



# The Newsletter

## April 2020

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

### A Prayer for Easter Eyes

My Lord, Jesus,  
You have risen to new life!

Give me new eyes with which to  
recognize your presence in the world  
around me.

Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond  
the ordinary events of each day and into  
the extraordinary reality of your grace.

Brighten my view of the world with  
renewed hope in the coming of  
your Kingdom.

Soften my gaze so that I view  
others with the kind of  
tenderness and compassion  
you showed to so many.

May each day of the Easter  
season provide glimpses  
of your glory.

In your sacred name,  
I pray.

Amen.

*He is  
Risen!*

**DEATH COULD NOT HOLD MY JESUS!!**

### April at a Glance

*Please keep in mind these activities  
may be canceled.*

- 8: No Men's Lenten breakfast at First Presbyterian church
- 9: 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
- 12: 7:00 am Sunrise Service
  - 7:45-9:15 am Unity Brunch
  - 9:30 am Combined Worship Service
  - 6:30 pm Vespers Communion
- 13: 6:00 pm Elder/Deacon Meetings
  - 7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet
- 15: 9:00 am Mothers Together will meet
- 20: 9:00 am: Faith Bible Study
  - 3:00 pm: Patience Bible Study
- 27: 6:30 pm Nursing Home sing-a-long
- 29: 9:00 am: Last Mothers Together
  - Last Wednesday Night Bible Classes

#### \*Sundays:

- 9:00am Cornerstone Service
- 10:10am Sunday School & Fellowship
- 11:00am Open Door Service

#### \*Monday Evenings:

- 7:00pm Women's Bible Study

#### \*Tuesday mornings:

- 8:30am Chickadee Quilters

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

- 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Classes G.1-5
- 6:30-7:30 pm MS Remnant
- 7:30-8:30 pm HS Remnant

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Like me these past few weeks have been very interesting. We are all adjusting to our new normal. During this time I would like to encourage you to find ways to grow the relationships that are around you. I have had opportunity to get things done that have been on that "To Do" list for years. I'm saving money and communicating with people from my past that I haven't talked to in years. This might be a great time to send a short message letting them know you have appreciated them in your life. Also take advantage of your family time. Create some awesome memories!

As for what is happening in church, I thought we would give a little update. We will continue to livestream church on Sunday mornings. Thanks to everyone watching and don't be afraid to ask others to join us. We are listening to feedback after our first Sunday and making some adjustments for improvement. I also want to encourage you to type in your prayer requests, so we can pray for you.

We will be doing three different adult Bible studies during our time apart from each other. The first is on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am. That study is entitled: Paul in Rome. It will talk about cutting through the noise of entertainment, politics and self.

The second study will be on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. That study is entitled: Unstuck. We will discuss how we are caught up in the routines of our culture and how we can find a deeper meaning to life.

The Third study will be on Thursday nights at 6:30 pm. That study is entitled: Whisper. We will discuss how we can better listen to God's guidance and direction in our lives.

All three studies are RightNow Media resources. We will ask that you watch the video at home before the study that week and we will join together for discussion and prayer. If you don't have a RightNow Media account simply go to the church website and register. You will then have access to all the RightNow resources.

To join us for the studies you will need to download an app called "ZOOM" either on your computer or phone. Once you have the app downloaded you will join the study right at the designated time. Our time is limited to 40 minutes with our free version. You will join by typing in the following meeting number:

**661-753-1162**

If you have any questions feel free to give me a call and I will help you work through the process.

The one last item is I want to celebrate the work the ministry teams are doing. With some training and restructuring they are active and doing ministry. They are planning activities and events, being the hands and feet of Jesus and finding new way to serve. You are always welcomed to let the ministry teams know you are interested in serving where your gifts and talents fit best.

Keep up to date by looking our Facebook page and website each week. Until we meet again, love you and praying for you!

Pastor Luke



*It's Coffee Time!  
With the Pastor!!*

There will not be coffee time  
with the Pastor this month.  
Please join us next month!



## Stewardship & Giving

### Special offering for April: Vacation Bible School

Offering Summary through March 23:

- General Fund: \$77432.74;  
Budget: \$291,112; 26% of budget
- Benevolent Fund: \$9123.67;  
Budget: \$73,913; 12% of budget
- Building Fund offerings to date: \$288

# Faith In Action for

April:



## FRC Kitchen

We will be collecting items that will be put to use in our church kitchen. Items needed are: napkins, paper towels, Dawn dish soap, Clorox wipes or some other type of disinfecting wipes, scouring pads etc.

Maybe you have worked in the kitchen and know of something that would be useful that you would like to bring.

All items are appreciated!



## Trivia Time!!!

1. There are two orders of angels. Can you name them?
2. Some angels came to speak with Lot. How many angels were there?
3. How many psalms are there in the Old Testament?
4. What is the name of the Bible character whose handkerchiefs were used to heal people?
5. Joab was a: a. Scribe b. Priest c. King d. Soldier
6. What is the name of the man who was called "The Supplanter"?
7. What relationship was Mordecai to Esther?
8. What is the name of the boy who was sent out into the desert to die with his mother?



**Make a joyful noise!** All voices are welcome to join the FRC Joyful Voices choir. The Choir practices in the Fireside Room on Sunday mornings, at 8:20 am.

All you need is a love of sharing God's word through music. Questions?

Contact Peg Van Kley  
754-2945.

## Cornerstone Service Greeters, 9 am

5: No Service

### Maundy Thursday

9: West— Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar  
Middle— Brent and Brenda Wassman/family  
East— AJ and Jenny Weg/family

### Combined Easter Service (9:30)

12: West— Lawrence and Ruth Ann Wiersma  
Middle— Kody and Rachel Wills/family  
East— Gary and Jessa Wolter

13:



### 9:00 am Nursery

5: No Service

9: (Maundy Thursday) Amy Van Marel & Maureen Heilman

12: (9:30 am service) Jodene Kruse & Mary Hustoft

19: Leona Meendering and Megan Travaille

26: Sandy Lamfers and Rachel Wills

### Sunday School Nursery



5: No Service

12: **No Sunday School Today (Easter Break)**

19: Jan Henrichs

26: Abby Kreykes



### 11:00 am Nursery

5: No Service

12: NO 2nd Service Today (combined worship at 9:30)

19: Sara and Blake Loerts

26: Anne and Kaylee Maxwell

14: **19:** West— Charlie and Brenda Ackerman/  
family

Middle— Dean and Michelle Ackerman

East— Derek and Megan Ackerman

26: West— Brian and Elia Althoff/family

Middle— Bobby and Dee Baker

East— John and Sharon Bartels

### Library Volunteers



5: No Service

12: Leanne Van Kley

19: Marcia Van Ruler

26: Phyllis Vander Linden



### Prayer With the Elders following the service

9:00

5: No Service

12: Dick Oldenkamp

19: Harold Ernst

26: Marlin Roelfs

11:00

5: No Service

12: Stan De Zeeuw

19: Dr. Greg Kosters

26: Marlin Runia

## Willing Hands Group



**Willing Hands Group #4**  
will be responsible for services during the month.

### Co-chairpersons are:

- Karen and Dale Honken
- Marcia and Dick Oldenkamp

## Fellowship Coffee Servers

- 5:** No Service  
**12:** Michael and Mary Hustoft  
**19:** Ken and Wilma Loerts  
**26:** Leona Meendering & Joanne Klaassen



## Children and Worship Leaders/Helpers

### Cornerstone Service 9:00 am

- 5:** No Service  
**12:** **No Children and Worship (Easter Break)**  
**19:** **Leader:** Karen Honken  
**Helper:** Lois Van Diepen  
**26:** **Leader:** Deb Kusters  
**Helper:** Elliot Daiker

### Open Door Service 11:00 am

- 5:** No Service  
**12:** **No Children and Worship (Easter Break)**  
**19:** **Leader:** Karen Honken  
**Helper:** Family of Kimberly Alexander  
**26:** **Leader:** Deb Kusters  
**Helper:** Aiden Ver Steeg

## After Church Greeters



**5:** No Service

- 19:** **E:** Pastor Luke  
**C:** Josh Lucas  
**W:** Marlin Roelfs  
**BE:** Cal Runia  
**BW:** Marlin Runia

- 12:** **E:** Josh Lucas  
**C:** Dick Oldenkamp  
**W:** Lyle Peelen  
**BE:** Larry Riebeling  
**BW:** Pastor Luke

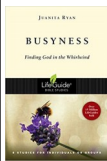
- 26:** **E:** Bob Tiedeman  
**C:** Pastor Luke  
**W:** Josh Lucas  
**BE:** Duane Vande Hoef  
**BW:** Paul Vander Linden

# Bible Study Opportunities

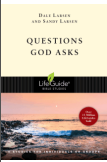
Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us.  
And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait  
patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

Romans 15:4

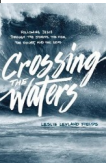
## Women's Bible Study



**Faith Bible Study**, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, April 20 at 9:00 am** in the Church library. The lesson leader will be Anita Ernst with Jeannette Juffer serving as hostess. We will be studying lesson 7, "Labor in Love" in our study book, *Busyness, Finding God in the Whirlwind*. Scripture for the morning comes from Colossians 2:6, 20-23, and 3:1-17. We will be looking at defining or describing compassion, kindness, humility and gentleness. This should be interesting, join us!



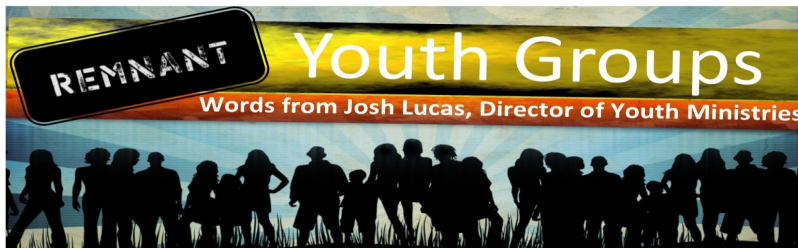
**Patience Bible Study**, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, April 20 at 3:00 pm**. We will continue our book, *Questions God Asks*, by David and Sandy Larsen. Barb will lead lesson #4, "Stand up! What are you doing down on your face?" Hope you can join us!



**The Monday Night Ladies Bible Study** who meets weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00pm is studying *Crossing the Waters* by Leslie Leyland Field via Right Now Media. Please join us for this video series.



**2020 Passion Play has been canceled for this year until further notice**



Hello First Reformed Church,

Your Devil Crushing Ninja Trainer (Youth Director for short) here to give you an update on what is happening and hopefully encourage you! We had to make the very difficult decision to postpone ALL Wednesday night activities until further notice. To make sure that our students do not miss out on learning we have dedicated our youth group time to go Facebook live and Instagram live! Please make sure that your children are watching their designated youth group times. Jr High is going live at 6:30 pm and High School at 7:30 pm! Thank you all for the continued support and prayers during this time.

This is a very scary time in our nation and even our world. I have yet to live through something like this with an age appropriate understanding. I was alive for Y2K and 9/11, but I was only a kid when it happened. This is the first real epidemic or pandemic that I have ever lived through. I am reminded of the great passage in Philippians 4:4-6 that states paraphrased that we are to “rejoice always” and “do not be anxious about anything.” I love this passage it speaks so clearly that we are to trust God. Take heart and know that God is sovereign and in control. Do not let the fear control your life, but trust in God.

As stated before, youth group is postponed until further notice, but we are not shutting down youth group. We are offering a grocery shopping and delivery service for people. If you and your child want to be a part of this amazing and much needed experience, please contact me for further details. If you are someone in need of groceries please let me know and we will get you what you need! I will finish with Isaiah 41:10, “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” If you ever need a good elbow touch this big ole teddy bear has got one for you!

Blessings,

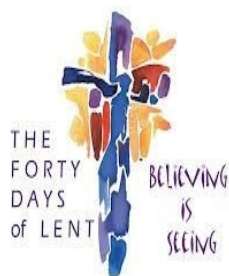
Josh Lucas

### **Dad Jokes with Josh:**

**Patient:** My ear is ringing. What should I do?

**Doctor:** Answer it!

This Lent reading plan walks through each of the four Gospels during the Lent season. What better way to prepare for Easter than to read the complete story of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection?



April 1	<u>John 5-John 6</u>	April 7	<u>John 15-John 16</u>
April 2	<u>John 7-John 8</u>	April 8	<u>John 17-John 18</u>
April 3	<u>John 9-John 10</u>	April 9	<u>John 19-John 20</u>
April 4	<u>John 11-John 12</u>	April 10	<u>John 21</u>
April 5	Take a Break	April 11	<u>1 Corinthians 15</u>
April 6	<u>John 13-John 14</u>	April 12	It's Easter!

# Easter Word Search Puzzle

R	E	H	T	A	F	P	Q	E	A	X	A	N	A	Q	U
A	J	C	M	F	S	U	S	E	J	M	H	O	Z	F	T
D	I	S	C	I	P	L	E	S	C	X	E	I	I	I	Y
G	B	E	B	H	U	B	K	Y	T	F	V	T	K	E	R
P	C	H	B	P	R	K	R	S	J	A	I	C	C	A	A
R	R	O	G	P	P	A	O	B	M	G	L	E	S	S	M
Q	I	O	M	K	N	H	R	B	J	R	A	R	A	T	U
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A	D	B	E	Y	Q	P	X	U	K	N	U	U	O	R	A
G	K	L	L	T	V	W	Y	S	Q	E	D	S	I	S	B
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- God
- Holy Ghost
- Jesus
- Joanna
- John
- Mary
- Peter
- Rabboni
- Alive
- Angels
- Cross
- Dead
- Disciples
- Easter
- Father
- Gardener
- Resurrection
- Sepulchre
- Tomb





# Celebrations

## ~~*Birthday's*~~

- 1 Dahson De Jong
- 2 Kim Van Der Sloot  
Kailey Bruxvoort  
Trace Van Tilburg
- 3 Angie De Boer  
Gary De Vries
- 4 Kyler Maxwell  
Ger Van Diepen  
Berkley Wielenga
- 5 Wilma Leusink
- 8 Pam Vande Hoef  
Mary Hustoft  
Randy Bremer
- 9 Lyle Peelen  
Burdell Henrichs
- 10 Marilyn De Boer  
John Juffer  
Gracia Altoff
- 11 Heather Tangeman
- 12 Ellen Schram
- 13 Steve Mulder

- 14 Dave Lamfers  
Bill Hartzell
- 15 Sylvia Bosma
- 16 Martha Krikke  
Troy Block
- 17 Margaret Calsbeek  
LaDonn Hartzell  
Andrew Zylstra  
Amber Mortensen  
Kennedy Van Westen
- 18 Sharalyn Tjaden
- 19 Grace Hoekstra
- 21 Michaela Block
- 22 Twila Heemstra

- 23 LeRoy De Boer
- 24 Randy Vande Berg  
Apiyo Harberts  
Uchan Harberts
- 26 Melissa Langstraat  
Grant Brouwer  
Dane Mortensen
- 27 Dennis Jurgens
- 28 Janice Heikes  
Katelyn Long  
Madeline Sayler  
Keagan Van Westen
- 30 Paige Hurlburt

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

## ~~*Anniversaries*~~

- 6 Chris and Teresa Hurlburt—24 years
- 7 Dave and Lesa Stofferan —42 years
- 19 John and Jan Juffer—52 years
- 22 Josh and Hannah Lucas—3 year
- 25 Brian and Chelsey Alexander—8 years
- 27 Roger and Carol Iedema—47 years
- 28 Dean and Amy Van Marel—30 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](mailto:sibleyfrcoffice@gmail.com) or 754-2783) and let us know your dates! We would love to recognize YOU on your special day! Thanks

# PRAYER LIST

BE A  
*Prayer*  
WARRIOR  
John 21:36

## PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

1. Josh and Hannah Lucas; Joanna
2. Frank and Darcy Martinez
3. Cory and Anne Maxwell;  
Kaden, Kaylee, Kyler
4. Pray for our College Students
5. Pray for our Church
6. John and Kim Mc Dougall; Alex, Matthew
7. Dave and Jessica Mc Dyer; Lincoln, Addison
8. Leona Meendering
9. Vanessa Odens; Gracie, Landon
10. Dick and Marcia Oldenkamp
11. Pray for our College Students
12. Pray for our Church
13. Lyle Peelen
14. Marlys Pietz
15. Brenda Post
16. Reka Post
17. LaVonne Prins
18. Pray for our College Students
19. Pray for our Church
20. Junior and Imogene Rasmussen
21. Larry and Rhonda Riebeling
22. Daren Rockman; Hunter, Gannon
23. Marlin Roelfs
24. Cal and Kathy Runia
25. Pray for our College Students
26. Pray for our Church
27. Marlin and Kathy Runia
28. Janice Runia
29. Dr. Brian and Heidi Sayler;  
Garrett, Madeline, Grace, Levi, Elijah
30. Eric Schiphoff

### College Students:

Leah Ackerman	Kalie De Boer	Lars Ackerman	Kailey Bruxvoort
Michaela Block	Keyana Gust	Megan Travaille	
Grant Brouwer	Jaden Abels	Peyton Crichton	Sarah Hoppe
Cody Dykstra	Madison Norman	Britta Harberts	Jena Van Marel
Tanner Dykstra	Nick Buysman	Andrea Meyer	Troy Soat
Jagger Johnson	Hunter DeJong	Garrett Sayler	
Alex Mc Dougall	Hunter Rockman	Makayla Tangeman	Hannah Lucas
Madeline Sayler	Ryan Van Marel	Colby Wagenaar	
Lane Tangeman	Mariah Elser		
Carson Van Westen			
Alyssa Wassman			
Paige Hurlburt			
Kaitlyn Bechler			

# PRAYER LIST

BE A  
*Prayer*  
WARRIOR  
*Luke 21:36*

## PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

### Assisted Living

Ethel Jurgens  
Geneva Wissink

### The Nursing Homes

Dutch Kruger  
Harold Schram  
Margaret Calsbeek

### Our Missionaries

Dr. Bernadeth Kelly &  
Adrian Bobb  
Sayuri Kist—Okazaki  
Brian & Donna Renes  
J.J. & Tim TenCley  
Rowland & Jan Van Es

## PRAYER JOURNAL

You can speak with  
spiritual eloquence, pray  
in public, and maintain  
a holy appearance...  
but it is your behavior  
that will reveal your  
true character.

- Steve Maraboli

[www.stevemaraboli.com](http://www.stevemaraboli.com)



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:**

- **Wed. Nights:** No Class or Youth Groups on April 8 (Passion Play Practice)  
April 29 is the last Class time for 1st-5th Bible Classes
  - **Sunday School:** No Class on April 12 (Easter)  
April 26 is last Class day for Sunday School;  
May 3 will be Bible Stories Live (all students participating)

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**If your student will have a different address for the 2019-2020 school year please let the office know.**

# Sportsmen's Devotional

## Bible Study Verses

John 5:16-19

So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute Him. In

His defense Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at

His work to this very day, and I too am working." For this reason they tried all the more to kill Him; not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by Himself; He can do only what He sees His Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. (NIV)



## Thoughts

All this was going on and imagine the Pharisees of the day. They were as arrogant and all-knowing as our politicians are today! They would use anything and anyone to get the point across about how good "they" were and what "they" were doing was for the good of all.

The answer was right in front of them, but they were too boastful and arrogant to see Jesus. Sound familiar? It should, it's happening again right now!

## Action Point

We all have this problem, myself included. Sometimes we get in the way of the problem by trying to be the solution.

Sometimes we truly need to sit back, look at what's going on, and realize that it's not about us. Try that next time and see if the answer comes by taking yourself out of the equation.

## Sportsmens Tip of the Day

I get asked all the time what my favorite lure color is and how I choose it. My favorite color is chosen simply by water clarity. The clearer the water, the more natural the color I use. The more stained or muddy the water, I choose a more contrasting color. If my choice is successful, that becomes my favorite color for that time.

### Trivia Time Answers!!!

1. Cherubim & Seraphim (Genesis 3:24, Isaiah 6:2)
2. Two (Genesis 19:1)
3. 150
4. Paul (Acts 9:11,12)
5. "D" or Soldier (2 Samuel 2:24-28)
6. Jacob (Genesis 27:36)
7. Cousin (Esther 2:5-7)
8. Ishmael (Genesis 15:15, 21:14)



**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](http://sibleyfrc.org)) under the Children tab, as well as on these Google Docs links:

**(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>

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 or know of someone who could use one, please stop at the office.

**Community Express**

Voucher for Transportation  
Provided to you by your local church  
Thank you for riding!

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_



**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

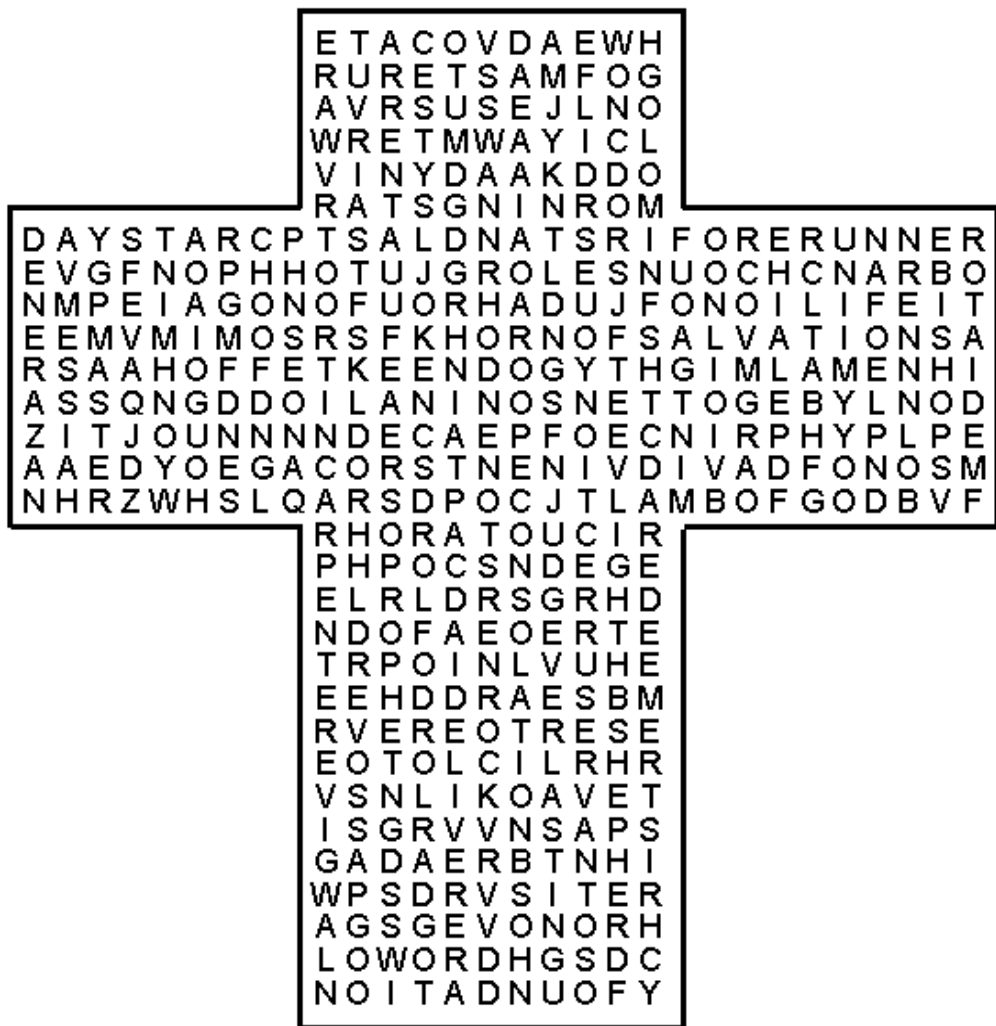
that you have? Want some time to relax, recharge and make new friends? Then Mothers Together is just the place for you.

Mothers Together meets at First Reformed Church of Sibley from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the **first and third Wednesdays of the month**. (Please take note of the change in weeks) 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!!

- **April 15 Relaxation time...Spa Day**

**Please contact Angela Van Tilburg to see if the meeting will still be held**





Advocate  
 Almighty  
 Alpha and Omega  
 Amen  
 Apostle  
 Beloved Son  
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 Consolation  
 Cornerstone  
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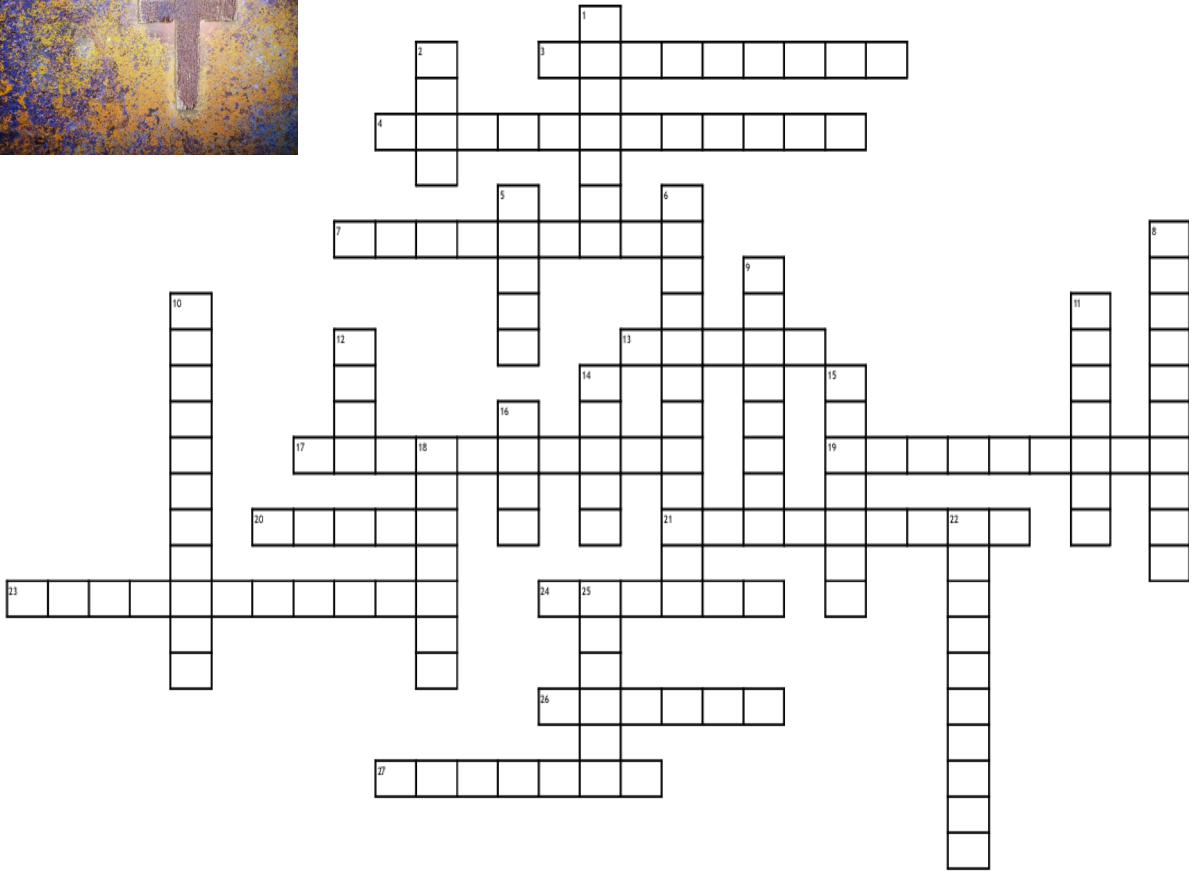
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 I AM  
 Jesus  
 Judge  
 King  
 King of Kings  
 Lamb of God

Lawgiver  
 Life  
 Light  
 Lion of Judah  
 Lord  
 Lord of Lords  
 Master  
 Master  
 Mediator  
 Messiah  
 Mighty God  
 Morning Star  
 Nazarene  
 Only Begotten Son  
 Passover  
 Priest  
 Prince of Peace  
 Prophet

Redeemer  
 Resurrection  
 Rock  
 Savior  
 Servant  
 Shepherd  
 Son of David  
 Son of God  
 Son of Man  
 Vine  
 Way  
 Wonderful  
 Word



# EASTER



## Across

3. Last Supper
4. He has risen!
7. Those who follow The Way
13. Betrayed Christ and was forgiven
17. Jesus prayer place
19. God's great gift to us
20. Symbol of Jesus' death
21. Christ's special circle of friends
23. Christ's ultimate sacrifice
24. Communication with God
26. My ultimate Kingdom
27. Father, Son and Holy Ghost

## Down

1. No fear with Christ
2. Go when God says "go"
5. Don't receive what I deserve
6. Beginning of season
8. Jesus enters Jerusalem
9. Group who cares and has your back
10. To live forever
11. Helping others
12. Our job
14. Receive what I don't deserve
15. Giving up food for prayer
16. 40 days
18. Shout "Lord, save us"
22. Sharing my Christian beliefs
25. Changed as a believer



## From the library--

This month I writing about the Brookstone Brides trilogy. The books are written by Tracie Peterson and are all in LARGE print.



The first book is *WHEN YOU ARE NEAR*. After her father's death, Lizzy Brookstone, a trick rider in the all-female Brookstone Wild West Extraganza, wants nothing more than to quit her role as the star of the show and live a quiet life on her family's ranch. But returning home would bring Wesley DeShazer, the Ranch foreman and the man who broke her heart, back into her life. In addition, the troupe's new manager fears that Lizzy's departure could doom the already cash-strapped show. Hope grows in Lizzy during a stopover at Fleming Farm. Ella Fleming not only has a natural talent for trick riding and could easily replace Lizzy, but she's eager to join the show to flee a forced betrothal. However, while there, one of the show's wranglers is killed in a manner Lizzy finds suspicious. And during her escape from the farm, Ella stumbles across a secret that could affect all of their lives as well as the future of the show.



Book number two *WHEREVER YOU GO*—Mary Reichert is one of the best sharpshooters in the country, and in the Brookstone Wild West Extraganza, her skills are on display in every performance. But Mary will never be able to rest until the man who killed her brother is brought to justice. She feels helpless in the face of the murderer's money, power, and connections, however, and the only bright spot in her days is the handsome journalist who keeps attending the shows. Christopher Williams has been assigned to follow the Brookstone show on its 1901 tours and writes a series of magazine articles, and he finds himself irresistibly drawn to the show's sharpshooter. But getting close to someone would threaten to bring his family's history to light. How could he ever win Mary's heart if she knew the truth? Mary and Chris will both have to trust God in order to heal from their pasts.



*WHAT COMES MY WAY* is book #3 of Brookstone Brides. Ella Fleming is on the run from her past and the secrets that could tear her family apart. As a member of the Brookstone Wild West Extraganza, a Wild West show comprised of all female performers, her uncanny talent for trick riding impresses the audience. Only while performing can she forget her former life— and the man she knows to be the murderer. Phillip DeShazer has secrets of his own and has done his best to bury his guilt in work and drink. Realizing he needs something more, he seeks answers and finds support and kindness from the beautiful Ella. The more she comes to his rescue, however, the more his guilt grows. He's fallen in love with her and feels confident that she returns his feelings, but he's not sure he's worthy of her love. Uncertain of what will come their way, Ella and Phillip must learn to trust God even when the road they travel takes them in different directions—and into danger. Only then can love be a part of their journey.

Visit the library soon!





Dear Friends, Greetings from Limuru Kenya! St Paul's University is suspending classes and sending all the students home. Classes will continue via email. The current plan is for everyone to come back right after Easter and take their final exams starting April 20. But all that could change . . . Pray that all our 4,000+ students will stay safe and will be able to study and do their remaining assignments online and come back and pass all their April exams. Pray that all our staff stay safe and can stay in touch with their students and offer help via email and the internet. Many courses are already online. Rowland has 10 taking Ethics that way now. Pray for the doctors, clinical officers and nurses at the St Paul's University Health Center and all the health workers in Kenya. Currently, there are seven confirmed cases but probably more. Pray for all the Kenyans affected by the decline in tourism and the canceling of all international conferences and all other economic effects of this global pandemic. It hurts the poor the most. Although Kenya has only a few confirmed cases, all that could change very quickly as we have seen in other countries. Social distancing is being tried here with the closing of schools and the canceling of church services and other public gatherings, but most Kenyans live close together. Another concern is that there are many vulnerable groups in Kenya. It was just reported that over 14 million Kenyan's were hungry last year, which means that their immune system is weaker. There are also many Kenyans who are HIV+ and therefore at risk, as well as many more with diabetes and other chronic conditions which make them more vulnerable to COVID-19. We are also concerned for our two daughters. Both Jenna and Michelle visited us here for Christmas, which was great. Jenna returned to work in January at the Hayworth Inn in Holland, Michigan only to be laid off when Hope College suspended their classes. Michelle decided to stay here with us a bit longer and was planning to return to Michigan on April 5. Today as I write this letter, the U.S. State Department has just issued a global level 4 health emergency, restricting all international travel. All U.S. citizens traveling abroad (like Michelle) are being told to "arrange for an immediate return to from Rowland and Jane Van Es in Kenya March 2020 Jane and Rowland Van Es's ministry At St. Paul's University, an ecumenical school that has trained people for ministry since 1903, Rowland teaches Old Testament introduction and interpretation and business ethics, and Jane teaches psychology and sociology to bachelor of divinity students and a master's level course in caring for people with HIV/AIDS. Learn more at [www.rca.org/vanes](http://www.rca.org/vanes). the United States unless they are prepared to remain abroad for an indefinite period." We are not sure what to do since her immune system is also compromised due to a chronic condition called POTS, so air travel puts her at risk now. We were also planning to travel to the U.S. this summer to celebrate my parent's 60th wedding anniversary, attend General Synod, and present a paper at the American Society of Missiology. But all those plans seem to be up in the air due to this pandemic and the new travel advisory. As you pray for us, we are also praying for you wherever you live. This is a test of our faith and a test of our community. Although worship and physical communion have now been suspended for many, our praise and spiritual communion continue. May God be with you and may "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" guard all your hearts and minds during this rather unusual Lenten Season. Our prayer is that by Easter most of this will be behind us. Our counseling center at St. Paul's put out a great newsletter resource about psychological support during COVID-19. Read the full newsletter here if you're interested.





# Consistory Meeting Highlights

**March 2, 2020**

## **Special Elder Meeting:**

- ◇ The elders met for the purpose of going through the church rolls
- ◇ Confessing member rolls were reviewed and recommendations made
- ◇ Official actions on membership roll recommendations will take place next week

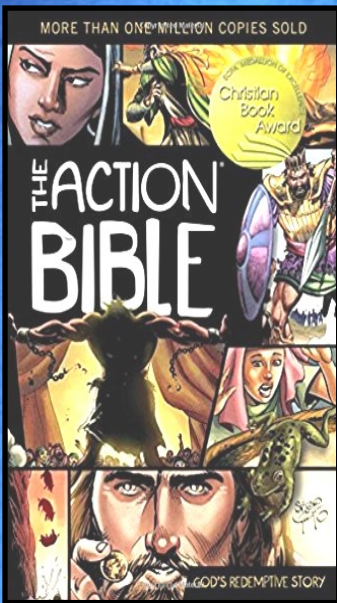
**March 9, 2020**

## **Elder Meeting:**

- ◇ Approval Church use June 21<sup>st</sup> Keshia Bean-Rylee baptism, Kitchen, fellowship hall-MMSA
- ◇ Reviewed letters of membership roll status. Letters of encouragement, Inactive, and dropped letters were circulated and signed. A time of prayer was held for the intended recipients.
- ◇ Maundy Thursday service will be at 7 pm, Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Later in the service we will serve communion. Elements will be served in the seats.
- ◇ Easter Sunrise Service will be 7 am, 1<sup>st</sup> Service at 9:30, no SS or 2nd Service. MMSA

## **Full Consistory:**

- ◇ Discussion was held about adopting a Vision Statement for the Church \*\*\*Recommendation: A Vision Statement based off of Matthew 16:16 "To proclaim Jesus as the Messiah the Son of the Living God." Consistory members were encouraged to pray about this topic and we will discuss this at the next meeting.
- ◇ Feedback on the ministry team workshop was received and was largely positive, we will probably plan on doing this every year.
- ◇ Classis meeting Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 at Spencer Hope Reformed Church. Classis meeting proposals for the March 10 meeting were discussed.
- ◇ Season of Prayer was held for our church, its members, and our ministry.
- ◇ Elder's Business: Church use requested by Keshia Bean was approved.



# For the Kids...

Our church has been blessed with children's "Action Bibles." They are now available next to the Children's Worship Bulletins. Feel free to allow your children to use them during the church service. At the end of the service simply return them to the holders. If you would like a copy of the Action Bible for you children to take home, please contact the office and we will get one into your hands.

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