

*He Is Risen...He Is Risen Indeed!!*

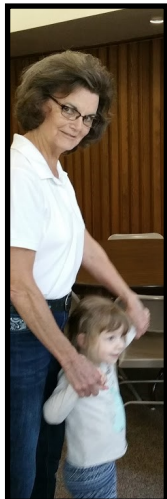
*April 2018*

*First Reformed Church*

# The Newsletter

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

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



### April at a Glance

- 1: Happy Easter!!! He Is Risen!!
    - 7:30 am Sunrise Service
    - 8:30-9:45 am Easter Morning Fellowship Brunch
    - 10:00 am Combined Easter Worship Service/Cantata
    - No Children and Worship
    - No Sunday School
  - 2: 6:30 pm Admin Team Meeting
  - 4: 9:00 am Coffee with the Pastor
  - 11: 9:00 am Mothers Together
  - 15: Children's Choir will sing at both services
  - 16: 9:00 am Faith Bible Study
    - 4:00 pm Patience Bible Study
    - 6:00 pm Elder / Deacon Meetings
    - 7:00 pm Full Consistory
  - 18: Last Wednesday Night Bible Class until Fall
  - 21: 5:00 pm Kraayenbrink Fundraiser at S-O High School
  - 25: 9:00 am Mothers Together
  - 29: 10:10 am Last Sunday School Session until Fall
- \*Sunday Mornings:**  
9:00 am Cornerstone Service  
10:10 am Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship  
11:00 am Open Door Service
- \*Monday Evenings:**  
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- \*Tuesday mornings:**  
8:30 am Chickadee Quilters
- \*Wednesday Evening Bible Classes and Youth Groups:**  
6:30-7:15 pm Bible Classes Gr.1-5  
6:30-7:15 pm MS Remnant  
7:15-8:30 pm HS Remnant

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## Words from Pastor Luke

This week we celebrate Easter. The words “Christ is Risen” are some of the most life-impacting words we can hear. Because He has risen we are able to find forgiveness, love and hope. I encourage you to take the time to reflect on who Jesus is to you. It is incredibly easy to get so caught up in life that we neglect to ponder, reflect and be thankful for what took place just over 2000 years ago. It is easy for us to be influenced by the world and its expectations on us. It is easy to place Christ down the list of things important to us.

The reality is, there is nothing more important in life than knowing “Christ has Risen!”. The power of the cross is the ultimate reminder of God’s longing to be in a relationship with us. This means in order to grow that relationship we need to spend time with Him, get to know Him more and enjoy the companionship that Jesus has brought. I remember singing an old hymn that has continued to stick with me even though it was usually sung around Easter. It was entitled “Every Morning Is Easter Morning From Now On.” My prayer is that each day you wake up you would be reminded that “CHRIST HAS RISEN!” It is that fact that makes all the difference.

I also wanted to update you on what is happening around here. The deacons have been working hard and in the next month or two new lighting will be put into place. They found another solution to an upgrade that will reduce our cost to no more than \$10,000. This is a significant savings from the original \$27,000 proposed. I personally want to thank them for their diligence and great stewardship.

This last month at consistory we had an evaluation done by the Classis. They brought great insight into where we are at as a church and encouraged us on moving forward as a church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. One of the things we have recognized is that we are lacking some real vision for this church in the future. They suggest a program called RIDDER which is a church renewal program. On April 14<sup>th</sup>, myself and several of the consistory members will be attending a “Taste and See” event in Sioux Falls to get a better understanding into what it can do for our church.

I would encourage you to lift us up in prayer as we attend that event and for God’s wisdom and guidance for us in being effective in ministry not only for today but for generations to come. We are continuing discussion on becoming a church that can effectively come along side those who are broken and hurting, loving the unloved, and sharing Jesus with the 60% of the people in our community who are unchurched. Personally, I have also been challenged on what we can do to possibly open up some new doors to Hispanic ministry with our church.

Finally, April 5-13, I will be taking my week to study and layout sermons for the 2018-2019 year. I take the time to pray, discern and seek the leading of the Holy Spirit and what should be preached and then outline the entire year. This helps those planning the services including our secretaries, our media person and all those leading music. It also is of great benefit for me eliminating worry and stress as I need to prepare for each week. I am open to suggestions. You can send me an email with your thoughts or slip them under my door. I won’t guarantee I will use them but I love the input.

God is good all the time. All the time God is good.  
HE IS RISEN!

Love you all!

Pastor Luke



**1 Thessalonians 5:11(NLT)**  
***So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.***



We hope you are remembering your Secret Sister in your prayers as well as with acts of kindness. Secret Sisters is a great way to encourage someone and lift them up. Thanks for participating Sisters!!!



**Mothers Together**  
With God in the Middle

Do you ever wish you had a place where you could connect with others who have experienced the same parenting issues that you have? Want some time to relax, recharge and make new friends? Then Mothers Together is just the place for you.

Mothers Together meets at First Reformed Church of Sibley from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Mothers Together provides excellent child care while moms get the break they deserve. Mothers Together is a non-denominational group. We hope you will make plans to join us!!

**April Schedule:**

- April 11 at 9:00 am
- April 25 at 9:00 am (last session)

**Trivia Time!!!**

1. *Who was the first Martyr after Christ?*  
A) Moses B) Paul C) Phillip D) Stephen
2. *How did Enoch die?*  
A) Murdered by his son B) He didn't C) In battle for the promised land D) Old Age
3. *What does Barnabas mean?*  
A) Blessed by All B) the Encourager C) Redeemed D) One who walks softly
4. *Who was the first King of Israel?*  
A) Saul B) Samuel C) David D) Josiah
5. *Who was David's best friend?*  
A) Jonathon B) Festus C) Urriah D) Nathan

# Cornerstone Service Greeters, 9 am



## 1: One Combined Easter Worship at 10:00

West-Marcus and Angie De Boer  
Middle-Joe and Nisa de Boom/family  
East-Gary and Sandy De Vries

8: West-Jerry and Sylvia Bosma  
Middle-Glenn and Paul Doorenbos  
East-Merlin and Karen Doorenbos

15: West-Cory and Amy Dykstra/family  
Middle-LaVon Dykstra and Jane Buysman  
East-Mark and Tanya Dykstra/family

22: West-Ron and Nancy Dykstra  
Middle-Scott and Marlys Dykstra  
East-Trudy Dykstra and Anita Ernst

29: West-Harold and Luella Eggink  
Middle-Harold and Mim Ernst  
East-Henry and Barb Fisher



## 9:00 am Nursery

- 1: One Combined Worship at 10:00  
Amy Van Marel and Mary Hustoft
- 8: Daphne Bremer and Dalten or Tayler
- 15: Brenda and Leah Ackerman
- 22: Wilma Leusink and Andrea Leusink
- 29: Laurel and Natalie Klaassen



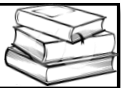
## 11:00 am Nursery

- 1: No 11:00 Service
- 8: Darcy Martinez and Lacey Julius
- 15: Tiffany and Liz Wynia
- 22: Tami and Lindy Tracy
- 29: Angie Ackerman and Amber Mortenson



## Sunday School Nursery

- 1: No Sunday School
- 8: Lana Hibma
- 15: Sandy Lamfers
- 22: Megan Loerts
- 29: Tami Tracy



## Library Volunteers

- 1: Imogene Rasmussen
- 8: Janice Runia
- 15: Jen Schram
- 22: Pauline Van Engen
- 29: Leanne Van Kley



**Men's Bible Study**, who meets every Sunday morning in the west end of the Fellowship Hall, is continuing with their new book entitled 24 Hours That Changed the World, by Adam Hamilton. "The aim of this book is to help you better understand the events that occurred during the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life, see more clearly the theological significance of Christ's suffering and death, and reflect upon the meaning of these events for your life." Hope to see you there on Sunday!

## Fellowship Time Coffee Servers



- 1:** No Coffee Time today  
**8:** Ger and Barb Van Diepen  
**15:** Bob and Gladys Tiedeman  
**22:** John and Lois Van Diepen  
**29:** Keith and Janelle Van Drunen

## Children and Worship Leaders/Helpers

### Cornerstone Service 9:00am

- 1: No Children and Worship**  
**8:** Leader: Deb Kosters  
Helper: Family of Hadlie Town  
**15:** Leader: Jamie Hulstein  
Helper: Jeanette Juffer  
**22:** Leader: Annette Janssen  
Helper: Family of Grace Hoekstra  
**29:** Leader: Deb Kosters  
Helper: Kathy Verdoorn

### Open Door Service 11:00 am

- 1: No Children and Worship**  
**8:** Leader: Deb Kosters  
Helper: Family of Olivia Daiker  
**15:** Leader: Deb Kosters  
Helper:  
**22:** Leader: Annette Janssen  
Helper:  
**29:** Leader: Deb Kosters  
Helper:



**Faith Bible Study**, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, April 16 at 9:00 am** in the Library. Leader: Janelle Van Drunen ; Hostess: Imogene Rasmussen. Come join us as we discuss, Lesson 9, "If I Should Die..." from the book *1&2 Peter And Jude*. Scripture for the morning is 2 Peter 1:12-21. Peter's second letter was one of his final works. Peter knew that this letter might be his last words to those who read it. So he reminded them of the source of their faith. You are welcome to join us as we discuss these verses.

**Patience Bible Study**, who also meets every third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, April 16 at 4:00 pm** in the church Library. We will be studying Lesson 8, "Imagining the New Heaven and the New Earth," from the book *End Times* by R. Paul Stevens. Barb will lead and Joanne will be hostess. If you are interested in joining this study, please let Barb Van Diepen know and she will get you a book.

**Monday Evening Bible Study** meets weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. The group is studying *Chase—Chasing After the Heart of God* by Jennie Allen. By studying the Life and Psalms of David we will see how David spent his life chasing after God. Please join us as we too learn how to chase after God and learn what God wants from us. If you would like more information on this study please contact Annette Janssen.

## After Church Greeters for March



**1: SE:** Dick Oldenkamp  
**C:** Lyle Peelen  
**SW:** Larry Riebeling  
**BE:** Pastor Luke  
**BW:** Josh Lucas

**15: SE:** Josh Lucas  
**C:** Harold Ernst  
**SW:** Henry Fisher  
**BE:** Stan Gaalswyk  
**BW:** Pastor Luke

**29: SE:** Dale Honken  
**C:** Pastor Luke  
**SW:** Josh Lucas  
**BE:** Dan Janssen  
**BW:** Dr. Greg Kusters

**8: SE:** Marcus De Boer  
**C:** Heath De Jong  
**SW:** Ron Dykstra  
**BE:** Pastor Luke  
**BW:** Josh Lucas

**22: SE:** Pastor Luke  
**C:** Josh Lucas  
**SW:** Lennis Harberts  
**BE:** Ed Harskamp  
**BW:** Bill Hartzell



## Elders in the Prayer Room for March



**10:00 am**

**1:** Lennis Harberts  
**8:** Duane Vande Hoef  
**15:** Dick Oldenkamp

**22:** Marcus De Boer  
**29:** Lawrence Wiersma

**12:00 pm**

**1:** Lawrence Wiersma  
**8:** Dale Honken  
**15:** Bill Hartzell

**22:** Heath De Jong  
**29:** Lennis Harberts

## April Faith In Action: FRC Church Kitchen

We will be collecting items that will be put to use in our church kitchen. Items needed are: napkins, paper towels, Dawn dish soap, Clorox wipes or some other type of disinfecting wipes, scouring pads etc. Maybe you have worked in the kitchen and know of something that would be useful that you would like to bring. All items are appreciated!

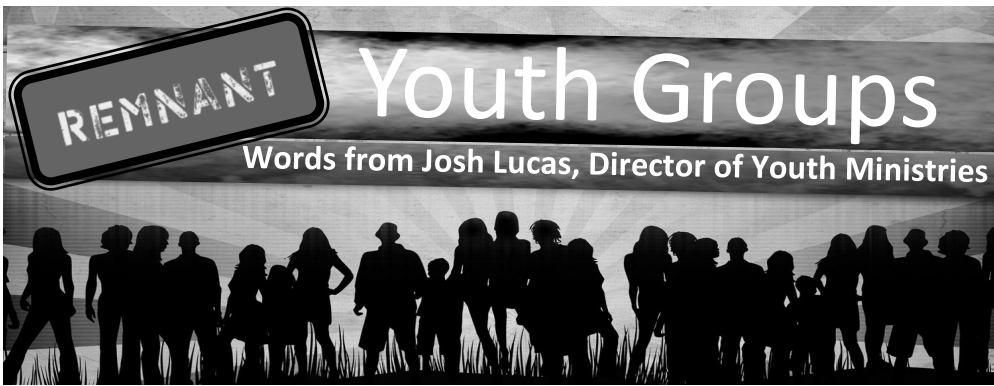


## April Willing Hands Group

Willing Hands Group #4 will be responsible for services during the month of **April**.

Co-chairpersons are:  
Karen and Dale Honken &  
Marcia and Dick Oldenkamp



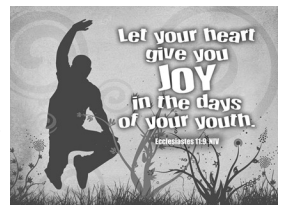


Hello First Reformed Church,

The Youth Group has kicked things into a new gear! We are excited for all the things that God has in store for us! Our Soup and Pie Supper was very successful! We raised over \$4,000! Thank you all so much for your support! This will go towards our mission trip to Texas over this upcoming summer! We are going there for hurricane relief. The Junior High is heading to Power Connection in July! If you would like more information on Power Connection please come and see me. Finally, the wacky and fun fundraisers I said we are going to do they are coming soon! I'm so excited for this, and I hope that you all are too!

The youth group just had an Easter Celebration service 03/21! We had to change the date due to Passion Play Practice the week before Easter. During this service, we really saw the work of the Holy Spirit! We had ten students re-dedicate their lives to Jesus, and we had so many more break down some walls that were built up really high! This is something that we are looking at doing every year. This was a very powerful celebration service. If you would like to know more on the service that we did please find me and I will tell you.

Lastly, we have finally finished our 1 Kings study! Now we are going to move into a more topical study for Junior High and a more in depth look at the New Testament for the High School. I am excited for these new studies that we are going to start! We are also looking for more sponsors to be down in the youth room! If you would like to serve down there please see me! I hope and pray that everyone has a safe and fun Easter! Don't forget what Jesus did for you and for me! He endured the worst punishment so that we didn't have to. You are all in mine and Hannah's prayers. For now, that is all of the big things happening here, but remember if you ever need a hug this big ole teddy bear has one for you!



Lots of Love,  
Josh

Jokes with Josh:

Q: Where was Solomon's temple located?

A: On the side of his head.



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.**

### **April Education Dates To Remember:**

- No Classes April 1st due to Easter Services
- Children's choir will provide special music on April 15
- April 18 will be the last Wednesday Night Bible Class
- April 29 will be the last Sunday School Session



# College Addresses

Since we have had a few requests for our College Students' Addresses, we thought we would publish them. Being away at college can be a fun time. However, it can be a time filled with uncertainty and loneliness. If you get a chance, go ahead and drop a note in the mail to these students. You never know, it just may be exactly what they needed at that very moment. Parents, if you do not see your child's address listed here please let the church office know so it can also be published next month.

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# READ — THROUGH — THE BIBLE IN *365 Days* CHALLENGE

The April edition of the 365 day challenge is here. During 2018, we will be printing a list of scriptures that will take you from beginning to end — Chronologically. Maybe reading the Bible this way is new for you, or maybe you have used this style before. Either way, it is a fun way to work your way through the best book ever written. We hope you enjoy your 365 Day Challenge!

April 1  
Judges 6-7

April 10  
1 Samuel 9-12

April 2  
Judges 8-9

April 11  
1 Samuel 13-14

April 3  
Judges 10-12

April 12  
1 Samuel 15-17

April 4  
Judges 13-15

April 13  
1 Samuel 18-20;  
Psalms 11; 59

April 5  
Judges 16-18

April 14  
1 Samuel 21-24

April 6  
Judges 19-21

April 15  
Psalms 7; 27; 31;  
34; 52

April 7  
Ruth 1-4

April 8  
1 Samuel 1-3

April 16  
Psalms 56; 120;  
140-142

April 9  
1 Samuel 4-8

April 17  
1 Samuel 25-27

April 18  
Psalms 17; 35; 54;  
63

April 19  
1 Samuel 28-31;  
Psalm 18

April 20  
Psalms 121; 123-  
125; 128-130

April 21  
2 Samuel 1-4

April 22  
Psalms 6; 8-10; 14;  
16; 19; 21

April 23  
1 Chronicles 1-2

April 24  
Psalms 43-45;  
49; 83-85; 87

April 25  
1 Chronicles 3-5

April 26  
Psalms 73; 77-78

April 27  
1 Chronicles 6

April 28  
Psalms 81; 88;  
92-93

April 29  
1 Chronicles 7-10

April 30  
Psalms 102-104

# MARCH PRAYER LIST

BE A  
Prayer  
WARRIOR

## Pray For God's People

- 1: Pray for our Church
- 2: Harold and Mim Ernst
- 3: Paul Feldkamp; Emily, Hudson, Tyler, Tsfanesh
- 4: Henry and Barb Fisher
- 5: Jacob and Sami Fox; Norah
- 6: Michelle Fox
- 7: Pray for our College Students
- 8: Pray for our Church
- 9: Russell Gaalswyk
10. Stan and Gert Gaalswyk
11. Gene and Renae Groen
12. Robert and Janice Groen
13. Lucille Groendyke
14. Pray for our College Students
15. Pray for our Church
- 16: Clark Haken
- 17: Jurnea Harberts
- 18: Lennis and Marvella Harberts; Britta, Uchan, Apiyo, Ahbea, Aysha
- 19: Amanda Harms; Alea, Breann
- 20: Ed and Jan Harskamp
- 21: Pray for our College Students
- 22: Pray for our Church
- 23: Bill and LaDonn Hartzell
- 24: Wilma Hatting
- 25: Kevin and Twila Heemstra; Drew
- 26: Lisa Heibult
- 27: Dwayne and Janice Heikes
- 28: Pray for our College Students
- 29: Pray for our Church
- 30: Dan and Maureen Heilman; Luke, Amelia

### College Students:

Lars Ackerman  
Meggan Block  
Peyton Chrichton  
Britta Harberts  
Andrea Meyer  
Garrett Saylor  
Makayla Tangeman  
Colby Wagenaar  
Collin Van Diepen

Adam Ackerman  
Kailey Bruxvoort  
Josh Wagenaar  
Evan Mehls  
Lexi Ackerman

Sarah Honken  
Jena Van Marel

Alecia Martinez  
Ignacio Romero  
Devan Vander Veen  
Owen Wiese  
Brooke Block  
Hannah Lucas

Be joyful in hope, patient in  
affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12



## Pray For God's People

**Assisted Living**

Ethel Jurgens  
Geneva Wissink

**The Nursing Homes**

Larry Buysman  
Minnie De Jong  
Tracy Den Beste  
Dutch Kruger  
Lois May

**Our Missionaries**

Dr. Bernadeth Kelly &  
Adrian Bobb  
Jeff & Chelsea Lampen  
Sayuri Kist—Okazaki  
Brian & Donna Renes  
J.J. & Tim Ten Cley  
Rowland & Jan Van Es

## PRAYER JOURNAL

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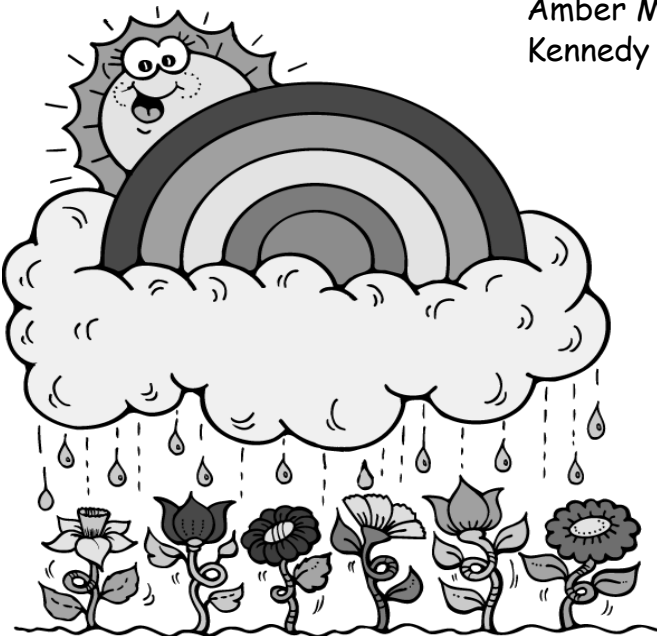
# April Celebrations

## ~~Birthday's~~

- 1 Dahson De Jong
- 2 Kim Van Der Sloot  
Kailey Bruxvoort
- 3 Angela De Boer  
Gary De Vries
- 4 Kyler Maxwell  
Ger Van Diepen  
Berkley Wielenga
- 5 Wilma Leusink
- 8 Pam Vande Hoef  
Mary Hustoft  
Randy Bremer
- 9 Lyle Peelen  
Burdell Henrichs

- 10 Marilyn De Boer  
John Juffer  
Gracia Altoff
- 11 Melissa Anderson  
Heather Tangeman
- 12 Ellen Schram  
Stan Gaalswyk
- 13 Steve Mulder
- 14 Dave Lamfers  
Bill Hartzell
- 15 Sylvia Bosma
- 16 Martha Krikke  
Troy Block
- 17 Margaret Calsbeek  
LaDonn Hartzell  
Andrew Zylstra  
Amber Mortensen  
Kennedy Van Westen

- 18 Sharalyn Tjaden
- 19 Grace Hoekstra
- 21 Michaela Block
- 22 Twila Heemstra  
Kayler Town
- 23 LeRoy De Boer
- 24 Randy Vande Berg  
Apiyo Harberts  
Uchan Harberts
- 26 Melissa Langstraat  
Grant Brouwer  
Dane Mortensen
- 27 Dennis Jurgens
- 28 Janice Heikes  
Katelyn Kosters  
Madeline Saylor  
Keagan Van Westen
- 30 Paige Hurlburt



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

- 6 Chris and Teresa Hurlburt—22 years
- 7 Dave and Lesa Stofferan —40 years
- 19 John and Jan Juffer—50 years
- 22 Josh and Hannah Lucas—1 year
- 25 Brian and Chelsey Alexander—6 years
- 27 Roger and Carol Iedema—45 years
- 28 Dean and Amy Van Marel—28 years

# Sportsmen's Devotional



## Bible Study Verses

James 4:2-3

You want things, but you do not have them. So you are ready to kill and are jealous of other people, but you still cannot get what you want. So you argue and fight. You do not get what you want, because you do not ask God. Or when you ask, you do not receive because the reason you ask is wrong. You want things so you can use them for your own pleasures. (NCV)

## Thoughts

"God, I ask you to bless me to harvest an animal today. Give me clear senses to make wise choices and cause the ability you gave me to make the arrow fly true."

The deer came in like a ghost. I never heard even the faintest footfall. She was healthy and strong. Very aware of her surroundings, she kept a watchful eye on every tree branch and leaf that moved. She led what seemed to be a herd down the worn path toward the fence crossing. When she stopped, all the other deer started to feed on the acorns on the ground. She was the matriarch--on guard and continuously snapping her head up and sniffing the air.

I waited for her to be quartering away and head down, feeding, before I slowly drew my arrow and string backward. My drop away rest ticked as it set itself in the upright position and her head snapped to attention. She looked at the base of my tree searching for the unfamiliar sound. I locked my sight pin on a hair on her side and pulled through my release.

"Thank you, God, for this moment in the field, for the hunt I experienced and for the animal you have given me. I am grateful for just being in the woods, but today, you have truly blessed me; and I give You the glory for the harvest."

## Action Point

Start now to pray with your spouse, children, or hunting partners before and after a hunt. God wants us to pray whether or not we get a harvest.

## Sportsman's Tip of the Day


Deer are wary creatures, always looking for danger. Hunting from a tree stand in the eastern US, means hunting as high as possible, or being concealed in a blind. Don't let them see you.

Trivia Time Answers!!!

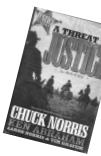
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## From the library--




Thank you to the donator of two books to the library. They are written by Chuck Norris (Remember him from starring in the TV series, Walker, Texas Ranger?). Here is part of the synopsis from **THE JUSTICE RIDERS**: When General William T. Sherman commissions Ezra Justice to form a secret band of cavaliers to help end the war between the North and South, his order may impact the West as well. Justice, a complex Southerner of simple faith, gathers a pro-Union posse of diverse multi-nationals second to none in their fighting abilities.....




As book two of The Justice Rider series, **A THREAT TO JUSTICE**, begins, Ezra Justice and his elite group of special operation soldiers have just helped General William T. Sherman put an end to the Civil War and must go their separate ways...but not for long.




We have just added a new series by Colleen Coble, **Aloha Reef Series**. Obviously, they take place in Hawaii. The first book is **DISTANT ECHOS**, "Sometimes Kaia Onana thinks her dolphins are more human than humans. As a mammal intelligence researcher, Kaia has learned a thing or two about the goodness and intelligence of dolphins—and as a natural scientist in close proximity to weapons developers, she's learned a thing or two about humans as well. Then a tourist catamaran explodes off the coast of the Hawaiian Island of Kauai, Kaia and her trained dolphin Nani, rush to aid the search and rescue effort."




Book two **BLACK SANDS** synopsis in short says "A brainy—and perpetually single—volcanologist, Annie Tagama, works alongside her father at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. But despite her pedigree, Annie has lost her passion for volcanology. She's quietly grieving the mysterious loss of her brother in the Middle East. Then Annie discovers her brother might still be alive—and in trouble!!!"




**DANGEROUS DEPTHS** is book three: "Leia ditched a promising medical career to settle on a secluded island of Hawaii. She ditched Bane, too, and he's come to the island to find out why. He's also in search of a fortune rumored to lie offshore. But an act of sabotage that pushes Bane closer to Leia plunges them both into a tangle of emotion—just as a series of threatening events grip the island."




The fourth book of the Aloha Reef Series is **MIDNIGHT SEA**. "A seemingly random shooting at her aunt's coffee farm has left Lani Tagama blind. Now she must learn to navigate in a world of darkness. With the help of an ex-cop named Ben and a half-trained guide dog, Lani begins to regain her former independence. Then Lani and Ben discover that her injury wasn't caused by a random shooting. It was a botched murder attempt!"





Tricia Goyer is a new author in the church library. We now have two books from The **London Chronicles series**. **A DARING ESCAPE**: “As the threat of WW II looms on the horizon. American Amity Mitchell is living a comfortable life abroad as a tutor in England. Life changes when an urgent telegram arrives from her brother, Andrew, summoning her to Prague. Nazi forces tighten their grip on the country, and Andrew’s efforts to help Jewish children escape Czechoslovakia grow desperate. Children’s lives are at risk. Amity knows she can’t ignore God’s call to join her brother’s cause.”



The second London Chronicles book is **A SECRET COURAGE**. “American Emma Hanson came to England to study at Oxford, but joined the Women’s Auxiliary Air Force at the height of WW II. She is stationed at beautiful and historic Danesfield House west of London as part of the highly secretive Photographic Reconnaissance Unit. Englishman Will Fleming is a handsome young artist who has been commissioned by the British government to record the changing landscape in paintings. His path intersects with Emma’s when his real mission... tracking Nazi spies...leads him to Danesfield House, the target of a sinister plot.

Make a point to stop in the library and check out a book soon!

Jeannette Juffer



## Lenten Breakfast Coffee Cakes

### Cinnamon Coffee Cake

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 cup cold water
- 1 box vanilla instant pudding
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 3/4 cup oil

Combine cake mix, pudding ix, eggs, oil and water. Mix well. Put 1/2 batter in 9x13 pan. Mix brown sugar & cinnamon in a bowl and sprinkle 1/2 of it over the batter. Add rest of the batter & then the rest of the sugar mixture on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until done.

### Fruit Coffee Cake

- 1 yellow cake mix
- 3 eggs
- 1 20oz pie filling
- Topping:
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 T. butter
- 1 T. flour
- 1 tsp. cinnamon

Mix dry cake mix with eggs and pie filling. Place into a greased 9x13 pan. Combine topping ingredients and sprinkle over the batter in the pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until done. Make a powdered sugar glaze and drizzle it on top.



Meet Our



Missionaries

## ROWLAND JR. & JANE VANES

Dear Friends,

In 1998, while still a student at Western Seminary, Rowland attended the World Council of Churches 8th Assembly in Harare. Now, twenty years later in 2018, four of our students from St. Paul's University here in Kenya attended the WCC's 14th Conference on World Mission and Evangelism (CWME) two as young theologians, and two others as delegates to the Conference as we were.

2018 is the 70th anniversary of the WCC which had its first assembly in 1948 in Amsterdam. It is also the 60th anniversary of the CWME which had its first conference in 1958 in Ghana. For their 2018 meeting they returned to Africa, this time to Arusha, Tanzania where the CWME met from 8 to 13 March.

Over 1,000 people came from over 100 countries representing many different churches and Christian organizations. We met people from Finland, Latvia, Germany, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Philippines, etc. as well as Africans from the North, South, East, and West of Africa. The delegates came from various Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, Evangelical, Pentecostal, and African Instituted churches.

There was a very rich spiritual life to the conference. Every day had morning, noon, and evening prayers as well as Bible studies, speeches, sermons and plenary sessions. It was a real foretaste of heaven to see so many faces from so many countries and to hear prayers said and songs sung in so many beautiful languages (as Rev. 7:9). As well as being ecumenical, it was also very gender sensitive with 45% women!

In planning for the workshop and in comparing our different experiences of reaching out to Muslims, we discovered three key principles common to all our work: trust building and relationships, peace building, then dialogue facilitation and discussion. When we first get to know each other as people and also do some work together, then we can finally discuss our own faith and our own scripture as friends.

The conference ended with a call to discipleship asking churches and individuals to do 12 things. See <https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/commissions/mission-and-evangelism/the-arusha-call-to-discipleship>. The final paragraph simply asks all of us to pray this prayer:

*Loving God, we thank you for the gift of life in all its diversity and beauty. Lord Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, we praise you that you came to find the lost, to free the oppressed, to heal the sick and to convert the self-centered. Holy Spirit, we rejoice that you breathe in the life of the world and are poured out into our hearts. As we live in the Spirit, may we also walk in the Spirit. Grant us faith and courage to take up our cross and follow Jesus - becoming pilgrims of justice and peace in our time. For the blessing of your people, the sustaining of the earth and the glory of your name. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Please join us and the other 1,000 conference participants in praying this prayer. Pray also for our four students who attended that it would instill in them an even greater passion for mission and evangelism. We thank God for the chance to teach the students at St. Paul's University who

come here from many churches and from the countries surrounding Kenya: Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Rwanda, etc. May God continue to bless all the members of the WCC, the CWME, St Paul's University, and also the RCA!

Your RCA mission partners in Kenya,  
Jane and Rowland Van Es, teaching at St. Paul's University, Limuru.



*Rowland with a former student  
now a bishop in Tanzania*



*Indigenous youth during their  
own worship service*



*Rowland and Jane with Dawn  
Gikandi, a Presbyterian delegate*

### **Jane and Rowland's ministry**

*At St. Paul's University, an ecumenical school that has trained people for ministry since 1903, Rowland teaches Old Testament introduction and interpretation and business ethics, and Jane teaches psychology and sociology to bachelor of divinity students and a master's level course in caring for people with HIV/AIDS. Learn more at [www.rca.org/vanes](http://www.rca.org/vanes).*

### **Lenten Breakfast Fruit Salad**

- 1 29oz can Peach Slices, undrained
- 1 20oz can Pineapple Tidbits, undrained
- 1 3 1/8oz dry Vanilla Instant pudding mix
- 1 lb. Strawberries, quartered
- 1/2 pint blueberries
- 1 bunch Green Grapes
- 1 tablespoon Sugar, (optional)

Drain peaches and pineapple. Mix this juice with the pudding and sugar to make fruit dressing. Combine fruit and pour "dressing" over. Chill.

\*For the breakfast I used fresh pineapple cut small and added 1 tiny can of pineapple juice. This recipe serves about 15.



## Revitalization Team Classis Visit With Full Consistory

March 19, 2018 at 6:00pm

### Meeting Minutes

49. Pastor Mark Hardeman opened with devotions from Ephesians 4. We were also joined by Chris Godfredson and Arvin Druvenga.
50. Discussion was had about what joys are we experiencing as a body of believers at FRC within our various ministries.
51. Discussion was had about what challenges we face as a body of believers at FRC.

### Consistory Meeting

March 19, 2018

#### Elders Meeting, 7:20 pm

8 present, a quorum

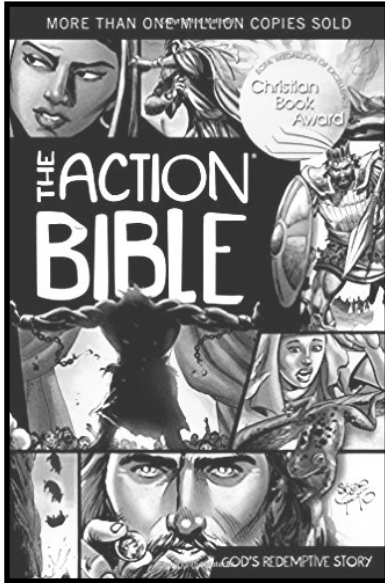
52. Grace Sayler came before the Elders to make her Profession of Faith.
53. MMSC to approve Grace Sayler's Profession of Faith.
54. MMSC to transfer the membership papers for Jeremy and Jill Leusink and family to Faith Reformed Church in Rock Valley, Iowa.
55. The Constitutional question was asked and answered.
56. MMSC to approve church usage for Leona Meendering on April 14, 2018.
57. Information was given about the Maundy Thursday church service.
58. MMSC to approve the minutes.
59. MMSC to adjourn following prayer by Lawrence Wiersma.

#### Full Consistory Meeting, 8:40 pm

16 present, a quorum

60. Chris Wynia opened with devotions from the book, "24 Hours That Changed The World" and offered prayer.
61. Ministry Team Reports were given.
62. Approval was given for proposed changes to the church by-laws.  
Article III section 1.  
To read: The annual congregational meeting of FRC shall not be held on a Sunday. Notice for the annual meeting shall be given for two successive weeks immediately preceding the meeting date. Consistory shall decide the date for the annual meeting each year.  
Youth Ministry Team will be officially eliminated.  
Christian Education Ministry, Section III Article B-eliminated and Section III Article C eliminate "Graduation Day"
63. MMSC to approve the minutes.
64. MMSC to adjourn following prayer by Lennis Harberts.

# New for the Kids...



Our church has been blessed with children's "Action Bibles." They are now available next to the Children's Worship Bulletins. Feel free to allow your children to use them during the church service. At the end of the service simply return them to the holders.

A young girl with long brown hair, wearing a plaid shirt, is smiling and holding a tablet. The tablet shows a game interface with a grid and icons. Overlaid on the background are several other game screens. One screen shows a word search with words like 'SLAVERY', 'MURDER', 'FRODO', 'FREEDOM', 'EGYPT', 'TABLETS', and 'RESIST'. Another screen shows a word search with words like 'TOIPLAGUESK', 'ERYRKVNDYS', 'KGUJHJLAMB', 'TOIPLAGUESK', 'SRYRKVNDYS', 'MGUJHJLAMB', 'MOIPLAGUESK', 'SRYRKVNDYS', 'EGUJHJLAMB', 'SRYRKVNDYS', 'SRYRKVNDYS', 'SRYRKVNDYS', 'SRYRKVNDYS', 'SRYRKVNDYS'. A third screen shows a grid with icons of a sun, a moon, a star, and a planet. A fourth screen shows a grid with icons of a sun, a moon, a star, and a planet. The girl is holding the tablet in front of her, and the game screens are floating around her.

**Your children's bulletin unlocks ONLINE FUN at home.**

We're excited to announce a **NEW feature** of *Children's Worship Bulletins* that will have children lining up to get their bulletin this Sunday! They'll be looking forward to the secret code on the front of the bulletin that unlocks hours of fun learning at home.

This secret code is unique to our church and allows SAFE and secure access to online games that reinforce the message for the week.

Children's Worship  
Bulletins™ @HOME! 

**Children's Bulletins and Action Bibles can be found by the East and West Sanctuary doors.**

# First Reformed Church

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Grow  
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Sibley, Iowa

## New Logo...New Website!!

We are in the process of revamping our website to make it more user friendly. It is still a work in progress but go ahead and check it out. If you would like something featured on the website please let the office know. Picture submissions are always welcome as well.

# Just For Fun...



## SPRING Word Find

This is a zigzag word search puzzle. Words go left, right, up, down, not diagonally, and can bend at a right angle. There are no unused letters in the grid, every letter is used only once.

A	P	R	I	S	U	N	L	G	R
S	U	E	L	T	H	G	I	S	E
E	L	S	S	U	O	H	D	O	E
E	B	K	E	F	B	I	R	W	N
D	S	Y	N	R	F	S	S	I	G
L	T	S	E	E	N	G	G	N	R
I	N	G	S	S	H	A	S	S	A
B	C	H	N	E	D	R	M	A	Y
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| APRIL        | BIRDHOUSE | BLOSSOM     |
| BLUE SKY     | FRESHNESS | GARDE       |
| MARCH        | MAY       | NESTLINGS   |
| SEEDS        | SOWING    | SUNLIGHT    |
| YOUNG GROWTH |           | GREEN GRASS |

### Mothers Together

With God in the Middle

Moms share a time of food, fellowship and fun. While building friendships.