

*Glorify God in all we do,
Grow with Him daily &
Go with Him to share His love.*

Class of 2026

Congrats Seniors!



May at a Glance

- 3: 9am: Youth Sunday
- 9: 9am-4pm FRC Officer Training
- 11: 6:00 pm Elder & Deacon Meetings
7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet
- 17: Graduation Sunday
 - 2pm: S-O Graduation Ceremony
- 18: 9:30am: Faith Bible Study
 - 3:00pm: Patience Bible Study
- 20: 2:00 pm: FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services
- 22: June Newsletter Deadline

*Sundays:

- 9:00 am Praise & Worship Service
- Sunday School is taking a break in May; will resume on June 7
- 10:10 am Coffee Fellowship Time
- Fellowship Bible Studies are taking a break for the month of May


*Tuesdays:

- 8:30 am Quilting Chicks will meet

*Wednesday Evening:

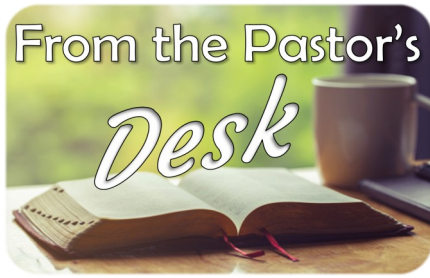
- Pioneer Club and Remnant Youth Groups are on break until Fall
- Dust to Glory Class will also take a break in May

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A couple of years after we moved to Sturgis, the neighbors across the street sold their home. The buyers were an older couple, Dale and Loretta. Dale had ranched up near Deadwood, but had gotten lung cancer. He lost most of his right lung because of it, and he just couldn't keep up with the ranch anymore, so they sold out and moved into town. When he was moving in I went over and introduced myself. He still had lots of man-goodies from his ranch life... welders, cutting torches, a four wheeler, tools, etc. so we bonded over that for a few minutes.

That fall I crossed the street to ask Dale if I could borrow his riding lawn mower. We had three giant cottonwood trees in the front yard and a poplar, an ash, and a weeping birch in the backyard. Raking and disposing of all the leaves had always been a chore. I wanted the lawn tractor just to crunch them up so they rotted better over the winter. He was a little uncomfortable sharing his tractor, but he did come over and drive over the leaves while I knocked the piles down with a rake. The next October when I asked him again, he just gave me the key and told me to rinse Trigger off before I put him back in the barn. We had made progress.

Sometime in November or December 2007 Dale went into the hospital in Rapid City for an infection related to his lung surgery. He was there for months. I would drop by and see him when I was in Rapid City on other business. It seemed like when they got one thing almost cleared up, another issue arose. It turned out that Dale never left that hospital alive.

One Friday night in early May 2008, at about 10 pm there was a knock on my front door. It was Dale's 17 year old grandson, Daniel, whom I knew. He was crying. "My grandpa is dying and he doesn't know the Lord. Would you please go talk to him?" I immediately got dressed and drove down to Rapid City Regional Hospital. Dale was in the ICU, but he was conscious. He couldn't talk very well, but he was alert. I shared the gospel with him and prayed with him to receive Christ. I left some short booklets with him about the Christian faith and told him I'd be back in the morning.

When I went back the next morning Dale was unconscious and he was undergoing the changes in breathing that mark the bodily transition to death. His family was there. It was only then that I learned the full story. Dale had grown up Lutheran and had grown up hating pastors for some reason. He had rebelled against God and lived a hard-drinking life for awhile that took quite a toll on his family. When we first met he didn't ask me what I did for a living and I didn't offer. We had known and liked each other for over a year before he accidentally found out I was a pastor. The new commandant of Ft. Meade was a member of my congregation. Ft. Meade didn't have a chaplain assigned there, and so he asked me to substitute for a chaplain in the change of command ceremony. I agreed, of course, and when the day came I put on the closest thing I had to a uniform, a black clerical shirt with a Roman collar. I walked out my front door to get in my car and noticed

Dale working in his yard, I waved, got in the car, and drove away. Apparently Dale went rushing into the house sputtering excitedly to his wife and daughters, "The neighbor's a preacher!" It was too late, though. By then I liked him and he liked me. And apparently he kept liking me even after he found out I was a minister.

I had a preexisting commitment to preach at an OPC church in North Dakota and needed to leave town by about noon that day. I told the family to call me when Dale passed, but that I might be leading worship when they called, so I might not answer. The call came when I was leading worship in Bismarck. I had warned the congregation that the phone might ring and told them why. They were very gracious about it.

I did Dale's funeral, of course. I actually ended up becoming the family's chaplain, burying his two brothers in later years. I am always astonished by the providence of God and the goodness of God. There was probably nobody else in Dale's life besides me that he would have listened to about the gospel. His grandson Daniel, daughter Shelly, and son-in-law Coy are all fine Christians, but he wouldn't even allow them to bring the subject up. God prepositioned everything necessary to bring Dale from spiritual death to spiritual life right when he was on the verge of leaving bodily life for bodily death. Our God is sovereign over salvation, and as long as there is breath in the body, we may justly hope and pray for the salvation of a loved one. After all, he even snatches some of them from the fire mere hours before their appointed time to die.

Consistory Meeting Highlights April 13, 2026

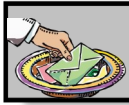
- Carpet cleaning will occur following kitchen update this summer.
- Funding options were discussed for kitchen update expense.
- The Officer Nominating Committee has been formed and will proceed with the nominating process. Members of the team are: Ron Dykstra, John Van Diepen, Heidi Saylor, Jan Heinrichs, Rhonda Riebeling, Arnie Langstraat, and Clayton Wagenaar.
- MMSA to advertise/search for a Full Time Associate Pastor/Director of Youth and Education; Non-ordained, with salary and benefit package to be determined. Administrative Team will form a search committee to proceed with the search.



When: May 9, 2026 from 9am-4pm (lunch provided)

This event is aimed at equipping members of our church to understand the role that leaders play in the life of the church as well as training individuals to see opportunities where they can step up and minister in a leadership position.

If you are interested in attending, please sign up at the Information Center. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brian.



Stewardship & Giving

Offering Summary through April 25:

- **General Fund: \$114,039.70**
Budget: \$382,111.50; 30% of budget
- **Benevolent Fund: \$7823.93**
Budget: \$59,500; 13% of budget
- **Building Fund offerings to date: \$230**
designated kitchen funds: \$4600

**Average Monthly Offering Needed:
\$36,800.96**

**Total Ben./Gen. Offerings through April 25
\$22,333.80**

Total Ben/Gen offering does not include "Special Monthly Offering" donations as they are not part of the estimated budget.

Special Offering for May Radiate Haiti!!



Faith In Action for May:

VBS Sign-ups

Sign up to help teach, be a helper, bring food, work in the nursery, etc.!! It takes many people to help make VBS a success!!



Nehemiah Trivia Time

1. Who did not oppose the rebuilding of Jerusalem?
Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite, Eliashib the high priest, Geshem the Arab
2. Nehemiah describes you as a man of integrity, that you fear God more than most people do. Who are you?
3. The governor at the time gave the Israelite treasury 1,000 darics of gold. What would that weight be in our modern-day measurements?
4. Who said, "What they are building - even a fox climbing up on it would break down their wall of stones.!"
5. How many singers were among those returning from captivity?
6. Where did the people gather to hear Ezra read the Law of Moses?
Temple Entrance, Water Gate square, Mount Sinai, Top of the wall
7. When the people cast lots to see who was to live in Jerusalem and who could stay in their own towns, what percentage of people were chosen to live in Jerusalem?
10%, 30%, 50%, 85%
8. In how many days was the wall completed?
39 days, 52 days, 66 days, 180 days

Praise and Worship Greeters

- 3: E: Derek and Ashley Heronimus/family
C: Ken and Sandy Heronimus
W: Scott and Jamie Hulstein/family
- 10: E: Melissa Hisek/family
C: Cole and Kayla Hoekstra/family
W: Dale and Karen Honken
- 17: E: Loren and Deeb Hulstein
C: Mark Hulstein
W: Rod Hulstein
- 24: E: Chris and Teresa Hurlburt
C: Cody and Kristen Hurlburt/family
W: Merlyn and Julie Janssen
- 31: E: Jeannette Juffer
C: John and Jan Juffer
W: Dennis and Dar Jurgens

Library Volunteers



- 3: Jamie Hulstein
10: Jan Juffer
17: Jeannette Juffer
24: Leona Meendering
31: Janice Runia

Pastoral Visitation Link

To allow easy Pastoral Visit Scheduling a new link has been created.

Please visit the following link:

<https://calendly.com/frcpastorbrian>

Or scan the QR Code. Please contact the office if you have questions or would like to personally schedule a visit.



Children & Worship during the service



Children and Worship is on Summer Break.

See you next fall!!

Worship Service Nursery

- 3: Pam Vande Hoef & Jenny Weg
10: Abby and Joselyn DeZeeuw
17: Teresa Hurlburt and Maria Mans
24: Maureen and Amelia Heilman
31: Amy Van Marel and Jodi Wagenaar

Fellowship Coffee Servers

- 3: Ron and Nancy Dykstra
10: Scott and Jamie Hulstein
17: Dave and Sandy Lamfers
24: Ken and Wilma Loerts
31: Leona Meendering & Joanne Klaassen

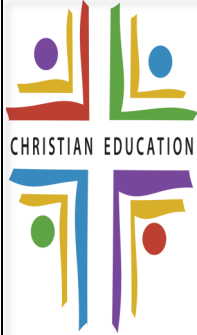
Willing Hands Group

Willing Hands Group #5

will be responsible for services during the month.

Co-chairpersons are:

- Dar/Dennis Jurgens
- Deb/Greg Kusters
- Kathy/Joel Verdoorn



Education Schedule:

Exciting news! Our church is launching a special **Summer of Sunday School**, offering a fresh way to stay connected and grow together during the summer months.

◇ **Month of May: No Classes**

◇ **Summer Sunday School: June 7 -- August 23.**

*** (Students will remain in the grade they just finished) ***

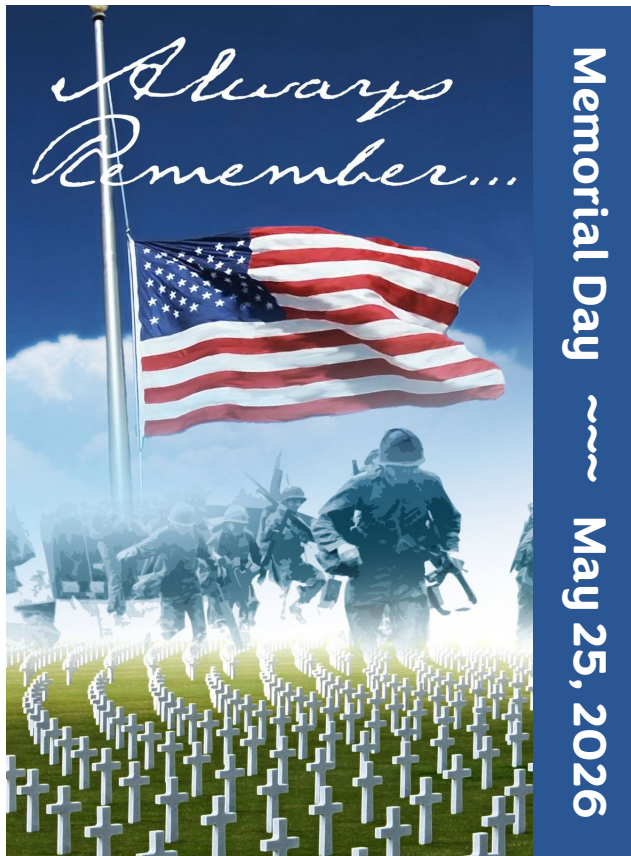
◇ **No Classes: August 30 or September 6**

◇ **Fall Sunday School: Begins on September 13th**

MS Remnant is on break until Fall. HS Remnant is on break until Fall.

Here's what to expect:

- **Dust to Glory** – will meet as usual in the Fireside room.
- **Junior and Senior high school** – will meet as usual.
- **K-5th grade** will have special programming. More details will be coming soon!
We look forward to growing together this summer!

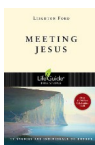


Congratulations *College Graduates*

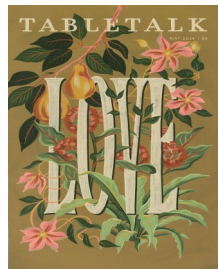
- **Carter Brouwer** will be graduating from South Dakota State University in May with bachelor's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences.
- **Evelyn Carpenter** will graduate from Northwest Iowa Community College in May with a degree in Welding and Machining.
- **Ted Van Gelder** will graduate from South Dakota State University in May with a degree in Ag Systems Technology. He will be working as an agronomist for Hefty Seed in Sheldon, Iowa.



Faith Bible Study, will meet on **Monday, May 18 at 9:30 am**. We will be studying lesson #4, "Raised With Christ" in our study book *Ephesians: God's Big Plan for Christ's New People*, Scripture will be Ephesians 2:1-10. Lynn Schram will lead and Jeannette Juffer will serve as hostess.



Patience Bible Study, will meet on **Monday, May 18 at 3:00 pm**. We will be studying lesson #11 "Jesus the Sacrifice," in our book *Meeting Jesus*. Scripture for the lesson is Matthew 26:1-30. Barb will lead and serve as hostess. Come for a time of fellowship and learning.



Copies of the **May TableTalk** are available on the book table. The Discussion Group will **NOT** be meeting in May.

Fellowship Bible Study Opportunities!

****Sermon Discussion Group****
On Break for the month of May

****Digging into God's Word****
On Break for the month of May

****TableTalk****
On Break for the month of May

****From Dust to Glory****
On Break for the month of May



FRC has created a Officer Nominating Team to aid in the nomination of Elders and Deacons to serve on Consistory. Those on the team are: Ron Dykstra, John Van Diepen, Heidi Saylor, Jan Henrichs, Rhonda Riebeling, Arnie Langstraat, and Clayton Wagenaar.

If you have ever had the desire to serve as an Elder or Deacon, please feel free to contact one of the team members for more details.

PRAYER LIST

BE A
Prayer
WARRIOR
— Luke 21:36

PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

1. Ted and Eileen Schutte
2. Pray for our College Students
3. Pray for our Church
4. Verlyn and Donna Smidt
5. Kevin and Nancy Soat
6. Dave and Lesa Stofferan
7. Bubba and Sharalyn Tjaden
8. Greg Tracy; Lindy
9. Pray for our College Students
10. Pray for our Church
11. Chad and Megan Travaille;
Lawrynn, Gracie
12. Randy and Kelli Van De Berg
13. Duane and Pam Vande Hoef
14. Paul Vander Linden
15. Harold and Shelia Van Der Sloot
16. Pray for our College Students
17. Pray for our Church
18. Helen Vander Veen
19. Collin and Lexi Van Diepen; Teddy, Lincoln
20. Ger and Barb Van Diepen
21. John and Lois Van Diepen
22. Janelle Van Drunen
23. Pray for our College Students
24. Pray for our Church
25. Joel and Angie Van Gelder; Ted
26. Curt and Peg Van Kley
27. Dean and Amy Van Marel
28. Harvey and Marcia Van Ruler
29. Jim and Jena Ver Steeg; Aiden, Logan
30. Pray for our College Students
31. Pray for our church

College Students:

Alex Bosma
Elliot Daiker
Cole Dykstra
Sofia Hisek
Alexis Hulstein
Alyssa Jacobsma
Addysen Langstraat
Kaylee Maxwell

Grace Bevers
Michael Block Jr.
Ella Bruxvoort
Aiden De Zeeuw
Karissa Hulstein

Halle Block
Madison Brouwer
Keegan De Zeeuw
Maverick Elser
Emma Langstraat

Andrea Leusink
Grant Brouwer

Congratulations! *class of* **2026**

Aidan Joseph Beyer
~~Son of Davis and Kristen Beyer~~

I plan to attend Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, IA to major in Aviation.

My favorite church memory is attending youth group and going to Rocky Mountain High.



Dawson Michael Beyer
~~Son of Davis and Kristen Beyer~~

I plan to attend Luther College in Decorah, IA to study business management and economics while wrestling.

My favorite church memory is going to Rocky Mountain High and Inspiration Hills

Jordan Elizabeth Carpenter
~~Daughter of Pastor Brian and Laura Carpenter~~

I plan to attend Iowa State University in Ames, IA to double major in Vocal Performance and Communications.

My favorite church memory was seeing Josh get a pie in the face during multiple church events.





Hadley Sue Crichton

~~Daughter of Karla Crichton and Travis Crichton~~

I plan to attend the University of Nebraska in Lincoln to pursue a degree in Nutrition, Health and Exercise Science while following the Premed Track.

My favorite church memory was attending Rocky Mountain High.

Dawson Lee Kreykes

~~Son of Mitch and Abby Kreykes~~

I plan to attend Northwestern College in Orange City, IA to pursue a degree in Business while continuing my football career as a Raider.

I've grown closer to Jesus through being involved at church and especially through the Rocky Mountain High youth group trip, where I was able to focus on my faith and grow in my relationship with Him.



Grace Nicole Sayler

~~Daughter of Brian and Heidi Sayler~~

I plan to attend Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa and major in Kinesiology.

My favorite church memory is going to Inspiration Hills with a small group of people and staying up until 3am with everyone playing games.



Triston Robert Vos

~~Son of Bob and Molly Vos~~

I plan to attend Northwest Iowa Community College for Automotive and Light Duty Diesel Mechanics.

My favorite church memory was going on the church retreat to Inspiration Hills.



Partners in MISSION

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

I first want to take a moment to acknowledge the heaviness so many of us are feeling due to the brokenness of our world today, particularly places where wars and violent conflict are erupting or continuing without ceasing. Can we take a moment to breathe and pray together? Take a moment to close your eyes and

calm your thoughts, then join me in a breathing prayer.

Breathe in and repeat these words (aloud or in your mind): Jesus is the Light of the World

Breathe out and repeat these words: The darkness can never extinguish the Light

Breathe in: Jesus is the Prince of Peace

Breathe out: May the peace of Christ prevail throughout the earth

Breathe in: Jesus is the Great Reconciler

Breathe out: May we live in right relationship with God, with one another, and with the earth

Lebanon Update

Some of you have reached out to me with great concern about Rev. Linda Macktaby and her beloved homeland of Lebanon in recent days, and I thank you for your care and concern. I've received almost daily updates (sometimes even several messages a day) from Pastor Linda since February 28, and the news is disturbing. Pastor Linda has reported airstrikes and explosions in Southern Lebanon, the Bekaa Valley (Eastern Lebanon), and in the suburbs of Beirut. Pastor Linda has even shared video footage of explosions happening near her home and the home of her parents. Some of these attacks are happening in Christian communities in Lebanon. Pastor Linda is, once again, doing everything she can to care for the thousands of people actively being displaced now, even as she continues to care for thousands of people who have been displaced since October 2023. Please pray for Pastor Linda, her family, her beloved homeland of Lebanon, and the tens of thousands of people at risk of death or displacement due to the current conflict.

Afghanistan Update

The day before the Iran strikes occurred, Pakistan carried out airstrikes in 20 locations across Afghanistan, which was immediately met with retaliation by the Taliban. I've been connected with several Afghan individuals and families who either weren't able to flee Afghanistan in 2021, or who fled to Pakistan and have been stuck there without a safe and legal path to long-term refuge, and who have direct ties to individuals or churches in the RCA. This includes a family for whom I found a Canadian church to sponsor them for resettlement, and whose resettlement application is currently pending. Will you please join me in prayer for this family? For their safety? That their refugee resettlement application will be approved quickly? That God will make a way for their safe arrival in Canada before the end of the year? For the church that has stepped out in faith to sponsor them?

Trip to Costa Rica

In February, I was blessed to travel to Costa Rica on a trip organized by Grace Newhouse (RCA missionary). The trip had two main objectives: 1) to spend time with Ruth & James Padilla DeBorst and learn more about their work with A Rocha Costa Rica, and 2) to participate in the Oh, Healing River Conference (led by Dr. Ruth Padilla DeBorst and Rev. Dr. Sue Rozeboom, professors at Western Theological Seminary).

Ruth and James Padilla DeBorst will be joining RCA Global Mission as missionaries in June 2026, and part of their work with A Rocha Costa Rica is providing care for migrants and asylum seekers. You can learn more about their missionary work here. I previously worked with James in a joint RCA/CRC working group for a program called Journeys into Friendship (focused on calling and equipping the church to build intentional, authentic, and mutual friendships with people who come from different religious and cultural backgrounds), and I'm thankful that the Padilla DeBorst will soon be joining the RCA Global Mission team! Please pray for Ruth and James as they make this transition.





The Oh, Healing River conference was a three-day event focused on how we-as Christ followers-are called to live in right relationships with God, with others, and with the cosmos (creation). I really appreciated the care and conviction both Ruth and Sue expressed when teaching or leading reflection times about the connection between creation (specifically air, land, and water) and mass forced displacement of people worldwide.

I want to thank Grace, Ruth, James, Sue, and everyone at A Rocha Costa Rica for sharing their time, talents, resources, and hospitality with me and other participants.



Sportsmen's Devotional

Today's Photograph . . . Do You
Want To Be Of "Noble Character?"



Bible Study Verse

Acts 17: 11

Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. (NIV)

Thoughts

A buddy of mine and fellow game warden was telling me about a call he received, he said a lady had reported a pelican tangled up in fishing line and the bird couldn't fly away to join up with the other pelicans. When he got to the lake the lady took him to the pelican which was about 15 feet off the shore.

Now here is where the story gets good. My friend grabbed his lariat rope, built a loop, took a couple of swings, and let the loop fly. He caught the bird on the first try, dragged it back to shore, removed the fishing line, and released the pelican to fly off and join its friends. He thanked the lady for reporting the incident, jumped in his vehicle, and drove away. No big deal.

It's a good story and my buddy is well known for his stories, but what he didn't know is that I happened to know the lady that called it in. When I got back home I gave her a call and asked about the incident, by golly she told me the exact same story.

Action Point

Do you want to be of "noble character?" Then check out what you hear, a person hears a lot of good messages and sometimes some not so good messages.

Go ahead and examine the scriptures to make sure what your hearing lines up with God's word. If it does, than receive the message with great eagerness. If not, let it out the other ear.

Sportsmen's Tip of the Day

Roll up some old grocery plastic bags and put them in your tackle box; they come in handy for unlimited reasons. One reason being, you can fill them up with trash that others have left behind, such as old fishing line and other things that can injure wildlife.



Farmer Girl Reflections

There are days where following God feels less like a peaceful walk beside still waters and more like you somehow tripped, fell, and landed directly into a flaming dumpster...that is rolling downhill...picking up speed...while you are still inside it trying to remember if you left the coffee pot on.

The kind of days where nothing behaves. The calf that should have been fine decides today is the day it experiments with not drinking. The one you thought you had figured out rewrites the rules. Your "simple plan" turns into a full-contact sport before breakfast, and by mid-morning you are looking up like, "God...just checking...this is still under Your supervision, right?"

Because from down here, it feels a little...unmanaged.

And yet, here is the part we don't naturally default to when everything is spiraling like five caffeinated squirrels playing pickleball in your brain.

God is not surprised.

Not by the timing. Not by the diagnosis. Not by the thing that blindsided you even though, in hindsight, it probably had subtle warning signs that you absolutely ignored because you were busy doing seventeen other things. He is not pacing heaven going, "Well that escalated quickly."

He knows.

Fully. Completely. Already-there ahead of you knows.

Which sounds comforting until you realize that means He knew this day was coming...and let it happen anyway.

And that is usually where we pause and have a very honest conversation with God that sounds suspiciously like, "Okay but...why this version of the storyline?"

Why the hard one. Why the messy one. Why the one where your best effort still feels like it came up short. Why the prayer that you meant with your whole heart did not get answered the way you were really hoping it would.

And this is where faith stops being cute and starts being real.

Because we do not always get the why.

We do not get a neat little explanation tied up with a bow and a farm report that says, "Here is exactly what I was doing and here is why you had to go through that specific chaos at 2:17 in the afternoon."

What we get instead is something both simpler and harder.

He is still good.

Not "He was good before today got weird."

Not "He will be good again once this is over."

He is good...right here...in the middle of the absolute mess.

Psalm 34 says to taste and see that the Lord is good. It does not add a disclaimer that says, "Results may vary on days that feel like a total disaster."

And if we are being honest, some of the places we have seen God show up the clearest were not the calm, put-together days where everything went according to plan and we looked like we had our lives nicely organized in labeled bins.

It was the days where nothing went right.

The days where we were tired, stretched thin, slightly questioning all of our life choices, and

one inconvenience away from announcing that we were quitting everything to go live in the woods and befriend a raccoon.

Those are the days where God quietly, steadily, without fanfare, shows up and carries more than we even realize we handed Him.

Romans 8:28 does not say everything that happens is good. Because clearly...some things are just not.

It says God works all things for good. Which means He is not standing outside the chaos waiting for it to clean itself up. He steps into it and starts building something we cannot fully see yet.

Not random. Not wasted. Not careless.

Intentional.

Even when it feels like a dumpster fire.

Especially then.

Because if God was only good when life was easy, He would not be much help on the days when it is not.

But a God who is steady in the middle of the chaos, who is not shaken when you are, who is not confused when you are trying to piece things together like a puzzle missing half the pieces...that is a God you can lean on.

So if today feels like one of those days where everything is a little too much and not enough all at once, where your plans unraveled and your patience went with them, and you are just trying to make it to the end of the day without dramatically narrating your own downfall...

Take a breath.

God is not scrambling.

God is not absent.

God is not guessing.

He knows.

And He is still good.

Even here.

As long as there are mornings that dawn beautiful and bright,

As long as there are sunny days and stars that shine at night,

As long as there are flowers that blossom in the spring,

There are reasons to have faith in what the days ahead will bring.

God is good, God is faithful, He keeps His promises, He will keep me in His care.

Trivia Time Answers:

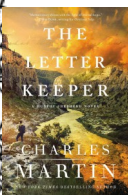
1. Eliashib the high priest (2:19; 3:1)
2. Hananiah (7:2)
3. 19 pounds (7:70)
4. Tobiah (4:3)
5. 245 singers (7:67)
6. Water Gate square (8:1-3)
7. 10 percent (11:1)
8. Along the top of the wall (12:31-38)

From the library--

Spring is defiantly here! Tree leaves and tulips growing are a wonderful way to be reminded that God is always at work. Let's hope you are able to get out and enjoy His creation even for just a little while. This month I have four new books to share with you, one new author and three continuations from series we have already started.



Book one this month is titled **Mrs. Witherspoon Goes to War** by Mary Davis. “A WASP Goes Above the Call of Duty to Free Captive American Soldiers. Full of intrigue, adventure, and romance, this new series celebrates the unsung heroes; the heroines of WWII. Peggy Witherspoon, a widow, mother, and pilot flying for the Women’s Airforce Service in 1944 clashes with her new reporting officer. Army Air Corp Major Howie Berg was injured in combat and is now stationed at Bolling Field in Washington D.C. Most of Peggy’s jobs are safe, predictable, and she can be home each night with her three daughters; until a cargo run to Cuba alerts her to American soldiers being held captive there, despite Cuba being an ally.



Book two is the second book in the Murphy Shepherd Series by Charles Martin, **The Letter Keeper**. “Murphy Shepherd has made a career of finding those no one else could--survivors of human trafficking. His life's mission is helping others find freedom . . . but then the nightmare strikes too close to home. When his new wife, her daughter, and two other teenage girls are stolen, Murphy is left questioning all he has thought to be true. With more dead ends than leads, he has no idea how to find his loved ones. After everything is stripped away, love is what remains. Hope feels lost, but Murphy is willing to expend his last breath trying to bring them home.



Book three is the second in the Dani Pettrey Jeopardy Falls series, **Two Seconds Too Late**. “In the stark but beautiful wilds of northern New Mexico, a couples' retreat at a luxury resort turns into a chilling nightmare when a woman vanishes. Skip tracer Riley MacLeod and private investigator Greyson Chadwick pose as a couple to hunt for clues that might reveal the missing woman's location. Those leads uncover a harrowing truth: They're not the only ones looking for her. What begins as a normal tracking case turns into a deadly chase when they, too, become the hunted. As Riley and Greyson work together, their partnership ignites a tumultuous attraction, but Greyson's secrets prevent him from acting on his feelings for her, and Riley can't bring herself to fully trust him. Delving deeper into the case, they find themselves fighting not only for justice and the chance at a loving relationship . . . but also for their very survival.”



Our final addition is book three in the Lynn Austin’s Refiner’s Fire series, **A Light to My Path**. “Kitty, a house slave, has always obeyed Missy Claire and followed orders. But when word arrives that the Yankees are coming, Kitty is faced with a decision. Will she continue serving Missy Claire and her household? Or will she listen to Grady and embrace this chance for freedom? Even wise Delia says Kitty has to decide for herself--that nobody except the Lord can tell her which way to go. Kitty has always lived in a world where authority is not questioned. She never has learned to make up her own mind any more than she has learned to read or write. But now Kitty has a daunting choice: How does she want her story to end?

Be sure to stop by the library and find your new favorite book today!

~~Jamie

HIDDEN WORDS:

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PARADE, WORKERS, REBIRTH, DEMONSTRATION, RALLY, RED, MAYPOLE,
COMMUNITY, REVOLUTION, RIGHTS, UNITY, PROTEST, GATHERING, JOY

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Celebrations

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Cody Hurlburt |
| 7 Tayah Beyer | 19 Brian Alexander | 28 Sayla Julius |
| 9 Ruth Ann Wiersma | 20 Verlyn Smidt | 29 Daren Rockman |
| 10 Jamie Bruxvoort | 21 Larry De Boer | 30 Ed Harskamp |
| 11 Josh Lucas | 24 Teresa Hurlburt
Clayton Wagenaar | 31 Helen Vander Veen
Quinnley Ackerman |
| 12 Keegan De Zeeuw | 25 Imogene Rasmussen | |
| 13 Fay Vos | 26 Brysen Loerts | |
| 14 Brady Klaassen | | |
| 16 Larry Verdoorn
Anita Hoting | | |

I have found
THE ONE
Whom my soul Loves
SONG OF SOLOMON 3:4

~~Anniversaries~~

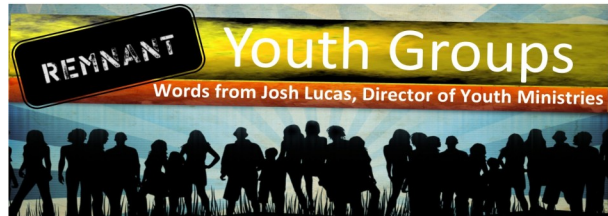
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| 7 Mark and Angie De Boer | 55 years |
| 9 Travis and Jill Boeke | 17 years |
| 10 Dave and Sandy Lamfers | 46 years |
| 27 Dale and Karen Honken | 43 years |
| 28 Troy and Meggan Block | 21 years |



If you would like to be included in our Birthday and Anniversary Calendar and do not see your name, please contact the office (sibleyfrcoffice@gmail.com or 754-2783) and let us know your dates!
We would love to recognize YOU on your special day! Thanks

Hello First, Reformed Church,

August 2017 was the month that Hannah and I would certainly never forget. We packed up our Pontiac Grand Prix as much as it would hold and made the two-day journey toward Sibley, IA. We had no jobs, no children, no real plan other than we believe that this is where God wanted us to be. I was in the beginning interview stages with the search committee at First Reformed Church for their open Director of Youth Ministries position.



These past nearly nine years has been truly a blessing. I continue to tell people, after congratulating me on the new call in Baldwin, "This was one of the most difficult decisions we have had to make." What I mean by that, is we created our family here. We developed lifelong friendships here. We made memories here. We baptized our girls here. Sibley has felt like home, and that is why this decision was so hard. It is scary to trust in the Lord sometimes, because we do not know the future. We do not know how things are going to turn out, but we know that God does, and we trust that He is going to work everything out for the good. That is what we did when we first moved here, and that is what we are doing now that we are moving to Baldwin.

I, truly from the bottom of my heart, want to thank all of you for the last nine years of living here in Sibley and serving at First Reformed Church. It has truly been an honor for me to be your Youth Director, and I hope that I was able to be a blessing and not a burden. We continue to pray that whoever God brings to fill my position as the Youth Director would also be a blessing to you and the community as well. This church has really prepared me to be the pastor that I am, and I am truly grateful for all the opportunities this church has given me.

Please remember that this is not a goodbye to where we will never see each other again, this is, "Till I see you again." I do hope to come back for a visit some day and to see what God has done in this church and in the community through all of you. I would like to conclude with the final words that I say to the youth group students as they leave, "Be safe, and make good choices."

Blessings,
Josh

Dad Jokes with Josh:
Q: Why was the picture sent to jail?
A: It was framed.





Sibley Community VBS

Host Church: Sibley First Presbyterian Church
 May 31-June 4 | 5:30pm-8:30pm

Happy Mother's Day to all women...



yearning to be moms	who are new moms	who have never had a mom	who have lost children
			
who are mother figures	who have lost their moms	who are moms	who are bonus moms

SEDER MEAL HIGHLIGHTS

