

Christian Education Schedule 2017-2018

Our Christian Education Year is kicking off! Please remember the following:
Weather Cancellations Procedure: **If there is NO school, or school is released early due to inclement weather, there will be NO WEDNESDAY Night activities. If the Cancellation is on Sunday, all services and activities will also be cancelled for the day.**

Sunday School (10:05-10:55 am Sunday morning)

- September 10: First Session of the Year
- November 12: No Classes, Congregational Meeting
- November 26: SS Christmas Program Practice
- December 3: SS Christmas Program Practice
- December 10: Christmas Program
- December 17: Lesson/ Alternate Date for Christmas Program
- December 24: No Classes, Christmas Break
- December 31: No Classes, Christmas Break
- January 7: Sunday School Resumes
- April 1: No Classes, Easter Break
- April 29: Last Class of the Year

Wednesday Night Bible Class: (6:30-7:35pm Bible Class Grades 1-5)

- September 6: First Session of the Year
- September 13:
- November 8: Family Night
- November 22: No Wednesday Night Classes. Thanksgiving Break
- December 27: No Wednesday Night Classes. Christmas Break
- January 3: No Wednesday Night Classes. Christmas Break
- January 10: Classes Resume
- March 7: Family night
- March 28: No Classes Easter Break
- April 18: End of the Year. Last Session

MS Remnant will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:15 in the Youth Room

HS Remnant will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:30 in the Youth Room

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The Newsletter

Words from Pastor Luke

September 2017 First Reformed Church
Glorify God in all we do,
Grow with Him daily and
Go with Him to share His love.

Where has the summer gone? It's this time of year that we all tend to say that. We look forward to the warm months, green grass, leaves on the trees and fields of bountiful crops. This summer had many activities. I would like to personally thank all of you who supported our high school and young adults on their summer trips. I saw God work in many ways. Often, I wish you would be able to be a part of those experiences to see the impact of what God is doing. Your prayers and financial support continue to reap blessing in the lives of our young adults that will produce fruit for a lifetime. But the summer is now past and we look forward to what is ahead.

God is on move and starting to produce opportunities to grow your faith and move toward being disciples. Our Discipleship Learning team has been meeting faithfully over the last couple of months opening new doors to ministry. Beginning in September we will offer a class called ALPHA. If you have questions about life and who is God you might want to attend. We will explore such topics as, "Who is Jesus?", "Why and how do we pray?", How does God guide us?", "What can I do about the rest of my life?" and several other questions. We will be meeting Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Lantern over the next 10 weeks. Refreshments and food will be offered each week. I will be leading the meetings. For any questions on being a part of the ALPHA program you can talk to Pastor Luke, Jamiey Daiker or Peg Van Kley.

We are also beginning to develop what are called "Life Groups" These are groups in which we will do "life" together. They may be based around a common interest, or a book study or a particular Bible Study. The goal of these groups is to move you forward in your relationship with Christ. Beginning in September we will be starting a "Pilot Group" with people interested in possibly becoming leaders of these different kinds of groups in January. If you are interested in being a part of this "Pilot Group" contact Laurel Klaassen, Jodi Wagenaar, Mike Anderson or Chris Wynia.

I am excited about the new addition of Josh on our staff as Director of Youth Ministries. We look forward to how God will use him to minister to our kids and young adults. In the office, there is a little change as well. Jamie Hulstein will be taking on more responsibility with the weekly bulletin and newsletter and thus open doors for Brenda to work on things that have been placed on the back burner and neglected. I look forward to the team ministry we are developing.

Finally, just a reminder that we are also working on improvements here at church. You will notice some sidewalk replacement and more to do. We are still working on updating our sanctuary lights as well as our video. Our goal is that by the end of the year these projects will also get done. With these things in mind I want to remind you that we have budgeted for these items and with getting them done as well as a new Director of Youth our weekly expenses will increase. You have been faithful in your giving and it is great appreciated but I ask you to prayerfully consider your generous giving through the end of the year.

I truly am excited about what God is doing. I see great things and great opportunities for this church. I ask you openly explore how you can participate and get involved. There is not greater joy than when we abide in Christ!

Faithfully serving, Pastor Luke



Brian and Donna Renes

Albania, Malawi, Armenia, Croatia, Ukraine, Hungary. Many of us would probably have a hard time locating these countries on a map. We might not have even known they were countries! But recently individuals from each of these countries, along with others from Spain, Canada, Finland, England, the Netherlands, Russia, and Portugal spent two weeks in Athens, Greece. The purpose of this gathering was to receive training in Paratext, the software Brian has been instrumental in the development, deployment, and training in for the past several years.

Very seldom do I, Donna, get the opportunity to travel with Brian as he literally circles the globe, working with hundreds of Bible translation projects every year. But I had the privilege of going to Greece with him in June and meeting several incredible people that dedicate their lives to ensuring God’s Word is translated into as many languages as possible. I did not sit in on the training sessions since the nitty gritty of Paratext is completely over my head.

While in Greece I was able to visit with many of these individuals at mealtimes and hear their stories. I got to know Irina from Russia who shared about carrying on the translation work of her husband after he had a debilitating stroke. From George I learned so much about Greek history and the differences between the Orthodox and Protestant Churches. One after another the stories humbled and touched me as I saw how committed these people are to serving others in their countries and around the world.

I also had the chance to do a good amount of sight-seeing. The museums and archaeological areas showing thousands of years of history were incredibly fascinating. Of course visiting the Acropolis and walking around the Parthenon was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. But equally humbling was climbing Mars Hill where the Apostle Paul spoke to the Athenians after seeing their altar to the unknown god (Acts 17)

I’m so grateful that I was able to spend those two weeks with Brian, not just because we spend so much of the year separated (he was gone almost 100 days the first six months of 2017). But also to get a glimpse of the amazing people he has the privilege of working with and giving support to. As always, we deeply appreciate your prayers for safety in Brian’s travels. Even more so we ask you to pray for all of the people involved in translation work around the world. You will probably never get to meet them or share a meal with them. But be assured that they covet your prayers and support.

Donna Renes

Brian and Donna Renes have been involved in the work of Bible translation since 1989. Their first years of ministry were spent among the Tojolabal people in Chiapas, Mexico. Since 1996 Brian has worked with the United Bible Societies, giving support to national translators and consultants. He teaches them how to effectively use the computer in their work of translating the Bible into languages such as Quechua, which is spoken in Peru, and the Kuna language of Panama. Donna ministers to Hispanic children in the Sioux Center, Iowa, area through the teaching of English as a Second Language.

Brian serves in partnership with United Bible Societies.

Consistory Meeting 7:00 pm

15 present, a Quorum

- 159. Pastor Luke opened the meeting by reading scripture from 2 Corinthians 3:1-6 and offering prayer.
- 160. Ministry Teams gave various reports.
 - Outreach:** No Report
 - Worship:** No Report
 - Property:** Progress is in the making for completion of the concrete repairs requested by the Insurance Company.
 - Education:** Sign-up sheets for various teaching positions have been posted on the Information Center in the Fellowship Hall. People can also go on-line to a Google Document to sign up. September 10: 1st week of Sunday School. September 6th: 1st Wednesday Night Bible Class.
 - Congregational Care:** No Meeting
 - Youth Ministries:** Heath De Jong reported on the candidate for DYM, Josh Lucas.
- 161. MMSC to approve the salary package for Josh Lucas as presented by the Administration Committee.
- 162. Deacons Business: Brenda Post will do some research on the possibility of a new folding machine.
- 163. MMSC to approve the minutes as read.
- 164. MMSC to adjourn following closing prayer by Chris Wynia.

Love pays attention. Love listens to the fears and the doubts of others and treats them with respect. Love accepts others the way Jesus accepts you.

~Rick Warren

CONSISTORY MINUTES

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August 21, 2017
6:00 pm

Administrative Meeting 6:00 pm

- 140. Pastor Luke opened the meeting with prayer.
- 141. Heath DeJong reported on an interview with Joshua Lucas, Applicant for the Director of Youth Ministries position. The Search Team recommends offering the position to Joshua Lucas.
- 142. MMSC to recommend hiring Joshua Lucas for the Director of Youth Ministries position.
- 143. MMSC to recommend the compensation package as presented by the Search Committee to the Consistory.
- 144. MMSC to thank the Search Committee for all their efforts they put forth in securing an individual for the position of Director of Youth Ministries.
- 145. Reviewed the Softball Coaching position held by Pastor Luke this past season.
- 146. MMSC to allow Pastor Luke to continue the coaching position with yearly reviews to follow each season.
- 147. The meeting was adjourned following prayer by Pastor Luke.

Elders Meeting 7:00 pm

8 present, a Quorum

- 148. Pastor Luke opened with Prayer.
- 149. Hunter Rockman met with Elders to make Profession of Faith.
- 150. MMSC to accept Hunter’s profession and accept him into membership of First Reformed Church.
- 151. MMSC to accept transfer membership papers of Lisa Nissen Heibult from the First Presbyterian Church of Sibley, Iowa.
- 152. The Constitutional Question was asked, “Are there any members needing spiritual care?” Discussion was held on members of the church who are in need of or have received spiritual care.
- 153. MMSC to allow Maureen Heilman to use the piano in the Fireside Room to give lessons to her children.
- 154. MMSC to allow Sami Fox use of the Fellowship Hall on September 2, 2017 for a baby shower.
- 155. 184 members were served Communion on August 20, 2017.
- 156. MMSC to allow Jennifer Bruxvoort the use of the Kitchen/Fellowship Hall Friday, May 18, 2018 for High School Graduation.
- 157. MMSC to approve minutes.
- 158. MMSC to adjourn following prayer by Pastor Luke.

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 263 Matt. 13:31-43

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PLANTS MUSTARD
PULLED PARABLES
SEEDS PROPHET
SHINE SOWED
TEETH SPOKEN
WEEDS STANDS
WOMAN WEEPING
WORLD HARVEST
YEAST

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Greeters for September, 9 am

Sept 3 West-Ken and Sandy Heronimus
Middle-Lana and Elizabeth Hibma
East-Johanna Hielkema & Jeannette Juffer

10 West-Melissa Hisek and family
Middle-Cole and Kayla Hoekstra/
family
East-Dale and Karen Honken

17 West-Loren and Deb Hulstein
Middle-Mark Hulstein & Kelly Jacobsma
East-Michael & Chelsea Hulstein/
family

24 West-Rod and Beth Hulstein
Middle-Scott and Jamie Hulstein/
family
East-Michael and Mary Hustoft



Nursery September 9:00am

Sept. 3: Jenna Ver Steeg and Chelsey Town
10: Chelsey Alexander and Sami Fox
17: Kayla Hoekstra and Chelsea Hulstein
24: Rachel Wills and Sandy Lamfers

Nursery September 11:00 am

Sept. 3 Tami and Lindy Tracy
10: Angie Ackerman and Amber Mortenson
17: Missy Julius and Kim Van Der Sloot
24: Amy and Mariah Elser

Library Volunteers

Sept. 3: Jan Henrichs
10: Beth Hulstein
17: Jamie Hulstein
24: Imogene Rasmussen

Sunday School Nursery

Sept. 10: Luella Eggink and Jan Henrichs
17: Lana Hibma and Sandy Lamfers
24: Megan Loerts and Ellen Schram



Willing Hands Group

Willing Hands Group #3 will be responsible for services during the month of September.
Co-chairpersons are Jamie and Scott Hulstein, Pauline and Jim Van Engen, and Sandy and Dave Lamfers

The last part of that budget is labeled “Benevolent Regional Synod”. This has a budget of \$15,377. This covers Inspiration Hills and our portion of Classis dues that can be attributed to “benevolent” or missional use. When the dues are calculated for the coming year they give us a breakdown of what is used to run Classis versus what Classis spends on their benevolent portion. In our budget we separate the two. For a short time a few budgets ago we lumped this together as our Classis dues, but it was separated out again in subsequent budgets. The thought was so that we have a better idea of what our total use of funds is for benevolent even if we are not in complete control over it.

Another large part is the Classis dues themselves. Our part of the Classis dues that is not attributed to the Benevolent area is \$20,256.

Now there are other expenses not mentioned yet. These are the salaries to the Pastor, office staff, worship and technical coordinators and janitor and the payroll taxes we have to pay with them. These total approximately \$136,000 per year including all payroll tax expenses.

I was surprised to have the question asked about how we set salaries. I explained that for Pastoral staff we had minimum guidelines to meet each year published by Classis. The person asking thought we just “winged it”. Nope, wouldn’t even know how to start on that one. We do, as Consistory, set the other salaries for the other positions. We discuss them each year and look back at our annual job reviews with each of them (yep, we get to do that too) to try to determine those salaries. The salary we set sets the payroll tax rates that we have to pay along with them. We are a patriotic group and pay taxes so not entirely tax free.

We know as the Consistory members of FRC that we could not even attempt to support all of the things in this budget without your continuing and tireless support. On behalf of the entire Consistory, thank you one and all. Not only for your financial giving, but the time and effort that you put in to keep all of the activities and programs working and growing and blossoming. We also thank you for your continued prayerful support for us. We sometimes groan about another Consistory meeting but we also know that your continued prayer and support for us results in Holy Spirit guidance to the group. Thank you.

Like I said in the first month when I started, the Consistory needs to hear from you about any and all of these areas so that we can do the best job possible. Be bold in presenting any ideas of change, but please be just as bold in presenting your praise or support of areas as well. If we have your thoughts (and prayers) with us as we prepare next year’s budget we will do the best job possible. And don’t forget to ask questions whenever they come up.

~Kevin Klaassen, General Fund Treasurer

No stones thrown at me yet, that’s good. So now, the General Fund itself. This may be a bit longer due to everything we support so I won’t get detailed. Each deacon oversees their area, monitors the spending and helps their team plan, but all funds go through the general fund. Here we go.

Under Congregational Care we have a budget of \$4,550. Expenses under this column include church events, kitchen supplies, subscriptions, leadership training, library, premarital and marital counseling.

Under Education with a budget of \$17,600 is small groups, Sunday School, Wednesday night Bible class curriculum, literature, books, Bibles, Camp Registrations, Bible School and family night suppers.

Under Youth with a budget of \$750 we include the MS & HS Remnant curriculum.

Worship has a budget of \$9,200 and includes repairs for audio/video equipment, offering envelopes, organists, choir music, pulpit supply and mileage, praise team music and media resources.

Property has a budget of \$54,500 and includes church & parsonage utility bills, property and workman’s comp insurance, property repairs, lawn care, snow removal, janitor supplies, flowers, nursery & youth room repairs.

Benevolent is broken down into several areas because there are many. They are:

- Outreach has a budget of \$11,200. This includes advertising, church events, Remnant, Rocky Savings account put away each year, quilters and new church families.
- Outreach also has \$8,550 for Mother’s Together, Osceola County Love Bank, Mission trips, Christian Aid fund, Christmas Shoeboxes and Adoptive Families.
- Benevolet RCA, our shares of mission support. This has a budget of \$54,900 and includes Partners in Mission (P.I.M.), Northwestern College and Words of Hope.
- Other benevolent is our “monthly envelopes” or the monthly challenge giving. We budget \$6,000 here with the understanding that whatever comes in gets sent to those groups, but Consistory sets a minimum of \$500 for each. So anything over means that our budget does not pay, anything under \$500 and the benevolent budget makes the difference to the \$500. There are two exceptions to that rule. One is for our ½ share of mission support where budget guarantees \$3,200 minimum and Christmas Shoeboxes where budget guarantees \$1,000 minimum. Included in that line is MS/ HS Remant, ½ share mission support, Bible League, Village Northwest, Center of Hope, The Banquet, Osceola Love Bank, Cherish Center, Christmas Shoeboxes, Bethany Christian Services and Talking Bibles.

Coffee Servers September



- Sept.3 Ted and Eileen Schutte
- 10: Dave and Lesa Stofferan
- 17: Ger and Barb Van Diepen
- 24: John and Lois Van Diepen

Coffee With the Pastor

WE’RE BACK!

Come join Pastor Luke (and Brenda) for coffee at 9 am on September 6th. We would love to see you all!

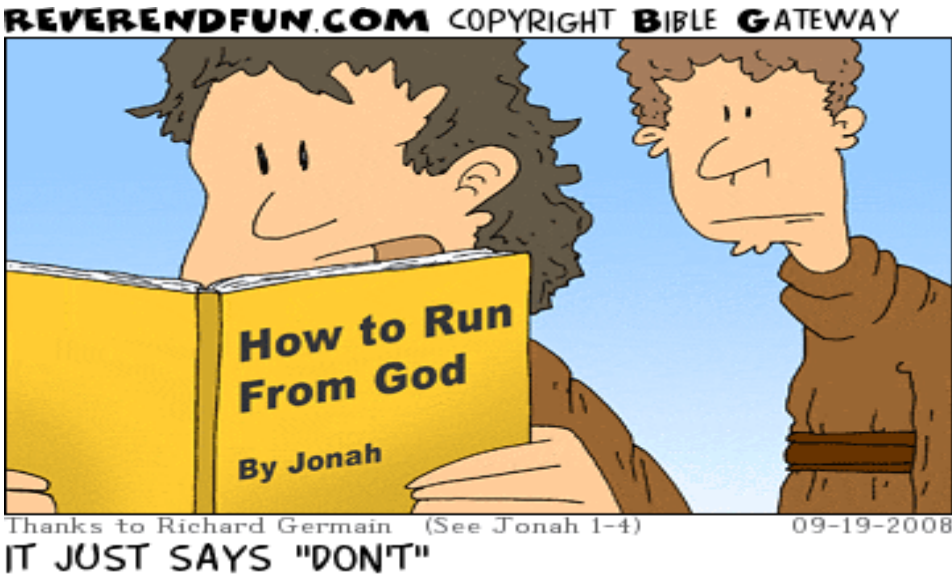


Women’s Bible Studies

Faith Bible Study will meet on **Monday, September 18** at 9:00 am in the Library. Leader: Anita Ernst; Hostess: Luella Eggink.

Patience Bible Study will meet on **Monday, September 18** at 4:00 pm. to study lesson 4. The leader and hostess will be Barb Van Diepen

Make a joyful noise! All voices are welcome to join the FRC choir. This means you, too, high schoolers! Let's meet in the Fireside Room on Sunday morning, September 10 at 8:20 AM and plan our year. All you need is a love of sharing God's word through music. Questions? Contact Peg Van Kley 754-2945.



After Church Greeters for September

3 SE: Harold Ernst	17 SE: Pastor Luke
C: Stan Gaalswyk	C: Arnie Langstraat
SW: Jackie Smallbones	SW: Ken Loerts
BE: Ed Harskamp	BE: Ed Meendering
BW: Lennis Harberts	BW: Lyle Peelen
10 SE: Bill Hartzell	24 SE: Larry Riebeling
C: Pastor Luke:	C: Pastor Luke
SW: Dale Honken	SW: Cal Runia
BE: Dan Janssen	BE: :Bob Tiedeman
BW: Dr. Greg Kusters	BW: Duane Vande Hoef

Elders in Prayer Room, September

	10:00 am	12:00 pm
Sept. 3:	Stan	Heath
13:	Marcus	Cal
20:	Lawrence	Lennis
27:	Dale	Duane

September Faith In Action:

Faith in action for this month is ATLAS. Here is what is on their list:· Canon Printer ink: #240—black #241—color; Kleenex, Paper Towels, Pop Diet or Reg. Mountain Dew, Orange, Coke, Root Beer; (Please check expiration date) Card Stock Paper—white; Her-shey’s Kisses, single serving chips; cans of coffee; 30 gal trash bags.

Love leaves a legacy. How you treated other people, not your wealth or accomplishments, is the most enduring impact you can leave on earth. ~Rick Warren

Sportsmen's Devotional

Bible Study Verses: Matthew 16:2-3

He replied, “When evening comes, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,’ and in the morning, ‘Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.” (NIV)

Thoughts

At some time in your life, you may have heard a wise sailor recite this very old saying, "Red sky at morning, sailor take warning; red sky at night, sailor's delight." Well, you now know where it came from?

I used to think those very wise sailors learned it from years on the high seas. I'm sure many of them have. If you had to guess how long that saying has been around, you would have to go back before the time of Jesus. When Jesus was confronted by the Jewish leaders wanting a sign from Him, He used it to confront their hypocritical way of life.

He simply showed them that they could look at the sky and know how the weather was going to unfold that morning or evening. But, they could not understand the significant events that were unfolding right before their eyes. (~Rick K)

Action Point

I think today it is so easy for people to get caught up in what the media and others believe and think about what is happening in our world, and yet, fail to evaluate for themselves what is really taking place.

Jesus wanted people to stop and examine the circumstances in which they found themselves and see the truth - that He was truly the Messiah and the fulfillment of scripture. Our world is not on a road leading in the right direction.

Jesus said in Matthew 7:13-14, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it, (NIV). The narrow road with the small gate is Jesus. It is only through Him that one can be saved from his sins and receive eternal life.

Sportsmen's Tip of the Day

It is always important to check area and national weather reports before starting out on any trip. If you have an idea as to how the weather might unfold, you will know how to better prepare. Then, prepare for the unexpected. Last. but not least, read the sky. I cannot tell you how truly accurate that old saying is.

September

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| 2 Kayla Hoekstra | 17 Donna Sterler |
| 5 Diane Langstraat
Dean Van Marel
Hannah Lucas | 19 Dean Ackerman |
| 6 Tracy Den Beste
Hugh Schiphoff | 21 Drew Heemstra
Jude Anderson |
| 7 Makya Dykstra | 22 Marvin Runia
Hadley Crichton |
| 13 Kelly Jacobsma
Jackie Tjaden | 23 Taylor Langstraat |
| 14 Clara Meyer | 24 Jodi Wagenaar
Kaitlin Michelson
Alex Mulder |
| 15 Gary Wolter
Jason Runia | 25 Alex Zylstra
Emma Langstraat |
| 16 Ken Loerts
Luke Heilman | 26 Paul Vander Linden |

- 27 Jo Hielkema
Jim Van Engen
Ross Wiersma
Keyana Gust
Alex McDougall



- 28 Kathy Verdoorn
Luke Myers
- 30 Gannon Rockman

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

September Anniversaries

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| 3 Larry & Rhonda Riebeling-23years | 19 Marvin & Janice Runia-59 years |
| 3 Mike & Laurie Kraayenbrink—29 yrs | 21 Dennis & Dar Jurgens-32 years
Josh and Heather Tangeman |
| 4 Harold & Shelia Van Der Sloot-53 yrs | 23 Bill & LaDonn Hartzell-39 years |
| 05 Frank & Darcy Martinez-25 years | |
| 05 Mitch & Abby Kreykes-12 years | |
| 08 Gary & Wilma Leusink-50 years | |
| 09 Matt & Missy Julius-11 years | |
| 13 Derek & Ashley Heronimus-9 years | |
| 14 Jamie & Jennifer Bruxvoort-21 yrs | |
| 15 Dale & Josie Herrboldt-28 years | |
| 16 Larry & Melissa De Boer-21 years | |



Words from Josh Lucas, Director of Youth Ministries

Hello First Reformed Church,

My name is Josh Lucas I am the church’s new Youth Director. Here are a few fun facts about me! First off as I mentioned in church on Sunday I am from California. My hometown where I spent most of my life is called Fresno. I love playing sports especially baseball (GO GIANTS!). My second biggest sport is football (GO 49ERS!). I played both of these sports from elementary school till college. I have two older brothers which makes me the baby in the family. My oldest brother Phil served in the NAVY for five years as a surgical tech. My middle brother DeeJay used to work as a lineman, and is actually wanting to get back into that business but is having a hard time finding a company that is hiring. Both of my parents are retired; my mother was once a branch manager for a home care facility. My father was an outside sales representative for Nestle.

I have been in ministry for four years now. I was the youth leader at my home church in California, but God called me to Phoenix Arizona. I began schooling there at Grand Canyon University. I am studying to obtain my bachelor’s degree in Christian Studies or Biblical Studies as it is formally known as. There I met my wife Hannah. We began dating and then seven months later we were married. I worked at Walmart while living in Phoenix with Hannah the first three months of our marriage. I enjoy telling my testimony, however I don’t like hearing that my story changed someone or helped them. All of the glory and praise deserves to go to God.

I was raised in the church when I was a baby until about five. My parents decided to take us out of the church I hadn’t been back to church until I was thirteen years old. When I was thirteen I had a false conversion. My youth pastor at the time asked who all wants to accept Jesus, and I raised my hand because everyone else was doing it, and I didn’t want to be the only one who didn’t raise my hand. I “accepted” Christ that day, but I didn’t have a heart change or anything I just went on to living my life the way I wanted. It eventually led to me becoming addicted to drugs, partying, sexual immorality, etc. I was on the fast track of dying when my best friend died from an overdose, and God really got ahold of my heart. I turned from my evil ways of drugs and partying and turned to Christ. I live my life as Paul stated in Galatians 2:20 when he stated, “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.”

I now have a huge passion for preaching the gospel, and mentoring teenagers in their walks with Jesus the way that the Bible says that they need to. That is what I am going to do here with the students. I will preach the gospel, and teach these students the Bible in a way that they are not used to, or maybe even in a way that they never have before.

I look forward to meeting with all of you in the congregation. If you ever see me don’t be afraid to walk up to me and give me a big hug. It won’t be hard to find me since I am very loud and very energetic.

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 College Students: <i>Lars Ackerman Meggan Block Peyton Crichton</i>
3 Jackie Smallbones will lead us today 9am Cornerstone 10 am Coffee/Prayer FR 11 am Open Door	4 <i>Richard Kruger</i>	5 8:30 am Quilters <i>Robert Kruger</i>	6 1st Wed. Bible Class 6:30-7:30pm Bible Cl. G.1-5 6:30-7:15 pm MS Remnant 7:15-8:30 pm HS Remnant <i>Jodene Kruse</i>	7 <i>Tim and Jodie Kruger; Jared and Katie</i>	8 <i>Charlie and Brenda Kuhl; Maranda</i>	9 College Students: <i>Britta Harberts Andrea Meyer Garrett Sayler MaKayla Tangeman Colby Wagenaar</i>
10 9am Cornerstone 10 am Coffee/Prayer FR 10am Sunday School 11 am Open Door <i>Pray for our Church</i>	11 <i>Dave and Sandy Lamfers</i>	12 8:30 am Quilters <i>Arnie and Joy Langstraat</i>	13 6:30-7:30pm Bible Cl. G.1-5 6:30-7:15 pm MS Remnant 7:15-8:30 pm HS Remnant <i>Cindy Larson</i>	14 <i>Mark and Melissa Langstraat; Emma, Addysen and Taylor</i>	15 <i>Gary and Wilma Leusink</i>	16 College Students: <i>Collin Van Diepen Adam Ackerman Kailey Bruxvoort Josh Wagenaar</i>
17 9am Cornerstone 10 am Coffee/Prayer FR 10am Sunday School 11 am Open Door <i>Pray for our Church</i>	18 9 am Faith Bible St. 4 pm Patience Bible St. 6:00 pm Elders Meet 7:00 pm Consistory meets <i>Pray for our Consistory</i>	19 8:30 am Quilters <i>Jeremy and Jill Leusink; Noah, Natalie and Jori</i>	20 6:30-7:30pm Bible Cl. G.1-5 6:30-7:15 pm MS Remnant 7:15-8:30 pm HS Remnant <i>Roger Linberg</i>	21 <i>Brad and Sarah Loerts; Parker, Blake and Brynna</i>	22 <i>Brian and Megan Loerts; Brysen, Jaxton and Nash</i>	23 College Students: <i>Sarah Honken Ellie Klaassen Jena Van Marel Alecia Martinez Clara Meyer</i>
24 9am Cornerstone 10 am Coffee/Prayer FR 10am Sunday School 11 am Open Door <i>Pray for our Church</i>	25 <i>Ken and Wilma Loerts</i>	26 8:30 am Quilters <i>Dave and Jessica McDyer; Lincoln and Addison</i>	27 66:30-7:30pm Bible Cl. G.1-5 6:30-7:15 pm MS Remnant 7:15-8:30 pm HS Remnant <i>Frank and Darcy Martinez</i>	28 <i>John and Kim Mc Dougall; Alex and Matthew</i>	29 <i>Ed & Leona Meendering</i>	30 College Students: <i>Ignacio Romero Matthew Vander Ploeg Devan Vander Veen Owen Wiese</i>