



# 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

Beginning in April, Pastor Darren will begin a morning series on the "Marks of the Church."

April 3

PM—Good Friday Worship—Pastor Darren

April 5

AM—Pastor Darren—Luke 24:1-12

PM—Pastor Darren

April 12

AM—Pastor Darren—I Timoth 4:1-12

"Marks of the Church, Preaching the Gospel"

PM—Mr. Scott Roose

April 19

AM—Pastor Darren—Matthew 28:16-20, Genesis 17:1-14,

Colossians 2:11-12 "Marks of the Church, Sacraments-Baptism"

PM—Mr. Scott Roose

April 26

AM—Pastor Darren—I Corinthians 11:23-29

"Marks of the Church, Sacraments—Lord's Supper"

PM—Pastor Darren



## Worship TIMES

Morning Worship  
9:30 a.m.

Evening Worship  
5:00 p.m.



## Dates of Interest:

Good Friday .....April 3  
Easter Sunday .....April 5  
Easter Sunrise Serv. 6:30 AM

*Greeting  
Our  
Visitors*



**March  
2026**

# 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.

## Council Clippings March 2026 Meeting

<b>April 5</b>	(N) Loren VW, Paul Scott
	(S) Larry & Joan Pleima
<b>April 12</b>	(N) Alex & Jentri V. Wyngarden
	(S) Carroll & Marla Fopma
<b>April 19</b>	(N) Dennis & Staci Schut
	(S) Harlan & Norma Beerends
<b>April 26</b>	(N) Lauren & Julie Van Wyk
	(S) Eric & Laura Fynaardt
<b>May 3</b>	(N) Wes Van Wyk/Arlyn V Zante
	(S) Clint Vos/Ron De Nooy
<b>May 10</b>	(N) Carolyn VV/Charlene VM
	(S) Kevin & Brenda Van Kooten
<b>May 17</b>	(N) Scott & Vicki Nikkel
	(S) Jaron & Tasha Vos
<b>May 24</b>	(N) Jason & Jen Lowry
	(S) Frank & Karen V. Soelen
<b>May 31</b>	(N) Randy & Jodi De Vries
	(S) Rick & Kim Vos

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 Scotty De Nooy.

1. Chairman Jeff Pastoor opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.
2. Pastor Darren led a discussion on Article 18 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 \$169,000 with an additional \$106,000 in a CD.
4. Council discussed the need to have M25 leaders to bring volunteers to Bethel Mission. We have six groups that go each year. They will be contacted about this need.
5. Discussion continued regarding Nuts and Nut Butters. New guidelines are being put together to better reflect where we should be as a congregation.
6. It was reported how well received the chili supper was again with plans to do it again next year.
7. A motion was made and supported to approve the annual budget for our March 31 congregational meeting. Two amendments were included in how we allocate money to Synodical shares due to concern over Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary. There is concern professors are not being held accountable to our confessional standards.
8. A Motion was made to change our evening start time policy. Evening services from September through May will be 5:00, June through August will be 6:00.

**QUILTING** group  
*It was a springlike day on March 5, and 15 ladies gathered and put 25 quilts together, ready for a new home. A big thank you goes to Keith and Darlene Struik who delivered 42 quilts to Bid Wells in Des Moines on March 12! See you in the fall!*

# BUDGET REPORT



March Report			
Category	Amount	Year to Date Received	Year to Date Budgeted
General Fund (includes Ministry Share)	\$33,671.28	\$284,119.60	\$317,146.70
Missions	\$ 3,243.96	\$ 30,363.74	\$ 24,208.30
Building and Grounds	\$ 3,849.29	\$ 40,871.45	\$ 33,333.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,764.53</b>	<b>\$355,354.79</b>	<b>\$374,688.30</b>

March Offerings Received		
Date	Recipient	Amount
March 1	GEMS	\$2,915.00
March 8	Sully Christian School	\$2,758.00
March 15	Together for Good	\$1,645.00
March 22	Christian Education Encouragement Fund	\$2,108.00
March 29	Cadets	\$3,664.00

## April Offering Schedule

- April 3            Good Friday—Benevolence
- April 5            Sully Christian School with Envelope Offering
- April 12          Resonate Global Missions
- April 19          Christian Education Encouragement Fund
- April 26          Thrive



April 5	Bob & Marilyn Van Soelen
	Wayne & Nora Ritter
April 12	Tim & Rindy Vander Schel
	Gary & Lynnette Christensen
April 19	Roger & Carolyn Zylstra
	Doug & Brenda Vos
April 26	Brent & Brenda Rolffs
	Brent & Beth Vander Molen
May 3	Jaden & Kelly Vos
	Wes & Heather Zylstra
May 10	Kyle & Kendra Van Kooten
	Roger & Caroll Jansen
May 17	Randy Altena/Ben V. Molen
	Curt & Candice Vos
May 24	Tyler, Derek, Emily V. Soelen
	Scotty & Brenda De Nooy
May 31	Daryl & Linda Menninga
	Alvin & Mary Fopma

April 3 Good Friday	Jen/Hampton Lowry
April 5	Jentri Van Wyngarden
	Ada Van Wyngarden
April 12	Jacie Kramer
	Emmett Kramer
April 19	Julie Van Wyk
	Addison Van Haaften
April 26	Shawna Fopma
	Adri Vos
May 3	Norma Beerends
	Harlan Beerends
May 10	Pam Vos
	Jud Vos
May 17	Kelly Vos
	Aspen Kramer
May 24	Jentri Van Wyngarden
	Aaron Van Wyngarden
May 31	Brenda Vos
	Adri Vos

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.

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

*thank you*

Thank you to my church family for the prayers, visits, cards, serving the coffee time and acts of kindness shown following Don's passing. A special thank you to Pastor Darren and Elder Tim and Rindy. I am grateful for each prayer as they have provided comfort and peace.  
Deloris Van Rees

# Celebrating...



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- April 1           Michelle Proctor
- April 2           Pearl Vos
- April 6           Millie Van Soelen  
                      Judy Beyer (80)
- April 7           Alicia Fynaardt
- April 13          Robert Pothoven  
                      Shawna Fopma
- April 14          Brenda Nikkel  
                      Glenda Vander Leest  
                      Nora Ritter
- April 16          Elijah Vos
- April 17          Staci Schut
- April 19          Sharlee Fopma
- April 20          Darlene Vos
- April 21          Darrell Veenstra
- April 23          Darlene Struik
- April 24          Vernon Jansen (91)  
                      Britton Lowry
- April 28          Duane Arkema
- April 30          Eldon Nikkel  
                      Megan Vos  
                      Trevor Nikkel

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS And Anniversaries

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- April 6           Brent & Brenda Rolffs
- April 15          Rick & Carla Fopma
- April 18          Curt & Brenda Fopma
- April 25          Carroll & Marla Fopma

### *Thank You!*

We would like to thank everyone for the meals brought to us when I started chemotherapy. They were very much appreciated. We would also like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers on my behalf. We are thankful to God that I am tolerating the chemotherapy well and have seen some improvement. A special thank you to Pastor Darren and Nolan and Karla for their visits.

Norm and Treva Nikkel

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We just want to say thank you to the members of Sully CRC that showed the love & care to us during the time of loss of our dad. A special thanks to the Vos family for the conversations we've been able to have throughout this time as those have meant a lot.

In Christ,  
Michael & Misty Brewer



A lot can happen in  
*seven days.*

# Celebrating...



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- May 2      Laura Fynaardt
- May 5      Brent Rolffs
- May 6      Keagan Fopma
- May 7      Carroll Fopma
- May 10     Merl Van Zante
- May 11     Joan Pleima
- May 12     Wanda Lanser
- Melanie Van Maanen
- May 13     Deloris Van Rees
- Marcia Nikkel
- Ada Van Wyngarden
- May 15     Vicki Nikkel
- Conrad Kramer
- May 16     Alivia Van Wyngarden
- May 18     Eli Vander Leest
- May 19     Grant De Nooy
- 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
- Duane Olivier
- May 29     Diederick Hoksbergen
- May 30     Colton Vos

## *May Birthdays and Anniversaries*

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- May 4      Tim and Lurinda Vander Schel
- Mike and Denise Arkema
- May 10     Ed and Judy Van Kooten (60)
- Jeff and Sue Pastoor (40)
- May 14     Ed and Joyce Dieleman
- Doug and Elly Van Zee
- May 31     Jason and Jennifer Lowry



We would like to thank our family, friends and our church family for the prayers, cards, gifts, food, visits and phone calls we received while Dad was in the nursing home and in his passing. We are so grateful for each and everyone of you! May you all be blessed by your kindness.

Mike and Marlene Van Soelen

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Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and acts of thoughtfulness in the passing of our brother Pete. Church family is special!!!

Frank and Karen Van Soelen  
Bob and Marilyn Van Soelen  
Betty Nikkel

I really appreciated all the prayers, phone calls, texts, food, cards and visits I recieved after my foot surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Darren, Joel Vos and Brent Rolffs for their visits and phone calls. A special thanks to my Sunday School class as well! You are the best! I thank God for my healing and my wonderful Church family!

Mike Van Soelen

# HUYSEERS

Forming Students  
in the  
Gospel of Grace



*In February we celebrated our third lunar New Year in South Korea. Lunar New is one of the most important times of year and has many traditions. One is that people give gifts of traditional sweets and fruits to parents, bosses and teachers. Another is that of children bowing to grandparents and the grandparents giving the grandchildren small gifts of money. Three of the Little Lambs students practiced this with Jeannie and I!*

## Small, simple, slow!

In August of 1996 Jeannie and I moved to Managua, Nicaragua, with our three of our children.

Christian Reformed World Mission had appointed me to work as a “church leadership developer” with the Christian Reformed Church of Nicaragua.

The truth is that I knew very little about the work to which I had been called! Other than a year studying Spanish in neighboring Costa Rica, Jeannie and I had never lived outside of the United States. I had spent the 14 years before we went to Costa Rica as a trial lawyer in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

I cannot tell the story of my life without recounting the mentors that God has graciously provided each step of the way: from Dr. Calvin Seerveld during my college years to Bill McKee who mentored me as a young attorney to pastor Dante Venegas who was my pastor at Madison Square CRC in Grand Rapids – and so many others!

In my early years in Nicaragua my mentor was Darryl Mortensen. Darryl was in his last assignment before retirement with Christian Reformed World Relief Committee - - having gained a lifetime of experience in community development in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Darryl had a time-tested formula for community development in local neighborhoods: “Small, simple, slow!” Start small. Keep the focus simple. Grow gradually and naturally at the pace of God’s grace!

Darryl taught me that this same rule applied to church development. In fact, I learned that it could be applied anytime one was building a community of shared vision and mission. It was Jesus’ practice when he built the early church on the foundation of the twelve apostles.

The work that Jeannie and I are doing in South Korea is a form of Christian community development. Parents who send their children to a Christian school are not customers. They are active participants in a grace-shaped community that has a shared vision and mission.

This week we begin our fourth year as Grace Global Christian School! Little Lambs Kinder will be starting its third year. We are grateful for the signs of God’s faithfulness:

- The slow, but steady growth in the number of students each year in both our Little Lambs Kinder and our elementary school.
- The expansion of our classroom space from one floor of our building in our first year to what is now most of three floors.
- The addition of our first middle school grades in the current 2026 school year.
- The amazing level of participation of our parents in all areas of our school life.
- The demonstrable increase in the quality of our teaching staff. This year we are so grateful God has given us two new teachers who are fluent in both Korean and English!
- The financial generosity of our parents and other supporters – both in Korea and North America.

Praise God for growth that starts small, may appear simple and even weak, but grows steadily at the pace of God’s grace. - Joel

## **Praise and Prayer**

### **Praise:**

- That we were in the U.S. for the holidays when Joel’s Mom passed into the presence of Jesus. She was 101 and healthy up to just a few days before her death. We are grateful for her life and witness.
- For the addition of new students, new teachers, and new classroom space!

## **Prayer:**

- For our first two middle school students as well as for Joel who will serve as their homeroom teacher.
- For Jeannie's health. Jeannie has had a flareup of her fibromyalgia over the last couple of months. Pray for relief from the pain and for the energy she needs.
- This year Jeannie will be dividing her Little Lambs students into a beginner's class and a Kindergarten class. Pray for wisdom for Jeannie as she develops an expanded Kindergarten curriculum to prepare five of her students for first grade 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 working 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.

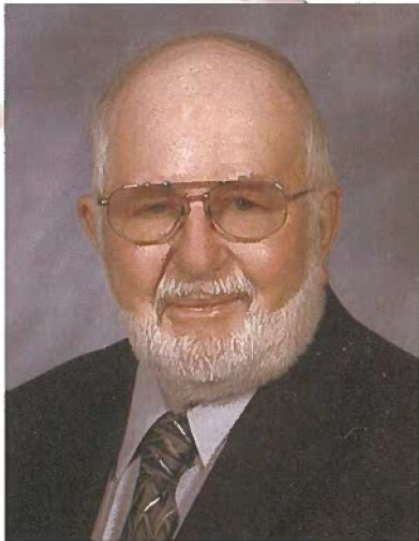
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# IN MEMORIAM ...

## Pete Van Soelen



*November 19, 1927- March 1, 2026*

### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.  
Sully Christian Reformed Church, Sully, Iowa

Rev. Bryan Van Soelen, officiating  
Rev. Darren Kornelis, assisting  
Mrs. Betty Nikkel, sharing  
Mr. Darwin Van Wyk, organist

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Blessed Assurance"  
hymn sung by congregation

"My Jesus I Love Thee"  
duet sung by Jill and Karlie Van Soelen



### PETER VAN SOELEN

Peter Cornelius Van Soelen was born on November 19, 1927, in Sully, Iowa. He was the first of ten children born to Marion and Hattie (Van Hal) Van Soelen. Pete attended country school through the eighth grade. Pete was inducted into the United States Army on January 30, 1951, and was honorably discharged on January 20, 1953 after serving as a private first class who was deployed to Korea during the Korean War. On December 14, 1956, he was united in marriage with Gladys Delena Ver Meer in Pella, Iowa. To this union four children were born: Michael Peter, Kenneth Dean, Carol Diane and James Allen. Pete had many jobs in his early life. He worked as a farm hand, worked at Fleck Feed & Grain, and other jobs. After he was discharged from the Army he rented farm ground and became a farmer. He also purchased a truck with which he hauled lime and rock for the next 60 years. He was a very hard worker and prided himself on keeping his farmland neat and was declared the best rock spreader around by many of his clients. He retired from farming but kept on trucking until the age of 88. Gladie passed away at the age of 67 years after battling an in-operable brain tumor for nearly ten years. Pete clung to his faith as he stood by her side during her long illness. Pete found tremendous support of the Sully Christian Reformed Church. He was a lifelong member and at the time of his death he was the oldest male member of the church. In 2020, Pete became a resident of St. Francis Manor in Grinnell, Iowa. He passed into glory on March 1, 2026, at the advanced age of 98 years.

Pete was a quiet man of faith who worked hard, loved his family and would do anything for them.

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Pete was loved by his church family and known for his good humor and gentle nature. He will be missed by many.

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**GRATITUDE**

God, we come before you with grateful hearts for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ.

We thank you for his sacrifice on the cross and for the hope of eternal life that his resurrection brings.

May we never take for granted the magnitude of your love for us, and may we **always** be filled with gratitude for your blessings.

In Jesus' name.

*Amen.*

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