

The Newsletter

June 2021

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

**Middle School Remnant
Flower Sale and Supper-to-go
Thank You For Your Support!!**



June at a Glance

- 5-12: HS Remnant Lake Charles, LA Mission Trip
- 6-10: 5:30-8pm - VBS
- 6: Communion Sunday
- 12: Sibley's Good Old Summertime events
 - Britta Harberts & Preston Marco Wedding
- 15: 6:00 pm Elder/Deacon Meetings
 - 7:00 pm Full Consistory will meet
- 20: Father's Day
- 21: 9:30 am: Faith Bible Study
 - 3:00 pm: Patience Bible Study
- 25-28: MS Remnant Kentucky Retreat

***Sundays:**

- 9:00am Cornerstone Service
- Sunday School is on break for Summer
- 10:10 am Fellowship Hour (no coffee)
- 11:00 am Open Door Service

***Tuesdays:**

- 8:30 am Quilting Chicks will meet

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

Are on Break until Fall

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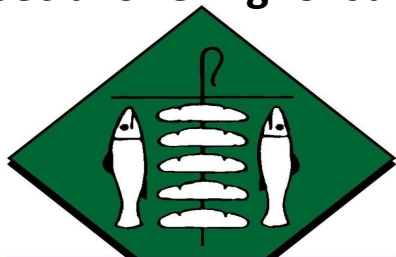


Stewardship & Giving

Offering Summary through May 28:

- **General Fund:** \$147048.63
Budget: \$299,173.35; 49%% of budget
- **Benevolent Fund:** \$18570.20
Budget: \$71,025.61; 26% of budget
- **Building Fund offerings to date:** \$720

Special offering for June:



THE BANQUET



Fathers in the Bible...Who was the father of:

1. Ishmael and Isaac?
2. Esau and Jacob?
3. Cain, Able and Seth?
4. Joseph and his brothers?
5. Manasseh and Ephraim?
6. Aaron and Moses?
7. King David?
8. Ham, Shem and Japheth?
9. Samuel?
10. King Solomon?
11. Joshua?
12. Jonathan?

Faith In Action for June: Shut-ins/Nursing Home Residents

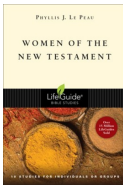
Make it a point to send a card, visit or make them feel special in some way.



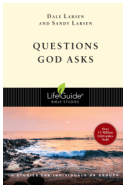
Bible Study Opportunities

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, June 21 at 9:30 am** in the Fireside Room. We will begin our new Bible Study Book Called Women of the New Testament. This would make an ideal time for you to join us in our Bible Study. We would welcome you around the table!! If you are interested in joining us please contact Lynn Schram to get a book. All are welcome!



Patience Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, June 21 at 3:00 pm** in the Fireside Room. We will continue our book, Questions God Asks, by David and Sandy Larsen. Barb will lead lesson #6, "Why Do You Complain, Jacob" Kathy will serve as hostess. Come and join us!



Sunday Morning Men's Bible Study Group: Is on Break until Fall.





Cornerstone Service Greeters

6: E: Jamie and Jennifer Bruxvoort
 C: Ed and Jan Harskamp
 W: Dan and Maurine Heilman

13: E: Cole and Kayla Hoekstra
 C: Mitch and Abby Kreykes
 W: Ryan Wiersma

20: E: Henry and Barb Fisher
 C: Ken and Sandy Heronimus
 W: Ken and Wilma Loerts

27: E: Arnie and Diane Langstraat
 C: Curt and Peg Van Kley
 W: Burt and Jan Henrichs

Nursery

The Nursery will be open for use,
 but unstaffed.

Children & Worship Schedule



**Children and Worship is on break for the
 Summer! See you all this Fall!!**

Willing Hands Group



Willing Hands Group #6

will be responsible for
 services during the month.

Co-chairpersons are:

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

Fellowship Coffee Servers



6: Larry and Rhonda Riebeling
 13: Ted and Eileen Schutte
 20: John and Lois Van Diepen
 27: Dave and Lesa Stofferan

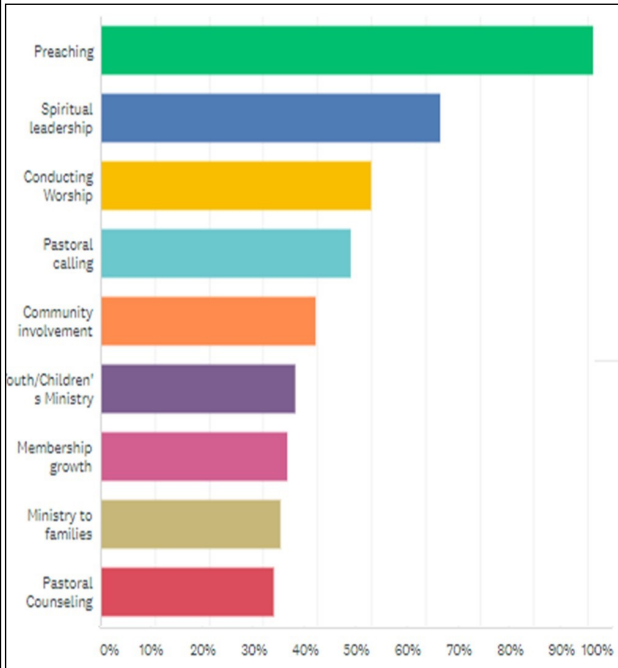
Library Volunteers



6: Ruth Ann Wiersma
 13: Jane Buysman
 20: Marilyn De Boer
 27: Gert Gaalswyk

PASTORAL SEARCH TEAM NEWS

We heard you! Thank you to everyone who took the time to answer the survey sent out two weeks ago. One thing that was clear is that you all want to hear from the team, and the newsletter is one of the top choices. Watch for monthly updates in the newsletter and in your bulletins.



The Search Committee has been busy and they have been meeting regularly the last few months. The team has read the RCA guidelines for finding a pastor, completed the Church Profile, collected survey data, and begun to organize the selection process.

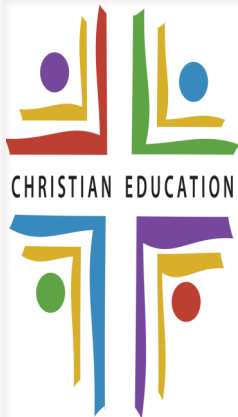
The survey results were very interesting, and revealed that as diverse as we are, we have very similar expectations for our next pastor. From the first question you can see that nearly everyone (90.1%) agreed that preaching is a priority. These choices will help the team to find the right pastor for our congregation. *Please pray for the team!*

Co-chairs: Greg Kusters and Duane Vande Hoef
Committee Members: Jerrad Brouwer, Lois Van Diepen, Ryan Wiersma, Sarah Loerts, Anne Maxwell, Hallie Block, and Gretchen Bartelson



Consistory Meeting Highlights

- **MMSA the request of baptism for Ingrid Abigail Fox, daughter of Jacob and Sami Fox at the 11:00am service on May 16th. Henry Fisher and Ken Heronimus will officiate.**
- **MMSA Jacob and Sami Fox for use of the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen following the Service of Baptism this Sunday, May 16th.**
- **MMSA to go to one service on Sundays at 10am for the months of June, July, and August with followship time before hand- beginning at 9:15 or so.**
- **MMSA Coffee fellowship will be before the 10 o'clock church service.**
- **MMSA Coffee and food will start being served June 6th. This will be open to other church activities as well.**
- **Next Meeting June 15th, 2021. NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!**



June Education Schedule:

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.

- **All Youth Education classes and Youth Groups are on Summer Break**

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If your student will have a different address for the 2021-2022 school year please let the office know.

Sportsmen's Devotional



Bible Study Verse

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.

Thoughts

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

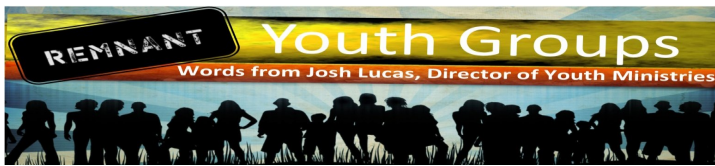
On Memorial Day take the time to seek out at least two veterans and thank them for their service. You can also do this with family members that have lost loved ones while serving our nation. Consider practicing this each Memorial Day and follow through.

Sportsmen's 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. Abraham 2. Isaac 3. Adam 4. Jacob 5. Joseph 6. Amram 7. Jesse 8. Noah 9. Elkanah 10. David 11. Nun 12. Saul



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 to encourage you! We ended our school year this past Wednesday! It is a bitter-sweet moment for me. Bitter because I love our kids and meeting with them every week. Sweet because there has been a lot of challenges and we get to take a breather and I get to spend a little bit more time with Hannah and Joanna. This does not mean that we are not going to be active this summer! We definitely are! We have two trips planned for youth group. One for middle school and one for high school. Middle school is going to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky and the high school group is going to Lake Charles, LA for our annual mission trip. We are very excited for both trips! We will have a parent meeting for both of the trips so please make sure that you are connecting with me and the group on social media (Facebook) and Remind (Messaging app), so then you will know the dates and times for those trips. As I said we are very excited about this coming summer and we are looking forward to a very successful summer.

Over this last week it was a pretty exciting time for Sibley, with the train derailment. Hannah and I were in the zone that had to evacuate, and we went and stayed with her grandpa in Ocheyedan. Hannah had some homework to finish, so I took Joanna to the Ocheyedan city park right around the corner from grandpa's house. On our way to the park I noticed that there was a person who had what looked like a "church sign" in his front yard. When I say a church sign, I mean a big square wall with slots in it where you can slip letters into the slots. As we were walking closer, I notice what it spells out. Mind you this was while I was in Ocheyedan and able to see a thick black cloud of smoke and not knowing what is going to happen to our house, our community, or even our town. The sign spelled out this message, "Relax. God is in control!" I had to stop and take a picture of it, below is the picture that I took! I was reminded that no matter what happens God is sovereign, meaning that he is control. No matter how crazy and scary things may seem we know that God is in control. I know this is a hard thing to do sometimes but we need to release the reigns and give it to God. God is already working it out even if you don't give up control, so all that you are doing is wasting valuable energy on something that is out of your control anyway. Do not worry about your troubles. Know that God is going to work it out, you just need to be faithful in your words and actions. Remember what God told Habakkuk, "I am doing a work that you would not believe if I told you" (Habakkuk 1:5. Emphasis added).

As I said before we are very excited for this summer and we cannot wait for what God has in store for us! Please continue to pray for our youth and our leaders in the youth! As we say in youth group, "Be safe and make good choices!" IF you need a hug this big ole teddy bear has got one for you!



Blessings,
Josh Lucas

Dad Jokes with Josh:

I lost my job at the bank on my first day.
A woman asked me to check her balance, so I pushed her over.

PRAYER LIST

BE A
Prayer
WARRIOR
Luke 21:36

PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

1. Travis and Jill Boeke; Emma
2. Cody and Jurnea Bos
3. Ger and Sylvia Bosma
4. Tammy Breitweiser; Andrea Leusink
5. Pray for our College Students
6. Pray for our Church
7. Daphne Bremer
8. Randy Bremer
9. Marlys Brink
10. Jerrad and Tracee Bouwer;
Grant, Carter, Madison
11. Brayden Bruxvoort
12. Pray for our College Students
13. Pray for our Church
14. Jamie and Jennifer Bruxvoort;
Logan, Ella
15. Kailey Bruxvoort
16. Jane Buysman
17. Lydia Buysman
18. Nathan and Angela Buysman
19. Pray for our College Students
20. Pray for our Church
21. Nick and Sara Buysman
22. Dave and JoAnn Calsbeek
23. Margaret Calsbeek
24. Levi and Kira Christensen
25. Tom and Ruth Dagal
26. Pray for our College Students
27. Pray for our Church
28. Jamiey Daiker; Elliot, Olivia
29. Dale and Marilyn De Boer
30. Larry and Melissa De Boer;
Kalie, Jayden, Kendra



Please remember all those who will be attending camp this summer at Inspiration Hills. Keep watching your bulletins for more information.

College Students:

Dalten Bremer
Faye Carda
Jennifer Cuadros
Clint Henrichs
Ashilyn Hulstein
Natalie Klaassen

Leah Ackerman
Michaela Block
Grant Brouwer
Cody Dykstra
Tanner Dykstra
Jagger Johnson
Alex Mc Dougall
Lane Tangeman
Carson Van Westen
Alyssa Wassman

Kaitlyn Bechler
Kalie De Boer
Keyana Gust
Jaden Abels
Nick Buysman
Hunter DeJong
Hunter Rockman
Ryan Van Marel
Mariah Elser

Peyton Crichton
Garrett Sayler
Makayla Tangeman
Jena Van Marel
Troy Soat
Hannah Lucas

JUNE

Celebrations

~~Birthday's~~

1	Jessica McDyer Kimberlie Alexander Travis Boeke	18	Janelle Van Drunen Mark Langstraat Colby Wagenaar Elizabeth Wynia Joselyn De Zeeuw	24	Stan De Zeeuw Colt Klaassen
2	Lennis Harberts Kalen Heronimus Jackson Van Tilburg	20	Lois Van Diepen Holden Fox	25	Evan Mehls Angela Van Tilburg
3	Adam Ackerman	22	Charles Kruger Chelsea Hulstein	26	Karissa Hulstein
4	Tammy Breitweiser	23	Harold Ernst Joel Van Gelder Mike Block Sr.	28	Jarred Brouwer Jaxton Loerts Ken Huls
6	Frank Martinez			30	Jahlyn De Jong Jaden Ables Keshia Bean
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

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

1	Alec & Sarah Hoppe -	2 year
4	Marlin & Kathy Runia -	33 years
8	Jacob and Sami Fox -	8 years
9	Jarred and Tracee Brouwer -	21 years
10	Ed and Jan Harskamp -	57 years
11	John & Sharon Bartels -	55 years
11	Dr. Brian and Heidi Sayler -	27 years
12	Loren and Deb Hulstein -	36 years
15	Collin & Alexis Van Diepen -	2 years
18	Chris and Tiffany Wynia -	22 years
20	AJ and Jenny Weg -	6 years
21	Lennis and Marvella Harberts -	36 years
21	Jared and Jenny Tiedeman -	7 years
22	Cody and Kristen Hurlburt -	2 years
23	Charles and Katha Kruger -	37 years
25	Brad and Sarah Loerts -	16 years
26	Junior and Imogene Rasmussen -	57 years
27	Ron and Nancy Dykstra -	46 years
27	Curt and Peg Van Kley -	29 years
28	Brian and Elia Altoff -	13 years
28	Mark and Tanya Dykstra -	24 years
30	Kody and Rachel Wills -	9 years

Being the

JJ and Tim TenClay

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. I'd like to give you updates on projects I've been working on for the RCA and RCA Global Mission.

March 2021

School Rebuilding and Trauma Care for Yazidi Children in Iraq



In March 2020 we finished raising \$40,000 for a project to rebuild a school and provide trauma care for Yazidi children in the Duhok region of Northern Iraq (Iraqi Kurdistan). Unfortunately, as COVID-19 turned into a global pandemic, the project was put on hold.

I am happy to announce, however, that rebuilding efforts have now begun! The use of local labor ensures that people in the community have employment and full participation in work that will benefit friends and loved ones who have been deeply traumatized by an attempted genocide, displacement, starvation, and numerous other atrocities the Yazidi people experienced at the hands of the Islamic State (ISIS). Thank you to all who donated funds and have prayed for this project and the people served by it. We also thank Partners Relief and Development who have continued to serve vulnerable populations such as the Yazidis, going into areas where very few international organizations have access or are willing to serve. I ask you to join me in continued prayer as this project develops and as we look forward to the day when children—many of whom have not attended school in over six years—walk through the doors where they will receive education and continue the process of healing. All too often, people who have been forcibly displaced by violence are not able to return home; I'm grateful for the opportunity to support a project that is defying those odds. Stay tuned for more updates!

UPDATE May 2021

I want to start this letter off with some amazing news. Thanks to the generous prayers and financial gifts given by many of you, the school rebuilding project in Iraqi Kurdistan is now complete! This project (a partnership between Partners Relief & Development and RCA Global Mission) was scheduled to be rebuilt in the spring of 2020, but due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, was delayed for a year. In February 2021, Partners began rebuilding the school with locals who were personally affected by the Islamic State occupation in the region providing labor for the rebuilding project. **The school was projected to serve 400-500 children who had been forcibly displaced from the region and suffered unspeakable loss and trauma by the Islamic State, but more than 600 children have enrolled so far; some have not received formal education services in over six years.** Partners was also able to build a soccer (football) field for the children, and to see children who have suffered such atrocities have the opportunity for education and play fills my heart with such deep joy and gratitude; I hope it has the same effect for you as well.

Again, I thank you for joining me in these efforts. I often have people ask me how we, as a small Christian denomination in the United States, Canada, and U.S. territories, can share God's love and compassion for refugees and displaced people worldwide. My answer is: This. This is one powerful example of how we can do it. Praise be to God.

I'm currently working with global ecumenical partners to identify a new project opportunity to provide care for refugees and displaced people, similar to this project in Iraq. Please join me in praying that the next project will come together and be fruitful as well. As always, if you or your church, small group, youth group, classis, etc. are interested in donating or raising funds for refugee care, please contact me at jjtenclay@rca.org and we can discuss opportunities.

At the same time that I'm rejoicing in the rebuilding of this school in Iraq, I continue to lament the issues in our world today that have led, and continue to lead, to forced displacement and death of people all around the world. Wars and violent conflicts. Political corruption or instability. Persecution. Economic collapse. Climate change and climate or natural disasters. Profound and pervasive threats to life and liberty. We know that in our world today, over 80 million people have been forcibly displaced from their homes, and over 26 million are formally categorized as refugees.

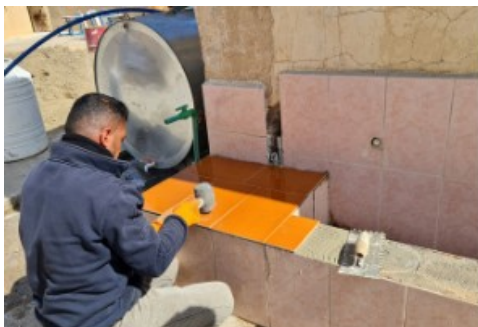
I believe God laments this, too. I believe God calls us to care for those who are displaced from their homes and are seeking refuge, whether they live in our communities or thousands of miles away. If you are interested in learning more about any of these projects, please contact me at jjtenclay@rca.org.

As always, I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity to serve God and people on the move through RCA Global Mission, and equally grateful for your ongoing support.

JJ TenClay

Missionary and
Refugees Ministry
Coordinator

RCA Global Mission



From the library--

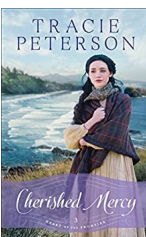
New to the library this month is the “Heart of the Frontier” by Tracie Peterson trilogy.



The first book is **TREASURED GRACE**: “Grace Martindale has known more than her share of hardship. After her parents died, raising her two younger sisters, Hope and Mercy, became her responsibility. A hasty decision to head west seemed like an opportunity for a fresh start but has instead left Grace in a precarious position. When missionary Dr. Marcus Whitman and his wife agree to let Grace and her sisters stay at their mission for the winter, Grace is grateful. Until they hear from their uncle in Oregon City, the three sisters have nowhere else to go. As Grace adjusts to life in the West, she meets a fur trapper named Alex Armistead who intrigues and infuriates her in equal measure. But when a measles outbreak threatens lives at the mission and among the native Cayuse who live nearby, it is Alex who helps Grace use the natural healing remedies she learned from her mother to help where she can despite Dr. Whitman’s disapproval. As the death toll rises, so do tensions between the settlers and the natives and Grace soon find herself and those she loves in more danger than she imagined possible.”



Book #2 is **BELOVED HOPE**: “Hope Flanagan survived the massacre at the Whitman Mission, but at terrible personal cost. Safe now in Oregon City, the gentle rhythm of tending her family’s flock of sheep is slowly healing her mind and soul, but her precarious new peace is shattered when Hope is asked to testify against the Cayuse responsible for the massacre. She’s not sure she can bear to relive the events of those horrific days, but neither can she risk her attackers being released if she doesn’t tell her story. As Hope struggles to make her choice, an Army lieutenant named Lance Kenner becomes an unexpected ray of light in her life. Perhaps she is still capable of love after all. But will Lance still want her if he learns the whole truth of what happened to her at the mission? Or are the secrets that lie in his own past more troubling?”



CHERISHED MERCY is in LARGE PRINT and book #3: “Mercy Flanagan survived the Whitman Massacre and now her heart’s cry is for peace between the native peoples and the white settlers inhabiting Oregon territory. Unfortunately, most of the settlers want the tribes removed from the land completely, one way or another. At the request of the family friend Eletta Browning, who is experiencing a difficulty pregnancy, Mercy travels south to the Rogue River Valley to help. At the Browning Mission, she meets Eletta’s brother-in-law, Adam. Despite her attempts to befriend him, Adam seems determined to focus on ministering to the local tribes and keeps her at arm’s length. Why is he so intent on pushing her away? When tragedy strikes and tensions in the territory reach the combustion point. Mercy is pushed to the limit of her strength. She and Adam will have to rely on their faith in God and on each other in order to make it out alive.”

Don’t forget to check out the new Amish books that have been added to the library.

Jeannette Juffer

Summer Fun!!!



ACTIVITIES
 ADVENTURE
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Visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," he called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"



When: July 29, 30, 31 & Aug 1, 2021

Who: Any Men and boys who love fishing

Signup will be posted on the Information Center soon.



Questions? Contact:
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or Dan Heilman



How You Can Access These Resources:

Church Website: www.sibleyfrcc.org

click on Right Now Media to be taken directly to their site.

Website Link to set up your account :

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