



“The First Edition”

of First Reformed Church
Sioux Falls, SD

March 2019

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

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March

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

As our “Reflections...” series draws to a close, we turn our eyes to the strangely expectant journey of Lent. Like Advent, Lent holds a latent expectation - a yearning for something more – but unlike Advent, the joy of Lent is shrouded in supremely more melancholy embrace. Rather than the comfort of carols, angel anthems, presents, and family traditions, culminating in a meek and lowly stable birth, Lent paints a different picture. Lent walks the arduous road to Golgotha, characterized by ashes, fasting, self-discipline, and the seemingly insurmountable power of two wooden beams and a handful of nails.

The Gospel writer, Mark tells us that, “At the sixth hour, darkness came upon the whole land.”

And I can’t help but be reminded of the fateful yet bizarrely comforting and hopeful words of Psalm 23, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me.” As the sixth hour came and darkness covered the land, Jesus both literally and figuratively lived out David’s words... the shadow of death was suddenly more than words on a page. Its is from this shadow – the shadow of death – some of Jesus’ most powerful words came.

This season of Lent, we will spend some time in that Shadow, and experience, learn, and apply Jesus’ last words...

Pastor Ken

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

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FRC's Soup & Pie Supper

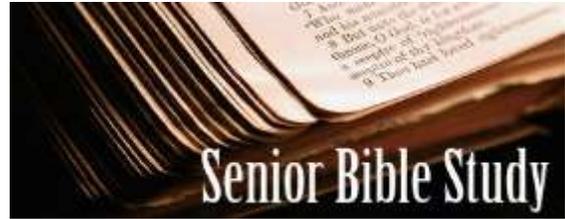
New Date: March 15th
4:30 - 7:00 pm
FRC Fellowship hall

Chili, Chicken Soup, Vegetable Beef Soup,
Barbeques, Pies & Desserts

Free will donation

All friends and family invited

We encourage you to share FRC's Soup & Pie Supper
Face book event page or
direct your friends to FRC's website for
information about the Soup & Pie Supper



Senior Bible Study

Monday, March 4th / 10:00 am
@ Meadowstone

Meets the 1st Monday of each month



**New Babysitting
Ministry**

A new **Babysitting Ministry** is starting at FRC. This is to provide our Young Adults group daycare here at the church while they attend their events and small groups.

We currently have multiple young families that would love to attend events together. Many of our young families have kiddos and our longing is that having kids is not a reason for them to stay home - so we want to offer babysitting that is safe and adult supervised so that these young adults can enjoy time together.

Although this ministry is in its planning stage, babysitting is already needed for the next Young Adult event, which is only a couple weeks away on Saturday, March 16th from 9:30 - 11:45 am.

Currently 15 kids (from ages 2 months to 6 years old) are in need of babysitting on March 16th. Therefore, we are in need of 4 or more individuals to help.

If you are interested in babysitting here at the church with other adults on March 16th, please contact Luke Boe (690-0624), Becky Hoelscher (951-4800), or Amy Drummond (359-7835).



Wednesday, March 6th
Ash Wednesday Service

6:15 pm
FRC Sanctuary

Please join us at **The Table** prior to the Ash Wednesday
Pizza will be served
5:30 - 6:15 pm in FRC's fellowship hall

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Caitlin Jonescheit
Emma Wynja
- 3 Jevaeh Foltz
- 5 Tim Klein
Austin Headley
- 6 Hannah Pickner
Gary Flemmer
LaJean Jensen
- 7 Theola Viet
- 8 Caroline Schoon
Kyler Lammers
- 9 Bob Graff
Dick VanHolland
Toby Hight
- 10 Duncan Boe
- 12 Avary Scholes
- 13 Alyssa Spaans
Laura Schoep
- 14 Linda Van Hulzen
Kaitlyn Drenth
- 15 Chelsea Sandahl
Ryan Postma
- 16 Paige VanderLinden
- 17 Mark VanDyk
- 18 Benjamin VerMeer
Mary Schoep
- 19 Diane Nagel
Patti Hooker
Greg Hegstad
- 20 Steve Kuck
Ann Flemmer
- 21 Gary Christensen
Matt Beal
Shelby VanderLinden
- 22 Wilmer Reinsink
Leah VandenBurg

- 24 Leanne Kriz
- 25 Cade
VanNiewenhuyzen
Marjie DeStigter
- 26 Samuel VerMeer
- 27 Jean Volkers
- 30 Cheryl Ageton
Harper Hutchinson
- 31 Jeff Hooker
Carol Yusten



Anniversaries

- 17 Tim & Cindi Klein
- 18 Lonnie & Ruth Buskohl
Van Gelder
- 29 Darrel & Marlene Kooi
- 30 Skip & Loretta Randall



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



Attention Couples

You are invited to join us at:

“Fight Right”

and no, you won’t be fighting here

March 10th, 17th, & 24th

9:30 - 10:15 am

Lower level multipurpose room

When you know how to fight a “good fight”, conflict becomes the price we pay for deeper intimacy. Fight Right ensures that every couple leaves with new tools to bring them closer together - tools they can use. At Fight Right, we will discover why we fight with the person we love the most and how to fight with the person we love the most.

What is Fight Right? Fight Right is a video series led by Les & Leslie Parrott that will be shown in 3 parts on 3 consecutive Sunday mornings.

Fight Right is humorous, authentic, practical, and relevant for couples of all ages from dating to being married 50 years.

And, to make it easier for parents with young children, we will be showing Fight Right on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour. Plus, we will have a staffed nursery as well.

If you are a parent of a nursery age child and interested in nursery for your child during Fight Right, please contact Lisa Drenth in the church office to make sure we have the nursery sufficiently staffed.

So, mark your calendar

You won’t want to miss “Fight Right”



VBS 2019

June 9th - 13th

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Ages 4 years old to

5th grade

Registration and volunteer sign ups coming soon



2019 Summer Camp

Kids: It is time to register for summer camp!

Inspiration Hills has many summer camp options for kids 1st - 12th grade. For more information, pick up a brochure in the fellowship hall or visit: www.inspirationhills.org. And, for camp:

1. FRC will pay \$180 of Inspiration Hills camp registration for all members or regular attenders. This \$180 includes day camp.
2. Parents seeking this gift for their camper need to turn in a hard copy registration to the church office by April 10th. The church office will send in the registration form and payment to Inspiration Hills . We do not recommend this option-but if you register online and seek to be reimbursed the \$180 you have to hand in your receipt to the church office by April 11th.

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 Sunday morning
from 9:30 - 10:15 am**

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

Here is what the kids will be studying in March
 God is special and can change us
 God is our defender
 God speaks so we listen for him
 God is real

And, as a reminder, NO Sunday School on the last
 Sunday of the month, or in March
 on March 31st



Wednesday Evenings

The Table

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

March Menu:

- March 6th: Pizza
(served by Volunteers)
- March 13th: Breakfast for supper
(served by Connect team)
- March 20th: Walking tacos/nachos
(served by Worship team)
- March 27th: Sloppy joes/coney dogs
(served by Operations team)



Ages K - 5th grade

Wednesday's from 6:15 - 7:45 pm
 Meets in the lower level of the Education wing
 Come and join us as we use object based learning to experience the Bible and compare it to every day life. Plus, each week there are special activities, including crafts and games.

Special Night Coming Up in March:

- March 13th: **Boys Potato Derby**
Girls Movie Night



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



Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 21 - 10:00 am

This year FRC will once again be having an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday between services. Since Easter isn't until April 21st, we won't be putting donation tubs out for candy and looking for volunteers until mid March.

However, we wanted you to be aware of this as you are making plans for Easter & even purchasing candy.

Notes From FRC Deacons

Weekly Averages through January 31, 2019

General & Capital Improvements Fund

2019 Budget: \$12,063.32
 Receipts: \$11,290.54
 Expenses: \$10,862.36

Building Debt Reduction

2019 Budget: \$ 799.62
 Receipts: \$ 792.00

Monthly Special Offering

\$1,201.00 was donated by the Congregation for the January special offering to CASA. Our sincere thanks to all who donated.

2019 Special Offering Schedule

March - Inspiration Hills

April - Youth for Christ (D Kimpson)

May - City Church

June - Union Gospel Mission

July - Center of Hope

August - Hope Haven

September - Steve & Brittany M

October - Diana Langerock

November - Open

December - West Haven/Robins Nest Orphanages

To donate, please use one of the "Special Offering" envelopes located at the entrances or in the pews.



Looking for Brass Players

Can you play a brass instrument?

We are looking for people who would to be a part of a brass ensemble this Easter Sunday.

If you would like to play your brass instrument in this ensemble, contact Pastor Ken asap so that he can get the music and practice times to you.



Young Adults Laser Tag @ Air Madness

Saturday, March 16th
 10:15 - 11:15 am

See FRC's Young Adult face book group page for more information and to sign up (only 9 spots left)

Thank You

Thank you for all the words of concern, cards, and to Pastor Steve for visiting and praying with Leo and I before and after my surgery. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness at this time. My recovery is going well. God watches over us.

Pat Bosma

Prayer Requests

Can we pray for you?

To make it more convenient for you, we have added a couple additional opportunities for you to submit your prayer requests.

You can:

1. Submit your prayer request online on FRC's website under the "Connect" and "Prayer" tabs.
2. Fill out one of the prayer request cards in the pews and place this in the offering plate or the "Prayer Concerns" box in the front foyer. There are also additional prayer request cards by the box as well.



Prayer Groups

Everyone is invited to join these prayer groups which meet in FRC's Prayer Room

Every Wednesday: 6:30 am

Early Morning Prayer Group

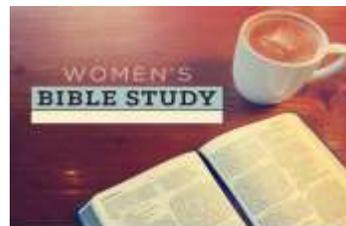
Every other Wednesday: 5:30 pm

March 13th & March 27th

Men's Prayer Group

Contact Lyle Kroon to learn more about a prayer group

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

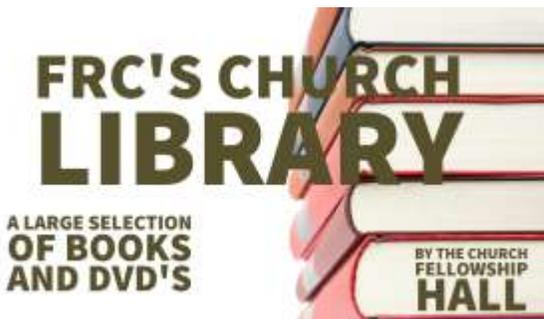
Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month

The Esther Circle will meet at 6:30 pm on Thursday, March 21st in the church fellowship hall. They are studying "When God Doesn't Fix It" by Laura Story. Contact person is Jean Volkers (jevolkers@hotmail.com or 605-929-4786).

Faith Circle Bible Study

Meets the 4th Thursday of the month

The Faith Circle will meet in March at 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 28th at Gravel Road Blend (Schoeneman's strip mall) in Harrisburg. They are studying "Embracing God's Grace" This study focuses on Colossians and Philemon. Contact people for the Faith Circle are Donna Larsen or Chrystal Poppen.



Don't Forget to "Check Out" FRC's Church Library

located on the east side of the fellowship hall

New This Month in the Library

- "Mind Games - Kaely Quinn Profiler" by Nancy Mehl
- "Auschwitz Lullaby" by Mario Escobar
- "The Kremlin Conspiracy" by Joel Rosenberg
- "Beneath the Scarlet" by Mark Sullivan

All books and DVD's in the library are available to be **checked out** for 4 weeks

Note from Pastor Steve

Dear Friends in Christ,

Janet and I desire to clarify, to the extent that we can, our future with you and to insure that all of the church family has the same information. We have discussed this with others periodically but it is important that you all be made aware.

First, we have no specifics to share at the present time. I think most are aware that our acreage has been for sale. We made this decision last year and placed our home on the market the first part of November. It was to be listed the end of July but the weather did not cooperate with the contractors and some of the projects that needed to be completed. At first this listing was a fleece of sorts in that we had felt God's nudging and were discerning what God might have for us in the future. We had not thought out the details yet, but we did know that there was a good market for acreages so we decided to take that step.

Secondly, Janet and I want to make certain that you understand that no situation here at this local church, no staff, no leaders, no members, nothing happened on your part that caused this decision. You have been family and many of you have been involved in our life shortly after we were married in 1986. We have a long history with you and a wonderful history. Changes that we have experienced in our family, the mission call (Steve and Brittany), grandchildren (Michael and Sonya), and now Joel and Haley and their soon to be wedding (possible future relocation to Wisconsin) have had influence on Janet and I to a greater degree than we could have ever anticipated.

Over Christmas the entire family, along with spouses and future spouse, were gathered and we shared our thoughts with them to relocate and to retire from formal ministry. They have encouraged us to do this and they have encouraged us to explore NE Wisconsin. They have encouraged us to examine the possibility of securing what the northern lakes people often call a "Legacy Cabin." In short a place where the family can congregate and fellowship together. This concept is not new to our family as Janet's parents (Bill and Lorraine) had a place they called "Relatives Roost and Friends" in the Aitkin Lakes Region of Northern Minnesota. Their extended families and friends shared wonderful memories of togetherness there.

I am a few years away from retirement. As most of you know, I stepped away from ministry for 3 years while I worked in human services in Aitkin, MN around the year 2000. (A total unplanned event) I have been intrigued by those years. There is an itch that both Janet and I have to explore-life outside of the traditional church ministry setting. The series that we completed on Sunday "We are church" is a series from Francis Chan in which he is reminding us that "we are church" and that we are called to the missional model and in this model some may be called to invite others to a home fellowship group in order to reach those who might not desire to be part of traditional or institutional church setting. To carry this specific mission out it requires the leader find employment and become self-supporting. As Janet and I look at communities in NE Wisconsin, "We are church" is certainly on our minds. I find it interesting that Great Lakes Church Planting (GLCP) had us tour this area back in 1997 to scout out a possible site for a future church plant.

I have said too often, "Someday." I have been reminded here by many of you, "Someday has arrived." In other words, if God has placed these passions on our heart, we probably need to take steps to pursue them now. That we will do.

We covet your prayers and it is our hope that this spring and summer will make clearer our vision. Ultimately it is God's timing and not ours.

*In the love of Christ,
Pastor Steve and Janet*



New Members Class

Sunday evenings for 4 weeks
 Dates Changed to:
 March 24th, 31st, April 7th, & April 14th
 5:00 pm
 Class location: Pastor Ken's house

Due to several weeks of bad weather, we have moved the beginning date of the New Members class to Sunday, March 24th .

So, if you have been thinking about being a part of the class you still can join in. In this class you will have a chance to meet staff and leaders of First Reformed as well as learn more about what First Reformed Church is all about. And, just because you attend this class, this does not mean you have to make a commitment to becoming a member.

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

7th Annual Living Stone Banquet

Thursday, March 14th / 6:30 pm
 Bethany Reformed Church, Canton, SD

It will be a night filled with yummy food, great entertainment, and fellowship

RSVP by March 7th if you can come so we can plan on how much food to have
 Call or text 605-366-3624

Pastor Jason will be giving a ministry update on Living Stone's activities at the prison and we will hear from a few former inmates how God has used the ministry to encourage and strengthen their Christian journey

ERNIE HAASE + SIGNATURE SOUND
Live IN CONCERT
 Saturday, April 27th 6:00 p.m.
 Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
Sioux Falls First Church
 6300 W. 41st Street
 Sioux Falls, SD
 Tickets Available at Crossroads Bookstore, iTickets.com
 Or by calling 605-359-7284
CORVEX productions
www.erniehaase.com



Ministry Vision Dinner

Monday, March 18th / Doors open @ 6 pm
 Meal: 6:30 pm / Presentation to follow

The presentation will focus on the camp ministry and highlight Journey Camp for at-risk children

Meal is free, RSVP required

Free will offering will be received for Journey Camp scholarships

RSVP by calling (712) 986-5193 or emailing: ihills@inspirationhills.org

Furniture Mission Ladies Night Out

Friday, April 5th / 6-9 pm
 Hilton Garden Inn Downtown / Sioux Falls

Dinner, dessert, & refreshments
 Introduction to the Furniture Mission
 Silent auction items

Tickets: \$45 each or \$400 for a table of ten
 Purchase tickets by emailing: admin@furnituremission.org

Youth Ministry Auction & Dinner
 First Reformed Church Sioux Falls
 Saturday, April 6th
 4:30-7:30pm

Dinner is free will donation [suggested \$10/adult & \$5/kids]: 4:30 to 6:00 PM
 Dinner is a taco bar with food from Rudy M. Navaratte’s Tex – Mex Restaurant
 Silent Auction: 4:30 to 6:00 PM Dessert Auction: 6:00 to 6:15 PM
 Live Auction BEGINS after Dessert Auction

To make the Youth Ministry Auction a success we need everyone’s help

Funds raised will go towards funding costs for the Mexico Mission Trip, Tennessee Mission Trip, Power Connection, & Inspiration Hills Summer Camp.

We are in need of silent & live auction donations and desserts

Silent auction item value: \$25-\$99

Live auction item value: \$100 & up

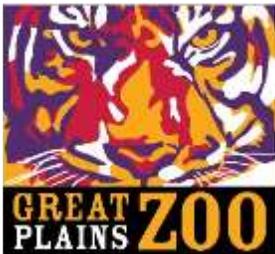
If you would like to make a donation for the auction or know of someone who would, please complete the form found at the bottom of this sheet & return it to Tanner by April 1st or email him at TannerM@firstreformedfsd.com

Please drop off donated items to the church office no later than Wednesday, April 3rd.

 I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE THE FOLLOWING ITEM(S) TO BE PLACED ON THE AUCTION:

Item(s) willing to donate: _____

A special THANK YOU to the following businesses that have donated to this year's auction fundraiser!



FRC Youth Ministry

6th - 12th grade youth



Hy-Vee Card Sales

(Following the 8:30 service in the fellowship hall)

- March 3: Klatt
- March 10: Klein
- March 17: Kriens
- March 24: Lammers
- March 31: Lias

Youth Group March Schedule

- March 6:** 5:30 - 6:15 pm - Pizza for dinner
6:15 pm - Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 pm - Youth Group
- March 13:** Youth Group at regular times
- March 20:** MS Youth group
HS at Rocky Event at NWC in Orange City
HS leave at 5:30, arrive back before 11 pm
- March 27:** Youth Group at regular times

**Retreats and Mission Trips
Summer 2018**

MS Power Connection / July 26-28, 2019
Applications due March 13th
Cost \$165
Register at: <http://apps.synodyouth.org/form/pc>

HS Mexico Mission Trip / July 13 - 20, 2019
Applications due March 13th
For those going to Mexico, a copy of your passport or driver's license is due to Tanner by March 13th
Contact Tanner with any questions on any of the trips

Youth Ministry Auction & Dinner
Saturday, April 6th
4:30-8pm

Youth Auction
Saturday, April 6th

Reminder:

Each youth family is asked to donate one silent auction item and/or one live auction item

Each youth family is also asked to seek donations from 5-10 businesses

Donations are to be at the church no later than March 28th

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

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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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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