



Fellowship Findings

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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 Pastor Darren is doing a series from the book of Jonah. In evening worship we will continue the series on Genesis.

Worship TIMES

Morning Worship
9:30 a.m.

Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.

Dates to Remember:

August 5. Coffee with Pastor
August 29..... Drive Your
..... Favorite Ride to Church
August 30.....
.....Rededication Service

August 2	AM	Pastor Darren—Jonah 3:1-10
	PM	Pastor Darren—Genesis 7:1-24
August 9	AM	Pastor Darren—Jonah 4:1-5
	PM	Mr. Jon Neifert
August 16	AM	Pastor Darren—Jonah 4:6-11
	PM	Pastor Darren—Genesis 8:1-19
August 23	AM	Mr. Scott Roose
	PM	Mr. Scott Roose
August 30	AM	Rededication Service
	PM	Pastor Darren—Genesis 8:20-22

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Greeting Our Visitors



July 2026

Council Clippings

August 2	(N) Curt & Candice Vos
	(S) Tyler, Derek, Emily V.S
August 9	(N) Daryl & Linda Menninga
	(S) Scotty & Brenda De Nooy
August 16	(N) Wes & Heather Zylstra
	(S) Alvin & Mary Fopma
August 23	(N) Kyle & Kendra Van Kooten
	(S) Doug & Ellie Van Zee
August 30	Rededication Service
September 6	(N) Verlan & Sally Van Wyk
	(S) Roger & Caroll Jansen
September 13	(N) Lawrence & Sandy VanZee
	(S) Craig & Linda Zylstra
September 20	(N) Scott & Diane Roose
	(S) Brent & Brenda Rolffs
September 27	(N) Merl & Candy Van Zante
	(S) John & Jacie Kramer

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.

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.

1. Chairman Jeff Pastoor opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.
2. Pastor Darren led a discussion on Article 20 and 21 of the Belgic Confession.
3. Financial information and reports were reviewed. The general fund balance is at about \$214,000 with an additional \$106,500 in a CD.
4. New council committee chairmen were set to replace outgoing council members.
5. Pastor Mark Klompier is set to be with us September 6.
6. Building and Grounds is going to put basketball court markings around the hoop for kids when they are playing basketball.
7. Family Visiting schedule and theme was discussed and set for August 4 through 6.

Save the Date!

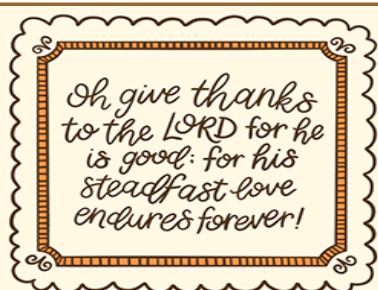
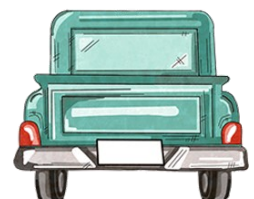
Drive Your Favorite Ride to Church, Saturday, August 29

Plan to drive your favorite ride to church and join us for an evening of fellowship and fun!

4:00–7:00 PM. Supper served at 5:00 PM.

Lawn games for all ages

Whether you bring a classic car, motorcycle, tractor, truck, or your everyday favorite ride—or simply come to enjoy the evening—we'd love to have you join us!



BUDGET REPORT

July Report			
Category	Amount	Year to Date Received	Year to Date Budgeted
General Fund (includes Ministry Share)	\$24,798.78	\$47,348.73	\$66,568.66
Missions	\$ 1,949.58	\$ 3,685.91	\$ 4,333.34
Building and Grounds	\$ 2,476.25	\$ 4,722.87	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$29,224.61	\$55,757.51	\$75,902.00

Offerings Received		
Date	Recipient	Amount
July 5	Many Hands for Abaco	\$1,701.00
July 12	Sully Christian School	\$2,250.00
July 19	Children's Center of Cebu	\$5,382.00
July 26	Christian Education Encouragement Fund	\$1,556.00

August Offering Schedule

August 2	Lakeview Camp
August 9	Sully Christian School (with Envelope Offering)
August 16	Rehoboth Christian School
August 23	Christian Education Encouragement Fund
August 30	Rededication Service

Facility Team Update to Full Council July 20, 2026

Facility Team: Randy Altena, Jaron Vos, Scott Nikkel, Dawn Plowman, and Loren Vander Wilt. **Council Representative:** Kevin Van Maanen.

Initial Architectural Request

On February 16, the Facility Team decided to ask Bushong's Construction Company of Montezuma to prepare a formal architectural proposal based on the new building concept presented to Council in December 2025. Randy contacted Bushong's on February 17, but the company declined the work because two crew members were expected to be absent for four to six months due to health issues.

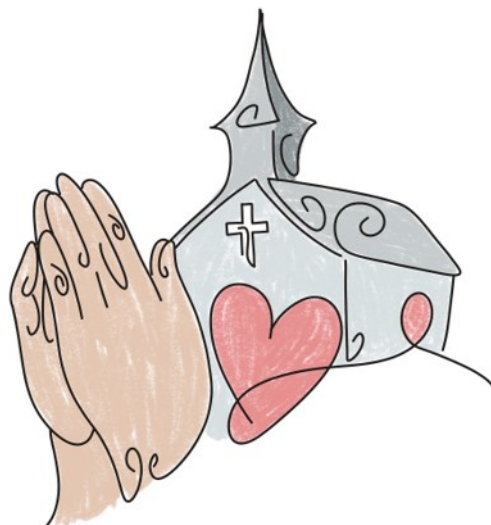
Follow-Up with a Second Architect

After Bushong's decline to accept the work, Jaron contacted Alan Pickett, a Pella architect and former Pella Corp. employee. Alan agreed to prepare an architectural proposal and visited Sully on March 25 to review the existing church building and tentative new building site north of the Christian School with Randy, Jaron, and Scott.

Current Architectural Option

On April 11, Jaron informed the Facility Team that Alan was unable to assist us because of a family concern. The team met briefly on April 12 to discuss other options, and Jaron identified Klingner & Associates in Pella as another firm to consider.

On April 29, Jaron and Randy met with Michael Fries, lead architect at Klingner & Associates in Pella, Iowa. Michael expressed interest in our project and agreed to prepare a proposal/offer to do the architectural work of design review and refinement, code compliance, schematic drawings, and blueprints. The Facility Team expects to receive the proposal soon.





August 2	Jason & Jen Lowry
	Nolan & Karla Vos
August 9	Jaron & Tasha Vos
	Rick & Kim Vos
August 16	Nathan & Rachel Nikkel
	Randy & Jodi De Vries
August 23	Kevin & Brenda Van Kooten
	Scott & Vicki Nikkel
August 30	Rededication Service
September 6	Wes Van Wyk/Ron De Nooy
	Dwight & Glenda VanderLeest
September 13	Jud & Pam Vos
	Noah & Kelsie Winslow
September 20	Loren & Shawna Fopma
	Kevin & Melanie Van Maanen
September 27	Dan & Sharla Dunsbergen
	Karen Altena & Emily Kornelis
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.	

August 2	Jana Van Zante
	Noelle Van Zante
August 9	Brooke Dunsbergen
	Bethany Kramer
August 16	Pam Vos
	Emmett Kramer
August 23	Kelly Vos
	Seylah Vos
August 30 Rededication Service	Heather Zylstra & Girls
	Jentri Van Wyngarden & Children
Sept. 6	Norma Beerends
	Harlan Beerends
Sept. 13	Linda Menninga
	Addison Van Haaften
Sept. 20	Jerri Nikkel
	Bella Nikkel
Sept. 27	Meagan Vos
	Annabelle Vos
If unable to serve in the nursery on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone on the list.	



Thank you so very much for the *beautiful music* on the Sunday morning of my birthday! Thank you for all the hugs, cards, greetings and hand shakes. I am so blessed to be a part of this family of believers.

Berdena Vos

Celebrating...



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1	Myrna Goodyk Sandy Van Zee
August 6	Robert Van Soelen Kendra Pothoven
August 7	Judith Van Zee Averey Jolea Winslow
August 8	Curtis Vos Brooke Dunsbergen
August 14	Eric Fynaardt
August 17	Josiah Vos
August 18	Wes Van Wyk
August 19	Clazina Hoksbergen
August 21	Jentri Van Wyngarden
August 23	Harris Vos
August 24	Rindy Vander Schel Michelle Van Kooten Xavier Nikkel
August 25	Jerri Jansen Missy Laverman
August 26	Stuart Pleima
August 28	Addison Van Haaften
August 29	Emmett Kramer
August 30	Kara Kelderman Emmalea Jo Van Haaften Sawyer Dunsbergen
August 31	Diane Roose Atticus Vos Lydia Vande Voort

Birthdays And Anniversaries

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 1	Pastor Darren & Emily Kornelis
August 3	Verlan & Sally Van Wyk
August 5	Keith & Darlene Struik
August 14	Roger & Carolyn Zylstra
August 17	Steve & Sharon Fopma
August 19	Melvin & Marilyn Jansen Dan & Sharla Dunsbergen
August 22	Dwight & Glenda Vander Leest Eldon & Brenda Nikkel
August 23	Arlyn & Barbara Van Zante
August 27	Nolan & Karla Vos Zach & Brooke Dunsbergen (10)



"And why do you worry about clothes?
See how the flowers of the field grow. They
do not labor or spin.²⁹ Yet I tell you that not
even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed
like one of these.

Matthew 6:28-29

Celebrating...



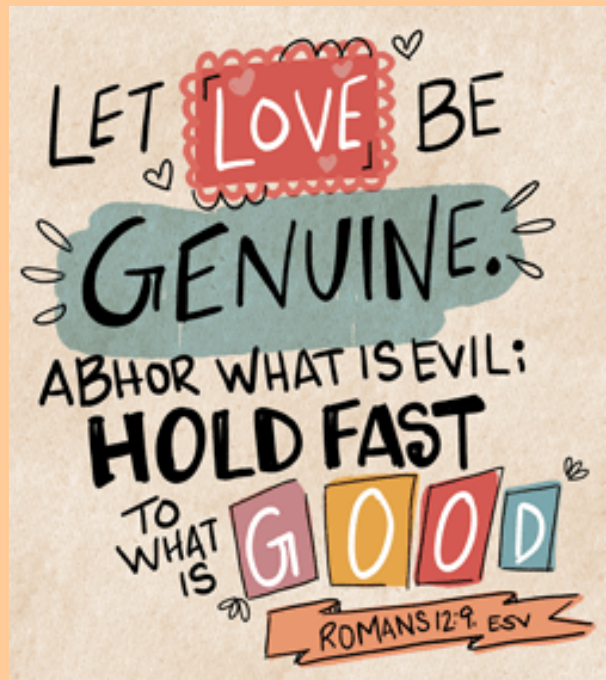
Birthdays And Anniversaries

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
September 9	Marlene Van Soelen
September 11	Mike Arkema
September 12	Loren Vander Wilt (80)
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 29	Misty Brewer

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 3	Larry and Joan Pleima Kevin and Brenda Van Kooten Trevor and Jerri Nikkel (15)
September 5	Rick and Staci Jansen Jamie and Michelle Van Kooten
September 6	Dennis and Staci Schut (35)
September 9	Melvin and Wanda Lanser (60)
September 15	Marvin and Lynda Slings Craig and Linda Zylstra
September 21	Scotty and Brenda De Nooy
September 23	Wayne and Nora Ritter





A Home on Two Continents!

Greetings from our home in Texas!

We travel back to Texas each July while Grace Global Christian School is on summer break between the first and second semesters.

When we agreed to work with Grace Global Christian School in Changwon, South Korea, we had a very important condition. We asked for permission to travel back to the U.S. during the summer and winter breaks. That means we live in South Korea 10 months each year and in the U.S. for two months.

Our times back in the U.S. always seem to be packed. We reconnect with children and grandchildren. We have medical appointments, we renew driver's licenses, we make multiple calls to our health insurance provider to get vacation overrides for our next 6 months of prescriptions (fighting to get through an army of bots to talk with an actual person!) and we do urgent maintenance on our house, car and yard.

The "to do" list always seems too long! When we are back in the U.S., we are back! Life quickly fills up as if we had never left!

And, yes, we are returning to our home in South Korea early in August!

It was in September of 2023 that we moved to South Korea. At that time, we thought we might only be in South Korea for two school years. But two school years have now stretched into a commitment of four school years! This means that we will be in South Korea at least through 2027.

Going back to Korea also now feels like returning home! We have become passionate about our lives and ministry there.

What makes South Korea as well as Texas seem like home to us? The answer is simple. Every day in our Korean home we have the privilege of seeing God's grace at work in a courageous community of parents, teachers and students.

Let us tell you what makes the Grace Global Christian School community special. It is the faith of the parents. Parents who send their children to our school are making a bold statement of faith. They are doing something that their family and friends may view as foolish because it is contrary to the dominant values of much of Korean education.

The dominant Korean culture teaches parents that the goal of education is to prepare their child to obtain an upper tier score on the college admission exam and so to gain admission to one of the Korean “Ivy League” schools. Admission to a Korean “Ivy League” school brings honor to a family. A low score on the college entrance exam brings disgrace.

As a result, many students attend class until late at night. The competition to gain admission to the “Ivy League” universities is cut-throat with few winners and many losers. The relationship between parents and teachers is often full of tension as parents fault teachers if their children do not get the highest ranking in test scores.

Our Grace parents see a different purpose for education. They believe that the goal of education is to shape their children as responsible and competent disciples of Jesus, equipped with identity and purpose. They understand that this goal influences everything from the culture of the classroom to the saturation of all subjects with a Christian worldview. They see themselves as partners with teachers rather than simply as clients of an institution. They make significant financial sacrifices and often face the opposition of their parents and peers.

Do you see why we are passionate about our second home among this community of parents, teacher and students?

And, yes, we still need your prayers. The battle in which we are engaged is a spiritual battle. The dominant culture gives our students the message that their value is determined by their performance and test scores. Our message is counter cultural. The Gospel we teach declares that our students’ value is rooted in the unconditional love of God in Jesus. Our students don’t work to gain God’s love. They can grow in responsibility at the pace of grace because they have already received love from God.

And, yes, we still need your financial support. In July we began a new fiscal year with Resonate. ***For the first time we started the year without money to spare in our fund-raising. account.*** As partner missionaries, Resonate can only support our work to the extent there are actual funds in our account!

The money you give helps support our budget for living in Korea. It also supports the ministry of Grace Global Christian School in two important ways. Your donations allow Jeannie to purchase the necessary supplies for Little Lambs Kinder. This year your donations also support the Little Lambs tuition for a child of one of our Grace teachers.

We are so thankful for your faithful prayers and financial support over many years. We encourage you to prayerfully consider continuing to partner with us and our community of parents, teachers and students.

You can see how you can give below under the subheading: "How can you help?"

Praise and Prayer

Praise:

- That our daughter Micah and three of our grandchildren could have visited us in Korea!
- That already new families are approaching us to enroll their children for the next school year that begins in March 2027! The word about Grace is spreading by word of mouth from parent to parent!
- That with the money you have donated we will be able to purchase the school bus we have been renting.

Prayers:

For our students and teachers who are on a mission camp in Japan as we write this. There are 22 students on mission camp from second grade to 8th grade! They are accompanied by 6 teachers, one parent and one grandparent! We have found the annual mission camp to be an important part of our students' formation. This year the theme for mission camp is "Ambassadors of Peace" based on the school's cornerstone verse of II Corinthians 5: 17,18. We have three learning goals for mission camp this year. They are: That our students see themselves as Christ sees them; that our students see others as Christ sees them; and that are students carry the love of Jesus to others!

- - That we would be able to meet our goals for financial support for this fiscal 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 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 give towards our regular missionary support by sending your gift by mail to either of the addresses below. Clearly designate your gift for our Resonate fund code; **804233**

**United States
Resonate Gift Processing
PO Box 30006
Lansing, MI 48909-9760**

2. Or you can give online to our missionary support at:
<https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/give-us>. Choose "Missionaries-Asia and then "Huyser, Joel and Jeannie." Please note that there are some revisions Resonate is making so that on-line giving will be easier. Let us know if you have any difficulties.

Thank you for partnering with us on mission!

Family Visiting 2026

		<u>August 4</u>	<u>August 5</u>	<u>August 6</u>
Room 5-Up	6:30	Gary Christensen	Pearl Vos	Blake Veenstra
Mike V Soelen	7:15	John De Berg	Noah Winslow	Harris Vos
Jamie V. Kooten	8:00	Doug Vos	Roger Zylstra	Tim Vander Schel
Library	6:30	Daryl Menninga	Verlan Van Wyk	Michelle Proctor
Rick Jansen	7:15	Kyle Van Kooten	Craig Zylstra	Darrell Veenstra
Clint Vos	8:00	Doug Van Zee	Keith Struik	Scott Nikkel
Room 3-Up	6:30	Gabe Hoksbergen	Trevor Nikkel	Ed Van Kooten
Alvin Fopma	7:15	Bonnie De Nooy	Stuart Pleima	Merl Van Zante
Jaden Vos	8:00	Steve Fopma	Jacob Kelderman	Lawrence Van Zee
Council Room	6:30	Stan Fopma	Eric Fynaardt	Charlene Van Maanen
Joel Vos	7:15	Carroll Fopma	Larry Pleima	Landon Van Zante
Tyler Van Soelen	8:00	Harlan Beerends	Glenn Shultz	Mike Vander Molen
Room 2-UP	6:30	Vernon Jansen	Frank Van Soelen	Phyllis Zylstra
Brent Rolffs	7:15	Eldon Nikkel	Arlyn Van Zante	Howard Vander Griend
Lauren Van Wyk	8:00	Kevin Van Kooten	Wes Van Wyk	Rick Vos
Room 1-Up	6:30	Judy Beyer	Alene Fopma	Jerri Jansen
Loren Fopma	7:15	Ron Swank	Dena Van Wyk	Colton Vos
Kevin VanMaanen	8:00	Mike Arkema	Dan Dunsbergen	Judson Vos

Notice time change!

Psalm 23 Family Visitation Questions

1. When you hear the words, "The Lord is my Shepherd," what does that image of God mean to you personally?
2. In what ways have you experienced God's provision recently, "I shall not want"?
3. What are some "green pastures" or "quiet waters" God has used to refresh and encourage your family during this season of life?
4. Are there areas of your life where you need the Lord's guidance right now? How can we pray for wisdom and direction?
5. Psalm 23 says, "He restores my soul." What helps you stay spiritually refreshed and connected to Christ?
6. Have there been times when God has led you through a "dark valley?" How did you experience His presence during that time?
7. What fears or concerns are you currently facing, and how does the promise "You are with me" speak to those concerns?
8. The shepherd uses both a rod and a staff for protection and guidance. How have you experienced God's correction or guidance in your life recently?
9. Psalm 23 speaks of God's goodness and mercy following us all our days. Looking back, where do you see God's faithfulness in your family's story?
10. What does the promise of dwelling in the house of the Lord forever mean to you, and how does the hope of eternal life shape the way you live today?



Coffee Break is a non-denominational Bible study that meets weekly in the Sully Christian Reformed Church social room. The starting date is Tuesday, September 8, 2026. Social time / coffee time

begins at 9:30 A.M. and the lesson follows at 10:00. Child care is provided free of charge. Please join us as we study the book of Luke using "*A Woman of Purpose*" by Dee Brestin. If you have any questions contact Norma Beerends at 594-3498.



Thoughts on Stephen's Ministry..

Stephen's Ministry is using Christ's Love through me to listen and give care to a care receiver during their storms of life. Christ doesn't promise an easy life but that He is with us. I can be a reflection of Him for someone in need. AC

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



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*But the wisdom
that comes from heaven
is first of all pure;
then peace loving,
considerate,
submissive,
full of mercy
& good fruit,
impartial & sincere.
James 3:17*

“He made the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down.”

Psalm 104:19

The end of summer has a strange feeling to it because it's both an ending and a beginning.

There's often a sense of loss: longer evenings fade, routines return, and the spontaneous feeling of summer gives way to calendars, deadlines, and cooler mornings. Even people who don't have children or aren't in school can feel this shift. It's a seasonal transition that reminds us time is moving forward.

At the same time, late summer has its own quiet beauty. The air changes, sunsets seem richer, gardens reach their peak, and there's a feeling of gathering what the season has offered before turning the page. Autumn doesn't arrive all at once—it announces itself gradually.

In a way, the end of summer is a reminder that every season is temporary. That can be bittersweet, but it also makes the season meaningful. If summer lasted forever, we might stop noticing warm evenings, fresh fruit, or the sound of cicadas.

Every ending makes room for something new and God is the author of it all.