

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

## **Thank You For Many Things**

The

June 2020

Thank you, God, for many things, For moonlit waters and mountains high, For gentle birds that sing and fly, For grilliant stars to light the sky.

Thank You, God, for summer's glow, For the rivers flow, For happy smiles and hands to hold, For faith more precious then pure gold.

Thank You, God, for many things, For daffodils upon the hill, For sunbeams on my window sill, For helping me to know Thy will.

Yes, Thank You, God, for many things, For ears to hear and eyes to see, For all the gifts you've given me, And your promise of Eternity.

> Sent into the office by a dear congregation member

June at a Glance June 14: Possible Return to Church Date June 21: Happy Father's Day

\*Sunday Mornings: 10:00 am Worship via Facebook Live Sunday School is on break until Fall

\*Monday Evenings: Women's Bible Study is on Summer break

\*Tuesday mornings: No Quilting for right now

\*Wednesday Evening Bible **Classes and Youth Groups: Bible Classes and Youth Groups** are on break until Fall

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It's hard to believe we are in the month of June. It has been almost 2 1/2 months since we have worshipped together. I have missed our time together and have come to realize the value of corporate worship and the weekly opportunity to see each other and build relationships centered around Jesus Christ. On June 14th, I am excited that we will return to what church should be. I know the process will be gradual with some returning right away and others taking their time, assessing what is happening, and determining when they will feel comfortable to return.

I want to encourage you to come back when you feel comfortable and safe. You will know when that will be. For those planning on worshipping on the 14th I want you to know we are taking all measures possible to keep you healthy and safe. As many of you know, we have developed a three phase plan for returning. A decision made by the administrative team/ consistory will determine when we move to the next phase. Phase 3 will bring us back to the new normal.

I just want to take some time to remind you of what to expect when you return on the 14th. The church has been deep cleaned and will be completely disinfected when you come through the doors. All the hymn books, Bibles and other materials in the pews will be removed. The only doors that will be open are those on the east and west side of the sanctuary. The parking lot door by the offices will remain locked.

The front doors will be propped open so no one will need to open and close them. On days when the doors cannot be propped open someone will be opening and closing the door for you. We will not hand out bulletins and offering will be dropped in plates located by the back doors. The fellow-ship hall and balcony will be closed.

We are encouraging a 6 foot distance from those around you. Family units can sit next to each other. Every other pew will be taped off and the pews you can sit in will need to follow the 6 foot rule. Masks will be optional and we will have some masks available for anyone who doesn't have one but would wear one out of concern for others.

Following church there will be no fellowship inside the building. We will dismiss your pews accordingly. For those who want to have fellowship, you will need to do that outside during Phase 1. Again abide by the 6 foot rule. The only restrooms available will be the two closest to the sanctuary. Also, at this time, the Library will remain closed. In between the 9:00 am service and 11:00 service we will do a deep cleaning of the restrooms and sanctuary.

We will not offer coffee and refreshments nor will there be nursery available. Please use the hand sanitizer stations we have installed by the east and west sanctuary doors. At this point no other events or activities will take place. Chances for small groups to meet will come in Phase 2. During this entire time we will continue to do Facebook live.

I want to encourage you to be patient and understanding of those around you. Our goal is to make sure we are loving our neighbor in such a way that we are concerned about them and not ourselves. I realize we all want church to be the way we have liked it and maybe what it use to be. I also recognize church may never be the same as it was before. There are simply things that have changed, just as each of us have had to adjust so many other areas of our lives.

My ultimate prayer is that when you return, you are returning with a desire to worship as God has designed us to do. We are to celebrate what Christ has done in our lives. We want to give God the honor and glory He so deserves. We want to lift up our voices in song and have a passion for God like we have never had before.

I look forward to seeing your beautiful faces and am excited to see what our new way of worship will look like. In the coming weeks take time to pray for our return and that the Holy Spirit will bring a new attitude and excitement as we return to church and worship together.

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



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## **Stewardship & Giving**

### Special offering for June: The Banquet

Offering Summary through May 27:

- General Fund: \$135,643.53; Budget: \$291,112; 46% of budget
- Benevolent Fund: \$;12,333.67
  Budget: \$73,913; 16% of budget
- Building Fund offerings to date:\$2138

# Faith In Action for June:

# <u>Shut-ins/Nursing</u> <u>Home Residents</u>

Make it a point to send a card, visit or make them feel special in some way.

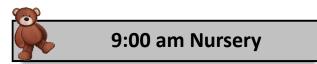


# Trivia Time!!!

- The Gibeonites would have been killed by Joshua if it had not been for their old lclothes, old shoes, and what kind of bread?
- When Joseph's brothers first came to Egypt, he put them into jail for: a. 1 day b. 2 days, c. 3 days d. 4 days e. 5 days f. 6 days
- 3. How many Herods are there in the Bible?
- 4. What type of wood did Noah use when he built the Ark?
- 5. How amny elders did Moses appoint to help him share the load of dealing with the children of Isreal?
- 6. Who wrote the book of Lamentations?
- 7. What three young men had a father who was 500 years old?

### Cornerstone Service Greeters, 9 am

No Schedule at this time



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No Schedule at this time



Sunday School is on Break until Fall



Prayer With the Elders following the service

No Schedule at this time



11:00 am Nursery

No Schedule at this time

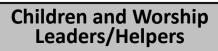
**After Church Greeters** 



No Schedule at this time

## Willing Hands Group





Children and Worship is on Break until Fall

Willing Hands Group #6 will be responsible for services during the month.

### **Co-chairpersons are:**

- Peg and Curt Van Kley
- Lois and John Van Diepen

## Fellowship Coffee Servers

No Schedule at this time



### 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.

In this time of uncertainty a word of encouragement will mean a lot.

Thanks for participating Sisters!!!



Attn FRC: Stop at the church info table by the office to pick up your copy. (Mon-Fri 7a-2p)



First Reformed Church VBS AUGUST 3-7

# 5:30-8:30pm

Go to the following Link for Student and Volunteer Registration!! <u>https://vbspro.events/p/</u>





# **Consistory Meeting Highlights**

May 18, 2020

- MMSC to upgrade our video equipment with a bid around \$24,000 from RDI of Milford. Money for upgrade will come out of a designated fund specifically for building upgrades and improvement.
- MMSC to give congregation an opportunity to contribute to the video system fund.
- The "return to church" date is tentatively set for June 14<sup>th</sup>, pending the results of a meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> whether to return at that time.
- "Return to Church" Guidelines, approved by the Administrative team, were reviewed
- Daily Vacation Bible School is postponed to August 3-7, 2020
- Due to Inspiration Hills canceling summer camps this year, the camp is promoting "Camp In A Box" program where kids would get the materials they would have received for activities in an effort to simulate the camping experience at Inspiration Hills. The Administrative Ministry Recommended our church pay the first \$50 of each "Camp In A Box" for our member students. **MMSC** to approve the recommendation of the Admin Ministry Team to pay \$50 toward the cost of each box.

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!



Mothers Together is on break for Summer. We will begin meeting once again this fall! Have a great summer everyone!



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! I hope that you all have been safe and have been doing well!

I wanted to talk about something that I came across that I wanted to share. Joanna began to walk about one month ago and she has been unstoppable. When it first started I thought to myself, "Finally! Things are going to get easier, because now she doesn't need me as much!" Then God did something pretty crazy that I did not realize before. He brought COVID-19. In an instant, everything changed. I was just recently in attendance of the high school graduation, and it was very different than anything I ever saw before. The principal, Stan De Zeeuw, said something that I truly believe the Holy Spirit guided him to say, "Do you remember your last day of school? It was Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>." Of course, kids went to school that day not knowing that this was going to be their last day of school, and for the seniors the last time they would step foot in the school as a student. It was a hard thought to think about.

What does this have to do with Joanna? Joanna walking came out of nowhere and I was not expecting it. This whole situation we are all in and Joanna walking has made me realize that I should not take any moment in life for granted. You never know when things are going to drastically change or even when it is all over. Are you ready for that day? Are you right with God? Have you turned from your sin and trust in Jesus for salvation? Love you spouses, cherish every moment with your children while they are still young, and in all circumstances, pray!

Youth Group finished this last Wednesday for the 2019-2020 year and we are still awaiting some details to see if we are going to have any summer activities. Thank you all for your prayers, encouraging messages, and for the love that has been shown to me and my family! Please know that Hannah and I are praying for all of you! If you ever need a good air high five from six feet away this guy has got one for you!

Blessings, Josh Lucas

### Dad Jokes with Josh:

Q: Q: What should you do if you break your arm in two places?

A: Stay away from those places!



# PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

#### **Assisted Living**

Ethel Jurgens Geneva Wissink Gaylord Kruger

#### **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**

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# PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

- 1. Mark Van Der Sloot;
- 2. Kim Van Der Sloot
- 3. Helen Vander Veen
- 4. Collin and Alexis Van Diepen
- 5. Ger and Barb Van Diepen
- 6. Pray for our College Students
- 7. Pray for our Church
- 8. John and Lois Van Diepen
- 9. Keith and Janelle Van Drunen
- 10. James and Pauline Van Engen
- 11. Joel and Angie Van Gelder; Teddy
- 12. Barb Van Hattem
- 13. Pray for our College Students
- 14. Pray for our Church
- 15. Curt and Peg Van Kley

- 16. Steve and Leanne Van Kley
- 17. Dean and Amy Van Marel; Ryan
- 18. Jena Van Marel
- 19. David Van Ruler; Kacee, Kelsey
- 20. Pray for our College Students
- 21. Pray for our Church
- 22. Harvey and Marcia Van Ruler
- 23. Justin and Angela Van Tilburg
- 24. Cavell and Emily Van Westen; Carson, Keegan, Kennedy
- 25. Bryan Verdoorn
- 26. Joel and Kathy Verdoorn
- 27. Pray for our College Students
- 28. Pray for our Church
- 29. Larry and Alfreda Verdoorn
- 30. Roger Verdoorn

#### College Students:

Leah Ackerman Michaela Block Grant Brouwer Cody Dykstra Tanner Dykstra Jagger Johnson Alex Mc Dougall Madeline Sayler 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 Mariah Elser Megan Travaille Peyton Crichton Andrea Meyer Garrett Sayler Makayla Tangeman Colby Wagenaar

Sarah Hoppe Jena Van Marel Troy Soat

Hannah Lucas

# **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.

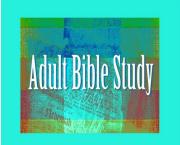
Romans 15:4



Faith Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will not meet in June.

**Patience Bible Study**, who meets the third Monday of most months, will not meet in June.

The Monday Night Ladies Bible Study is on break until we can meet again



Each week we are offering Zoom Bible Studies. To participate all you need to do is download the zoom app on your phone, tablet, or computer. Then at the time of your Bible Study simply join a meeting to join the study.

Zoom has implemented some changes to increase online safety. You will be asked for Meeting ID which is 661-753-1162. You then will be asked for the Password for the meeting. Due to safety issues, you will need to contact Pastor Luke at lukesfrc@gmail.com for that specific code.

Each Bible Study that we are offering originates from RightNow Media. If you do not currently have an account, please visit our website to get your login account. Once you have your account Login you can log into www.rightnowmedia.org. **To get the most out of your Bible Study each week we encourage you to please watch that week's video prior to meeting time.** 

New Studies to begin in June!! Please keep watching the online/printed bulletin for more information for these new studies!!



Celebrations

~~Birthday's~~

- 1 Jessica McDyer Kimberlie Alexander Travis Boeke
- 2 Lennis Harberts Kalen Heronimus Jackson Van Tilburg
- 3 Adam Ackerman
- 4 Tammy Breitweiser
- 6 Frank Martinez
- 7 Sandy Lamfers
- 8 Abby De Zeeuw Kelsey Joseph Jena Ver Steeg
- 9 Lawrence Wiersma Kelsey Doorenbos Ahbea Harberts Aysha Harberts
- 10 Addison De Zeeuw
- 11 Dale De Boer Nancy Dykstra
- 12 Georgia Hisek
- 13 Donna Kleinwolterink
- 15 Avery Zylstra
- 16 Chris Hurlburt
- 17 Jacob Leusink

- 18 Janelle Van Drunen Mark Langstraat Colby Wagenaar Elizabeth Wynia Joselyn De Zeeuw
- 20 Lois Van Diepen Holden Fox
- 22 Charles Kruger Chelsea Hulstein
- 23 Harold Ernst Joel Van Gelder Mike Block Sr.

- 24 Stan De Zeeuw Colt Klaassen
- 25 Evan Mehls Angela Van Tilburg
- 26 Karissa Hulstein
- 28 Jarred Brouwer Jaxton Loerts Ken Huls
- 30 Jahlyn De Jong Jaden Ables Keshia Bean

T have <u>found</u> THE ONE Whom my soul Coves

- 1 Alec & Sarah Hoppe 1 year
- 4 Marlin & Kathy Runia 32 years
- 8 Jacob and Sami Fox 7 years
- 9 Jarred and Tracee Brouwer 20 years
- 10 Ed and Jan Harskamp 56 years
- 11 John & Sharon Bartels 54 years
- 11 Dr. Brian and Heidi Sayler 26 years
- 12 Loren and Deb Hulstein 35 years
- 15 Collin & Alexis Van Diepen 1 year
- 18 Chris and Tiffany Wynia 21 years
- 20 AJ and Jenny Weg 5 years
- 21 Lennis and Marvella Harberts 35 years
- 21 Jared and Jenny Tiedeman 6 years
- 22 Cody and Kristen Hurlburt 1 year
- 23 Charles and Katha Kruger 36 years
- 25 Brad and Sarah Loerts 15 years
- 26 Junior and Imogene Rasmussen 56 years
- 27 Ron and Nancy Dykstra 45 years
- 27 Curt and Peg Van Kley 28 years
- 28 Brian and Elia Altoff 12 years
- 28 Mark and Tanya Dykstra 23 years
- 30 Kody and Rachel Wills 8 years



## Adrian and Bernardeth Bobb-Kelly in Bluefields, Nicaragua

Amid an imminent threat of the pandemic disease known as coronavirus or COVID-19, we are still functioning by putting unto practice the measurements given by health doctors. Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support. With your support, we were able to build a new feeding center in a neighborhood known as Beholden. Its dedication took place on November 14, 2019. On that very special day, we were honored with the presence of our area supervisor Rev. Luis Ruiz from the RCA, the Bishop and senior pastor of the

local Moravian church, Tabitha's Home directive board, and a representative of the Beholden neighborhood. We sang and praised the Lord and a child from the feeding center prayed for the meal. Last year the food for Beholden children was prepared at the first feeding center and then transported to the children in the Beholden neighborhood. Now the food is cooked and served right there in the new feeding center. From the end of last year, the amount of children has increased from 120 to 160 at the first feeding center and from 40 to 55 at the second feeding center. In December of last year, one of the girls from Tabitha's home by the name of Jolecsy graduated from nursing school. Now, as she waits for her call from the Health Ministry to go and give her social service to one of the small communities, she helps us with the medical brigades and also with the attendance control of the children at the first feeding center. Bernardeth and Adrian's ministry Bernardeth Kelly Bent and Adrian Bobb, who is ordained, work with the Institute of Social Development of the Moravian Church (IDSIM) training health workers, pastors, and other people from villages and neighborhoods. They work with churches to establish foster homes, feeding programs, and scholarships for children from poor neighborhoods in Bluefields, and they provide pastoral and health care to people in remote villages along the Rio Grande de Matagalpa. Learn more at www.rca.org/bobb-kelly. In January, we had our medical brigade trip along the river. Jolecsy and Abayomi, our second daughter, were able to join the trip. Jolecsy went to help as a nurse and Abayomi carried along Christmas packages to share with the pastors and their families and the children from all the villages we do clinics along the river. At this time, the Nicaraguan government is not calling for any type of social restriction from COVID-19, so the schools are supposed to function as normal. Nevertheless, parents have decided to keep their kids home. Consequently, most schools in the Bluefields area are closed. We are trying to continue serving meals to kids by delivering it to their homes. There are some challenges in attending this way but we also want to be responsible for avoiding them from getting infected from the coronavirus in the kitchen. Prayer Requests: 1. Pray for the world as we face this pandemic and may our faith and trust in God grow more and more as we face these difficult days. 2. Pray for Jolecsy as she is preparing to work as a nurse somewhere in Nicaragua, with so little resources and exposing herself to COVID-19. 3. Pray for the Bobb-Kelly family and all the children that are under our care. May the Lord Almighty keep you safe from the coronavirus just as how He protected Noah and his family in the ark.





# **Sportsmen's Devotional**

### **Bible Study Verses**

Psalm 91:4

He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

### <u>Thoughts</u>

Hiking is peaceful, long walks in God's creation. I feel closest to God when I'm hunting alone. His majestic creation is all around me--from the tiny flowers below to the towering trees above me. A rabbit scurries past, and there is a turkey with her new hatch, all in the high country of the forest.

Life is to be lived to the fullest: love of family, neighbors, and good friends reaching out to do God's work by serving. We are God's eyes, ears, and hands while we serve Him here on His Earth. As I walk through life, I feel God's shadow of protection all around me. Well, an elk is still walking free today, but there will be another day for hunting.

### Action Point

As we read through the first chapter of Genesis, we witness everything God created. Genesis 1:31tells us, "Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day." (NKJV).

Everything that God made is indeed good and we should take the time to get out and enjoy His creation. Jesus did it from time to time to refresh Himself and to pray. We need to take the time to follow His example.

### Sportsmens Tip of the Day

Whenever you are out in the field, make sure to take care of God's creation. Always leave your camp cleaner than when you found it.

Trivia Time Answers!!! 1. Dry and moldy bread--Joshua 9:3-5,12 2. 3 Days--Genesis 42:6,17 3. Three: Herod the Great Matt. 2:1 -20; Herod Antipas Matt. 14:1-11; Herod Agrippa the First--Acts 12:1-23 4. Gopher Wood--genesis 6:14 5. Seventy--Numbers 11:16,17 6. Jeremiah 7. Ham, Shem and Japeth: The sons of Noah--Genesis 5:32





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Dad Jokes Hall of Sham

What do you call an alligator in a vest? An investigator.

Dad Jokes Hall of Shame

Waiter: Do you want a box for your leftovers?

No. But I'll wrestle you for them!



Dad Jokes Hall of Shame



### Father's Day Vocabulary Cryptolist

A crpytolist is similar to a cryptogram, except that it is a list of coded words, and not a quote or sentence. The text below has been written in alphabet code. Use the decoder at the top of the page to track the letter subsitutions (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Then fill-in the correct letter in the blank space above each code letter in the text.

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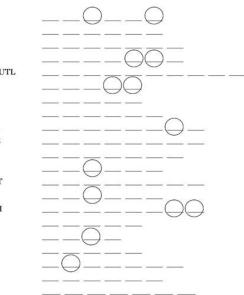
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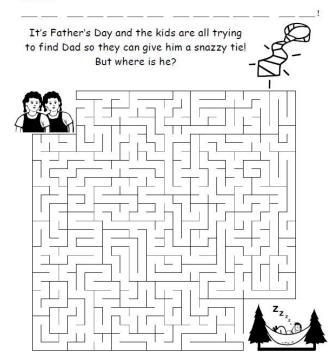


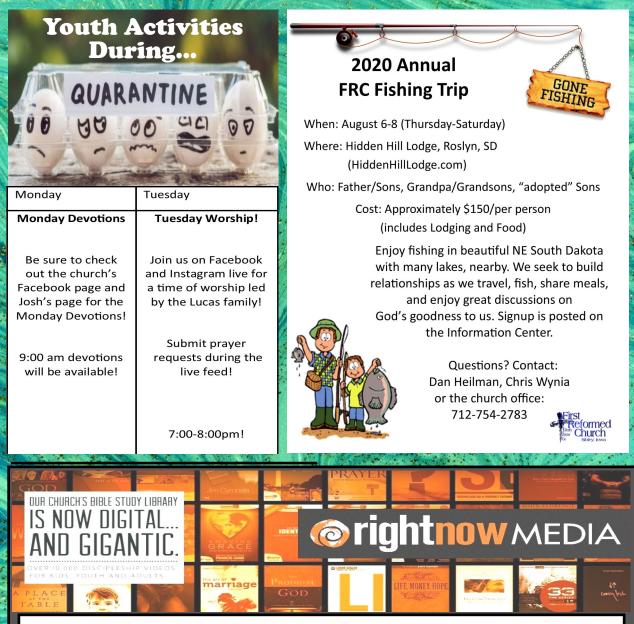
Unscramble the letters to find the words in the word scramble to answer the hidden phrase.

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#### LSIPECA Phrase:





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