



“The First Edition”

of First Reformed Church
Sioux Falls, SD

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*“Connect with others,
Grow in faith, and
Be Transformed by the Holy Spirit”*

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Happy New Year!

2020 is here! I am very excited about our ministry this year and beyond! I hope you can feel the excitement in your soul as well. Like any year, doing ministry together requires commitment from all of us to make the body of Christ function properly. There’s many moving parts! Together, as God does what only He can do and we do what He has called us to do, which is what He wants to do through us, this year will be an exciting year for First Reformed Church. Glory be to God alone! Don’t miss out on playing a bigger role this year. I encourage you to be an active member of a small group &/or ministry team. Be present for Sunday worship. Welcome new faces and invite them to join the party. Be invitational. I promise you, it will be worth it - God will use you for someone else. I encourage you to see the big picture at hand. We want you to be involved in helping people connect, grow, and being transformed - all through the power of the Holy Spirit! Give your all for Him out of response to who He is and what He has done for us. Daily live for Jesus, abiding in Him - reading His Word and continually praying. Give wholeheartedly, generously, and passionately - and watch God do what He has done in generations past. Great is His faithfulness! This is our commitment! May God use us to seek and to advance His Kingdom like no other time before us. Happy New Year!

Blessings to you and your family!

Tanner



“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” -1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” -Philippians 3:12-14

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” -Colossians 3:23-24

Sunday’s
@ FRC
8:30 am
Traditional Service
10:30 am
Contemporary
Service

To locate the calendar, please go to the home page of the church website





Small Groups

Want to start out the new year right?
Want an opportunity to meet a few people, build relationships, and grow spiritually?

If you answered yes to either of the above questions, **we invite you to join one of FRC's small groups.**

Small group options:

- Sunday @ 11:30 am - Meets every other Sunday @ FRC - Group discussion leaders: Layne & Lisa Drenth
- Sunday @ 4:00 pm - Meets at residence in SW Sioux Falls - Group discussion leader: Jean Volkens
- Sunday evening @ 7:00 pm - Meets at Caribou on Minnesota Ave. - Women's group - Group discussion leader: Lori Wynja
- Tuesday morning @ 6:30 am - Meets at US Bank downtown - Group discussion leader: Carl Wynja
- Sunday afternoon - Meets at various homes - Young Adults group - Group discussion leader: Collin DeWitt

If you are interested in joining or learning more about one of these small groups, sign up online under the "Connect" and "Small Groups" tab of FRC's website.

You may also talk to Pastor Ken, or any staff member and they will assist you in learning more.

We would love to add more small groups options but are in need of small group leaders. If you want to learn more about what is involved with being a small group leader, contact Pastor Ken.



January Sermon Series "Lucky Pot"

In January, we are returning to the "Lucky Pot" ideas from last fall

And, you have the opportunity to add your ideas for sermon topics, questions, and other ideas to Pastor Ken's "Lucky Pot" on Sunday



New Members Class

Sunday evenings for 4 weeks
Beginning in mid to late February, 2019

If you are interested in learning more about what First Reformed Church is all about, you are invited to a **New Members Class beginning in February 2019 (date TBD)**. And, just because you attend this class, this does not mean you have to make a commitment to becoming a member. More information will be coming soon.

Contact Pastor Ken or Lisa in the church office if you have any questions or to let them know you are interested in attending.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Kelly Whitsell
Jeremiah Rogers
- 3 Les Lameyer
Dan VerMeer
- 4 Mikayla Schuler
Adam Scholes
- 5 Whitt Murray
- 7 Loretta Randall
Pastor Ken Eberline
Esia Erickson
- 8 Larry Kaschmitter
Ryan Landeen
- 9 Dennis Jensen
Micah Van Hemert
Scott Weinacht
Ona Mohlenhoff
- 11 Neal Landeen
Evan Headley
James Boerema
- 13 Mike DeWitt
- 14 Ashley Knapp
- 15 Mark Volkers
- 16 Caleb Van Hemert
- 17 Pastor Steve Anthes
Miranda Scholes
Candy Volkers
Rylie Larsen
- 18 Nathan Spaans
- 19 Karen Dolge
- 20 Doug Sadler
- 21 Jane Dannen
Carole Hughes

- 22 John Nordman
John Becker
- 23 Wes Terpening
Austin DeWitt
Kim Lee
Bev Bolton
- 24 Travis VanGinkel
- 25 John De Vos
Parker Boe
Camryn
VanNiewenhuyzen
- 27 Kinsey Jones
- 28 Cliff DeStigter
Kyrán Rhode
- 29 Jeremy Lundgren
- 30 Travis Dykstra
- 31 Len Van Den Hoek
Vern Dykstra

Anniversaries

- 2 Scott Wick & Jo Beal
- 15 Wilmer & Marilyn Rensink
- 17 Ken & Linda Veenhof
- 18 Mike & Karen DeWitt
- 31 John & Darlene Nordman



If we missed your birthday, please, notify the office so we can update our records and include you next year.

Newly Selected Consistory Members for 2020

Elders



Jeff
Christensen



Chuck
Hoelscher

Deacons



Sean
Guthmiller



Greg
Hegstad

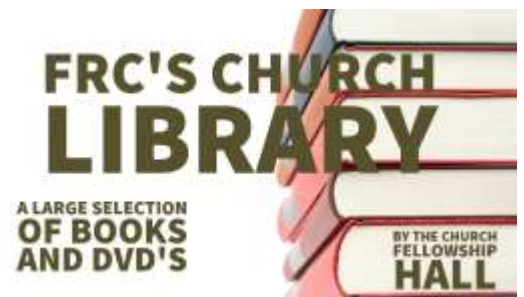
These men will each serve a three year term as an elder or a deacon

Church Library

Did you know that the church library (located on the east side of the fellowship hall) has a large variety of books and DVD's for people of all ages to check out? And, each month, new items are being added.

In December adult books added include:

- "The Tehran Initiative"* by Joel C. Rosenberg
- "Damascus Countdown"* by Joel C. Rosenberg
- "The Persian Game"* by Joel C. Rosenberg
- "One More River to Cross"* by Jane Kirkpatrick
- "Tending Roses"* by Lisa Wingate
- "Then Sings My Soul"* by Amy K. Sorrells



Also, don't forget to check out the new children's books added to the library this month too



Children’s Sunday School

Digging Into the Heart of God

Digging Into the Heart of God brings a fresh approach to growing a lifelong relationship with God. As kids explore God’s character throughout the Bible, God transforms them from the inside out. Kids discover what it means to reflect God's Heart in everyday life.

**Sunday School is held each Sunday morning
from 9:30 - 10:15 am**

for ages Preschool (age 4) - 5th grade
SS meets in the lower level of the Education wing

Here is what the kids will be studying in January:

- God is wise...so we make wise choices
- God is joyful...so we’re joyful
- God hears our prayers...so we trust his timing
- Jesus is amazing...so we believe in Him



Sunday Worship for Children

Sprouts in Worship
Ages 2 - Pre K
Held during the 10:30 am
worship service

Children & Worship
Ages K - 5th grade
Held during both worship services
Children are dismissed during worship



Ages K - 5th grade
Wednesday’s from 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Meets and ends in FRC’s sanctuary

Adventure Kids returns on **January 8th** after the holiday break with a special night of Bingo.

Parents, a couple things to note for Adventure Kids: 1. We encourage the kids to study where the books of the Bible are for the weekly Bible challenge. 2. Something new this year - we are going to start learning the 2020 VBS songs during the opening or closing time.

Kids: Join us each week at Adventure Kids for: Bible lessons, crafts, games, and songs. And, don’t forget to invite your friends too!



Wednesday Evenings

Serving 5:30 - 6:15 pm
in the church fellowship hall
Free will donation

January Menu:

January 8th: Pizza night
January 15th, 22nd, & 29th: “Favorite soup” nights
And, of course, we will have hotdogs, sides,
and desserts served with every meal.

Opportunities to Serve at The Table

In January
Soup makers & servers
In February, March, & April
Families, friends, or small groups
to prepare and serve one or more of The Table meals

See page 7 to learn more



Women's Monthly Bible Study Groups

All women are invited to join one of two monthly small group women Bible Studies

Esther Circle Bible Study

Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month

The Esther Circle returns to their regular meeting time of 6:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Or, in January on January 16th. This year the Esther Circle is mining the treasures of God's Word by going on a treasure hunt, using the A PROMPT method in which we will learn to dig into the scriptures to find all the treasures God has given us. Contact person for the Esther Circle is Jean Volkers.

Faith Circle Bible Study

Meets the 4th Thursday of the month

The Faith Circle will meet in January at 6:00 pm on Thursday, January 16th at Spezia's. This is their after Christmas party. There will not be a gift exchange but ladies instead are encouraged to bring items for the Children's Inn. All items can be placed in the laundry basket in the fellowship hall. Deadline for items is Thursday, January 16th. The Faith Circle is studying "Embracing God's Grace". Contact people for the Faith Circle are Donna Larsen or Chrystal Poppen.



Opportunities to Serve at The Table

Wednesday Evenings

In January

We are trying something different and making soups. **If you would like to help us make the soup** (no cost to you and we will work with the schedules of those who volunteer) , contact Lisa in the church office or Jo Beal. **Or, if you would like to help us serve the soup** one evening in January, please contact Lisa or Jo.

In February, March, & April

Looking for families, friends, or small groups to serve one or more of The Table meals

Here is how it works:

1. You click on the sign up link on FRC's website and choose the date your family or group wants to serve.
2. You choose what you would like to serve. We have suggested menu items.
3. We will purchase all of the food for the meal and answer any questions you may have about the meal. You have the option of providing desserts.
4. For the meal, your group is in charge of preparation, serving, and clean up. The meal is served from 5:30 to 6:15 pm in the church fellowship hall.
5. And, that is it. A fun activity to do together.

If you served last fall at The Table, THANK YOU! Everyone did a great job, and we hope you will choose to serve a meal or more than one meal again this year. Plus, we hope there are other groups or families that would like serve together.

Sign up beginning January 13th under the "Serve" tab of FRC's website

Winter Weather Reminders:

- Wear appropriate shoes. Take advantage of the car port.
- Drive slow in parking lot.
- Use 57th Street entrance to avoid hills on Tomar Road entrances.
- Respect Limited Mobility parking signs, but park in these spots if you have limited mobility.
- Leave earlier from home to avoid rushing.
- Park further out if you able to so those who are not as stable on their feet can park closer.
- Be available to help people to and from their car.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR CHURCH CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER:

- Church Website
- A message sent for those on the e-prayer line
- KNWC radio or website
- KELO website

Prayer Groups

Everyone is invited to join the prayer group which meets in FRC's Prayer Room

Every other Wednesday: 5:30 pm
 January 15th & January 29th
 Men's Prayer Group

Contact Lyle Kroon to learn more about becoming a part of a prayer group

Center of Hope is Moving

Empower Campus (old School for the Deaf)
 1905 E. 8th Street

With the move, the Center of Hope will be closed
 January 13th-20th

Reopen - January 21st

If you would like to help in the process with your time or donations go to:
www.centerofhopesf.org

Notes From FRC Deacons

Weekly Averages through November 30, 2019

General & Capital Improvements Fund

2019 Budget: \$12,063.32
 Receipts: \$10,661.54
 Expenses: \$10,379.82

Building Debt Reduction

2019 Budget: \$ 799.62
 Receipts: \$ 777.57

2020 Offering Envelopes

2020 offering envelopes have been placed in your church mailbox. If you did not receive envelopes and would like some, please contact Lisa in the church office. We would be happy to get you some. You do not have to be a member to use the envelopes.

Monthly Special Offering

\$1,804.00 was donated by the Congregation for the November special offering to Terry Redlin Elementary Christmas Blessing. Our sincere thanks to all who donated.

2020 Special Offering Schedule

- January** - The Banquet
- February** - Curt VanEkeren (Casa de la Esperanza)
- March** - Inspiration Hills
- April** - Open
- May** - City Church
- June** - Union Gospel Mission
- July** - Center of Hope
- August** - Hope Haven
- September** - Feeding South Dakota
- October** - Diana Langerock
- November** - Steve & Britt M
- December** - West Haven/Robins Nest Orphanages

*Thank
you* 

Thank you for the coats, winter outerwear, and blankets. We greatly appreciate your sharing in God's love and grace.

Center of Hope Team

Norman & I wish to thank each and everyone for praying for us. Also, thank those who took the time to visit us with caroling, cards, and telephone calls. All of these will not be forgotten. With all of this, God is in control and with us everyday. Happy 2020.

Norm & Tina Buysman

Dear Friends: Thank you very much for designating your October mission offerings for my work as a staff member with CRU/Campus Crusade for Christ. I am grateful for your ministry partnership and look forward to sharing how we see God work in the year ahead.

Gratefully, Diana Langerock

Hello Friends at FRC: We wanted to say "thank you" for your faithful support of our work. We are so grateful for your prayers, generous financial gifts, and the encouraging texts and emails we received from many of you. Thank you for loving and supporting us so well - your partnership is such a blessing to us!

Much love to you all!

Steve & Brit

Thank you for all your visits, prayers, cards, and food while I was in the hospital and recovering at home. You are very much appreciated.

John Nordman

Thank you to the carolers that came in December. I appreciate them very much and this made my day. Please continue to pray for healing.

Mary Ann VanZee

Inspiration Hills Camp

The summer camp brochures are out and camp registration begins in less than a month (on February 1st). So, we wanted you to know a couple things about camp reimbursement:

1. FRC will pay \$180 of Inspiration Hills camp registration for all members or regular attenders. This \$180 is the same amount for all camps (day, lodge, wilderness, saddle up, etc).
2. Inspiration Hills is encouraging online registration; so we assume almost all families will do this. Thus when registering online, indicate \$180 as the amount of the church scholarship. The camp will then bill FRC for this amount.
3. Please let Tanner or the church office know by e-mail the camp that you have registered your child for.
4. For the week of June 22nd-26th, there is a drop off spot in Sioux Falls for the day camp. This drop off spot is right here at FRC.
5. Many camps fill up fast. We would recommend you register in early February to get your top choice of camp.
6. If you have any additional questions, please contact Tanner or Lisa.

Prayer Quilts

Do you know someone who is going through a difficult time and could use a prayer quilt but you aren't sure who to talk to about this? Donna Larsen has volunteered to be FRC's Prayer Quilt coordinator. So, please be sure and contact Donna if you would like to learn more about getting a Prayer Quilt hung for someone dear to you.

Also, if you are a quilter and want to become involved in making prayer quilts, the Prayers & Squares group will begin meeting again this spring.

FRC Youth Ministry

6th - 12th grade youth



Youth Sunday School
9:30 am each
Sunday morning
Breakfast will be served

Hy-Vee Card Sales

(Following the 8:30 service in the fellowship hall)
Jan. 12: DeWitt, M
Jan. 19: Groen
Jan. 26: Erickson
Feb. 02: Huls

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH
STUDENT & PARENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING
& REGISTRATION NIGHT
RESCHEDULED FOR JAN. 15TH AT 7:15PM
LOCATION: HS YOUTH ROOM
FOLLOW SYNODYOUTH.ORG TO REGISTER YOUR HS SON OR DAUGHTER**

Parables
Wednesday Night
Youth Group Series
MS Youth 6:15-7:45PM
Free Dinner 7:15-7:45PM
HS Youth 7:15-9PM
First Reformed Church
4800 S Tomar Rd | SF, SD
East Entrance

Rocky Mountain High 2020
July 24 - 29
LEARN MORE ON FRC'S WEBSITE UNDER THE "YOUTH" SECTION

"Igniting a fellowship of youth to grow and share the love of Christ."



RESTORATION GENERATION

date night 2020
COMEDY

A COMEDY EVENT FOR COUPLES
the skitguys

WITH SPECIAL GUEST JONNIE W.

\$15 PER PERSON

THURSDAY **JANUARY 23** / FRIDAY **JANUARY 24**
7-9PM / 7-9PM

TICKETS: **RESGEN.ORG**

CENTRAL CHURCH
3102 W RALPH ROGERS RD
SIOUX FALLS, SD
NO CHILDCARE PROVIDED



RESTORATION GENERATION

RES GEN
MEN'S SUMMIT 2020

JONNIE W. COMEDIAN

SAMMY ADEBIYI SOMA CITY PASTOR

CHRIS BROUSSARD FOX SPORTS ANALYST

STUART HALL RETHINK GROUP

JASON WILSON THE UNION FOUNDER

TOM HENDERSON RES GEN FOUNDER

SATURDAY JANUARY 25
8AM - 2:30PM **COST \$40**
INCLUDES LUNCH

TICKETS: **RESGEN.ORG**

CENTRAL CHURCH
3102 W RALPH ROGERS RD
SIOUX FALLS, SD

The Treasurer's Report is not available online for the general public. FRC members can see a copy of the report in the My FRC section of this website.



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Here is the link to get this set up for FRC to receive donations from your purchases:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-6036730>

Each week, both worship services can be viewed live or any day of the week that works with your schedule. All links can be found on FRC's website.



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