

The Newsletter

September 2021

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

September at a Glance

- 6: Labor Day
- 8: 6:30pm Wed. Night Bible Classes and Remnant Youth Groups Begin
- 12: Education Sunday-Bibles handed out to grades 1st and 9th.
 - 9:00am Sunday School Begins
 - Elder Nominations take place
- 14: 6:00pm Elder/Deacon Meetings
- 15: 7:00pm Full Consistory will meet
- 20: 9:30am Faith Bible Study will meet
 - 3:00pm Patience Bible Study will meet
- 22: 5pm-7pm FRC Soup and Pie Supper
- 23: FRC serves at the Banquet
- 26: Communion Prep
- 29: 2:00 FRC is in charge of Nursing Home Services



ANNUAL FISHING TRIP 2021



*Sundays:

- 9:00 am Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship Time
- 10:00 am Praise and Worship Service

*Tuesdays:

- 8:30 am Quilting Chicks will meet

*Wednesday Evening Bible Classes and Youth Groups:

- 6:30 pm Bible Classes 1st-5th grades
- 6:30 pm MS Remnant Youth Group
- 7:30 pm HS Remnant Youth Group

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Stewardship & Giving

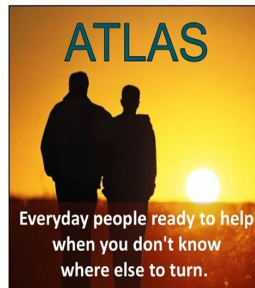
Offering Summary through August 23:

- **General Fund:** \$221,485.83
Budget: \$299,173.35; 74% of budget
- **Benevolent Fund:** \$26,855
Budget: \$71,025.61; 37% of budget
- **Building Fund offerings to date:** \$1760.70

Special offering for September:



Faith In Action for September:



Listed Below are some of the items that ATLAS is in need of:

Stamps	Canon ink #240 and #241
24lb Copy Paper	Hershey's Kisses
20lb Copy paper	13 Gal. Trash Bags
Single Serve Chips/snacks	30 Gal. Trash Bags
Bottled Water	Grocery or Gas gift cards
Pop--All Kinds	AA batteries
Individual Liquid Coffee Creamers	Keurig Individual coffees, teas &
Individual Sugar Packets	Hot chocolate
Individual Sweet-N-Low Packets	

Trivia Time

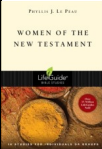
1. How many men did Nebuchadnezzar see walking in the fiery furnace?
2. What did Noah see in the sky?
3. "For whatsoever a man soweth, _____"
4. "But _____ found grace in the eyes of the Lord."
5. "Delilah said to _____, tell me, I pray thee, where does your strength come from."
6. "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before _____."
7. "Follow me and I will make you _____."
8. "Come unto me, all you that labor and are _____."
9. What were the names of the three disciples who were on the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus?
10. What was the name of the village that was known as the "City of David"?
11. Who was Andrew's brother?
12. "A soft answer turneth away _____."
13. The disciples were told to be wise as _____ and harmless as _____.

Bible Study Opportunities

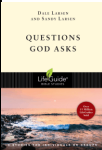
Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us.
And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait
patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

Romans 15:4

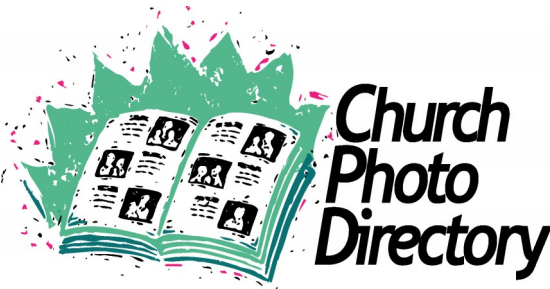
Women's Bible Study



Faith Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, September 20 at 9:30 am** in the Library. We will study chapter 4 "A Sinful Woman" in the book Women of the New Testament. Scripture for the morning will be Luke 7:36-50. Anita Ernst will lead the lesson and Jeannette Juffer will serve as hostess.



Patience Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, September 20 at 3:00 pm** in the Fireside Room. We will continue our book, Questions God Asks. Barb will lead lesson #9, "Is It a Time for You Yourselfs to be Living in Your Paneled Houses, While This House Remains a Ruin?" Gert will serve as hostess. Come and join us!



The Congregational Care Team is in the early planning stages to create a new pictorial directory for our church. We are not planning to use a professional photographer this year. We are asking each family to submit a good photo of your family. If you do not have a good photo or do not have the ability to get a photo taken, please contact LaDonn Hartzell and she will find a time that works for your family and take one for

you. Photos will be submitted via email to LaDonn: lhartz124@gmail.com. If you do not have access to email, please drop off your photo at the church office and we can scan it in for you. Along with your photo, please include all family names, phone numbers and address that you would like published in the directory. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PHOTOS IS OCTOBER 15, 2021.** The church office will be printing the directory and hopes to have them ready for distribution by January 2022.



FRC will be serving at the Banquet on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23. The dinning hall is now fully open so we are back to needing a large number of helpers. We will need 8 volunteers to prep the meal from 2-5pm and around 25 people to serve the meal from 5:15-7:30pm. Please see the sign up sheet on the Information Center to get signed up to help out.



Cornerstone Service Greeters

- 5: E: Brian and Chelsey Alexander/ Family
C: John and Sharon Bartels
W: Troy and Meggan Block & Family
- 12: E: Travis and Jill Boeke & Family
C: Jerrad and Tracie Brouwer & Family
W: Harold and Mim Ernst
- 19: E: Larry and Melissa De Boer
C: Jacob and Sami Fox & Family
W: Stan and Abby DeZeeuw & Family
- 26: E: John and Amy Elser & Family
C: Levi and Kira Christensen & Family
W: Gert Gaalswyk and Jamiey Daiker & Family

Nursery

The Nursery will be open for use,
but unstaffed.

Children & Worship

10:00 am during the service



**Children and Worship
begins September 12**

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



- 5: Glenn and Paul Doorenbos
12: Merlin and Karen Doorenbos
19: Harold and Mim Ernst
26: Gene and Renae Groen

Library Volunteers



- 5: Marcia Van Ruler
12: Phyllis Vander Linden
19: Alfreda Verdoorn
26: Kathy/Joel Verdoorn

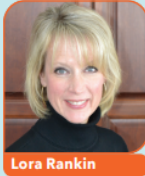


Spreading the *Fragrance of Life*

MONDAY · 9/20/21
TUESDAY · 9/21/21
TRI-STATE



Kelli (Kredit) Gotthardt



Lora Rankin

Keynote Speaker AND FEATURED GUESTS

Kelli (Kredit) Gotthardt is an author, speaker and leadership consultant. She has spent 30 years in training and leadership development and continues to catalyze personal and organizational growth among faith and business leaders. Kelli travels internationally helping women leaders develop skills that increase their capacity to listen, lead and love. Her authentic, engaging style creates an open, energetic learning environment focused on moving below the surface into the deep waters of transformation. She is the founder and executive director of DeepWell Sustainable Leadership, a global community of women exploring leadership that flows from a centered soul.

Kelli proudly traces her roots to Iowa. She attended Sioux Center Christian Grade School and Pella Christian High School. She continues to cultivate connections to her Dutch heritage wherever she is.

Our worship leader is **Lora Rankin**. Lora is the Music and Worship Director at New Hope Evangelical Free Church in Orange City. Her hope is to encourage others to sing to the Lord so that 'His ways may be known on earth, and His salvation among all nations' (Psalm 67).



Registration DETAILS

EVENT OPTIONS

\$20.00—Monday, September 20 Dinner
INVITE SPOUSES, FRIENDS, FAMILY
\$40.00—Tuesday, September 21 Conference
and Lunch

REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline: September 12, 2021
No refunds after September 12, 2021

Register online at: bibleleague.org/tickets

Click on the **Sioux Center Dinner** or **Sioux Center Fragrance of Life** event and follow the prompts to choose your options.

You will be able to pay for the event using your credit or debit card.

For your protection, this site uses secure encryption to keep your information safe. *(If you do not have internet access, you may call Judy at 708-367-8546 during normal business hours (8:00am-4:30pm) for assistance.)*

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9/20/21 SCHEDULE SUMMARY

6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:15 p.m. Kelli (Kredit) Gotthardt and
Bible League Friends

9/21/21 SCHEDULE SUMMARY

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Cookies
10:00 a.m. Morning Session
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Afternoon Session
3:00 p.m. Closing

You will have an opportunity to bring the hope of the Gospel to people all around the world. Thank you for telling the world about Jesus through Bible League International.

**You can also scan this QR code
for direct access to the ticket site.**

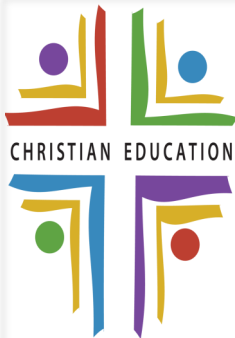


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Consistory Meeting Highlights

- **The full Consistory did not meet in the month of August.**
- **Special Elder Meeting Minutes from August 15**
 - Levi and Elijah Sayler have requested to make profession of faith.
 - MMSA to approve full membership for Levi and Elijah Sayler. They will be received into the visible membership of the church on September 5, 2021.



September 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.

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Classes and Youth Groups begin on September 8; Bible Class and MS Remnant at 6:30pm; HS Remnant at 7:30pm**
- **Sunday School begins September 12 at 9:00am (note new time)**

College Addresses

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



A very special time in the life of our church begins as we plan for the upcoming education year. Will you join a class? Will you commit to faithfully attending? Will you teach? Opportunities for spiritual growth, learning and ministry are available for every child, youth and adult.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

Wednesday night Bible class will begin on September 8, 2021, for student's 1st through 5th grade. Classes will be held from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

Classes will be held in 2021 on:

Sept. 8, 15, 22 & 29
Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27
Nov. 3, 10 & 17
Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22

Classes will be held in 2022 on:

Jan. 5, 12, 19 & 26
Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23
Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
April 6, 20 & 27

**Teachers and substitute teachers are needed for grades:
1st & 2nd combined, 3rd & 4th combined, and 5th grade.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for ages preschool through adult will begin September 12, 2021. Classes will be held from 9- 9:50 am until a decision concerning our church services is made at our upcoming congregational meeting.

Classes will be held in 2021 on:

Sept 12, 19 & 26
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
Nov. 7, 14, 21 & 28
December 5, 12 & 19

Classes will be held in 2022 on:

Jan. 9, 16, 23 & 30
Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27
Mar. 6, 13, 20 & 27
April 3, 10 & 24

At this time teachers and substitute teachers are needed for grades 1st & 2nd combined, 3rd & 4th combined, 5th & 6th girls, 5th and 6th boys, 7th and 8th grade combined.

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

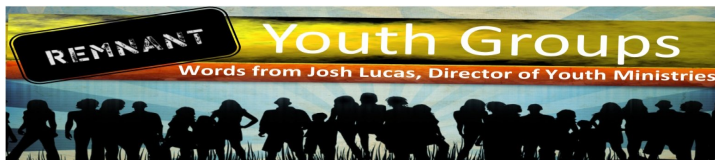
Children & Worship is for children age three through kindergarten.

It is held during the worship service.

The schedule for Children & Worship will follow the Sunday School Calendar.

Worship leaders and helpers are needed.

**Watch your mail box for a complete list of classes available.
Please sign up on the kiosk or speak to Josh Lucas or Deb Kosters if you would like to teach, substitute or lead children and worship.**



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! Is summer over already? Wow it seems like it went by so fast. Well, with the end of summer comes the beginning of a new school year and a new year of youth group. We are excited to welcome our new oncoming sixth graders into middle school and our oncoming freshman to high school. We are going to be trying out some new ways of doing youth group with different studies and illustrations. We have to thank Answers in Genesis for that one! Our Ark Trip over the summer gave us new material and ideas for teaching our curriculum. This is something we are very excited to do this year!

Recently I sent out in the mail envelopes full of information for you as parents for the school year. Please make sure that when you receive this envelope that you open it and fill out the paperwork that is in it. This will help us in the long run for events, trips, and office purposes. Even if you have been in youth group with me since I started in 2017 please fill out the form! We will also be ordering t-shirts for this new year that will be used for the entirety of the year. This is another reason why we need those forms to be submitted by the due date, so then we can get everyone a t-shirt. If you are a parent and would like a t-shirt, please contact me and I can make sure to get you one!

In conclusion, there is something that is really become a very disturbing truth to us as youth leaders and an education team, the poor attendance of students either on Wednesday nights or Sunday morning Sunday School. This is not only from a youth group standpoint, but also from an all-around all grades standpoint. We are becoming concerned that students are not coming to youth group or Sunday School. We want to encourage you as parents to make sure that your children come to the classes during the specific times. We understand that most of these students that we are missing are at home studying and we understand the value of studying for these exams, but we would encourage you and your children to take a “study break” for an hour to come and to fellowship and learn with us. If there is anything that we can do to make your child’s learning experience better at First Reformed Church, please let us know. We are willing to adapt and hear from you, and we will do what we can to change things, but please communicate with us.

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter here. As we always say in you group as we are departing ways, “Be safe and make good choices!” Remember church if you ever need a hug this big ole teddy bear has got one for you!

Blessings,
Josh Lucas

Dad Jokes with Josh:

Q. Why did the football coach go to the bank?

A. To get his quarterback!



Celebrations

~~Birthday's~~

- | | | | |
|----|---|----|--|
| 1 | Lacey Julius | 21 | Drew Heemstra |
| 2 | Kayla Hoekstra
Kevin Soat | 22 | Hadley Crichton |
| 4 | Michael Wielenga | 23 | Taylor Langstraat |
| 5 | Diane Langstraat
Aubrey Hulstein
Dean Van Marel | 24 | Jodi Wagenaar |
| 6 | Hugh Schiphoff
Levi Christensen | 25 | Alex Zylstra
Emma Langstraat |
| 7 | Makya Dykstra
Brian Altoff | 26 | Paul Vander Linden
Eileen Schutte |
| 13 | Jackie Tjaden | 27 | Jo Hielkema
Jim Van Engen
Alex McDougall |
| 14 | Israel Joseph | 28 | Kathy Verdoorn |
| 15 | Gary Wolter | 30 | Gannon Rockman |
| 16 | Ken Loerts
Luke Heilman | | |
| 17 | Donna Sterler | | |



~~Anniversaries~~

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|----|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Matt & Bailey Runia----- | 2 yrs |
| 3 | Larry & Rhonda Riebeling----- | 27 yrs |
| 4 | Harold & Shelia Van Der Slood --- | 57 yrs |
| 5 | Frank & Darcy Martinez----- | 29 yrs |
| 5 | Mitch & Abby Kreykes----- | 16 yrs |
| 9 | Matt & Missy Julius----- | 15 yrs |
| 13 | Derek & Ashley Heronimus----- | 13 yrs |
| 14 | Jamie & Jennifer Bruxvoort ---- | 25 yrs |
| 15 | Dale & Josie Herrboldt----- | 32 yrs |
| 16 | Larry & Melissa De Boer----- | 26 yrs |
| 21 | Dennis & Dar Jurgens----- | 36 yrs |
| 23 | Bill & LaDonn Hartzell----- | 43 yrs |

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Prayer
WARRIOR
Like 21:36

PRAYER JOURNAL



PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

1. Ken Huls
2. Loren and Deb Hulstein
3. Mark and Rosie Hulstein; Dawson, Walker
4. Pray for our College Students
5. Pray for our Church
6. Michael and Chelsea Hulstein;
Addison, Aubrey
7. Rod Hulstein
8. Scott and Jamie Hulstein;
Ashilyn, Karissa, Alexis
9. Chris and Teresa Hurlburt
10. Cody and Kristen Hurlburt;
Braelyn, Adelyn, Caelyn
11. Pray for our College Students
12. Pray for our Church
13. Paige Hurlburt
14. Mike and Mary Hustoft
15. Roger and Carol Iedema
16. Jason and Gina Jacobsma;
Jaden, Alyssa, Breanna
17. Kay Jansen
18. Pray for our College Students
19. Pray for our Church
20. Ashley Johnson; Jagger
21. Papito and Kelsey Joseph; Israel, Hezekiah
22. Jeannette Juffer
23. John and Jan Juffer
24. Alan and Lacey Julius; Witten, Sayla
25. Pray for our College Students
26. Pray for our Church
27. Matt and Missy Julius; Kade, Pierce
28. Dennis and Dar Jurgens
29. Ethel Jurgens
30. Karen Jurgens

College Students:

Carter Brouwer
Jayden De Boer
Dahson De Jong
Wyatt Dykstra
Andrea Leusink
Austin Wassman

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

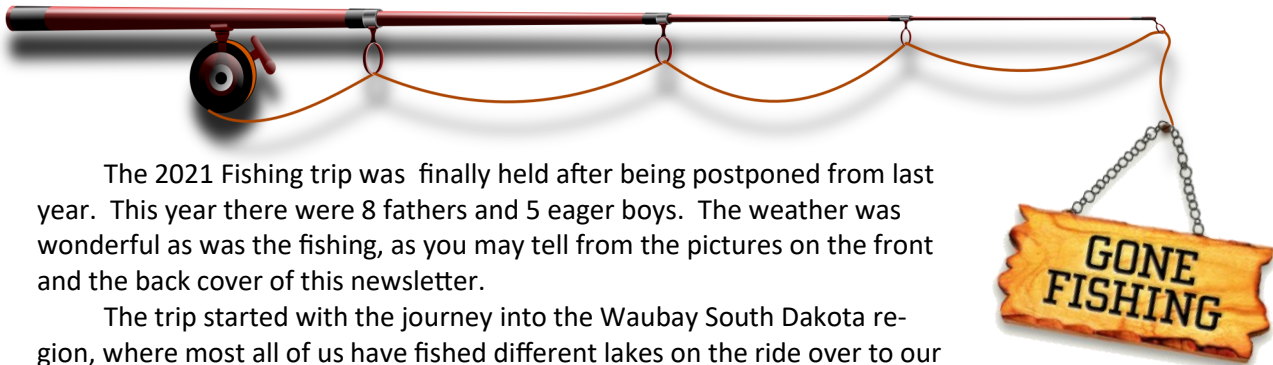
Leah Ackerman
Grant Brouwer
Cody Dykstra
Tanner Dykstra
Jagger Johnson

Alex Mc Dougall
Lane Tangeman
Alyssa Wassman

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

Garrett Sayler
Makayla Tangeman

Hannah Lucas



The 2021 Fishing trip was finally held after being postponed from last year. This year there were 8 fathers and 5 eager boys. The weather was wonderful as was the fishing, as you may tell from the pictures on the front and the back cover of this newsletter.

The trip started with the journey into the Waubay South Dakota region, where most all of us have fished different lakes on the ride over to our destination of Hidden Hill Lodge. The Lodge had plenty of beds for all of us plus access to its own private fishing lake. The view of the morning's sunrise was priceless at best.

Friday and Saturday led to some very anxious boys who wanted to get fishing so they could see who could tell the best fishing story by the end of the day. Each day we finished with a devotional led by one of the boys or fathers around the campfire, reflection of the days events, and reflections of the creation the Lord has made.

I want to encourage all of those who couldn't come this year to mark your calendars for next year. The dates have been changed slightly because of conflict with other reservations made with the lodge. The new dates are July 7 to July 10. I can tell you these are memories your kids and also you will never forget. The adults all had fun sitting around the campfire at night telling stories of past trips, while the kids were out canoeing or sitting in the hot tub. We also spent time remembering those fishermen that have gone "home" that helped create this great opportunity for these trips to keep happening.

So come next year we invite you to get in on the fishing fun. There will be plenty of fish in the lake, as I know our boat threw back some fish to catch next year. There has never been a year where the good Lord hasn't provided enough fish for a good old fish fry.

Thanks for all of the support and prayers for safety throughout the years. They have been much appreciated.



Sportsmen's Devotional

Bible Study Verses

Colossians 1:15-18

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created: things in Heaven and on Earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the Head of the body, the church; He is the Beginning and the Firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. (NIV)



Thoughts

Growing up as a teen and a young adult I was heavily influenced by a father who worked hard (still does) and hunted harder.

I came to love the outdoors so much, that the year I made a major career change in 1988, I had taken up to 2 months' vacation time solely to hunt. I lived it and could not be separated from it any more than you could separate my head from my body and I survive.

Action Point

Nowadays I still have a passion for the outdoors of course, but I'd have to say that I'm more attached to my family now than hunting. I am a father and there is no separating me from that role any more than you could separate me from my head and I survive (hmmm, I've heard that before!).

As Christians we are also part of a family and we belong to the body of Christ. The head of that body of course, is Him. You are connected to Him. It should be such a tight relationship that nothing should get between you and Him. I am certain that if my body separates from my head, death is imminent. Take the same attitude in your connection with Christ as you take strides to grow in your spiritual walk.

Sportsmen's Tip of the Day

Remember when planning your hunts to also prioritize time with your wife and family first. Love them first with your attention and your time and you will have plenty of time for your hunts with what's left. You'll just have to step out in faith with this one!

Trivia Time Answers!!!

1. Four (Daniel 3:25) **2. A Rainbow** (Genesis 9:11-17) **3. That shall he also reap** (Galatians 6:7) **4. Noah** (Genesis 6:8) **5. Samson** (Judges 16:6) **6. A Fall** (Proverbs 16:18) **7. Fishers of men** (Matthew 4:19) **8. Heavy laden, and I will give you rest** (Matthew 11:28) **9. Peter, James, and John** (Matt. 17:1) **10. Bethlehem** (Luke 2:4) **11. Peter** (Matt. 10:2) **12. Wrath** (Proverbs 15:1) **13. Serpents, doves** (Matthew 10:16)

From the library--



Two books this month are a change of pace and are Westerns. The first one AT LOVE'S COMMAND by Karen Witmeyer really gets kind of "wild and wooly" and some of the men might like it. Yes, there is romance in it but also a lot of action: "Haunted by the horrors of war, ex-cavalry officer Matthew Hanger leads a band of mercenaries known as Hanger's Horsemen who have become legends in 1890's Texas. They defend the innocent and obtain justice for the oppressed. But when a rustler's bullet leaves one of them at death's door, they're the ones in need of saving. Dr. Josephine Burkett is used to men taking one look at her skirts and discounting her medical skills.

What she's not used to is having a man change his mind in a heartbeat and offer to assist her in surgery. Matthew's dedication to his friend during recovery earns Josephine's respect, and when her brother is abducted Matthew becomes her only hope for rescue. When plans go awry and Josephine is caught in the crossfire, Matthew may have to sacrifice everything—even his team—to save her."



We find the same men in book 2 of the "Hanger's Horsemen" series, THE HEART'S CHARGE. It is not quite as action packed but a good mystery—"Members of the legendary Hanger's Horsemen, Mark Wallace and Jonah Brooks arrive in Llano County, Texas, to deliver a steed, never expecting they'd help deliver a baby as well. Left with an infant to care for, they head to a nearby founding home, where Mark encounters the woman he nearly married a decade ago. After failing at love, Katherine Palmer has dedicated her life to caring for children, teaming up with Eliza Southerland to start Harmony House. Eliza understands the pain of not fitting society's mold, being illegitimate and of mixed ancestry. Yet those are the very attributes that lead her to minister to outcast children. The taciturn Jonah intrigues her by defying all her stereotypes of men, but there are secrets behind his eyes—ghosts from wars past and others still being waged. When the Horsemen hear rumors of missing children, they stay to investigate sticking close of Harmony House and its beautiful owners. As they work together to uncover the truth, love and danger grow hand in hand until a final sinister scheme threatens to destroy them all."



For a change of pace you could check out SUSTAINING FAITH, number 2 in "When Hope Calls" series by Janette Oke and Laurel Oke Logan. "So much has been accomplished. Lillian Walsh has stepped out courageously beyond what she'd ever dreamed of being able to achieve. Two years ago she was an only child, living in a big house with her adoptive parents. Now, Lillian shares the large home with her newly rediscovered sister, Grace, and the orphaned children to whom Grace has devoted her life. But then the letter arrives—an official complaint revoking the sisters' permission to manage their little children's home. An untimely winter trip across the prairie is necessary to defend their reputation and to repent from their lie, however well intended. And Walter, who was once merely Lillian's childhood friend, is now her staunch support, transporting them all and standing beside them in their present trial. However, another wave is coming. More children are being sent, escorted by an unlikely advocate, a British sailor who once ran away from home. Ebenezer Waldin's scarred heart softens to the children's plight—even to the point of breaking rules. Will there be consequences? And will there be a loving place for all of them when they arrive in the West?"

There are lots more good books in the library, go peruse them and checkout a book or two.

~~Jeannette Juffer



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.

A word of encouragement will mean a lot.

Thanks for participating Sisters!!!

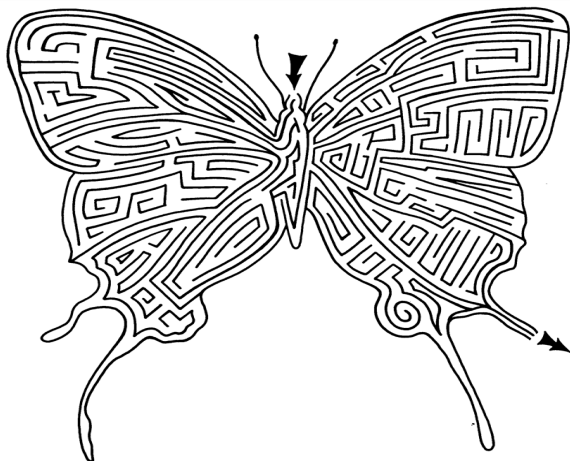
Our Outreach Team has purchased some Community Express Bus passes to be given to church family/individuals in need. If you would like a round-trip ticket or know of someone who could use one, please stop at the office.

Community Express

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

Date _____

Signature _____



First Reformed Church Soup & Pie Supper

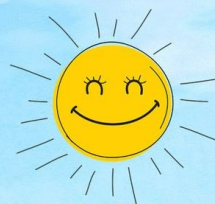
**Wednesday,
September 22, 2021
5:00-7:00 pm**

*Homemade Soups,
BBQs and Pies!!!*



**Mothers
Together**
With God in the Middle

Keep watching your bulletins for
updates on Mothers Together.



Be the reason
someone
smiles today.

Being the

Talking Bibles



When Rosemary first chose to follow Jesus, she faced many hurdles. She didn't know much about Christianity, and there were not many churches around her. **Rosemary can barely read, which means reading her Bible was nearly impossible.** But that didn't stop her from trying.

Every day for 12 years, she struggled to read the precious Words of God. She oftentimes grew frustrated to the point of tears because she could not understand the words. Her spirit was starving for scripture.

How was she to learn more about her Lord if she couldn't read her Bible?

Finally, her hunger for God's Word was satisfied.

Rosemary received a Talking Bible in her heart language. What a gift for her tired mind!

Engaging with God's Word is no longer hard work. She listens with ease, and she listens often. In fact, Rosemary listens to her Talking Bible so much that she has large passages memorized!

Rosemary shares the Talking Bible with her children every evening, and she plays it while working as a seamstress every day. Like most of her community, all of her coworkers are illiterate. Without the Talking Bible, many of these women would most likely never know the freedom of the gospel.

Rosemary believes that the Talking Bible is a unique tool to reach those in bondage because people can listen to it in private. It is in private that the Holy Spirit will shine light on the lies in their hearts and bring the comfort of His peace to them instead.



"Most of the people in Puri do not have peace from knowing Jesus Christ. They are trapped in bondage," says Rosemary. "The Talking Bible speaks with authority like nothing else we have in Puri."

Together, we're placing a Talking Bible in every village in India by 2033. It's a big task, but God has created an extensive network of donors like you and partners in India to get the job done.

When non-readers are able to engage with scripture and respond to God's call, their families, friends, and communities are transformed. The lost are within their reach. Thank you for joining us in equipping and empower the people of God with Talking Bibles.





Update from JJ TenClay

August 2021

Dear Friends,

My heart is heavy, and this week has been yet another stark reminder that now is the time for churches and people of faith to stand with refugees and displaced people. Let me share with you three countries where my thoughts and prayers are centered this week, and invite you to join RCA Global Mission in being ambassadors for Christ in the midst of unbelievable destruction and despair:

Haiti

Haiti experienced a 7.2 magnitude earthquake on August 14 that has added another wave of great suffering and loss for Haiti and her people. RCA Global Mission is working closely with our mission partners, Many Hands for Haiti, and has set up a Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. Please use the following link to help support this Relief Fund <https://www.rca.org/give/2021-haiti-earthquake/>

Afghanistan

RCA Global Mission does not currently have any partners who work directly in Afghanistan to provide immediate aid, but we work with several partners who provide care for refugees and displaced people from Afghanistan. Our partners need more individuals and churches willing to aid in refugee resettlement efforts throughout Canada and the United States. Please contact me at jjtenclay@rca.org to learn more.

Myanmar

In June (just in time for World Refugee Day), RCA Global Mission announced a new joint project with Partners Relief & Development called the Rohingya Refugee Education Project. The goal is to raise 60,000 USD to support education efforts for Rohingya refugee children in Myanmar and Bangladesh. Not only does this project provide formal education for refugee children through EIGHT schools for the entire school year, but it also provides clothing and shoes to attend school, school supplies and bags, free lunch and clean drinking water, support for the teachers, and transportation as needed. Further, it provides a higher level of safety during school hours, and hopes for a future that is free from violence, persecution, forced displacement, statelessness, and poverty...all for approximately 150 USD per child. Partners Relief & Development did such amazing work on our last joint project (rebuilding a school in Iraqi Kurdistan for Yazidi children), that we are excited to partner with them once again, but we need your help! Will you join us in sharing the love of Christ with people the United Nations have called, "the most persecuted minority in the world?"

Friends, pray for Haiti, Afghanistan, and Myanmar. Take time to learn more about these countries, their struggles, and their people. Spend time in scripture and make space for the Holy Spirit to help you discern how God is calling you and your faith community to respond. Then act.

Now is the time to stand with refugees and displaced people. Will you join me?

JJ TenClay,
Refugee Ministries Coordinator



Children in the Pacific Take the Greatest Journey of Their Lives!

If Vanua Levu isn't the end of the Earth, it's close. Rugged and isolated, the slender island is located 1,100 nautical miles northeast of New Zealand in the South Pacific, just east of the Coral Sea. It's one of the 330 specks on the map that make up the Fiji archipelago.

Ignored by most of the world, except for a handful of tourists and yachting enthusiasts who come to explore the island's hilly terrain and majestic coral reefs, Vanua Levu is home to some 130,000 native Fijians. Tourists, however, rarely travel to the pocket-size village of Batinivurewai in Bua province located on the island's westernmost edge. Reaching it is extremely difficult. It's a 5-hour journey from the island's center over mostly unpaved roads that are difficult and treacherous on the best of days, and even more dangerous in wet weather.

But those obstacles didn't stop members of Agape Christian Church in Labasa, from the island's northeastern region, from taking Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts and The Greatest Journey there during rainy season.

Leaders from the Labasa church had a heart to reach underprivileged children in Batinivurewai with the Good News of Jesus Christ. They began by praying for the area. Next, they received shoeboxes for the community and underwent training to conduct an outreach event and teach The Greatest Journey. Teacher Unaisi Tivivina was especially impressed with The Greatest Journey training and materials. It was the first time she had received any visual aids to teach children. After reviewing the printed resources, she was eager to share the 12-lesson discipleship course designed for shoebox recipients.

Following a festive outreach event where dozens of children enthusiastically opened gift-filled shoeboxes and heard the Gospel, Unaisi invited the boys and girls to participate in [The Greatest Journey](#). Forty-five of them enrolled. It was also the first time that teaching materials and individual booklets for children were made available in the small, close-knit community.

Two of the older students, Luisa and Ana, both in their early teens, showed a particular interest in the Bible stories and committed their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. After The Greatest Journey graduation ceremony, they were baptized. And, they weren't the only ones who came away with their lives changed.

"The Greatest Journey has helped many children here learn about God's work in their lives, which has enabled them to tell others about what the Lord has done," Unaisi said. "Indeed, The Greatest Journey has helped many children like Luisa and Ana come to know our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Unaisi praised God for everyone who supports The Greatest Journey with their prayers and resources.

"Thank you all for your part in making this material available and accessible to such areas as ours and to our children," she said. "The Greatest Journey brings children closer to the Lord as they are disciplined in His Word."

Please pray for children throughout the Pacific Islands, and specifically for the boys and girls who are participating in The Greatest Journey. Pray the children, their families, and their communities will be transformed by God's love.





Places in the Bible Word Search



P U M X M P B O D Z H T D Q H
J N A Y K E H Z B N E O B T J
V E M S I C L H T G A N K H J
D C T O I B V A E W V E E A A
O Y Y R D I P T S V E D K R R
V Q E P X O H S O U N E K R B
C J Y S R S S Y H B R K U O C
U Y B R E U L E B A B E Z M J
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F U A M E H E L H T E B R G I
V N Z P X I U H Q X C D S X W
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BABEL
BETHLEHEM
CYPRUS
EDEN

GETHSEMANE
GOMORRAH
HEAVEN
ISRAEL

JERICO
JERUSALEM
JORDAN
SODOM



Books of the Bible Word Scramble



1. svrbproe _____
2. ervleaoanit _____
3. smtletanaoni _____
4. omrnas _____
5. gnseie _____
6. bwserhe _____
7. eouxsd _____
8. haeos _____
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10. ojnha _____
11. eudtermooynd _____
12. rcahahezi _____
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17. eihemjra _____
18. eugjds _____
19. hobaaaid _____
20. hrtsee _____

Noah's Ark

How much do you know about one of the most famous events in the Bible? This crossword will tell you! If you need help, go to Genesis, Chapters 6-9. We consulted the NASB version when writing the clues.

Note: Some answers have 2 words. There is no space between words in the puzzle.

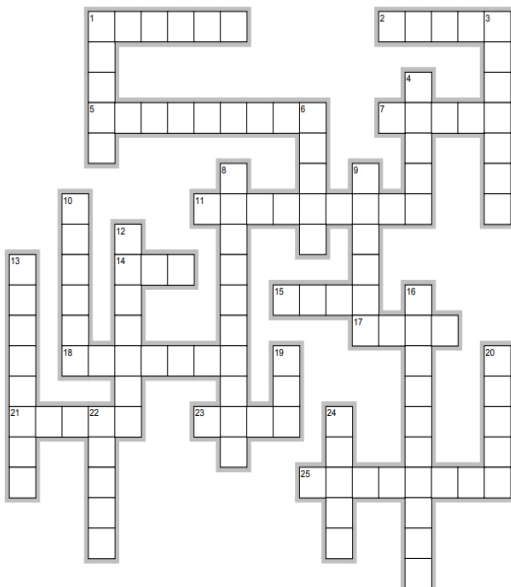


Across

1. The animals were male and ____.
2. Noah built this after leaving the ark
5. What the dove brought back in her beak (2 wds.)
7. Number of each kind of clean animal taken on the ark
11. Noah was a ____ man, blameless in his time.
14. Noah did ____ that God had commanded him.
15. Second type of bird Noah sent out from the ark
17. Precipitation
18. He closed the door of the ark (2 wds.)
21. What Noah used to coat the ark
23. Number of times rain had fallen on the earth, previous to Noah
25. God established His ____ with Noah and his descendants.

Down

1. Noah was spared because he found ____ with God.
3. Sign of God's promise to never flood the earth again
4. The ark had lower, second and third ____.
6. Number of days and nights it rained
8. Noah's age when the floodwaters came (2 wds.)
9. Type of wood used for the ark
10. As water subsided, the ark rested on these mountains
12. Noah's sons were Shem, Ham, and ____.
13. God's post-flood: Be fruitful and ____.
16. Preflood: The Lord saw that the ____ of man was great on earth.
19. Number of every kind of unclean animal on the ark
20. Number of people on the ark
22. Unit of measurement used in building the ark
24. God's post-flood words: Do not eat flesh with its ____.



ANNUAL FISHING TRIP 2021



The Pastoral Search Team is making progress and your prayers are appreciated. Thus far the team has reviewed a number of applications, and followed up on suggestions by people interested in assisting FRC in finding a senior pastor. Those people that were not qualified to meet the qualifications of the Reformed Church have been notified, leaving the team to move forward with those who are qualified.

The presence of recorded sermons and services on church websites has been invaluable in assisting the team in evaluating the preaching and worship style preferences of the pastors we are considering. As a result, the list is dwindling down to several who are being more carefully considered. The next steps will be to start interviewing those who are possible candidates.

We understand that it is hard for you to be patient, and that you are probably very curious about the candidates. We are working honorably with these people in confidence and are not discussing individuals outside the team. We are hoping to have more news for you in the near future.