffee Break Ministry9:30 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.

Live Streaming at Sully Christian Reformed Church Website – sullycrc.org

Church Email.....sullycrc@netins.net

WORSHIP SERVICE BY Telephone 888-602-1825