

Highlights at FRC



The flowers displayed at our Welcome Center were a gift from PGA golfer Phil Mickelson to Jane, Michael, and Ellie Greller upon the passing of former FRC elder John “Bear” Greller.



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THE LEADING EDGE

PASTOR TIM BREEN

I'm not sure what the Breakfast Lady's official title was. I'm sure that at some point in her career at the Embassy Suites of Phoenix-Tempe, the Breakfast Lady had received some technical designation. *Coordinator of Guest Experiences* or maybe *AM Shift Hospitality Manager*.

But to me, she was the Breakfast Lady. And on each morning of my stay at the hotel, I grew more impressed—and convicted—by her work.

Every day at around 7 AM, the Breakfast Lady appeared in the small dining area of our hotel. Sometimes, she carried a pot of coffee and offered refills to the guests. At other times, she busied herself clearing the hotel's tables of cups and dishes. But it wasn't what was in the Breakfast Lady's hands that inspired me. It was what was on her heart.

Each conversation the Breakfast Lady shared with the Embassy Suites' guests turned to the same topic: *When will you be back?*

Did you know, she carried on excitedly, that every one of the rooms in this hotel is going to be remodeled? Next time you're here, this whole place is going to be different! New carpet! New paint! New TV's! In fact, if you pop your head inside Room 180, you can see what they'll all look like. They've got that one done as a prototype. So when will you be back to see our new place?

After breathlessly extolling the virtues of the soon-to-be-redesigned hotel, the Breakfast Lady moved a couple of tables down and repeated the same thing. Almost word for word, *Did you know that this entire hotel is going to be remodeled? The carpet, the bathrooms, everything. Even the TV's! You should go and check out Room 180. That's what all of them will look like! How soon can you come back?*

I must have heard this message twelve times over three mornings. Same script. Same details. Same enthusiasm. She didn't care that she was repeating herself. That was exactly the point!

As I listened to the Breakfast Lady, I began to dream of a time when FRC would have this kind of passion and dedication to the gospel message. *When can you visit our church again? Did you know that Jesus is making this world new? Let me introduce you to my friend who has been transformed by the Lord. She is an example of what God's grace can do! Let me tell you more!*

The Breakfast Lady may have had another title, but I knew her identity. She was a *witness*. An evangelist for her team, her organization, her community. As a congregation that claims Witness Identity as a core priority, I hope that we can have the same passion for telling about the work of Jesus Christ? Let's speak positively about our church and hopefully about what is yet to come!



Hello, my name is Kathy Alons. I have been working as the Assistant Children's Ministries Director since January. It has been a time of joy and fun being with the children. Sarah Kuiper is wonderful to work with, is energetic, and has creative ideas for lessons and activities. My background is in elementary education so being with children is a wonderful fit for my interests and experience.

I am married to Doug Alons. Doug is the Operations Director at Northwest REC. We have two married children: Megan and her husband, Kevin Ohrlund, and Keaton and his wife, Gabby.

STAFF TRANSITIONS...

My name is Terri Johnson and I am the Administrative Secretary here in the office. I'm the first face you'll typically see when you stop by, and mine is the voice you'll probably hear when you call on the phone.

I handle day to day tasks for the office as well as taking care of several of the church publications: The Pulse, the weekly bulletin, the Focus, the church directory, the Prayer Line, and the Milestone.

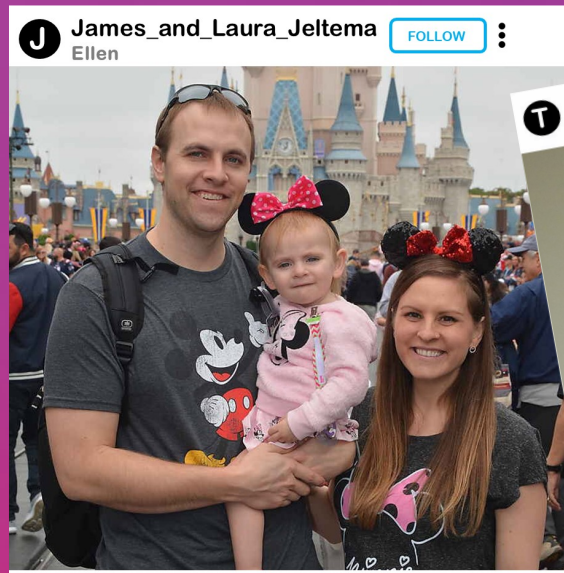
I most enjoy the interaction with staff and the FRC members who stop by the office.

I really feel like God led me to this position for a reason, so I am really excited to be here at FRC!




New Faces @ FRC

J James_and_Laura_Jeltema
Ellen



While James was raised in Orange City, Laura grew up in Cincinnati. The Jeltemas are expecting another daughter in July!

T DD_and_Dotty_Trost



DD and Dotty enjoy a multitude of activities: sporting events, gardening, their grandchildren's activities, singing, sewing, woodworking, crocheting, card games, reading books, and traveling. They have no problems keeping busy in retirement.

Y Kurt_and_Mallorie_Yeske
Sydney



The Yeskes enjoy spending time outdoors with their two wild dogs and their horses.

E Dean_and_Denise_Endrulat
Dustin, Annie, Krystal



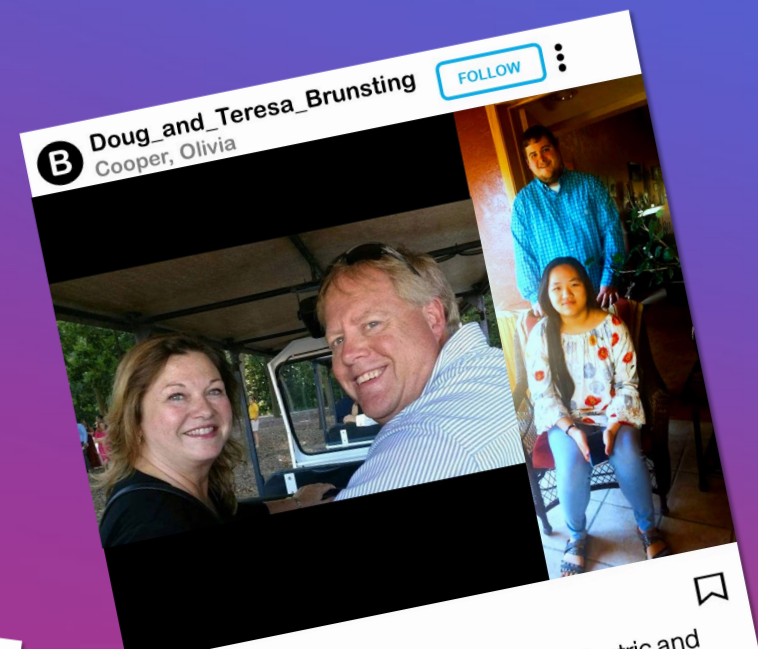
Dean is a veteran of Desert Storm who currently works at AIM Aerospace. Denise formerly served at Van Beek Natural Science. Dustin also works at AIM; Annie and Krystal both attend MOC-FV.

M Dave_and_Carla_McFarland



Dave and Carla love to travel, especially by motorcycle!

B Doug_and_Teresa_Brunsting
Cooper, Olivia




Doug is a Vice President at Interstates Electric and Teresa works at home. Cooper is completing his studies at USD; Olivia is a student at MOC-FV. The Brunstings love to mini-golf together as a family.

K Cory_and_Erica_Kats
Collin



The Kats family loves Marvel movies. Collin's favorite is Spiderman!

L Drew_and_Amanda_Lemke



Both Lemkes are music teachers at MOC-FV. They have a dog named Margie.

C Brent_and_Ellie_Carmichael
Carson, Chase, Colt



The Carmichaels love driving Jeeps through Michigan sand dunes.

Z Grant_and_Kate_Zeutenhorst
Claire, Stella



Grant grew up in Orange City and had been a member of FRCOC before moving to Idaho and meeting Kate. The Zeutenhorsts moved back to Iowa in 2018 to be nearer to family...and to the lakes!

HELLO WORLD!

NIKOLAS NONNEMACHER

BORN: APRIL 9
PARENTS: KARINA
AND DREW



ANNIE + ELIZA DYKSTRA

BORN: DECEMBER 5
PARENTS: SARAH
AND JONATHAN



WALKER POSTMA



BORN: MARCH 5
PARENTS: KRISTEN
AND JUSTIN

ADRIAN VANKEMPEN

BORN: APRIL 24
PARENTS: VANESSA
AND JOSH



ELSIE GOSLINGA

BORN: APRIL 28
PARENTS: KELLY
AND JOSH



MYAH VAN ROEKEL

BORN: MARCH 29
PARENTS: SARAH
AND DAN



OWYN HUITINK

BORN: MARCH 25
PARENTS: AMANDA
AND DARREN



upcoming events

June 9 Witness Day—9:30 AM

**June 16 Congregational Meeting Following
9:30 Worship Service**

June 23 Church Picnic

July 26-29 Power Connection

July 29 Church Golf Outing

August 19-20 Kids Connection Registration





Our ministry in Storm Lake, Iowa, continues to grow and thrive! At our Fiesta Roca Fuerte, we were able to raise sufficient money to purchase 3.8 acres of land for the new congregation's use. On May 5, we gathered on that piece of ground to cut the ribbon and celebrate all of the new and wonderful things happening around Ricky and Tery Sanchez. As the sending church of Solid Rock Ministries, we were also privileged to pack Gospel Boxes of toiletries and snacks to send to new and immigrating families to the Storm Lake community. We anticipate new and emerging opportunities in the days to come!



SOLID ROCK MINISTRIES
A MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY CHURCH



FAITH TRIP TO FRANCE

FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS JULY 16-23, 2019



Background

While there are many organizations offering retreats, trips, and service projects to many different areas, Youth Ministry Director Ross Enger was intrigued to learn in 2017 about the pilgrimage teenagers from around the world are making to the fraternal monastery in Taizé. With worship experiences like Rocky Mountain High and Hillsong Church being so well attended by teenagers, the great numbers of teens making the trip to Taizé is unique because there are no charismatic worship bands, speakers, or expensive stage designs. Instead, the focus at Taizé is on the contemplative daily prayer services and the workshops offered by various leaders from around the world. This emphasis on spirituality serves well our youth ministry's purpose and mission.



Purpose and Mission

Each year our youth ministry provides summer trips like Power Connection, YouthWorks, and Rocky Mountain High, to focus on our kids' spiritual growth and faith development in an unfamiliar environment. The location is important because when our kids are somewhere new, doing something different, God often shows up in new ways. That's why we've done things like lead Vacation Bible Studies in Jamaica, visited

nursing homes on an Indian reservation, and hiked mountains in Colorado. The surprising thing about this trip to France is that compared to other intentional trips we've done this is the most economical, as the cost of staying at Taizé is minor compared to the overhead required by a mission organization. However, the expense of these summer trips is often beyond the reality of what some families can afford. For that reason, as in years before, I will keep you informed our group fundraising efforts, and other prayer requests that arise as we plan for this trip.



KINGDOM PARTNERSHIP

Share with us a bit about your call to ministry and about your Orange City connection. Olivia attended Northwestern College where she studied Spanish Translation & Interpretation and Christian Missions. God used spring break and Summer of Service projects at NWC to transform the way Olivia viewed short-term missions. After that summer experience, the Council of Protestant Churches in Nicaragua invited Olivia to join their staff long-term. Around the same time the RCA was looking to appoint a missionary to help churches more deeply connect with their Nicaraguan partners. This was incredible confirmation of her call.

Then comes the fun part where Phil entered the picture. Phil read about Olivia's summer experience in Northwestern's Summer of Service brochure. Believe it or not, that's how we came to meet! Since then Phil has developed to his own ministry in discipleship and engineering.

To what purposes do you devote the most energy? While Phil continues to brush up on his Spanish, Olivia has been working to help churches get connected to the RCA's partner ministries on the ground. She is also focusing a good deal of her time on developing an internship program with the Council of Protestant Churches.

Can you describe some of the recent challenges in Nicaragua and how you are meeting them? Last year Nicaragua experienced significant civil unrest, leaving the country with uncertainty, societal tension, trauma, and a depressed economy. Many foreigners and Non-Governmental Organizations have pulled out and others remain wary of visiting. We are praying that God will send the right visitors to encourage the people here. A series of trauma-healing training events for pastors and community leaders has helped communities to reconcile and work through the pain of last year.

What kind of ministry blessings do you hope to see over the next five years? The RCA is financially supporting the work in seven communities. We are praying that RCA churches would come around these communities with deep love and encouragement, viewing the Council of Protestant Churches as their partner in ministering to the people of those communities. We also hope to see many young people being shaped through volunteer experiences that will prepare them for a life of service in God's Kingdom.

What is your primary prayer request in which the people of FRCOC can participate? Please pray especially that God would guide Olivia as she works to build a new program. It's a process that requires a lot of wisdom & discernment. Pray too that God would move amidst churches and volunteers to get back involved after last year.



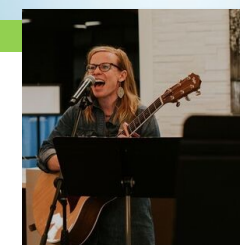
PHIL AND OLIVIA IEKEL
NICARAGUA



What We're Working On...

AMANDA HAVERDINK, WORSHIP COORDINATOR

This summer Amanda will be working ahead! For her, Christmas typically starts in July, so if you walk through the office and hear "Oh Holy Night" or "Joy to the World" in a unique way, you know she is cultivating next winter's services.

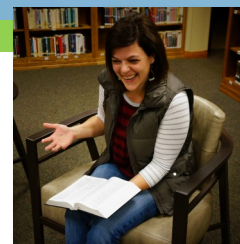


MARK HAVERDINK, PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Spring has sprung and with the warmer weather it fills my heart to see all the outdoor activity around the community. Bike rides, walks, going to the park, soccer, baseball and softball games, golf, camp-outs, back yard fires, and fishing trips all make for good times. On the horizon in the next few weeks and months will be the annual FRC church picnic on June 23 and soon after that the annual church golf outing in July. I hope you enjoy these beautiful opportunities God has blessed us with to enjoy his creation as well as one another.

MISSY DOKTER, DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Women's Ministries is under construction. What does that mean? Well, it means we are recruiting team members and scheduling planning meetings and committing to making the 2019-2020 ministry year the best yet! Sign up for the Soul Sisters re:Source (a digital weekly newsletter) by Emailing missy@frcoc.org, like the Soul Sisters Facebook page, and stay tuned for details about upcoming opportunities!!!

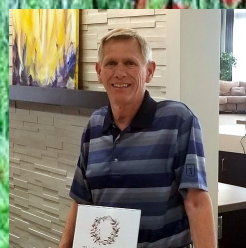
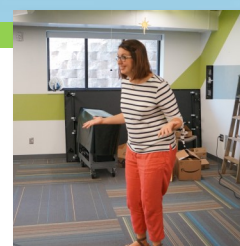


ROSS ENGER, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

After graduations this spring comes our summer youth ministry trip season. Our high school group will send a contingent to the Taizé community in southeastern France July 16-23. Check out the background information about this trip on page 9 of this Milestone. Our middle school ministry will send a group to Minneapolis July 26-29 for the Power Connection Youth Conference. Join me by praying for these trips.

SARAH KUIPER, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

It's hard to believe we are wrapping up our ministry year already! Throughout the summer, watch in the bulletins and through Facebook about some fun activities we have in the works to keep connected. I don't want to reveal ALL of our secrets, but watch for an outdoor family movie night complete with free popcorn and pop. I potentially have a few more events up my sleeve, but I want to keep you guessing!



KEN OLDENKAMP, CONNECTIONS TEAM LEADER

The connections team is looking forward to meeting many guests in the next few months. This summer, we are looking forward to meeting neighbors at our church picnic and we're envisioning a month to encourage the congregation to challenge themselves in different areas of their lives.