

B-Dawg’s Buzz by Brenda Post, Secretary

I have been in a long term relationship for 25+years. Mark, is my “significant other”. By the way, I hate that term. I also hate the term boyfriend because it sounds young. But since we have no intention of marry-ing and I haven’t found a better word to describe him, we will go with the first one. I met Mark way back when through playing in band together. We had this bond of music, and we still play guitar together every week. Mark is being mentioned because of the life changing event we have recently gone through. This past August, Mark was awarded custody of 2 of his grandchildren, and by default I was now included in this new stage of life.

When I found out about the possibility of this happening, I went through some deep depression, many hours of crying and fear of the unknown. You see, I had plans and they didn’t include children. My son Ethan, had been out of the house for a year and I was just learning how to live by myself again and the freedom this brings. Mark who is older than I, had started talking about retiring in a few years. I was looking forward to this new stage of life as well. I could go with him on adventures; auctions (he LOVES going to auctions), playing our guitars more...you name it, I was excited about it.

And then August happened. And the kids came. And 5 days a week I was now driving to Worthington (where Mark lives) to be with the kids. My stress level was very high, and I was very depressed, trying to make it through life one day at a time. Alicia, who is 11 and Omar who is 9, joined our little “family.” I became the after school helper, homework helper, supper maker, clothes washer, peacemaker to this now foursome of ours. Mark, kept saying we will get through this, but I didn’t know if I would. Don’t get me wrong, I didn’t take this out on the kids as they were innocent and hurting to all this as well. They wanted to go back to their moms home, and selfishly (not saying this out-loud) that’s what I wanted to happen as well.

As for Mark and I, we had more disagreements and fights after the kids came. I don’t know why, but maybe that’s what happens when you have kids “together” I was a single parent for my life, so I didn’t have to refer to someone else on how to raise kids, and I wasn’t sure how to do so now. Blessing #1, I can honestly say, we are tighter now, more honest with one another now, more open with one another, just better together now than ever before. And, after I realized how this was changing our relationship (for the better) I think some of the things I initially feared went to the wayside. I didn’t know what the future held, but I could finally break from the depression and the sadness I felt over this life changing event.

Alicia made me a card one day. It was one of those paper folded, handwritten card with a drawing in-side of it. I am not joking when I say, this card came on the exact day I needed it. On the inside, she had written “Thank you for helping us out. You are the nicest person I have ever met. We appreciate you.” On the next page was a hand drawn picture of the four of us. We all stood in a line and she had us labeled; Brenda, Alicia, Omar and Papa.” (By the way, my picture had me looking really good and supper skinny! I love this kid!!)

See, I grieved the fact that my plans had been changed, my dreams had been changed. I had resentment against the world and resentment against God. My life has been challenging enough with the MS diagnosis and what I go through on a daily basis. “When do I get a break God? “ “Why is my life not ever easy?” I said through anger and tears. Through these last 4+ months though, God has showed me that His plan was exactly right, as always! There is no doubt this is exactly where I need to be. The kids need me to be in there life and I need to be in theirs. Omar, is my cuddler. He loves to snuggle on the couch and watch movies with me. He is the sweetest (even though he and his sister fight all the time). He has a little bit of a speech problem so when he says my name it comes out Bwenda. And my favorite part of the day is nighttime when he says, “Bwenda, will you tuck me in?” And Alicia is the sweetest, craftiest girl I know. She lets me hug her now...that took some time as she had her guard up. But she is my girl now. I love these kids, and I know that I am in their life for a reason. And Mark and I? We will be good too. He has gotten permission to work from home two afternoons a week, so that gives me time to get things organized here at church, and 2 days where I don’t have to drive to Worthington!

Why do we doubt God? For me, it was the fact that I couldn’t accept God’s plan over my plans. It’s hard to give up on what you think you have control over. But looking back on it now, how did I doubt when I see what he is doing? He knew, He always does. He is using me in a way I hadn’t wanted before. It has become a blessing and not the “curse” I imagined it to be. And while I don’t know what the future holds with these kids, I know I am exactly where I should be. Thank you God. Thank you for all you do for me every single day. Thank you for having my in the palm of your hand and taking care of me. Thank you for letting me let go of my plans and accepting your plans. Thank you for your blessings!

The Newsletter

January 2016

First Reformed Church

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

**Glorify,
Grow,
Go!**

This is from the Internet. Some good advice for the New Year!

The practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back over 3000 years. The start of a New Year gives us the feeling of a fresh start, a new beginning, and new opportunities. It is a time when people feel that they can begin anew with their lives. Although there is nothing in the Bible or notable in Christian tradition about New Year's resolutions, many good stewards take advantage of this time of year to become closer to the Lord. They may re-commit them-selves to pray more, to read the Bible, or to attend church more regularly. If you are looking for some helps in your New Year's resolutions, here are a few ideas to get you started:

Practice gratitude – Cultivating a grateful heart is the hallmark of a Christian steward. Every day, express thankfulness to the Lord and to others. Seeing the good in your life will al-low you to keep your heart compassionate and loving.

Encounter the Lord each day – Find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it be for an hour or ten minutes. Have a conversation with the Lord. Give your joys and worries to Him as well. Allow God's love to transform them. Our encounters will keep our eyes and ears open to the presence of Christ in our midst.

Be present to others – There is much celebration and mourning, joy and sorrow in peo-ples' lives. What a blessing it is to be able to share those times and not let others experience them alone. The gift of your presence to others is much more valuable than you realize.

Resist overwork – There is a pressure to produce, meet goals, be successful. But activi-ties that lead us to overwork, constant fatigue and worry do not give glory to God. What God calls us to do we can do well. Be mindful that life requires balance, down time and letting go of unrealistic goals.

Nurture friendships – Our friends are those we choose to be with, those with whom we spend our evenings, with whom we vacation, to whom we go to for advice. Friends are gifts from God who give us a greater appreciation of God's love for us. Friends need our time and love.

Give more – Good stewards realize that everything they have is entrusted to them as gift to be shared. There is no better place to begin than sharing with the community that gathers around the Lord's table at Mass. Consider what you are giving to your parish and local diocese and commit to an even greater contribution as circumstances allow.

Make a difference in your church community – Believe it or not, your community can use your talents. Offering your talents to your faith community is one of the most effective ways to feel useful and connected to others, and it is a potentially life-changing New Year's resolution.

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Consider living more simply – We cannot find fulfillment in possessions. They add nothing to our self-worth. Jesus blessed the "poor in spirit" in his Sermon on the Mount; and Saint Francis of Assisi urged us to live with only what was necessary, for that is how we begin to find God.

Get healthy – Studies show that most people in North America are accelerating their own decline into premature old age, owing to poor diet and lack of physical activity. Be a good steward of your body. Plan a complete overhaul of your diet and exercise habits.

Don't give up – People give up their New Year's resolutions because of perfectionism and unrealistic expectations. So take it slow, be kind to yourself and keep trying. Resist the urge to throw your hands up and quit. You succeed through small, manageable changes over time.

Turn to the Lord – Ask the Lord for guidance, strength and perseverance in achieving your resolutions. In his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul writes: "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength" (Phil 4:13). If God is the center of our New Year's resolutions, they have a better chance for success.

Campbell's Bar Codes

Thank you to all who gave us your Campbell's bar codes and General Mills box tops that we send to Children Haven International who provide loving Christian Care to needy children in Reynosa, Mexico. Reynosa is a border town with a population of well over a million people. Daily wages for the lower entry level positions at a factory are basically equivalent to what a U.S. employee might make hourly. Many live in 800 sq. ft. cement block homes.

The "colonias," Mexico's poorest neighborhoods, live in tiny shanties built with whatever materials found; pallets, cardboard, tin, etc. They lack running water, electricity and sewers.

Many times parents can't provide to take care of their children and bring them to Children's Haven where they can receive love and be told about God's love and great plan he has for us.

If you have codes or box tops for us, please put them in the basket in the kitchen or in Helen Vander Veen's church mailbox. The ladies will be sending them Children's Haven in January. The office for Children's Haven is located at 400 E Minnesota Rd., Pharr Texas 78577.

Finally, a thank you from Children's International. "Thank you General Mills box top and Campbell's Bar Code collectors! We really appreciate all those that so faithfully send their items in to us. As we move towards the end of 2015, it looks like you've sent in 608 more box tops than last year! That's helped us earn \$879.70. And just this week, we got over 4,000 Campbell's UPC's ready to put towards our goal of 1,600.00 for that mini-van.

A big "Thank you" from Geneva, Margaret, Lois, Karen and Helen!!

306. The Constitutional question was asked, "Are there any members who need special care this month?" was asked and answered.

307. Other Business: MMSC to reinstate Dianne Kass to full church membership.

308. MMSC to adjourn following prayer by Ken Loerts.

Full Consistory-Continued

309. Old Business:

Youth Room Remodel: Current Electric will be coming in soon to disconnect the electrical power in the youth room area.

310. MMSC for the Cherish Center to do the baby bottle campaign again this year. They have requested the dates of January 31st-March 6th.

Communications:

311. Treasurer's Reports: Derek shared that all benevolences will be met by the end of the year.

312. Deacon's Business: In the matter of helping with the Trails Project. The deacons shared that they were going to distribute the funds collected to the Trails committee of Osceola County to provide a bench and two plaques for the trails. This will also include wording on the bench and plaques advertising our church. The rest will be going towards a brick for the aquatic center. No general fund monies were involved.

313. After our Consistory Supper we again met as a full Consistory to finish our meeting.

314. Pastor Luke thanked the retiring Elders and Deacons for their three years of service on Consistory.

315. New Business:

Pastor Luke has reserved Inspiration Hills for a Consistory Retreat for March 4-5, 2016. Spouses are invited.

316. On Sunday, Dec. 27 we will have one combined service starting at 9:30 am. At this service we will have Ordination and Installation of our newly elected Consistory members.

317. MMSC to approve these Communion dates for 2016:

318. The Offering Schedule for 2016 will be the same as it was for 2015; received for information.

319. We held election for new Church Officers for 2016:

Vice President - Marcus De Boer

Clerk - Henry Fisher

Assistant Clerk - Lennis Harberts

General Fund Treasurer - Derek Heronimus

Assistant General Fund Treasurer - Kevin Klaassen

Chairman of the Deacons - Dean Van Marel

320. Elder/Deacon Calling Districts were presented:

321. Minutes were read by title only and approved.

322. Motion was made to adjourn following prayer by Pastor Luke.

CONSISTORY Minutes
December 14, 2015
6:00 PM

*****The Entire Consistory present and incoming members** met together in the Fireside Room at 6:00pm

298. Pastor Luke began the meeting with a reading from Proverbs and read a devotional by R.C. Sproul entitled, “Small but Wise.” Wise people do not go it alone, but through our weaknesses God will use us and collectively we can work together to accomplish great things for the kingdom. Pastor Luke then closed with prayer.
299. 6:10-6:30 After devotions we met for individual meetings between Deacons and Elders.
300. Supper was served at 6:40 pm.
301. Business for Present Consistory (7:15 pm)
302. November Minutes attached for your information
303. Elder’s Business
- Transfers in: N/A
 - 2) Baptisms: N/A
 - 3) Confession of Faith: N/A
 - 4) **MMSC** to have the membership of Doug and Janeen Miedema; Rachel and Ryan transferred to Good News Church in Spirit Lake, IA.
 - 5) **MMSC** for the following people to have their membership dropped at their request: Kimberly Alsip (Groen), LaVonne Thiesse, Merle Dagel, Rick Groen, Lara Hahka, Dawn Leusink, Mark and Jodie Lidke, Shannon Popkes, Jan Runia, Randy and Lisa Wills, Sandy Schilling, Brett Schiphoff, Sue Starkenburg, Heather Sweeney, Janet Mc Farlane, and Christopher Renner
 - 6) **MMSC** to have the following memberships at FRC changed to inactive. Lisa Feldkamp, Rochelle Feldkamp, Tyler Dykstra, Amber Gable (Vander Veen), Travis Dagel, Travis Dykstra, Luz Gomez, Elyssa Hayenga (Houtsma), Jordan Jensen, Ken Huls, Dave, Tracie and Katelyn Johnson, Gene and Merilyce Ver Steeg, Pedro and Lorena Ozazaco, Kyle Lamfers, Zachary Oldenkamp, Emily Opheim, Joel Van Heukelom, Jessica Ackerman, Troy and Becky Ackerman, Dale and Roberta Aeikens, Kaitlyn Raak (Koerselman), Megan (Kruger) Staples, Ashley Terpstra, Jared Vander Veen, Melissa Van Ruler and Rachel West.
304. Approval of Church Use:
- MMSC for Arnie and Diane Langstraat to have the use of the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen for Thanksgiving Day 2016.
305. MMSC for a Baby Shower for Megan Jurgens. She has requested the use of the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen for January 16, 2016 from 9-1.

Dear Friends,

Chelsea and I are not quite sure if this letter will reach you before Christmas, but we want to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, together with fellow believers here in Romania. The notes and cards and care packages that you send, and even the notes that you leave on our Facebook page (“Friends of the Lampens in Romania”), are all a great source of encouragement to us as we continue to adapt to the roles that God has called us to here.

It is hard to believe that we arrived in Romania four months ago today. During that time, we had the opportunity to become more acquainted with the culture and our co-workers at the New Horizons Foundation (NHF), as well as investing in a three month period of language-learning that provided us with a firm foundation to continue to build upon in the months and years ahead. Just two weeks ago, we moved to Lupeni, where we will be living and serving alongside NHF. The apartment in which we will be living is nearly complete after extensive renovations and we will be moving in in a few short weeks! With the help of our Christian Reformed colleagues, Jack and Kelly Organ, we were introduced to a kind, Christian woman named Alina who will be taking care of Lorelei for a few hours each day beginning in January. Finally, we have also been meeting with our supervisor and colleagues as we begin to learn our roles within NHF. I say all of this to emphasize just how much work has gone into establishing a firm foundation on which to build as we enter into the new year.

I have an opportunity to contribute to several of the vibrant programs through which NHF touches the lives of young people in Romania and throughout the world. IMPACT International, a program through which young people develop the skills, knowledge, and desire to bless their communities, now has a presence in 12 countries beyond Romania. Youth from Central America, the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia are now discovering their God-given gifts, being equipped with what they need to survive in today’s world, and are bringing health and life to their communities. Furthermore, Jeff is very excited to have the opportunity to work more closely with the Romanian Orthodox Church in the upcoming months as we seek to discover with Romanian youth what it means to live into God’s call as an Orthodox Christian. Look forward to hearing more about this soon!

One place we have really seen God’s hand at work is in the provision of Alina to watch over Lorelei during the week while we are at the office. We have been praying for someone to care for her well, to provide some lessons in Romanian, and to be a loving, Christian person. We know that whoever watches over Lorelei is allowing us to engage in the work that God has called us to do outside of our home. When we met with Alina, she had just finished a class on childcare. She is in the process of finishing her GED (she is 36 years old), and the schedule we made will work out perfectly. She has also been praying for an opportunity to work with children. She started to cry with joy when we told her we were pastors. We praise God for this relationship, and ask for your prayers as we grow in a deeper relationship with Alina and her family.

May the Peace of Christ be yours this Christmas season!

Jeff, Chelsea, and Lorelei Lampen

Lampens’ ministry: Jeffery and Chelsea Lampen have been appointed to serve in Romania, a new field for the RCA. They work with the New Horizons Foundation, an outreach to youth in Romania. Jeffery spent one year serving the Roma in Hungary, with the Hungarian Reformed Church, and Chelsea spent three months in Romania serving and getting to know New Horizon’s work with youth through educational and community development models of engagement. To learn more go to www.rca.org/lampen. For more information on NHF, visit newhorizonsevs.wordpress.com/about/.

Greeters for January, 9 am

- Jan. 3

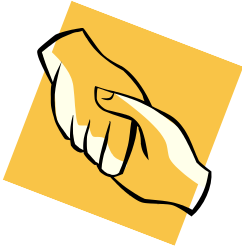
West-Russ and Ashley Gaalswyk/family
Middle-Stan and Gert Gaalswyk
East-Eugene and Renae Groen
- 10

West-Robert and Janice Groen
Middle-Lennis and Marvella Harberts/family
East-Ed and Jan Harskamp
- 17

West-Bill and LaDonn Hartzell
Middle-Wilma Hatting and Jo Hielkema
East-Dwayne and Janice Heikes
- 24

West-Burt and Jan Henrichs
Middle-George and Rhonda Henrichs/family
East-Derek and Ashley Heronimus/family
- 31

West-Ken and Sandy Heronimus
Middle-Dale and Josie Herrboldt
East-Lana and Elizabeth Hibma



Open Door Greeters for January, 11 am

- Jan. 3

West-Larry and Melissa De Boer
Middle-Joe and Nisa deBoom
East-Josh and Heather Tangeman
- 10

West-Jon and Amy Elser
Middle-Kevin and Twila Heemstra
East-Dan and Annette Janssen
- 17

West-Mike and Laurie Kraayenbrink
Middle-Dave and Sandy Lamfers
East-Frank and Darcy Martinez
- 24

West-Larry and Rhonda Riebeling
Middle-Marlin and Kathy Runia
East-Dr. Brian and Heidi Sayler
- 31

West-Duane and Pam Vande Hoef
Middle-Jayson and Cathy Vande Hoef
East-John and Lois Van Diepen



Inspiration Hills Women’s Auxiliary Newsletter

We, the Women's Auxiliary of Inspiration Hills are again at an exciting time of the new year. Our prayers and financial gifts will continue to help make the camp a place where God and his people come together.

Annual Meeting and Silent Auction

The Inspiration Hills Women’s Auxiliary Annual Meeting wwill be held on Thursday, March 31, 2016.Registration and coffee time will begin at 9:30 am. Key ladies or a representative from each church are asked to meet at 9:45 A.M. in the family room. The meeting will begin at 10:00. The cost for the day will be \$8.50. Our speaker will be announced later. We pray that our program will be encouraging to your heart and mind.

You are encouraged to bring items for the Silent Auction. Some suggestions are: baked items (with the flavor & recipe labeled on it), canned goods, plants, craft items, baby items, etc. monetary gifts are also welcome. Make your reservations by March 25 by calling Inspiration Hills, at 1-712-986-5193 or toll free 1-866-858-3265. Come, bring a friend, enjoy good fellowship and receive a blessing.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Membership dues are \$5.00 per year. " Lifetime " membership is \$100. Bring them to the annual meeting March 31, 2016. Even if you do not attend the Annual Meeting, other Inspiration Hills activities you can become a member by sending your \$5.00 membership to Lois Heemstra, 6113 370th Street, Primghar. IA -51245.

4 Things God Wants You To Remember When Life is Hard

1. Remember that your character should always be stronger than your circumstances.
2. Remember that your struggles always lead to strength.
3. Remember that God’s timing is always perfect.
4. Remember that God will never leave you side.

Creation Word Search

The account of the creation of the world is one of the most amazing portions of the Bible. We’ve hidden 32 words from Genesis 1 in this puzzle. First, find the words in the list below. Then answer the question at the bottom of the page. Words may appear in any direction in the puzzle.

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- BEGINNING

BIRDS

CREATE

CREATURES

DARKNESS

DAY

EARTH

EMPTY

EVENING

EXPANSE

FEMALE
- FISH

FORMLESS

FRUIT

GOD

HEAVENS

LAND

LIGHT

LIVESTOCK

MALE

MAN

MORNING
- NIGHT

PLANTS

SEAS

SEASONS

SKY

TREES

VEGETATION

WATERS

YEARS

The Phrase “Do Not Be Afraid” is written in the Bible 365 times!

Nursery for January 9:00 am

- Jan. 3: Kayla Hoekstra and Chelsea Hulstein
- 10: Rachel Wills and Sandy Lamfers
- 17: Ashley Heronimus and Diane Langstraat
- 24: Kim and Alex Mc Dougall
- 31: Ruth Ann Wiersma and Jessa Wolter



Nursery for January, 11:00

- Jan. 3: Missy Julius and Kim Van Der Sloom
- 10: Cathy and Victoria Vande Hoef
- 17: Lynn and Alex Mulder
- 24: Amy and Mariah Elser
- 31: Karen Honken and Amy Dykstra

Coffee With the Pastor

In January, we will not be having coffee time with the Pastor. We will resume in February. Sorry for any inconvenience!! We will see you in February!



Women’s Bible Studies



- Faith Bible Study will meet on Monday, January 18 at 9 am in the Church library. Alfreda is the leader and Jane Buysman is the hostess.
- Patience Bible Study will meet at Barb Van Diepen’s house (916 5th St NE) on Monday, Jan. 18. Leader and Hostess will be Barb.

Pray when you feel like worrying. Give thanks when you feel like complaining. Keep going when you feel like quitting. ~Dave Willis

After Church Greeters for January

Jan 3 SE: Heath De Jong
C: Al Honken
SW: Henry Fisher
BE: Stan Gaalswyk
BW: Lennis Harberts

24 SE: Ed Meendering
C: Lyle Peelen
SW: Pastor Luke
BE: Larry Riebeling
BW: Cal Runia

10 SE: Ed Harskamp
C: Keith Zylstra
SW: Bill Hartzell
BE: Dale Honken
BW: Dan Janssen

31 SE: Bob Tiedeman
C: Pastor Luke
SW: Duane Vande Hoef
BE: Paul Vander Linden
BW: John Van Diepen

17 SE: Corky Koerselman
C: Pastor Luke
SW: Dr. Greg Kusters
BE: Arnie Langstraat
BW: Ken Loerts

Music for January

Jan. 3 Nothing Scheduled

10 Nothing Scheduled

17 Senior Choir

24 Youth Praise Choir

31 Nothing Scheduled

Coffee Servers for January

Jan 3 Duane & Pam Vande Hoef

10 Lawrence & Ruth Wiersma 17 John & Sharon Bartels 

24 Glenn & Paul Doorenbos

31 Trudy Dykstra & Helen Vander Veen



Willing Hands Group

Willing Hands Group #1 will be responsible for services during the month of January. Co-chairpersons are Marvella and Lennis Harberts and Barb and Ger Van Diepen.

FYI: New willing hands books will be out shortly. During the meantime, use the 2015 books for workers names from Group 1



Sportsmen's Devotional

Bible Study Verses:

II Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (NKJV)

Thoughts:

Outdoorsmen know the importance of a properly equipped camp. If we have good equipment and the right equipment, we will have a great experience. But if we have bad equipment or the wrong equipment, we can be miserable and frustrated the entire the time.

Camp with confidence with your equipment by:

- Testing before you use it.
- Correcting that which is faulty.
- Practicing good camp safety and hygiene.
(Don H)

Action Point:

Our Christian walk also needs to be well equipped

- Spending time in God's Word.
- Knowing that it is inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- Believing that it is perfect, holy, and true.

With it, we can:

- Establish truth.
- Correct those who depart from the faith.
- Instruct each other in righteous and holy ways.

This is how we are completely prepared for the good work we must accomplish for the kingdom.

Sportsmen's Tip of the Day:

Carry extra batteries for your camera, flashlight, or other electronic devices, but don't carry the batteries loose. You can make small, neat carriers out of duct tape, perfectly sized to the number and style of extra batteries that you need. The one I made holds three AAA batteries with a flap that folds over and tucks in like an envelope. I got this idea from watching boys make duct tape wallets at a boy's camp. Some of the boys I know still carry their wallets, even a couple of years later!

January Birthdays

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| 01 Jan Harskamp
Brenda Wassman | 12 Lynn Schram
Alexis Hulstein |
| 03 Mike Fox
Corky Koerselman | 14 Jacob Fox
Mim Ernst |
| 05 Phyllis Vander Linden
Sandy De Vries | 16 Karen Ten Napel |
| 06 Ed Meendering
Damian Schroder | 17 Brayden Bruxvoort |
| 07 Tracee Brouwer
Ashley Heronimus | 18 Janice Groen
Matthew Runia
Tanya Dykstra
Tanner Dykstra |
| 08 Robert Groen | 20 Kathy Runia |
| 09 Henry Fisher
Marcia Oldenkamp | 22 Steven Zevenbergen |
| 10 Keith Michelson
Devan Vander Veen | 23 Rachel Hulstein |
| 11 Kevin Michelson | 24 Jayden De Boer |
| | 25 Kalie De Boer
Gaylord Kruger |
| | 26 Rhonda Riebeling
Travis Klaassen
Dr. Brian Sayler
Heath De Jong |

January Anniversaries

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| 02 Leroy & Karen Stevenson | 41 years |
| 07 Robert & Betty Kruger | 63 years. |
| 09 Jason & Robyn Kruger | 27 years |
| 12 Rich & JoAnn Kruger | 55 years |
| 19 Joel & Kathy Verdoorn | 49 years |
| 26 Cole & Kayla Hoekstra | 7 years |

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| 27 Brady Block |
| 28 Jon Elser
Harrison Feldkamp
Donna Smidt |
| 30 Ellison Hayenga
Julie Runia
Karen Honken |
| 31 Jurnea Harberts |



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 or 754-2783) and let us know your dates! We would love to recognize YOU on your special day!

Thanks



January Faith In Action:

Baby Layettes for the Center of Hope in Sioux Falls. Anything a mom would need for a new born: receiving blankets, onesies nightgowns, burp cloths, baby oil/lotion, diapers. Whatever you can think of. (Remember Mom, too!)

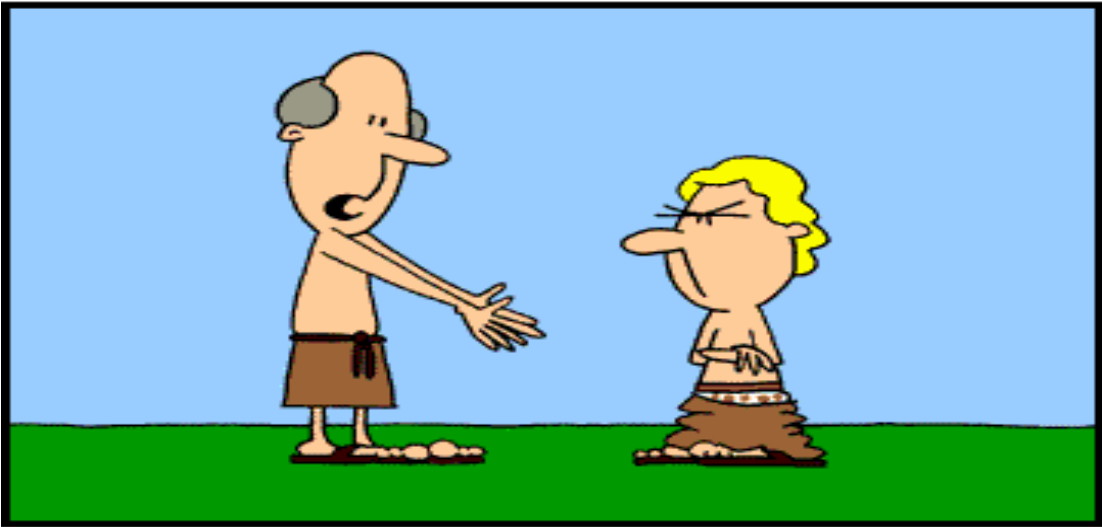
Library Volunteers

- 3-Jan Henrichs
- 10-Beth Hulstein
- 17-Jamie Hulstein
- 24-Jan Juffer
- 31-Jeannette Juffer

Sunday School Nursery

- 10 -Tami Tracy and Barb Van Diepen
- 17- Janelle Van Drunen and Peg Van Kley
- 24-Pam Vande Hoef and Ruth Ann Wiersma
- 31-Tiffany Wynia and Luella Eggink

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Happy New Year!!						2
						Ted and Eileen Schutte
3 9am Cornerstone 10amCoffee/Prayer Fireside Room 10am Sunday School 11am Open Door Pray for our Church	4	5 8:30 am Quilters	6 7 am Prayer Time 6 pm Outreach Meeting 6:15 Family Night Supper 6:30-7:45pm Bible Cl. G 1-5 6:45– 8:15 HS Remnant 7 pm Senior Choir	7	8	9
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17 Communion Prep 9am Cornerstone 10am Coffee/Prayer FSRoom 10am Sunday School	18 9 am Faith Bible St. 4 pm Patience Bible St. at Barb Van Diepen’s house 6:30 pm Consistory Pray for Our Consistory	19 8:30 am Quilters Bubba and Sharalyn Tjaden	20 7 am Prayer Time 6:30-7:45pm Bible Cl. G 1-5 6:30-7:45 pm MS Remnant 6:45– 8:15 HS Remnant 7 pm Senior Choir	21	22	23 Pray for: Kayla Ackerman Hannah Klaassen Kellyn Kruger Alecia Martinez Clara Meyer Jessica Mehls
24 Communion 9am Cornerstone 10am Coffee/Prayer FSRoom 10am Sunday School 11am Open Door	25Cherish Center Baby Bot- tle Collection Starts, now- February 29th Lois Vande Berg	26 8:30 am Quilters Greg and Tami Tracy; Lindy	27 7 am Prayer Time 6:30-7:45pm Bible Cl. G 1-5 6:30-7:45 pm MS Remnant 6:45– 8:15 HS Remnant 7 pm Senior Choir	28	29	30 Pray for: Shannon Michelson Ethan Post Ignacio Romero Matthew Vander Ploeg Devan Vander Veen Owen Wiese
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