

# The Newsletter

## July 2023

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

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**I WILL  
WALK IN FREEDOM  
FOR I HAVE  
DEVOTED MYSELF  
TO YOUR  
COMMANDMENTS  
Psalm 119:45**

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### July at a Glance

- 2: Communion Prep Sunday
- 9: Communion Sunday
- 10: 6:00 pm Elder/Deacon Meetings  
7:00 pm Full Consistory
- 17: 9:30 am Faith Bible Study  
3:00 pm Patience Bible Study
- 17-22: Osceola County Fair
- 21-26: Rocky Mountain High, Estes  
Park, CO
- 31-Aug4: FRC serves Meals on Wheels

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#### \*Sundays:

- 9:00 am Praise & Worship Service
- 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship Time
- Sunday School is on Summer Break

#### \*Tuesdays:

- 8:30 am Quilting Chicks will meet

#### \*Wednesday Evening Bible Classes and Youth Groups:

- On Summer Break! See you in the fall!

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## Stewardship & Giving

### Offering Summary through June 26:

- **General Fund: \$ 159,697.41**  
Budget: \$340,984.97; 46.8% of budget
- **Benevolent Fund: \$18481.17**  
Budget: \$70,205.23; 26.3% of budget
- **Building Fund offerings to date: \$910;**  
**soundboard updates: \$6000**



## Osceola County Fair



**Help is needed at the OCMA booth  
at the fair July 20-22:**

FRC has been assigned times that we need to cover.  
Please sign up to lend a hand. Times needed will be  
listed on the Information Center.

The Commercial Building will be open from  
1-8pm July 20, | 11am-8pm July 21, | 11am-3pm July 22

## The Bountiful Blessings Table Is Back!!



**A great way to share your abundance of  
garden produce, flowers, baked goods,  
home canned items, crafts...  
(all items are appreciated)**



**All items donated to the table are  
available to take home for a free-will  
monetary donation.**



*All money collected by the end of the  
season will once again be donated to  
the Upper Des Moines Food Pantry.*



# Faith In Action for July

## Bright Beginnings Supplies

- |                                      |                                 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *Buttons                             | *Crayola Washable Markers       |
| *Stickers<br>(Esp. Holliday ones)    | *Crayola Crayons                |
| *Q-tips                              | *Pony Beads                     |
| *Cotton Balls                        | *Foam Shape Stickers            |
| *Sequins                             | *Card Stock (Colored and White) |
| *Coffee Filters                      | *Feathers                       |
| *Tissue paper of all colors          | *Ribbon                         |
| *Popsicle sticks (regular and jumbo) | *Yarn                           |
| *Playdough Tools                     | *Sidewalk chalk                 |



## Special Offering for July

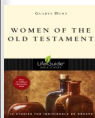
### OCMA Backpack Program



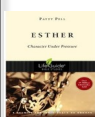
### Meeting Minutes

## Consistory Meeting Highlights

Consistory did not meet in June.  
Next Consistory meeting is  
scheduled for July 10.



**Faith Bible Study** will meet on **Monday, July 17 at 9:30 am**. We will be studying chapter #2 "The Surprising Jesus" in our book *Meeting Jesus*. Scripture will be Luke 5:17-32. Janelle will be leader and Rhonda will serve as hostess. All are invited! Hope to see you there!



**Patience Bible Study** will meet on **Monday, July 17 at 3:00 pm**. We will be studying lesson 1, "A Little Respect" in our new study book, *Esther*. Scripture for the lesson is Esther 1. Barb will lead and will serve as hostess.

### **Young Adult Singles/Married Couples Bible Study Opportunity**

All young adult singles and married couples are invited to the Lucas farm Sundays at 6pm to enjoy a time of Fellowship and Bible Study. For more information please contact Josh or Hannah Lucas.



### **Online Bible Study Opportunity:**

**Eyewitness Bible Series has released another online Bible Study set, Acts.** Please visit our website, [www.sibleyfr.org](http://www.sibleyfr.org), click on the MEDIA link, Adult Education Opportunities, then Online Bible Study and Devotions.

### **Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Studies are on Summer Break**



## ***Kids away at camp this month***

### ***July 5-7***

Jhase Hesse - Grand Camp  
Kellan Hesse - Grand Camp  
Pauline Van Engen - Grand Camp  
Braelyn Hurlburt - Grand Camp  
Teresa Hurlburt - Grand Camp

### ***July 10-14***

Addison Hulstein - Day Camp  
Aubrey Hulstein - Day Camp  
Kenzie Wills - Day Camp

### ***July 17-21***

Joselyn De Zeeuw - Wilderness

### ***July 24-28***

Addison De Zeeuw

**Students always love receiving mail from home. If you would like to write to students who are attending camp please send letters to:**

**Inspiration Hills Camp, % (Student Name/Camp attending), 1242 280th Street, Inwood, IA 51240.**



## Praise and Worship Greeters

- 2: E: Janice Runia  
C: Ted and Eileen Schutte  
W: Joel and Kathy Verdoorn
- 9: E: Eric Schiphoff  
C: Hugh Schiphoff  
W: Ellen Schram
- 16: E: Lynn Schram  
C: Marlin and Kathy Runia  
W: Verlyn and Donna Smidt
- 23: E: Dave and Lesa Stofferan  
C: Greg Tracy/family  
W: Chad and Megan Travaille/family
- 30: E: Randy Van De Berg  
C: Duane and Pam Vande Hoef  
W: Paul Vander Linden

## Nursery

The Nursery will be open for use,  
but unstaffed.

## Children & Worship during the service



**Children and Worship is on  
Summer Break.  
See you in the fall!!**

## Willing Hands Group



**Willing Hands  
Group #1**  
will be responsible for  
services during the month.

### Co-chairpersons are:

- Marvella/Lennis Harberts
- Diane/Arnie Langstraat

## Fellowship Coffee Servers



- 2: Ger and Barb Van Diepen  
9: John and Lois Van Diepen  
16: Jim and Pauline Van Engen  
23: Curt and Peg Van Kley  
30: Duane and Pam Vande Hoef

## Library Volunteers



- 2: Pauline Van Engen  
9: Leanne Van Kley  
16: Marcia Van Ruler  
23: Alfreda Verdoorn  
30: Kathy/Joel Verdoorn

Hello First Reformed Church,

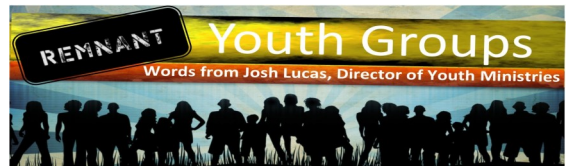
By the time that this has been printed and you're reading this Father's Day will be done and over with, but I wanted to speak on Father's Day. This is something for me that I am still trying to wrap my head around. I was recently at Melvin Reformed Church and I preached on Father's Day. I preached from Ephesians 6:1-4. I taught about how Paul was concerned about the family unit in the church, because children were not obeying parents, parents were not disciplining children, and they were not raising them in the Lord, the way that they needed to. Paul uses the term "Fathers" because he is focusing his attention on the general rule that most families in the church have a Father in the home. However, the Greek word that is used for "father" actually can be translated as "parents." With that being said it is safe to say that Mothers are included in the text just as much as Fathers are. Fathers it is our job to lead our households and to lead them well.

Are you aware Fathers, of the influence that we carry? Our presence alone in our households reduces our children's likelihood of going to jail or ending up dead by a significant percentage. Our children are less likely to deal drugs or carry a gun illegally. Our children are more likely to do better in school. Also, our presence decreases a mother's overall stress level, if we are involved. The key word here is "involved." It is not enough that you are just a warm body present. There needs to be involvement, there needs to be action. Are we aware that right now if we have a daughter, we are developing the man that she wants to marry? No, I'm not saying she wants to marry her father, but she is looking for traits in a man. You are the prime example in her life as what a man should be, act, and treat children and even her. Our sons are learning the same thing. The way we are raising our sons is how our sons are learning to act and live. Are we happy with the result so far? Are we taking that role seriously? Fathers, are we aware what sort of influence our decisions have on our families? Turn with me to Daniel 6:24.

It reveals that not only did the men get thrown into the den, but so did their wives and children. How can that be? Fathers, it is because our decisions to live in an ungodly manner can cause horrific outcomes for our family. The way we treat our wives and children, what we watch when we're alone at home, the way we act toward other women in our lives, if we get drunk, if we do drugs, all of these things will lead our families down a path that we don't want them to go on. It could lead them right into the lion's den. What do we do? Do as Scripture tell us to do. Ephesians 5:25, "Husbands love your wives, as Christ loved the church, and gave himself up for her." Ephesians 6:4, "Bring them (your children) up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." The most loving thing we can do for our children is to raise them in the Lord and lead our wives in the Lord. Bring your family to worship, bring them to youth group, Sunday School, get yourself involved in those things. If they don't see you doing it, they won't do it, or if you make them do it, they will not enjoy it and become resentful to it. It is never too late to parent your children. As they get older the manner may change, but you are their parent for life. Don't be afraid to give advice, to instruct, to guide, and above everything else love your children. Never forget the second most important person in your life, your wife. Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and never forget that if you ever need a hug this big ole teddy bear has one just for you!

Blessings,

Josh Lucas



## Dad Jokes With Josh:

Singing in the shower is fun until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera.

## 2023 Annual Men & Boys FRC Fishing Trip



### Where:

Hidden Hills Lodge in NE South Dakota

### When:

July 13-16

### Who:

Invite your grandkids, friends or any want-to-be fisherman for this fun filled weekend of fishing and discovering God's Creation.



Questions? Contact  
Chris Wynia  
or Dan Heilman

## CHRISTMAS *in* JULY *Silent Auction!!*

*A Bible League Fundraiser*

**July 31 at 1:30pm**

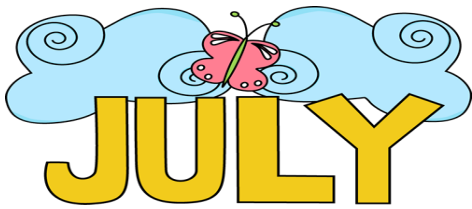
**Sheldon Immanuel Christian  
Reformed Church**

Donations of homemade food, household items and creative gifts will be appreciated. New this year will be gift baskets filled with goodies from local merchants. Every \$5.00 raised at this event will put a Bible in the hands of those who are desperate to read the word of God in their own language.



## Trivia Time!!

1. How long did Noah remain in the Ark?
2. Who could use bows and arrows or sling stones with either the right or left hand?
3. Who killed a lion in a pit on a snowy day?
4. Who killed 300 men with his own spear?
5. What Bible character ate a book and thought it was sweet like honey?
6. Who was quoted for saying, "Is there any taste in the white of an egg"?
7. During what event in the Bible did dove manure sell for food?
8. How many different arks are mentioned in the Bible?
9. What Bible character was mentioned as being the first craftsman with brass and iron?
10. What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?
11. What is the name of the individual who ate a little book and got indigestion?



# Celebrations

## ~~Birthday's~~

- |                   |                     |                    |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Hannah Lucas    | 20 Caelyn Hurlburt  | 27 LaVon Dykstra   |
| 4 Roger Verdoorn  | Adelyn Hurlburt     | 28 Jamie Klaassen  |
| 5 Leah Ackerman   | 22 Brooks Heronimus | 29 Wilma Loerts    |
| 6 Aiden Ver Steeg | 23 Alivia Weg       | 31 Paisley Kreykes |
| 8 Ted Schutte     | 26 Bob Tiedeman     | Angie Ackerman     |
| 9 Jan Juffer      |                     |                    |
| 10 Megan Ackerman |                     |                    |

- 11 Lesa Stofferan
- 12 Joel Verdoorn  
Mackenzie Wynia

- 13 Jared Kruger
- 14 Mark Hulstein  
Ryan Wiersma
- 16 Shelia Van Der Slood
- 17 Elliot Daiker
- 18 Scott Dykstra  
Clark Haken  
Austin Wassman
- 19 Olivia Daiker  
Karen Stevenson

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

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|--------------------------------|----------|
| 1 Nate and Angie Buysman       | 4 years  |
| 9 Robert and Janice Groen      | 46 years |
| 12 Duane and Pam Vande Hoef    | 49 years |
| 13 Kevin and Twila Heemstra    | 38 years |
| 14 Davis and Kristen Beyer     | 22 years |
| 20 Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn  | 58 years |
| 21 Le Roy and Karen Stevenson  | 51 years |
| 22 Dave and Jessica Mc Dyer    | 17 years |
| 23 Derek and Megan Ackerman    | 7 years  |
| 23 Dr. Greg and Deb Kosters    | 43 years |
| 24 Harvey and Marcia Van Ruler | 53 years |
| 24 Kody and Jurnea Bos         | 3 year   |
| 24 Tim and Jodi Kruger         | 24 years |
| 25 Jon and Amy Elser           | 25 years |
| 27 Mark and Melissa Langstraat | 21 years |
| 29 Kevin and Laurel Klaassen   | 29 years |



# LOVING THE PSALMS

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night . —Psalm 1:1-2*

Years ago when my mother was dying and her pastor and elders called on her they would offer to pray and read scripture with her. What amazed me was that when they read a Psalm, she recited the words aloud with the person reading the passage. We, her children, did not know that in the previous decade she had dedicated herself to memorizing the Psalms. They had become for her spiritual sustenance, they were the words God used to help her *to lie down in green pastures, to restore her soul*, so that she could *dwell in the house of the Lord forever*.

I think that the church today pays less attention to the Psalms than previous generations. We know one or two of them, but there are 150 Psalms. Maybe we don't like poetry, or maybe we don't like old music, but we are really missing out if we don't learn to love the Psalms!

Here are three ideas to consider.

1. **Jesus was a Psalm singer!** When Jesus sang in the synagogue or the temple, he sang Psalms. So did the apostles. The Psalms are God's songbook for his people. It may be time to write new tunes, but we need to know the Psalms if we are to follow in our Saviors steps. They were so important to Jesus that he quoted the Psalms more than any other book in the Old Testament.
2. **The Psalms reflect all human emotions.** The Psalms reflect joy, sorrow, fear, boldness, sin and repentance, anger, despair, comfort and everything else any one of us could ever experience. God uses the Psalms to connect with his people, providing comfort and purpose in the midst of all of our life's experiences.
3. **The Psalms were God's idea, and are to be included in Worship.** God gave us the psalms so that we could give his words back to him in worship. If we could ask Jesus to teach us how to worship, as he taught us to pray, he would include singing God's own words back to him. In fact, Paul wrote in Colossians 3:16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing **psalms** and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*
4. **Memorizing Psalms** keeps God's thoughts in our hearts and minds, making it easier to *meditate day and night* on the law of God.





# THE FIVE BOOKS IN THE PSALMS

Poetry isn't always easy —it isn't like reading a magazine or text message. It requires a little training, time and understanding to read well. We are to *meditate* on these words. Here are a couple of quick ideas that might help you learn to love and understand the Psalms.

The Psalms are not 150 random poems. They are organized into five books that have a clear purpose and progression. Keep in mind which book and theme include the Psalm you are reading. *For instance, we are studying the 23rd Psalm and that clearly reflects the idea of confidence in God's care.*

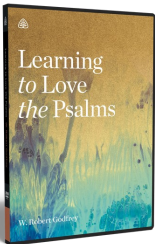
## **Book One: Psalms 1-41. Confidence in God's Care**

1. Book Two: Psalms 42-72. *Commitment to God's Kingdom*
2. Book Three: Psalms 73-89. *Crisis Over God's Promises*
3. Book Four: Psalms 90-106. *Comfort in God's Faithfulness*
4. Book Five: Psalms 107-150. *Celebration of God's Salvation*

**There are also several kinds of psalms, or different genres. There are:**

- a) Hymns of Praise (see Ps. 8, 24, 29, 33, 47, 48)
- b) Laments (see Ps. 25, 39, 51, 86, 102, 120)
- c) Psalms of Thanksgiving (see Ps. 118, 66, 107, 118, 138)
- d) Songs of Confidence (or trust). (see Ps. 23, 121, 131)
- e) Kingship Psalms (see Ps. 24, 93, 20, 21, 45)
- f) Wisdom Psalms (see Ps. 1, 37, 49)

## *LEARNING TO LOVE THE PSALMS BY DR. W. ROBERT GODFREY*



I recommend reading this book, or watching the video teaching series. Dr. Godfrey is fun—and he makes the Psalms understandable. I learned a great deal from this teaching series and he was my primary reference in writing this article.

*In this book, Dr. W. Robert Godfrey invites us to journey with him towards a greater understanding and love for these sacred verses. The timeless elegance of the Psalms, their depth of expression, and testimony to the greatness of God have enchanted and edified God's people for centuries. Learning to Love the Psalms is intended to help today's Christians share in that delight.* Available in multiple formats from <https://www.ligonier.org/>

### **Trivia Time Answers!!!**

1. 1 year & 17 days (Gen. 7:10,11; 8:13-14)
2. David's mighty men (1 Chron. 12:1-2)
3. Benaiah, son of Jehoiada (1 Chron 11:22)
4. Abishai (1 Chron 11:20)
5. Ezekiel (Ezek. 2:9; 3:3)
6. Job (Job 6:6)
7. During the famine in Samaria (2 Kgs. 6:25)
8. 3--Noah's Ark, Moses's ark in the Nile, Ark of the Covenant)
9. Tubal-Cain (Gen 4:22)
10. Psalm 117
11. John the apostle (Rev. 10:10)

BE A  
*Prayer*  
WARRIOR

1. Pray for our College Students	17. Daren Rockman; Hunter, Gannon
2. Pray for our Church	18. Marlin Roelfs
3. Steve and Lynn Mulder	19. Janice Runia
4. Lisa Nissen	20. Marlin and Kathy Runia
5. Vanessa Odens; Gracie, Landon	21. Dr. Brian and Heidi Sayler; Grace, Levi, Elijah
6. Dick and Marcia Oldenkamp	22. Pray for our College Students
7. Lyle Peelen	23. Pray for our Church
8. Pray for our College Students	24. Eric Schiphoff
9. Pray for our Church	25. Hugh Schiphoff
10. Marlys Pietz	26. Ellen Schram
11. Reka Post	27. Lynn Schram
12. LaVonne Prins	28. Jennie Schram
13. Junior and Imogene Rasmussen	29. Pray for our College Students
14. Larry and Rhonda Riebeling	30. Pray for our Church
15. Pray for our College Students	31. Ted and Eileen Schutte
16. Pray for our Church	

MacKenzie Beyer  
Logan Bruxvoort  
Kaden Maxwell  
Teddy Van Gelder

Carter Brouwer  
Andrea Leusink  
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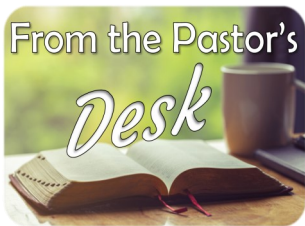
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Alex Mc Dougall

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# PRAYER JOURNAL



# What happened at General Synod 2023?

I spent June 8-13 in Pella as an East Sioux Minister Delegate to General Synod. There may be some who don't understand how our RCA government works but the General Synod is the body that is made up of minister and elder delegates from the whole denomination. This assembly sets direction for the denomination from year to year. Their decisions cannot bind General Synods to come, nor can they be bound by previous General Synods. This means that from year to year they are completely able to follow the will of the Holy Spirit. Contrary to what you may have been told, each General Synod convened from year to year is a very traditional group gathered to do the work of the RCA. There were several things that made it to the floor for discussion this year and I am pleased to say that while there were a few tense moments, this General Synod conducted itself with grace throughout the week. I left for home last Tuesday encouraged. Here are some highlights:

## **Restructuring team proposals**

Throughout the General Synod, we considered the draft proposals from the RCA's restructuring team. On Friday, the team presented its work. On Saturday morning, I was able to serve as a facilitator for one of the feedback groups. Later Saturday, General Synod came together for a plenary discussion with the full assembly. On Monday, related overtures and motions from the floor continued the conversation. Delegates provided substantial feedback for the restructuring team's work over the coming year. The team will bring recommendations for synod's consideration in 2024.

## **Five decades of women's ordination**

General Synod celebrated five decades of women's ordination to offices of elder, deacon, and Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church in America. It was a time of rejoicing over the ways God has created space for women and men in the church to live fully and freely into all their gifts and callings. Stories of women were elevated and honored: women from the past who had to push against the patriarchy to follow their call, women from the present who are leading in powerful ways, and women in the next generation who play a vast variety of roles within the church. "We see women from many cultures, women that speak many different tongues, rising up into leadership positions both within the RCA and beyond," said synod vice president Judy Nelson at a celebration of the anniversary on Sunday evening. Nelson was elected president of General Synod 2024 the following day.

Ruth Langkamp, Next Generation Program Specialist for the denomination, called attention to the stories of women in the Bible as tangible reminders for "men and women everywhere that women are not footnotes in God's story, we are main characters and our voices, our power matter. This is the rich legacy of women in ministry here at the RCA." The offices of elder and deacon opened to women in 1972; the office of minister of Word and sacrament opened to women in 1979. In his General Secretary's report on Friday, Rev. Eddy Alemán said, "We in the RCA will always, unapologetically, bless and embrace all our women leaders and pastors. Women of God, we need you! Thank you for responding positively to God's call in your life."





First Sibley, you are to be commended as you have two daughters of this church who are currently ordained as Minsters of Word and Sacrament. Katlyn DeVries serves as a writing tutor at Western Theological Seminary and Chelsea Lampen is serving as a co-pastor in Illinois. Both were at General Synod this week and represented your legacy in the Reformed Church in America well.

### **Inaugural rate for covenant shares set by General Synod**

General Synod adopted an inaugural covenant shares rate of 2.7 percent, which will go into effect January 1, 2024. This marks a shift from a

per-member assessment to a percentage-of-income approach, with the intention of a more equitable system of funding denominational work. Covenant shares allow churches and classes to pay in at a rate in accordance with their means.

### **Ministerial Formation Certification Agency Changes**

Over the past several years, the Ministerial Formation Certification Agency (MFCA), which oversees the credentialing of ministerial candidates enrolled at non-RCA seminaries, has been making changes to its function and processes, including transitioning away from directly providing courses required for ordination in the RCA. The changes related to the new CRE designation also affect the MFCA's role. The new BCO language emphasizes the role of the classis as primary in the ordination process, while the theological agent—New Brunswick Theological Seminary (NBTS), Western Theological Seminary (WTS), and the MFCA—is responsible for attesting that a candidate has been appropriately instructed and may be examined for ordination by the classis.

Because of this, the PFOB's report laid out additional adjustments to theological education:

With the MFCA no longer offering courses, students enrolled in non-RCA seminaries will need to meet their requirements elsewhere. Now students will take those courses at Western Theological Seminary (WTS) and New Brunswick Theological Seminary (NBTS).

To facilitate communication among all parties affected by the changes (students, seminaries, and classes), the PFOB's report commended the use of transcripts and the role of classis clerks through the transition.

WTS, NBTS, and the MFCA are working to figure out how to handle the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) requirement for MFCA candidates.

During the MFCA report on Monday afternoon, interim director Dave Schutt shared his excitement for the ways these changes will enable the RCA to extend hospitality to new churches and leaders wanting to join the denomination. "It's a time of change. It's a time of transition, and in many places and in many ways within our denomination," said Schutt, "Personally, I'm very excited about that. I believe that God is doing some fantastic, new, and wonderful things among us. I believe there is a very bright future. I believe as we walk in faith, we will be able to experience that future together."

If you have questions about General Synod or you would like to know more, I am happy to chat. I know that there are people who are highly anxious about denominational issues. I for one am not. One of the beautiful things about the RCA is the fact that we can disagree and still be in relationship with each other.

Carry On,  
Pastor Troy

## From the library--

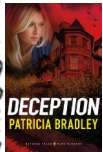
Two DVDs are the latest additions to the library. If you were not able to attend the showings in April, you can have a family night around the camp fire and watch **THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS** and/or **LIFEMARK**. Following are synopsis from both of the DVDs.



**THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS** is animated and based in John Bunyan's epic masterpiece. It is one of the most popular books of all time, and one of the most important stories of our faith! Second only to the Bible in total copies and translations, the story was written by John Bunyan, a pastor imprisoned for sharing his faith. This powerful allegory helps families understand that the spiritual journey is the most important journey in life, as well as the importance of staying on the straight path, even when the journey gets difficult.



**LIFEMARK** is inspired by a true story. David's comfortable world is turned upside down when his birthmother unexpectedly reached out to him, longing to meet the 18 year-old son she's only held once. With the encouragement of his adoptive parents, David embarks on a journey of discovery that leads to a staggering truth from his past.



We also have two new books in the library. One is the fourth and final book of the "Natchez Trace Park Rangers" series, **DECEPTION** by Patricia Bradley. "After being forced to kill an FBI agent gone rogue in self-defense, ISB ranger Madison Thorn is happy to be working in the fraud and cybercrimes division. At least numbers don't lie. So she's less than thrilled when she's drawn into a violent crime investigation in Natchez, Mississippi. She could also do without being forced to work with former-childhood-enemy-turned infuriatingly-handsome park ranger Clayton Bradshaw. When a woman who looks just like Madison is attacked on the same night Madison's grandfather is shot, it becomes clear that there is something much bigger going on...and that Madison herself is in danger. Madison and Clayton will have to work together—and suppress their growing feelings for one another—if they are to discover the truth before it's too late."



Then there is **BENEATH THE BENDING SKIES** by Jane Kirkpatrick. "Mollie Sheehan has spent much of her life striving to be a dutiful daughter and honor her father's wishes, even when doing so has led to one heartbreak after another. After all, what options does she truly have in 1860's Montana? But providing for her stepfamily during her father's long absences doesn't keep her from wishing for more. When romance blooms between her and Peter Ronan, Mollie finally allows herself to hope for a brighter future—until her father voices his disapproval of the match and moves her to California to ensure the breakup. Still, time and providence are at work, even when circumstances are at their bleakest. Mollie may soon find that someone far greater than her father is in control of the course of her life—and that even the command to 'honor thy father' has its limits."

The DVDs are located in a small bookcase directly to you left as you enter the west door of the library. The DVDs are checked out the same way you would check out a book. Please be sure to put your name and date due (two weeks from the current day) on the card and put it in the yellow card box the check out cards for books are kept. A calendar is very proximately displayed on the bulletin board above the desk for your convenience—Thanks for using it!

Jeannette Juffer



# 4<sup>TH</sup> of July

## WORD SEARCH



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MAJESTIC  
MILITARY  
RED  
STARS

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**Thanks to everyone who helped make VBS a success!! To see more pictures from this fun week at FRC, please visit our church website [www.sibleyfrfc.org](http://www.sibleyfrfc.org).**