



“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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New Year – How’s Your Mindset?

It’s the New Year. 2016 is in the past. Time to flip the calendar-for those of you that write checks, remember we’re in 2017 now. Here are some questions for you to ponder: Why do we make a big deal out of a new year? Is it the feeling of a fresh start? A new you? Will you make a New Year’s resolution this year? What will it be? Did it work out last year?

Just some thoughts...

As you look back at 2016, how has your faith grown within the last year? (We either take steps forward or we begin to fall back).

2016 has been the best year of my life. It’s the year Katie & I were joined in marriage-and what a joy married life has been. 2016 was my first full year of not being in the education system, and I’ve been enjoying that more than I thought I would. This past year was also my first full year on staff-which has brought many challenges and numerous joys. So for me, my faith has been challenged in the midst of all the change. In hindsight, I think the challenges that come with change are God’s way of helping me trust Him more.

From November 16th-20th Katie and I had the opportunity to travel to Cincinnati, Ohio for the National Youth Worker Conference. It was great to experience a city we had never been to, let alone be surrounded by 3,000+ other youth leaders in a convention center. The theme of the conference was called “Arise”. Here’s one of my favorite quotes from the weekend regarding this theme: *“To arise is to live on earth as it is in heaven. How you see heaven is how you live on earth.”* To how many of us is that a new idea? If that is a new idea-it’s time to arise out of a life that’s likely comfortable & begin truly living for God’s Kingdom. Heaven is to be lived out in us here on earth. We are called to be pockets of heaven here and now.

So my challenge for you in 2017, and after 2017, is to live out the mission of Jesus. To *arise*. To step out & step up. To remember that His mercies are new to you every morning, not just at the beginning of each year. To serve God’s Kingdom when you see or hear of an opportunity, instead of assuming someone else will step up - to be pockets of heaven here on earth.

I want to leave you with the words of the Apostle Paul:

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” –Romans 12:1-2

May the Lord continue to spiritually renew & transform your life.

Blessings to you & your family in 2017,
Tanner Mans



Sunday Worship:
@ 57th & Tomar
8:30 am
 Traditional Service
10:30 am
 Contemporary Service

@ The District
 (4521 W. Empire
 Place)
10:30 am

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



Movie Night



“I’m Not Ashamed”

Friday, January 27th

6:30 pm - Social time

7:00 pm - Movie begins

FRC lower large multipurpose room

Popcorn, nacho’s, snacks & water provided

You can bring a favorite snack to share too

Invite a friend to come with you

Free

“I’m Not Ashamed” is the inspiring and powerful true story of Rachel Joy Scott—the first student killed in the Columbine high school shooting in 1999. Devout teen Rachel Joy Scott shows compassion and love for her fellow students, until armed classmates enter Columbine High School on a fateful day that changes America forever. Her hopes and dreams seemed to end, but God was just getting started.

*Please note: This movie is rated PG 13
Parents, please determine if this movie is
appropriate for your child*

A “kids” movie for the younger children will be shown in the theatre room at the same time.

To learn more about “I’m Not Ashamed” go to:
<https://imnotashamedfilm.com>



New Members Class

Sunday mornings for 6 weeks

beginning January 8th

9:30 - 10:10 am

If you are interested in learning more about what First Reformed Church is all about, we will be holding a new members class on 6 Sunday mornings beginning on January 8th. All are welcome. 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.



Worship at the District

Thank You Lunch

January 29, 2016

11:30 am

FRC lower level large multipurpose room

- For:
- *Those who have been involved with the District’s worship service
 - *FRC’s leadership
 - *FRC’s Worship & Outreach teams
 - *Those members interested in hearing the open discussion from District worshippers that we can take and help with moving forward in 2017

The District’s last worship service will be on January 22, 2017

We as a church and Consistory share with the District team a hope for future possibilities of outreach and campus ministry. Thank you for your commitment to Worship at The District these past couple of years.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Kelly Whitsell
- 3 Les Lameyer
Dan VerMeer
Kenzie Kaschmitter
Avery Kaschmitter
- 4 Mikayla Christensen
Al Kuper
Adam Scholes
- 5 Whitt Murray
- 7 Loretta Randall
Pastor Ken Eberline
Esia Erickson
- 8 Larry Kaschmitter
Tom Cauwels
Ryan Landeen
- 9 Dennis Jensen
Micah Van Hemert
Scott Weinacht
- 11 Neal Landeen
Evan Headley
- 13 Mike DeWitt
- 14 Amanda Hanten
LouAnn
Zevenbergen
- 15 Sharon Kroon
Mark Volkers
- 16 Caleb Van Hemert
- 17 Pastor Steve Anthes
Miranda Scholes
Candy Volkers
- 18 Nathan Spaans
- 19 Karen Dolge
- 20 Doug Sadler

- 21 Jane Dannen
Carole Hughes
- 22 John Nordman
- 23 Wes Terpening
Kim Lee
Bev Bolton
- 24 Travis VanGinkel
- 25 John De Vos
Camryn
VanNiewenhuyzen
- 27 Kinsey Jones
- 28 Gene Wubben
Matt Nelson
- 29 Allen Bobeldyk
Jeremy Lundgren
- 30 Travis Dykstra
- 31 Len Van Den Hoek
Vern Dykstra



Anniversaries

- 2 Scott Wick & Jo Beal
- 17 Ken & Linda Veenhof
- 18 Mike & Karen DeWitt
- 20 Bob & Carrie Brandsma
- 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

Each of these people will serve on Consistory for a 3 year term beginning January 2017

New Elders



Galen VerSteeg

Galen is married to Jane and does volunteer work at Center of Hope and Feeding South Dakota.



Darcy VanGorp

Darcy is married to Diane and is owner of ABC Rentals.

New Deacons



Bill Blewett

Bill is married to Michelle and works as a trust officer at First National Bank.



Jay Headley

(Consecutive Term)

Jay is married to Rochelle and is VP of Finance for Dakota Resources.

Small Group Opportunities



Women's Bible Study Groups

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

Esther Circle Bible Study

(Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month)

The Esther Circle will meet on January 19th @ 6:30 pm at church. We will be starting the book: "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs. This month we will be studying Eve. All women are invited for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. No preparation is necessary.

Faith Circle Bible Study

(Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month)

The Faith Circle will be meeting on Thursday, January 26th at 6:00 pm at Chrystal Poppen's house. They will be studying lesson 10.



Senior Bible Study

10:00 am @ Meadowstone

February 6, 2017

10:00 am

Meets the 1st Monday of the month

Prayer Groups

Everyone is invited to join these prayer groups held in the church prayer room

Every Wednesday: 6:30 am

Early Morning Prayer Group

Every other Wednesday: 5:30 pm

January 18th & February 1st

Men's Prayer Group

Contact Lyle Kroon to learn more about a prayer group



Each Wednesday evening
Serving 5:45 - 6:15 pm
in the church fellowship hall

January's Menu & Who is Preparing:

January 11- *Hot Ham & cheese* - Education team

January 18 - *Lasagna & chicken alfredo* - Choir

January 25 - *TBD* - Outreach team

And, of course, we will have hotdogs at every meal
Free will donation



Ages K - 5th grade
Wednesday's from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Adventure Kids returns on January 11th after the holiday break. Come and join us as we use object based learning to experience the Bible and compare it to everyday life.

Bingo Night is February 15th, and we are looking for Bingo prizes. If you have prizes to donate, set them in the kitchen or give them to Courtney. Please make sure you indicate they are for Bingo night.



NEW

Ladies Wednesday Evening Study

The Armor of God

beginning January 18th

All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you - unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: Your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny.

But his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, this study is for you.

Ladies, join us for 7 Wednesday evenings as we study: *The Armor of God*.



Sunday Mornings

Don't miss out on:

Sing n Sprout - Toddlers - Pre K
(During both services)

Children & Worship - Ages K-2nd Grade
(Children will be dismissed during worship)



Sunday School

Ages 3 years old - 12th grade
9:30 am - 10:10 am

Serving Opportunities



Little Free Library

As an outreach to our community, especially our neighborhood, we are making plans for a “Little Free Library”.

The mission first and foremost is to bring the good news of God to those who visit this library.

We want to offer Bibles both the total Bible and the new testament alone. Religious tracts, children’s books about familiar Bible stories, as well as contemporary books. All of this is offered to the readers at no expense.

The placement will hopefully be along the East driveway back from 57th Street. We are waiting for city ordinance approval.

If you have books for us to put in the Little Free Library we will have a box in the fellowship hall to place them.

We have a church member who is giving an initial number of Bibles as a contribution. Gordon Poppens is building the “Library” as well as the base for it. It is in the shape of a Church.

We especially need children’s religious books. The Dollar Store at 41st and Minnesota often has both inspirational and Bible story books for \$1. We will need replacement books on a continual basis. Thank you for your help on this.

Any questions, contact Ethel Marshall, Gordon Poppens, or Nancy Westra.



Homes of Hope Mexico Mission Trip March 4-11, 2017

Would you like to help change the lives of this family?

We are looking for people who would like to help build this family’s new home.

From March 4th-11th, FRC’s group will travel from Yuma into Mexico each day and not only build a home for this family but also change their life and at the same time your life will be changed as well.

Is God prompting you to take the time to do this?

If you are interested or would like to learn more about this mission opportunity, contact Steve (759-8973) or Patti (310-2183) Kuck. To learn more about this ministry go to: christiansinmexico.com.

Friday Night Meals @ Pettigrew Heights

Friday, January 27, 2017

FRC continues to serve monthly at Pettigrew Heights. If you are interested in helping serve or to provide food in December, contact Kurtis Kyser (929-7722) or Janet Anthes (254-5646).



Sunday School Teachers needed for the months of February and March. Contact Janet if you can teach one Sunday or even the whole month

Regarding the Prayer Line and Prayer Concern Sheet

Prayer lines, prayer emails, prayer concern sheets to the congregation has to be done much differently than years ago. It is true that HIPPA law technically does not apply to the church, only to health care facilities, but many denominations warn that the church needs to respect the privacy of their members and the church is not exempt from lawsuits if we publish or report medical situations of our membership without proper permission. *We cannot publish or place on any media site any information pertaining to our members, informatively, or regarding medical procedures or updates, unless the church office is notified directly by the individual or immediate family member.* A member cannot inform us that their best friend is having surgery and expect the staff or office to respond. Only the individual or the immediate family care giver can inform the church. If a member emails an update to the office that member must use their full name at the bottom of the email. bart@packersfan.com is not enough! It must include your full name after the information and again that name needs to be the individual or immediate family member.

At times a person might inform the pastor to update the situation upon a visit at the hospital and this constitutes permission, but this has to be communicated specifically. *Instead of outdated information while waiting for an update we will now remove all information if we do not receive proper permission.* You all need to understand that more and more of our members are having surgeries (often same day) and they are choosing not to inform the congregation. Do not be critical of the church office or the staff for not publishing this information or updating the concern. We have many who are choosing to keep matters private, or simply notifying a few close to them. That is totally understandable and we will not act on this information.

Before you announce during prayer time in worship that "Gladys is having surgery on Tuesday," please be sure you have asked Gladys. This has happened here more than once. If you think you need updated information than you need to call or contact the individual yourself and if you are uncomfortable doing this, maybe you just keep the matter in prayer and consider their right to privacy. Yes, there have been times here when information got out and the person did not desire that to happen. That places me in an awkward situation. Thank you.

Pastor Steve

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

New Youth Fundraiser

Beginning

January 11th

Cookie Dough Sales

Cookie Dough Order Form

Name: _____ Salesperson: _____

Phone: _____ Paid: Yes or No (Please circle yes or no)

___ Dozen times \$5.00 = ___

___ Tubs Times \$10.00 = ___ *Return order to Tanner by Feb 15th*

(Makes 3 dozen)

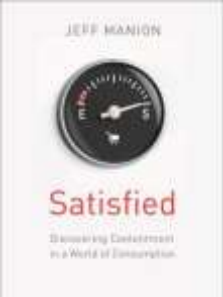
Total Cost = ___

Pre-balled Choc Chip Cookies Only | Pick up dates: Feb 23-26th

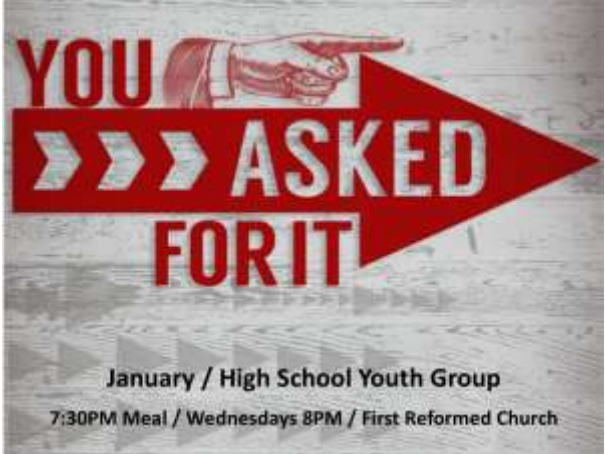
FRC Youth Ministry

6th - 12th grade youth

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



Youth Bible Studies each Sunday
 Time: 9:30 - 10:10 am
 Location: Youth Room
 Breakfast will be served 😊
 Studying: "Satisfied" by Jeff Manion




January / High School Youth Group
 7:30PM Meal / Wednesdays 8PM / First Reformed Church



4th - 6th Grade Winter Retreat
 February 17-19 @ Inspiration Hills
 \$70 / Deadline February 3
 Register @ www.inspirationhills.org

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Weekend Retreat
 February 17-19 @ First Reformed Church, SF
 Grades 9 - 12
 Cost \$50
 Apply at www.crossroadstec.com
 Contact Tanner to learn more



Rocky Mountain High
2017

Rocky Mountain High
 July 21-July 26, 2017
High Schooler's
 Estimated Cost: \$500
 Does not include Rec PLUS activities
 Register today!
 Go to <http://apps.synodyouth.org/form/rmh>

Middle School Youth Group
 Series Beginning Jan 4th

There is ONE God. ONE way to Him.
 ONE family united under His banner.
 And ONE mission we've been entrusted with.



Hy-Vee Card Sales

- 01/15: VanHemert
- 01/22: Wynja
- 01/29: Albers
- 02/05: DeBulten

2017 Offering Envelopes

2017 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

\$854.00 was donated by the Congregation for the November special offering to Community Outreach. Our sincere thanks to all who donated.

2017 Special Offering Schedule

- January** - Curt VanEkeren (Homes of Hope)
- February** - Center of Hope
- March** - Union Gospel Mission
- April** - Inspiration Hills
- May** - Living Stone Ministry/Corner Stone Ministry
- June** - Lighthouse
- July** - Children's Inn
- August** - Hope Haven
- September** - Diana Langerock
- October** - Steve & Brittany M
- 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

Notes From FRC Deacons

Weekly Averages through November 30, 2016

General & Capital Improvements Fund

2016 Budget: \$11,285.65
 Receipts: \$ 9,631.96
 Expenses: \$10,455.25

Building Debt Reduction

2016 Budget: \$923.08
 Receipts: \$801.92

Thank You's

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and the prayer quilt. We appreciate them all.

Willis & Dorothy Neels

Thank you to everyone following the passing of my sister Jean Graff. A special thank you to Jim Westra and the Sunday School class. Have a Happy New Year.

Bob Graff

Thank you to those that made a phone call, or sent a card since my sister passed away.

Darrell , Benita, & Scott Weinacht

A special thanks for all your prayers, phone calls, and food brought in before, during and after my surgery. I appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you to Pastor Steve for the encouraging phone call. It is a great feeling of comfort for all your kindness.

John Nordman

Thank you to the congregation for the prayers and support I received during the course of my surgery a few weeks ago. The recovery and healing from surgery has gone well and it's now a matter of continuing to be patient adding foods back into my diet. Thanks for the many cards and well wishes I received. Thank you also to the choir for the generous Christmas card and gift of money. It's a joy being a part of the music ministry here with all of you.

Kim Mulder

I would like to say "thank you" for your support-from my cancer diagnosis, to surgery, then chemo, to now. Chemotherapy is done and my scans are clear! Amen! I feel so humbled and thankful for the many expressions of concern on my and my family's behalf. All of the prayers, cards, conversations, smiles, "thumbs up" signs have been so encouraging and uplifting. My life has been touched by so many of you and you have blessed me in so many ways. Thank you.

Jeff Spaans

We would like to thank our church family for all the thoughts and prayers during the passing of Earl's brother, Arlie. Wishing you a blessed Happy New Year.

Earl & Jackie Brown

We would like to thank our church family for all the prayers, visits, cards, food and gifts given to us in memory of Darrel's mother who went to her heavenly home at the age of 96 on December 1st. We truly were blessed.

Darrel & Marlene Kooi



January
Young
Adult Event

Laser Tag

Friday, January 20th

6:30 pm - Meal @ church

8:00 - 10:00 pm Laser Tag

Cost: \$20 for 2 hours of laser tag

Contact Lisa or Courtney ASAP if you are interested in laser tag so we can reserve your spot

If laser tag is not your thing, we will play games at the church following the meal. Or, you can just come for the meal too!

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 walk easier on slippery roads so others 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
- A message left on the church phone line
- KNWC radio or website
- KELO website



New Website in January

FRC will be launching a new website in January!

This new site will not only have a more modern look and be much more mobile friendly. It will include many more features including online giving, online signups, and additional features which we will be adding in the months to come.

However, there are a couple things you need to be aware of with the new website.

1. With the change over, there may be a period of out-age. So, don't be surprised if you are unable to go into FRC's website for a short period of time.
2. Each person will now have their own personal password to go into the "FRC Member" section. In order to access this section, you will need to "Log In and Register" your e-mail address. Please feel free to contact Lisa in the church office with any questions.



Coffee Fellowship

Will NOT meet in January

We will see you on February 21, 2017

Save the Date
Youth Fundraising Auction

April 29, 2017

It is not too late to start thinking about what you can donate!

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.



First Reformed Church

4800 S. Tomar Road, Sioux Falls SD 57108

Phone: 605-338-1553

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Website

Phone Prayer Line: 605-338-1553 Option #2

www.firstreformedsf.com

Email: office@firstreformedsf.com

The Consistory

**Elders
2017**

Tim Ageton
Mari Perrenoud
Carl Wynja, Vice President

2018

Earl Brown
Dennis Olsen, Clerk
Jim Westra

2019

Darcy VanGorp
Galen Versteeg

**Deacons
2017**

Judy Rall
Bill Schoep
Dana VanRoekel, Asst Treasurer

2018

Brandon Kinney
Timothy Klein, Treasurer
Linda Olsen

2019

Bill Blewett
Jay Headley



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Each week, all 3 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.

How to Contact your Church Staff:

Pastor Steve Anthes - Pastor of Education & Spiritual Growth - 351-2685; email: steve@firstreformedsf.com

Pastor Ken Eberline - Pastor of Administration & Worship - 261-3150; email: ken@firstreformedsf.com

Tanner Mans - Director of Youth Ministries - 370-2743; Email: TannerM@firstreformedsf.com

Lyle Kroon - Traditional Service Worship Coordinator - 335-1624; email: clam@firstreformedsf.com

Micah Reiersen & Tuakah Whiangar - Contemporary Service Worship Coordinators @ 57th & Tomar

Ryan Hutchinson - Worship Coordinator @ The District

Janet Anthes - Connection & Volunteer Coordinator - 254-5646; email: janet@firstreformedsf.com

Lisa Drenth - Office Manager - 338-1553; email: office@firstreformedsf.com



Sunday Morning Worship

@ 57th & Tomar:

8:30 am - Traditional Worship, 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship

@ The District:

10:30 am - Contemporary Worship (Final service: January 22nd)

For Children During Worship

@ 57th & Tomar:

In the Early Childhood Center located north of the sanctuary

For Infants - Toddlers: Staffed Nursery (During both services and Sunday School)

For Toddlers through Pre K: Sing n Sprout (Go immediately to the Early Childhood Center before each service)

or K - 2nd Grade: Children & Worship (Children will be dismissed during worship)

@ The District

Staffed Nursery and Children's Church

Deadline for article submission for the First Edition : The third Sunday of the month unless otherwise published.