

**Consistory Notes
February 15, 2023**

The Consistory meeting opened with scripture and prayer.

The elders reported the following: Jordan & Miranda Vos requested baptism for their daughter, Lena Jordan Vos with a date to be determined.

The deacon board shared the following:

January giving: General: \$33,427.93; Mission: \$1,225.00; Sunday School: \$82.75; Building: \$7.05 (Interest). Report from Building & Grounds. Tim Dunsbergen met with Alliant Energy for an energy audit on February 9. ADA compliant doors for the north doors of the Legacy Center from Walsh Door and Security for a bid of \$15,343 using three openers was decided on. Designation of our Easter offering will go ½ to East Jasper Christian Food Pantry & ½ to Samaritan’s Purse. Funding for ½ of the registration fees for church camps/youth retreats/FCA camps/trips this year was approved.

The full consistory reviewed the congregational needs and church family prayer needs.

Our shut-ins and nursing home residents were also lifted up in prayer.

Treasurer reports were read as printed and approved.

Committee reports: The Christian Education Committee reported that they will begin actively pursuing individuals for the Children’s Ministry Director. A report from the search committee was given on the search process. An update was also given about the Alliance of Reformed Churches and a Central Iowa Network.

God is good!

For the Consistory,

Pastor Tom

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
Children In Worship Activities—3 year old—Kindergarten are dismissed during the service and meets downstairs (stairs in the Gathering Place by the elevator)
*Cookies will be served in Children in Worship for 3 yrs.—Kindergarten

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY
God’s Little Wonders – 3 yr. – K– east side of basement
Faithseekers – 1st – 5th grade- west side of basement
Youth With Heart – 6th – 8th grade – upstairs - Lighthouse
Souls United – 9th – 12th grade – NE side of basement
Adult Sunday School – meets in the Legacy Center
*All classes begin after the morning worship at 10:45 a.m.
September—May

NURSERY INFORMATION

Please contact **Trisha Vander Molen or Kaila Harselaar** at **trishavk@hotmail.com or kswank15@outlook.com** if you would be willing to help out with this ministry!

A **nursery is provided from birth to age 3.** Our nurseries are located right next to the Welcome Center located on the south west corner of the sanctuary.

WAYS TO GIVE
Offering Boxes are at each of the door entrances
Securely Give Online at **www.sullyfrc.org**.
ACH Contributions - ACH Contributions are a convenient way to give directly from your checking account. Contributions are taken out the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Stop into the church office to pick up a form.
By **mail**

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Sunday, February 19, 2023
9:30 a.m.
Pastor Tom VandeBerg

Prelude *“This is My Song”*Praise Team
Welcome & Call to Worship
THE APPROACH TO GOD
*Songs of Praise *“A New Hallelujah”*
.....*“All Because He Lives, Amen”*
Worship Prayer
Children’s Message Jeff Knouse
3 yr. olds thru Kindergarten dismissed for Children & Worship Activities- Legacy Addition basement!
Announcements/Congregational Prayer
THE WORD OF GOD
Scripture 1 Kings 17 & 18 (pg.291)
Message ...**“Family Tree: Elijah—Holding Steady When Life Gets Crazy ”** Pastor Tom VandeBerg
THE RESPONSE TO GOD
*Closing Song *“Graves Into Gardens”*
*Benediction
*Response *“Sanctuary”*
POSTLUDE
*indicates you may stand if able

***Children’s activity bags** are available in the south coat rooms & wing.
***Coffee time** will be served in the Gathering Place this morning!
*The **AED Defibrillator is located in the church office on top of the office mailbox right inside the door to the right**

"OUR PURPOSE IS TO GLORIFY GOD AND SHOW PEOPLE THE WAY OF SALVATION IN JESUS CHRIST THROUGH PRAYING, PREACHING, TEACHING, WITNESSING, SERVING, AND GIVING WITH CHRIST-LIKE LOVE."

Impacting Lives for Christ

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Sunday, February 19
9:30 am **Morning Worship**—Pastor Tom VandeBerg
10:45 am **Sunday School** for all ages
5:00 pm **Impact youth group**
6:30 pm **Faithwalker's youth group**

Tuesday, February 21
1—4 pm **Sewing Days** in the Gathering Place

Wednesday, February 22
3:30-5:30 pm **STARS Afterschool Program**
5—7 pm **Lenten Pancake Night** in the Gathering PLace

LENTEN PANCAKE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
5 - 7 PM IN THE GATHERING PLACE
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SULLY

IHOP Pancakes with all the toppings: strawberries, blueberries, maple syrup, sorghum, whipping cream

Sausage links
Milk, juice and coffee
Freewill offering



6:15 pm **6th—8th grade Small group**—in the Well
6:30 pm **9th—12th grade Small group**—in the Lighthouse
Friday, February 24
7:30 am **Prayer Breakfast**
Next Sunday, February 26
9:30 am **Morning Worship**—Jeff Knouse
10:45 am **Sunday School** for all ages
5:00 pm **Impact youth group**
6:30 pm **Faithwalker's youth group**

UPCOMING EVENTS
Wednesday, March 8 will be our LAST STARS Afterschool Program with a family meal to follow.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

- Kathy De Jong** was admitted to Pella Regional Health Center on Wednesday, February 15. She is needing rehab to gain her strength back before returning home.

THOSE ATTENDING the Lake View Retreat—February 18—19

- Denali Winegar ~ Will Dykema ~ Ashton Rozendaal ~ Lola Razink ~ Asher Rozendaal ~ Karson Van Maanen ~ Rilynne Feenstra ~ Katelyn Nikkel ~ Bentlee Vos ~ Brooke Hardeman ~ Bristol Hardeman ~ Abigail Brand ~ James Roberts ~ Olivia Beyer**

MISSION WORK TRIP to Madisonville, Kentucky—February 18-25

- Gary & Dorothy Van Genderen, Denise Horman, Meldon Vos, Scott Van Kooten, Mark Scholten & Bruce Dunsbergen**

To make a prayer request—please contact your Care Team, Pastor Tom VandeBerg or the church office at 594-2935.



The youth groups from Sully CRC, Community Church and here at FRC collected food for the Salvation Army in Newton. This was sorted and delivered on Wednesday evening. The **total weight of our donations were 1,720 lbs.** Praise God! Thank you for your help!

OFFERING

Offering for the week of February 12 **\$15,772.38**

Weather related Announcements: in case of delays or closures, these will be announced via Facebook, email, text alerts and KCCI channel 8, WHO TV channel 13 and KGRN 1410 AM radio.

THE steadfast love OF
THE LORD NEVER CEASES.
HIS mercies NEVER come TO AN END:
they are new every morning:
GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

MORNING SCHEDULE

February 19	MORNING SCHEDULE	February 26
Shaleah J, Lisa D Asher S	NURSERY	Jamie D, Kaila H Tatum H
Parents: Brandon & Andrea V Storyteller: Brenda N Leader: Stephanie D	CHILDREN IN WORSHIP	Parents: David & Monica N Storyteller: Puppets Leader: Dawn S
Ruth R Nick DP	PROJECTION LIVESTREAM	Teryl VP Chad & Evan F
Side: Marlin VW Duane C Center: Joni C Wing: Doug H	USHERS	Side: Hannah DP Rylan J Center: Payton S Wing: Don N
Valet: Jeremy VM	VALET PARKING	Valet: Mason D
Nathan & Steph Y	COFFEE TIME SERVERS	Randy & Shelly R

INFORMATION

BE THE LIGHT
SUMMER 2023

summer camp registration is **OPEN!**

Summer Lake View Camp Registration is open NOW!
Lake View Camp registration forms will be handed out in the Sunday school classes or can be picked up in the church office. **Early bird registration due by May 1.** For returning camper families, watch for an email with info on your login and reminder on how to register online. For new camper families, go to **lakeviewconference.com/registration** for the link to register online and other info.
Our church will pay ½ the registration cost of one event for all those who attend FRC regularly. **INSTRUCTIONS** for registration are attached to each of the forms. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

“Family Tree: Elijah – Holding Steady When Life Gets Crazy”

1 Kings 17 & 18

Pastor Tom VandeBerg

9:30 a.m.

February 19, 2023

- *In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab son of Omri became king of Israel, and he reigned in Samaria over Israel twenty-two years. ³⁰ Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the LORD than any of those before him. ³¹ He not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him. ³² He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he built in Samaria. ³³ Ahab also made an Asherah pole and did more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger than did all the kings of Israel before him.*
- *Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word." 1 Kings 17:1*

1. The “_____” principle.

- *He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" ¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread." ¹² "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread-- only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it-- and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.'" 1 Kings 17: 12-14*
- **If you won't trust God now _____, you won't trust him _____.** *“She went away and did as Elijah had told her.”*
- **Are you _____ in a way that is becoming a _____ of how you live?**
- *“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38*
- **Elijah means “_____.”**
- *So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. ¹⁷ When he saw Elijah, he said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of*

Israel?" ¹⁸ "I have not made trouble for Israel," Elijah replied. "But you and your father's family have. You have abandoned the LORD's commands and have followed the Baals. ¹⁹ Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table." ²⁰ So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. ²¹ Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing. 1 Kings 18:21

2. There's only room for _____. The people don't think they've rejected God.

- "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." Matthew 6:24
- "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." James 1:8 ^{KJV}
- ³⁶ At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. ³⁷ Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again." ³⁸ Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. ³⁹ When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The LORD-- he is God! The LORD-- he is God!" 1 Kings 18:36-39

Anything we let take the place of _____ in our lives is

_____.

Baal can be:

- A relationship that _____
- A lifestyle that keeps you from being _____ to the poor
- A _____ or _____ that you know God wants you to give up
- A _____ against someone who has really _____
- A struggle with _____ and the power it has over you—maybe the stubborn will to say, “I want to be in _____ of my own life. I want to _____.”
- Anything that is _____ your devotion from God.