

First Reformed Church

905 Caldwell St, Aplington, IA 50604



Our prayer and request of God is that He would find First Reformed Church a pastor that would serve as the lead disciple of Christ abiding in him (John 15:9). Guiding the saints at First Reformed beginning with the consistory, other leaders and the congregation to be faithful to the great commission shining the light of Christ to all in Butler county and become in hope that all would be served.

Vision

Growing in Christ and Nourishing His World in Aplington and Beyond.

Mission

Our mission is to provide a warm, inviting, and loving environment to serve the Lord.

Our goal is to provide Biblical teaching, spread the Word of the Lord, grow as a congregation, and lead people into an ever growing relationship with Jesus Christ.



History



On April 23, 1908, the Pleasant Prairie Classis of the Reformed Church of America approved the organization of the First Reformed Church in Aplington. Our building was purchased in 1910 for \$850 and was given a thorough renovation. The church began to grow and became self-supporting in 1916. In the 1960s the church was completely remodeled and an addition was constructed. It was during this renovation that the church entrance was changed; sanctuary was

rearranged and a new kitchen, fellowship hall, bathrooms, Sunday School rooms, pastor's study etc. were added. The dedication of the building was held on October 11, 1964. A pipe organ was purchased in 1973. From there many other updates were made to keep up with the times. In 2022, after prayerful consideration, it was discerned by our congregation to take a step of faith and join the Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Church

First Reformed Church is part of the Alliance of Reformed Churches and provides worship to a small but growing congregation. (ARC21.org) On Sunday mornings, there's a time of fellowship and Sunday School classes after church. In our community, Wednesday evenings are designated as church night. Our church provides catechism/youth group for the high



school students. AWANAS is a community program available for Pre K- 6th grade. Student Connection is a community wide youth program which provides Herd for 5th-8th grade on Wednesday nights and 180 for 9th-12th grade on Sunday nights. The women's group of the church hosts monthly events for our

congregation. Our local churches work together to host Holy week services, church in the park, Vacation Bible School, and ministerial association. Missions supported by our church are two family missionaries, Kidquest (local Christian Daycare Center), Student Connection, and Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack. There is a parsonage located across the street from the church which is a two story home with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, and an attached double garage.



Community

Aplington is a great community of 1,100, nestled between the farm fields of northeast Iowa. It is located on State Highway 57, just 35 miles east from Interstate 35. We are "northeast Iowa's best-kept secret!" Aplington's downtown has many great businesses to offer for shopping, eating, and personal health. On the west side of town, there is a recreational complex that offers a 9 hole golf course, tennis courts, and a swimming pool. Within the town you can find a city park that offers shelter houses and a skate park. The Aplington – Parkersburg School district has upper elementary and middle school located in Aplington.

<https://www.aplingtonia.com/>
<https://www.a-pcsd.net/en-US>



Parkersburg is our neighboring community of 2,000. Recreational opportunities are plentiful, with a swimming pool, two golf courses, three parks, a fitness center, ball parks, and a campground, just to highlight a few. The downtown offers a great eating place, shopping, and healthcare. The lower elementary and high school are located in Parkersburg.

<https://www.parkersburgia.com/>



Ladies Night - BINGO



Sunday School Service Project



FMSC Mobile Pack



Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt

Calling Description

General Description

First Reformed Church is looking for a full or part time pastor that is a compassionate, humble servant, with strong communication skills to lead our congregation in our vision of outreach, ministry, and growth.

Essential Duties/Responsibilities:

- Preach and teach God's Word. Provide the framework to inspire and train ministry teams and congregational leaders. (2 Timothy 4:2, Ephesians 4:12)
- Encourage the congregation for mission work (Matthew 28:19)
- Provide spiritual guidance along with the elders to families and individuals (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Initiate and/or make pastoral calls/visits to members of the congregation or their family members (John 10:14)
- Lead services for funerals and weddings.
- Participate in community wide ministry.

Performance Expectations:

- Exhibits a passion for God and a Christ-like spirit
- Serves as a visionary who leads the congregation in community outreach
- Provides monthly leadership to the Consistory
- Equips elders and deacons
- Seeks to expand personal spiritual growth
- Consistently incorporates Biblical principles in teaching
- Assists in planning and implementing adult discipleship ministries
- Provides oversight and instruction for youth ministry and high school catechism
- Participates in Alliance Network hub (Dakota Network) and Aplington ministerial association.
- Commits to leading a Christ centered body of believers, and honoring God by developing disciples for Jesus Christ
- Other expectations may apply.

Application Process

If you believe God may be leading you to apply for the Pastor position at First Reformed Church, please submit the following:

- 1) A letter of introduction that includes a brief summary of your testimony, why you believe God is calling you to pursue a Pastor position, and what excites you about the mission of First Reformed Church.
- 2) Your resume/profile
- 3) At least three references that can speak to your spiritual gifts, character, and ministry experience.

Please email all materials to 1strcaplinton@gmail.com or mail to:

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If any questions please reach out to one of following:

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