



The Newsletter

September 2019

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

In the Spotlight



Thank you to the 53 people who volunteered to serve at the Banquet on August 13.



September at a Glance

- 4: 6:30 pm Bible Classes Resume
- 6:30-8:30 pm Community Youth Night for Middle & High School Youth at Sibley Central Park
- 8: Annual Bible Distribution Sunday
- First Day of Sunday School
- 16: 9:00 am Faith Bible Study
- 3:00 pm Patience Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Elder/Deacon Meetings
- 7:00 pm Full Consistory
- 23: 6:30pm Nursing Home Sing-a-long
- 25: 5-7pm Mission Soup & Pie Supper

*Sunday Mornings:

- 9:00 am Cornerstone Service
- 10:10 am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:10 am Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am Open Door Service

*Monday Evenings:

- Women's Bible Study is on Summer break

*Tuesday mornings:

- 8:30 am Chickadee Quilters

*Wednesday Evening Bible

Classes and Youth Groups:

- 6:30-7:30 Bible Classes for 1st-5th
- 6:30-7:30 pm MS Remnant
- 7:30-8:30 pm HS Remnant

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This past week my son moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan. It was hard to see him go. For the last year he has been searching and discerning his next direction in life. For us as parents there has been much blessing in him living close to home. That has now changed. As hard as it is, we know it is a good change. It is a change that will move him forward and it is a change that will hopefully and prayerfully reveal God's ultimate plan for him.

Some of you are experiencing that within your own lives. You might have had a child moving off to college for the first time. They will be missed. But your prayer and hope is that they too, will find purpose and direction. It is a scary thing but each of us knows that it is necessary. It is part of life.

Often with that change, there are a million questions, and million scenarios, and a million outcomes. We have a decision we need to make. Do we live in fear or do we live in faith? Each of us would like to direct their lives. Mostly because we want the best for them. We want them to succeed, we want them to find happiness and we want them to enjoy the life they have been given.

For me I have chosen to live in faith. I recognize that I have done everything possible to bring them up to be prepared for what is next. It is a huge responsibility, but I have discovered that I am not alone. As I walk in my relationship with Jesus Christ I find my confidence in Him. He is now in the hands of God and it is God who will lay out my son's destiny. For me it is scary, but I know God is with him.

As a church we often want to hold on to what was. We want to be in control and we want to keep things the same because it is comfortable to us. But just like our children leaving home we need to be willing to let go and look forward to what adventures await. Is it scary? Sure. Are we fearful of the unknown? Yup. But the one confidence we have is that God is with us, he is guiding us, and He has a plan. In Jeremiah 29:11 we find these assuring and yet confident words, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

God's plans are always the best plans. If we truly believe that then, when life changes around us we know it will be for the best. When we face struggle and hurt, God's plans will be for the best. If we walk in faith trusting God's plan, then the outcome will bring blessing.

As this new school year begins, change is going to take place. It's inevitable! Knowing God is in control and trusting Him will limit the fear and allow us to get excited and celebrate what will come next! As a church we continue to look forward. Change will take place even if we don't change. I want to encourage you to be open to what might come. Be open to allowing God to do His work and not ours. Be reminded that He holds our future. If we keep our eyes focused on Him then God will do great things in our personal lives, in our church, in our community and in the world!

Trusting Jesus! Love you All!

Pastor Luke



It's Coffee Time!
With the Pastor!!

Come join Pastor Luke
 and Josh for coffee
 at 9 am on September 4th.

We would love to see you all!



Stewardship & Giving

Special offering for August:

Village Northwest, Sheldon

Offering Summary through August 26th

- General Fund: \$207732.17;
 Budget: \$279,866; 74% of budget
- Benevolent Fund: \$37508.04;
 Budget: 86,813.00; 43% of budget
- Building Fund offerings to date: \$1170.00

Faith In Action for September:



Their Wish List:

White cardstock paper

Coffee

24 lb. Printer paper

Wet Swiffer refills

Hershey's Kisses



**Joyful Voices Choir will
 be starting practice on
 September 15 at 8:20 in
 the Fireside Room!** All
 voices are welcome. This
 means you, too, high
 schoolers! The FRC Choir
 practices in the Fireside
 Room on Sunday morn-
 ings, at 8:20 am. All you
 need is a love of sharing
 God's word through mu-
 sic. Questions? Contact
 Peg Van Kley

Trivia Time!!

1. Who dreamed about a ladder
 which reached up to heaven?
2. To whom were the following words addressed?
 "Get thee out of thy country and from they
 kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land
 that I will shew thee."
3. What Bible character was called
 "The Gloomy Prophet"?
4. The man called Gehazi was a: A. Prophet
 B. Servant C. King D. Lawyer E. Wicked Priest
5. What is the name of the first of the twelve
 disciples to be murdered?
6. David the shepherd was how old when he became
 King of Israel?
7. Who owned dishes that were pure gold?

Cornerstone Service Greeters, 9 am



1: West— Jamie & Jennifer Bruxvoort/family
Middle— JoAnn Calsbeek & Jane Buysman
East— Nate and Angie Buysman/family

8: West— Dale & Marilynn De Boer
Middle— LeRoy & Glenda De Boer
East— Marcus & Angie De Boer

15: West— Joe & Nisa deBoom/family
Middle— Gary & Sandy De Vries
East— Stan & Abby De Zeeuw/family

22: West— Glenn & Paul Doorenbos
Middle— Merlin & Karen Doorenbos
East— LaVon Dykstra & Joanne Klaassen

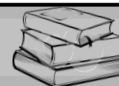
29: West— Mark & Tanya Dykstra/family
Middle— Ron & Nancy Dykstra
East— Scott & Marlys Dykstra



9:00 am Nursery

1: Rachel Wills & Sandy Lamfers
8: Ashley Heronimus & Diane Langstraat
15: Kim McDougall & Brenda Wassman
22: Pam Vande Hoef & Jill Boeke
29: Lesa Stofferan & Jodene Kruse

Library Volunteers



1: Gert Gaalswyk
8: Jan Henrichs
15: Beth Hulstein
22: Jamie Hulstein
29: Mary Hustoft

Sunday School Nursery



1: No Sunday School
8: Sandy Lamfers
15: Megan Loerts
22: Tami Tracy
29: Pam Vande Hoef



Prayer With the Elders

10:00

1: Bill Hartzell
8: Dr. Greg Kosters
15: Marlin Roelfs
22: Duane Vande Hoef
29: Dick Oldenkamp

12:00

1: Dick Oldenkamp
8: Harold Ernst
15: Lawrence Wiersma
22: Dale Honken
29: Bill Hartzell

11:00 am Nursery



1: Tiffany & Liz Wynia
8: Tami & Lindy Tracy
15: Angie Ackerman & Amber Wielenga
22: Karen Honken & Amy Dykstra
29: Chrissy Ackerman & Heather Tangeman

September Willing Hands Group



**Willing Hands
Group #3**
will be responsible for
services during the month.

Co-chairpersons are:

- Jamie/Scott Hulstein
- Sandy/Dave Lamfers

Fellowship Coffee Servers

- 1:** Roger and Carol Iedema
8: Dave and Donna Kleinwolterink
15: Greg and Deb Kusters
22: Charlie and Brenda Kuhl
29: Dave and Sandy Lamfers



Children and Worship Leaders/Helpers

Cornerstone Service 9:00 am

- 1:** No Children & Worship
8: Leader: Deb Kusters
 Helper:
15: Leader: Jamie Hulstein
 Helper: Alexis Hulstein
22: Leader: Deb Kusters
 Helper:
29: Leader: Deb Kusters
 Helper:

Open Door Service 11:00 am

- 1:** No Children & Worship
8: Leader: Deb Kusters
 Helper:
15: Leader:
 Helper:
22: Leader: Deb Kusters
 Helper:
29: Leader: Deb Kusters
 Helper:

After Church Greeters



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| 1: SE: Josh Lucas | 15:SE: Bob Tiedeman | 29: SE: Lawrence Wiersma |
| C: Ken Loerts | C: Pastor Luke | C: John Bartles |
| SW: Dick Oldenkamp | SW: Josh Lucas | SW: Marcus De Boer |
| BE: Lyle Peelen | BE: Duane Vande Hoef | BE: Pastor Luke |
| BW: Pastor Luke | BW: Paul Vander Linden | BW: Josh Lucas |
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| 8:SE: Pastor Luke | 22: SE: John Van Diepen | |
| C: Josh Lucas | C: Harvey Van Ruler | |
| SW: Larry Riebeling | SW: Pastor Luke | |
| BE: Marlin Roelfs | BE: Josh Lucas | |
| BW: Cal Runia | BW: Larry Verdoorn | |

Bible Study Opportunities

Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us.
And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait
patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

Romans 15:4



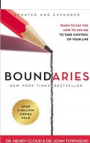
Faith Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, September 16 at 9:00 am** in the Library. Lesson leader will be Janelle Van Drunen and Jane Buysman will serve as hostess. We will study lesson 2, "Receive Strength for the Day from God," in the book *Busyness* by Juanita Ryan. Scripture for the lesson is from Isaiah 40:25-31. We are just beginning this study, so join us, we would like you to be a part of the group!



Patience Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on Monday, September 16 at our **new time** 3:00 pm. Barb will serve as lesson leader and hostess. We will study lesson #8, "Hosea and Gomer" in the book, *Couples of the Old Testament*.



Ladies Bible Study at the Lantern, will begin meeting on September 9 at 7:00pm. They will be digging into the book *Boundaries* by Drs. Cloud and Townsend. People often focus so much on being loving and giving that they forget their own limits. In this book, you'll discover firsthand how sound boundaries give you the freedom to walk as the loving, giving, fulfilled individual God created you to be. Please Join us!

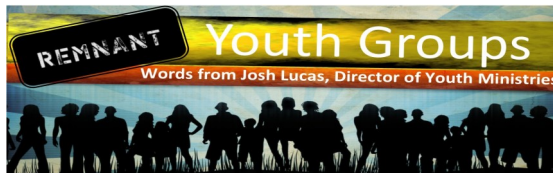


Monday Evening Women's Bible Study, will be starting a new study after Labor Day. Please watch the bulletin for updates!!

The Women's Sunday Morning Bible Study, will begin on Sunday, September 8 at 10:10 am in the northside of the west end of the Fellowship Hall. Please continue to watch the bulletin for more updates on this opportunity.



The Men's Bible Study, who meets on the south side of the west end of the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings at **10:10 am**, are doing a video study by Joby Martin entitled, *Be A Godly Man*. God has created men to have incredible strength. But today's culture has hijacked masculinity, distorting strength into passivity and abuse. In this 5-part video Bible study series, pastor Joby Martin invites men to embrace God's definition of masculinity and to step into His calling upon their lives to wield their strength on behalf of others. God has designed men to be protectors, providers, and defenders. When men act like men, everyone flourishes. Hope to see you there!



Hello First Reformed Church,

Your Devil Crushing Ninja Trainer (Youth Director for short) here to give you yet another awesome and informative newsletter article! First, I would just like to thank all of those who stepped up and helped out the youth group by hosting us in their homes this summer! I hope you were blessed just as much as we were! It was a very fun and exciting summer yet also very hard and challenging but overall a very blessed summer!

A large group of Junior High students along with three adult leaders and I went to Power Connection this summer! Power Connection is simply a Junior High version of Rocky Mountain High! We were blessed beyond measure! It was amazing to see what our students were doing over the course of this weekend! If you would like to know more about it I would love to share our experiences with you in person. I would be honored to tell you how faithful and how awesome our students really are! Next, the High School students went to Texas on our annual Summer Mission Trip! This was honestly the best mission trip I have ever been on! I have been in youth ministry for almost a total of six years and have been on a lot of mission trips and none of them compare to this one. Not only did we have fun, but the fruit that came from this mission trip was beyond words! Not only did we have a Freshman student pray in front of volunteers, but we even had one student who wants to go into full time mission work because of our trip here! God is so good! I don't want any of the credit. This was all by the work of the Holy Spirit. I just plant the seeds and watch them grow! Soli Deo Gloria, All glory to God alone!

We are very excited to get youth group started in September! We, along with all the other Churches in Sibley, are kicking the year off with a Community Youth Night on September 4th at 6:30 pm at Central Park in Sibley. All Junior High and High School students from the community are welcome to join us! Beginning on September 11, we are going to be meeting every Wednesday night until the end of May! Remember Starting September 11 Middle School Youth Group begins at 6:30 and the High School Youth Group starts at 7:30!! See you all there! Remember if you ever need a hug this big ole teddy bear has got one for you!

Blessings,

Josh Lucas

Jokes with Josh:

Q: What do you call a monkey that lives in the North Pole?

A: A cold one.



Start Dates:

Wednesday Night Bible Classes
September 8th

Sunday School and Children and Worship
September 8th

Please consider helping by leading a class this year!

**Sign-up sheets can be found on the Information Center,
via a link on the church website (sibleyfrc.org) under the
Children tab,**

(Wednesday Bible Classes) <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1idJE4sd9Mktix67DTzefCymUv4HxMY5oyeAdFQsHQrU/edit#gid=0>

(Sunday School Classes) <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pBk1yqPAAqRRX6IQFsSiMqP7YLPWZq8GyIi2yzRZw4g/edit#gid=0>

Children & Worship) https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bfTwywspB9NhY7rgoiAy2PfjcTgNfdlmeB7Vh9c_zmE/edit#gid=0

Our Outreach Team has purchased some Community Express Bus passes to be given to church family/ individuals in need. If you would like a round-trip ticket, please stop at the office.



**Mothers
Together**
With God in the Middle

Do you ever wish you had a place where you could connect with others who have experienced the same parenting issues that you have? Want some time to relax, recharge and make new friends? Then Mothers Together is just the place for you.

Mothers Together meets at First Reformed Church of Sibley from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Mothers Together provides excellent child care while moms get the break they deserve. Mothers Together is a non-denominational group. We hope you will make plans to join us!!

• **Start Date Coming Soon!**



Please remember the following Weather Cancellations Procedure:
If there is NO school, or school is released early due to inclement weather, there will be NO WEDNESDAY Night activities. If the Cancellation is on Sunday, all services and activities will also be cancelled for the day.

Education Dates To Remember:

- **Wednesday Night Bible Classes** begin September 4
- **Sunday School Classes & Children & Worship** begin September 8

Teachers are needed!! Please use the links found in this newsletter to access the Google Docs for Sunday School as well as Wednesday night Bible Class Signups. You can also access those signups via our website by clicking on the Children tab or by checking the Information Center in the Fellowship Hall. Please be in prayer about helping out this year.

College Addresses

Since we have had a few requests for our College Students' Addresses, we thought we would publish them. Being away at college can be a fun time. However, it can be a time filled with uncertainty and loneliness. If you get a chance, go ahead and drop a note in the mail to these students. You never know, it just may be exactly what they needed at that very moment. Parents, if you do not see your child's address listed here please let the church office know so it can also be published next month.

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If your student will have a different address for the 2019-2020 school year please let the office know so we can update our information. Thanks so much!!



PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

1. Curt and Peg Van Kley
2. Steve and Leanne Van Kley
3. Pray for our College Students
4. Pray for our Church
5. Dean and Amy Van Marel; Jena, Ryan
6. David Van Ruler; Kacee , Kelsey
7. Harvey and Marcia Van Ruler
8. Justin and Angela Van Tilburg; Jackson, Cole, Trace
9. Cavell and Emily Van Westen; Carson, Keegan, Kennedy
10. Pray for our College Students
11. Pray for our Church
12. Bryan Verdoorn
13. Joel and Kathy Verdoorn
14. Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn
15. Roger Verdoorn
16. Jim and Jena Ver Steeg; Aiden, Logan
17. Pray for our College Students
18. Pray for our Church
19. Faye Vos
20. Caleb Wagenaar
21. Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar; Josh. Colby
22. Justin Wagenaar
23. Brent and Brenda Wassman; Alyssa, Austin
24. Pray for our College Students
25. Pray for our Church
26. A.J. and Jenny Weg; Addison
27. Michael and Amber Wielenga; Haiden, Berkley, Maddie, Dane
28. Lawrence and Ruth Wiersma
29. Ryan Wiersma
30. Kody and Rachel Wills; Kenzie, Jada
31. Geneva Wissink

College Students:

Leah Ackerman

Michaela Block

Grant Brouwer

Cody Dykstra

Tanner Dykstra

Jagger Johnson

Alex Mc Dougall

Madeline Saylor

Lane Tangeman

Carson Van Westen

Alyssa Wassman

Paige Hurlburt

Kaitlyn Bechler

Kalie De Boer

Keyana Gust

Jaden Abels

Madison Norman

Nick Buysman

Hunter DeJong

Hunter Rockman

Ryan Van Marel

Lars Ackerman

Megan Travaille

Peyton Crichton

Britta Harberts

Andrea Meyer

Garrett Saylor

Makayla Tangeman

Colby Wagenaar

Adam Ackerman

Kailey Bruxvoort

Lexi Ackerman

Sarah Hoppe

Jena Van Marel

Troy Soat

Devan Vander Veen

Hannah Lucas

BE A
Prayer
WARRIOR

- Steve Maraboli
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Celebrations

~~Birthday's~~

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|---|------------------------------------|--|
| 1 Lacey Julius
Rylan Marco | 17 Donna Sterler | 26 Paul Vander Linden
Eileen Schutte |
| 2 Kayla Hoekstra
Kevin Soat | 19 Dean Ackerman | 27 Jo Hielkema
Jim Van Engen
Ross Wiersma
Keyana Gust
Alex McDougall |
| 4 Michael Wielenga | 22 Marvin Runia
Hadley Crichton | 28 Kathy Verdoorn |
| 5 Diane Langstraat
Aubrey Hulstein
Dean Van Marel | 23 Taylor Langstraat | 30 Gannon Rockman |
| 6 Hugh Schiphoff
Levi Christensen | 24 Jodi Wagenaar | |
| 7 Makya Dykstra
Brian Altoff | 25 Alex Zylstra
Emma Langstraat | |
| 13 Jackie Tjaden | | |
| 14 Israel Joseph | | |
| 15 Gary Wolter | | |
| 16 Ken Loerts
Luke Heilman | | |

~~Anniversaries~~

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| 3 | Mike & Laurie Kraayenbrink | -----31 yrs |
| 3 | Larry & Rhonda Riebeling | -----25 yrs |
| 4 | Harold & Shelia Van Der Sloom | --55 yrs |
| 5 | Frank & Darcy Martinez | ----- 27 yrs |
| 5 | Mitch & Abby Kreykes | -----14 yrs |
| 8 | Gary & Wilma Leusink | -----52 yrs |
| 9 | Matt & Missy Julius | ----- 13 yrs |
| 13 | Derek & Ashley Heronimus | -----11 yrs |
| 14 | Jamie & Jennifer Bruxvoort | -----23 yrs |
| 15 | Dale & Josie Herrboldt | -----30 yrs |
| 16 | Larry & Melissa De Boer | -----24 yrs |
| 19 | Marvin & Janice Runia | -----61 yrs |
| 21 | Dennis & Dar Jurgens | -----34 yrs |
| 21 | Josh and Heather Tangeman | -----23 yrs |
| 23 | Bill & LaDonn Hartzell | -----41 yrs |



Sportsmen's Devotional



Bible Study Verse

II Corinthians 1: 10-11

He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and He will deliver us again. On Him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many. (NIV)

Thoughts

It's summer and fire season again. This year it has become personal. Our son who lives in Colorado Springs called last night and said that the growing wildfires burning in the area are approaching the area in the foothills where he and his family lives. Fortunately, he and his family are in Missouri on a vacation trip, but the destruction of their home might be imminent.

As I listened to his recount of what is being relayed to him from neighbors and friends in Colorado Springs, my heart goes out to him as I can hear the fear and helplessness in his voice.

Action Point

What can one do when faced with a similar situation? Listen . . . let them talk. Cry and laugh with them. Remember who our powerful heavenly Father is, and what He can do. Gently let them know He is there; He sees what's going on.

"He has delivered us from such a deadly peril," in the past, "and He will deliver us again." Maybe the deliverance outcome may not be exactly what we desire, but remember He knows what the big picture is. I know in my life, in retrospective, I can see where God has been in control. His results have been better than what I could have conceived. Share the stories, recall the Scripture verses that God gave you to sustain you through the hard times.

Pray, have others pray . . . "On him we have set our hope that He will deliver us as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many." God still does miracles, and as in our son's situation, the fires might not touch his and his neighbor's homes.

Sportsmen's Tip of the Day

On a camping trip, always make sure when you leave the campfire is completely out. The best way is to pour water on the embers, stir the ashes, and then douse again.

Trivia Time Answers!!!

1. Jacob - Genesis 28:10-12
2. Abram - Genesis 12:1
3. Jeremiah - Jeremiah 25:11
4. "B" or Servant - 2 Kings 4:12
5. James - Acts 12:1,2
6. 30 yrs. old - 2 Samuel 5:4
7. King Solomon - 1 Kings 10:21



JJ and Tim Tenclay

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus, experienced so much pain during his short time here on earth. Born into an unconventional family (for being born to a virgin mother is, indeed, rare!), fleeing to Egypt as a political and religious refugee, mocked and scorned by so many he encountered...all of this before being falsely imprisoned, publicly beaten and hung on the cross to die a painful death. Our world was, indeed, very dark for three days as we awaited his resurrection and ascension. But the light...the joy...the hope that Easter brings casts away not only the darkness of those three days, but the lingering darkness in our world today. Alleluia!

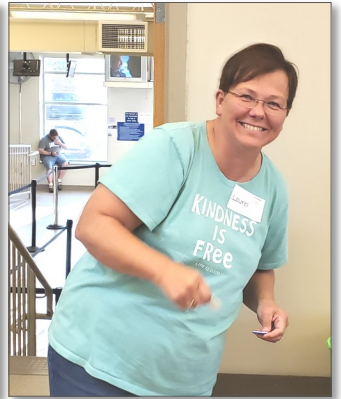
My family and I are slowly adjusting to life back in the United States. The RCA church Tim is pastoring in Long Island, New York has been gracious and welcoming, and the schools that our daughters attend are very good. We lived in temporary housing when we landed in the United States and are in the process of finishing our move to the manse owned by the church this month. Our new mailing address is: 11 Mason Drive, Manhasset, NY 11030.

I have been blessed to accept invitations to further the conversation and discernment process within the RCA regarding how we, as Christians, are called to care for refugees and displaced people around the world. Churches, community groups, pastor's retreats, women's communion breakfasts, missionaries, college and seminary classes, Sunday School classes and youth groups...these are a few of the amazing opportunities I have had to connect with people to answer questions about the global crisis of displaced people and migration, to study what scripture says about the issue, and to spend time in prayer and imploring the Holy Spirit to guide individuals and institutions towards a faithful and active response to caring for those seeking refuge. If you would like to talk with me about the care of refugees and displaced people, or would like to invite me to join your congregation, classis, regional synod, commission, council, educational institution, please contact me at: jjtenclay@rca.org.

I have also had the privilege of moderating the first three videos of a 4-part Facebook live video series for RCA Global Missions entitled, "Let's Talk: Refugee Care." In the first three videos, I interviewed people connected to the RCA who are ministering with immigrants and displaced people in the United States as well as RCA global mission supervisors who highlighted the important work missionaries and mission partners are doing to not only care for displaced people, but to prevent the displacement of vulnerable populations. You can view the first three videos here: Let's Talk: Refugee Care: <https://www.facebook.com/scott.engelsman/videos/10218253951810187/UzpfSTMwNDgxNzY0NjI0NzYxODoyMjE2OTI3MDYxNzAzMzI0/>

I want to end this letter with one final project I have been working on. Part of my role as the newly appointed Refugees Ministries Coordinator for RCA Global Mission is to help identify ecumenical partners that are providing excellent care for refugees and displaced people. The first partnership I would like to highlight is with Partners Relief and Development. Their work with vulnerable and displaced populations is wonderful and Tanner Smith, an RCA pastor, works with them through their West Michigan office. We have identified two projects for a partnership between RCA Global Mission and Partners Relief and Development: to rebuild a school in Iraq and to provide trauma care to Yazidi children. It is my goal to have the details of these projects complete within the next couple of weeks, but in the meantime, if you or your congregation are interested in financially supporting these projects, please contact me at: jjtenclay@rca.org and I will make sure you receive more information as it becomes available.







Remember Operation Christmas Child School Supplies!

There are back to school sales going on for all of the basic school supplies in many stores. These items are great to put in your shoebox gift for Operation Christmas Child. There are children who are not able to go to school because their parents cannot afford the required school supplies. The pencils, pens, and crayons in a shoebox gift may give the child the gift of an education plus the gift of Jesus' love.



So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11(NLT)

We hope you are remembering your Secret Sister in your prayers as well as with acts of kindness. Secret Sisters is a great way to encourage someone and lift them up.

Thanks for participating Sisters!!!



Teacher: "Where's your book?!"

Student: "At home."

Teacher: "And what's it doing there?"

Student: "Having more fun than me."

FARM LIFE

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Word List

BARN
CORN
COW
DAIRY
FARMER
FERTILIZER

GOAT
GRAIN
HARVEST
HORSE
LIVESTOCK
PASTURE

PIG
PLOW
ROOSTER
SEED
TRACTOR
TROUGH



September 23

Sing-A-Long at the Nursing Homes!!

Sibley Specialty Care - 6:30

Country View Manor - 7:00

Sign up at the Information Center

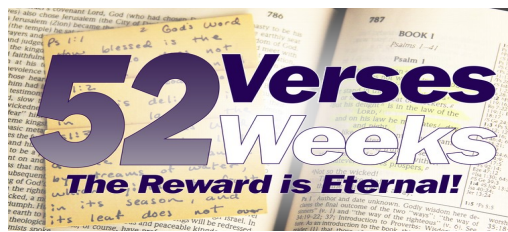


September
25

5:00pm-7:00pm

Proceeds Raised will go
towards our Missionaries!!

Chicken, Pea, Chili, Vegi
BBQs
Pies and Desserts



September 1: "...Thus says the LORD... Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." – Isaiah 43:1, ESV

September 8: "I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior." – Isaiah 43:11, ESV

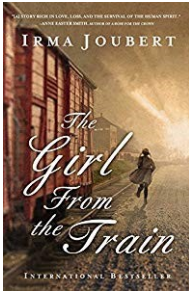
September 15: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." - Matthew 5:14, ESV

September 22: "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16, NIV

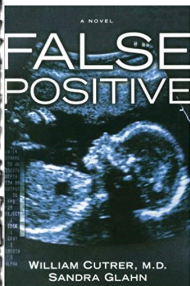
September 29: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." – Matthew 6:33, KJV

From the library--

Here are synopses from two books that were recently added to the library.



THE GIRL FROM THE TRAIN by Irma Joubert. *"Six-Year-Old Gretl Schmidt is on a train bound for Auschwitz. Jakob Kowlaski is planting a bomb on the tracks."* As World War II draws to a close, Jakob fights with the Polish resistance against the crushing forces of Germany and Russia. They intend to destroy a German troop transport, but Gretl's unscheduled train reaches the bomb first. Gretl is the only survivor. Though spared from the concentration camp, the orphaned German Jew finds herself lost in a country hostile to her people. When Jakob discovers her, guilt and fatherly compassion prompt him to take her in. For three years, the young man and the little girl form a bond over the secrets they must hide from his Catholic family. But she can't stay with him forever. Jakob sends Gretl to South Africa where German war orphans are promised bright futures with adoptive Protestant families—so long as Gretl's Jewish roots, Catholic education and connections to communist Poland are never discovered. Separated by continents, politics, religion, language, and years Jakob and Gretl will likely never see each other again. But the events they have both survived and their belief that the human spirit can triumph over the ravages of war have formed a bond of love that no circumstance can overcome.



The other book FALSE POSITIVE by William Cutrer, M.D. and Sandra Glahn. *"When crime finds fertile ground at a local abortion clinic, can a resident physician bring the perpetrators to justice?"* After a woman is rushed to the emergency room in shock from massive blood loss, a second-year medical resident Julien "Red" Richison becomes suspicious about the procedures being practiced at the nearby "VIP" abortion clinic. Soon, with the help of Bethany Fabrazio, a director of a pro-life women's clinic, Red finds himself investigating what goes on behind closed doors at VIP. But what Bethany and Red don't know is that some VIP doctors will stop at nothing to keep their secrets under wraps—even if it means taking Red's life. Addressing with sensitivity and conviction some of the crucial moral, ethical, medical, and spiritual issues of our time, FALSE POSITIVE will take you on a fast-paced thrill ride and bring you face to face with the inseparable miracles of forgiveness and grace.

Stop at the library soon and check out a book. **Please, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE sign the card and put the date due (two weeks from the day) on it.** There are two calendars on the bulletin board for your convenience.

Jeannette Juffer





Administrative Team Meeting Highl

August 7, 2019

- MMS&C to hire Jennifer Bruxvoort for the custodial position, beginning September 1, 2019.

Consistory Meeting Highlights

August 19, 2019

Elder Meeting, 6:00 pm

- MMS&C to approve baptism for Colt Travis Klaassen, son of Clint and Jamie Klaassen on October 6, 2019 at the 9:00 Service.
- MMS&C to approve church use of Kitchen and Fellowship Hall for rehearsal dinner on November 15, 2019 for Alecia Martinez.
- MMS&C to approve an Atlas presentation/message on September 22, 2019
- Pastor Luke requested Elder assistance on a weekly , rotating basis with the upcoming Discovery Class. Elders present agreed to participate.

Full Consistory, 7:00 pm

- MMS&C to approve Pastor Luke's Vacation Dates of September 18-25.
- Discussion was had of possible changes to Consistory Election Procedures.
- MMS&C to approve Mission Trip Testimony Guidelines
- Delegates to the September 10, 2019 Classis Meeting will be: Deacons: Clayton Wagenaar and Chris Wynia and Elders: Lawrence Wiersma and Duane Vande Hoef.



On August 1-3 23 men and boys enjoyed a few days of fishing and experiencing God's great outdoors at the beautiful Hidden Hill Lodge in Roslyn, SD.

8th Annual Father/Son FRC Fishing Trip

