

# The Newsletter

August 2018

*glorify God in all we do,  
grow with Him daily &  
go with Him to share His love.*

## In the Spotlight



**Outreach Ministry**



**Food Prep Crew**

**Pictured here are the many people that gave of their time to be the hands and feet of Jesus.**

**449 People Served ... of which 53 were children!!**

**Thanks to the prep and serving crew for all your hard work!!**

**Serving Crew**



## August at a Glance

- 1: 9:00am Coffee With The Pastor
- 4: Chad Travaille and Megan Block Wedding
- 11:00pm College Mission Trip will leave for Baton Rouge
- 10-11: 7pm-8am MS Remnant Lock-In
- 12: College Mission Trip Returns
- 19: Communion Sunday
- 20: 9:00am Faith Bible Study
  - No Patience Bible Study
  - 6:00 pm Elder/Deacon Meeting
  - 7:00 pm Full Consistory
- 23: First Day of School for S-O
- 27: 6:30/7:00pm Nursing Home Sing-a-Long

### \*Sunday Mornings:

- 9:00 am Cornerstone Service
- 10:10 am Coffee Fellowship
- Sunday School is on break until Fall
- 11:00 am Open Door Service

### \*Monday Evenings:

- 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

### \*Tuesday Mornings:

- 8:30 am Chickadee Quilters

### \*Wednesday Evening Activities:

- Bible Classes and Youth Groups are on break until Fall

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## Words from Pastor Luke

This morning I stopped by Subway to get a breakfast sandwich. As I was leaving I said good-bye to the ladies working there. One of them said “Enjoy the sunshine!” She smiled as I recognized the sarcasm in that statement as this morning it is gloomy and cloudy. As I got into my car it hit me. Today I can enjoy the sunshine! Not the sunshine she referred to but the SONSHINE within my life. You see, it doesn’t matter what your day is like, when you walk with Jesus, the Son is always shining. In John 9:5 Jesus says, “I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Following this statement, he spit on the ground, made some clay and then proceeded to put it on the eyes of a blind man. When he eventually washed the mud off his eyes he saw the sun for the first time in his life. But even more important, he saw the SON!!!

Summer has been busy for all of us, vacations, time at the lake, visiting family and friends and just sitting outside enjoying the sunshine. It has been good. But for some, summer has been cloudy, not what you expected, maybe dealing with sickness or other issues. If that is the case I want to remind you to “Enjoy the SONSHINE!” Jesus is always there and as long as we keep our eyes focused on Him we will always be in the light. Today I was reminded that even though it is cloudy today I can enjoy the SONSHINE!

In regards to church business, I want to encourage you in a few areas. First, we will be beginning our fall schedule soon. This means we will be needing Sunday school and Bible class teachers as well as some adult Bible study leaders. Prayerfully consider helping in one of these areas.

Second, I encourage you to challenge yourself in taking the next step in growing your faith. Extend yourself in a way maybe you haven’t before. Step out, take a risk and see what God will do! Find ways in which you can use the gifts and talents God has given you and live out the Fruit of the Spirit!

Third, you have had the deacons share with you about our budget. This year our budget actually increased about \$20,000, many of the commitments last year in our budget never happened. Several thousands of dollars were not spent on things like parking lot repair, sanctuary lights and our youth position for 8 months. At the end of 2017 we were in the black having met all of our financial obligations. As we have entered 2018 we are now completing some of those projects, like the lights, and have our staff position filled for all of 2018. As we approved our budget for 2018 we made a commitment to support our ministries within our church and throughout the world.

Three years ago, we made that same commitment in approving our budget and in the end fell short and those mostly on the missional end that we committed to, never got what we said we would give. I struggled with that as your pastor because, as a church we want to fulfill those obligations as a matter of integrity and our word is our word. In the next couple of months our consistory will evaluate our budget. They will have to make some decisions based off our giving this year. I encourage you to make their job a little easier. Seek God on what you should give and be reminded that God dares us to see the blessing that will come. It means stepping out in faith which might be scary but I can promise you God will be with you every step of the way!

Let the Son shine!!!!



## August Faith In Action:

### UPPER Des Moines Food Pantry

Let's help fill up the pantry! Any nonperishable food is welcome.

Thank you for sharing!

### 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!!!



Moses' first and last day as a lifeguard.

## Trivia Time!!!

- Looking for a wife for Isaac, Abraham's servant found:  
A) Anna B) Sarah  
C) Rebekah D) Rachel
- Jacob agreed to work 7 years for the hand of:  
A) Isabel B) Gomer  
C) Hagar D) Rachel
- This woman promised the Lord that if He would bless her with a son she would dedicate the boy to Him.  
A) Jezebel B) Hannah  
C) Bathsheba D) Leah
- David's original wife was:  
A) Miriam B) Michal  
C) Leah D) Bathsheba
- This harlot housed spies sent by Joshua to take the city of Jericho:  
A) Leah B) Bathsheba  
C) Rahab D) Jezebel
- The Prophet Hosea was commanded to marry this woman, though she was a harlot:  
A) Bathsheba B) Rahab  
C) Gomer D) Deborah



## Cornerstone Service Greeters, 9 am



5 West-Pam Kruger and Jodene Kruse  
Middle-Tim and Jodie Kruger/family  
East-Rich Kruger and Robert Kruger

19 West-Mark and Melissa Langstraat/family  
Middle-Gary and Wilma Leusink  
East-Brad and Sarah Loerts/family

12 West- Charlie and Brenda Kuhl  
Middle-Dave and Sandy Lamfers  
East-Arnie and Diane Langstraat

26 West-Brian and Megan Loerts/family  
Middle-Ken and Wilma Loerts  
East-Josh and Hannah Lucas



### 9:00 am Nursery

5: Tanya and Makya Dykstra  
12: Amy Van Marel and Mary Hustoft  
19: Daphne Bremer and Dalten or Tayler  
26: Brenda and Leah Ackerman



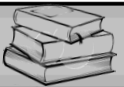
### 11:00 am Nursery

5: Angie Ackerman and Amber Mortenson  
12: Missy Julius and Kim Van Der Sloom  
19: Karen Honken and Amy Dykstra  
26: Chrissy Ackerman and Heather Tangeman



### Sunday School Nursery

Sunday School is on Summer Break until  
September. See you next month!



### Library Volunteers

5-Jeannette Juffer      19 – LaVonne Prins  
12 – Leona Meendering      26 – Imogene Rasmussen



**Men's Bible Study**, Is on break for the Summer. Check back for future opportunities in September.

## Fellowship Time Coffee Servers

5: Mike and Mary Hustoft

12: Roger and Carol Iedema

19: Dan and Annette Janssen

26: Dave and Donna Kleinwolterink



## Children and Worship Leaders/Helpers

Children and Worship is on  
Summer Break until Fall.

Have a great Summer!!



## Stewardship & Giving

**Special offering for August is The Village NW.**

Offering Summary through July:

General Fund: 142,891; Budget: 311,308; 45% of budget

Benevolent Fund: 30,000; Budget: 108,215; 27% of budget

Building Fund: 775; Budget: 54,210; 1% of budget

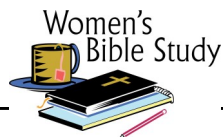
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page ([Sibleyfrf.org](http://Sibleyfrf.org)). Here you  
can watch sermons, check out  
our calendar of events and even  
submit prayer request. Check it  
out today!!



**Faith Bible Study**, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, August 20 at 9:00 am** in the Library. Leader: Janelle Van Drunen; Hostess: Luella. Come join us as we discuss, Lesson 12, "The Twisted Fate of Twisted Faith" from the book 1&2 Peter And Jude. Scripture for the morning is from Jude. This will be our last study from this book. We will begin the study of Angles in September, a good time to be a part of our morning Bible Study. We would like you to come.

**Patience Bible Study**, will not be meeting in August. They will resume again next month. If you are interested in joining this group, they meet the third Monday of every month.

**Monday Evening Bible Study** meets weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. Ladies, join us on Monday, Aug. 27, at 7:00 p.m. as we start a study on the book of Colossians. This book is a letter written by Paul and many consider it as one of the most important letters ever written. This will be a video study that will go in depth on this book of the Bible. Video teaching will be by Pastor Louie Giglio. We will meet weekly for this 8 part Bible Study. Contact Annette Janssen for more details 754-4174.

## After Church Greeters



Aug 5: SE: Pastor Luke

C: Josh Lucas

SW: Harvey Van Ruler

BE: Larry Verdoorn

BW: Lawrence Wiersma

Aug 12: SE: John Bartels

C: Pastor Luke

SW: Josh Lucas

BE: Marcus De Boer

BW: Heath De Jong

Aug 19: SE: Ron Dykstra

C: Harold Ernst

SW: Pastor Luke

BE: Josh Lucas

BW: Henry Fisher

Aug 26: SE: Stan Gaalswyk

C: Lennis Harberts

SW: Ed Harskamp

BE: Pastor Luke

BW: Josh Lucas

## Prayer With the Elders



**10:00**

**5:** Dick Oldenkamp

**12:** Marcus De Boer

**19:** Lawrence Wiersma

**26:** Dale Honken

**12:00**

**5:** Bill Hartzell

**12:** Heath De Jong

**19:** Lennis Harberts

**26:** Duane Vande Hoef



### **Start Dates:**

Wednesday Night

Bible Classes

September 5th

Sunday School

September 9th

Keep your eyes open for  
sign-up opportunities  
coming soon!

## ***August Willing Hands Group***



Willing Hands Group #2

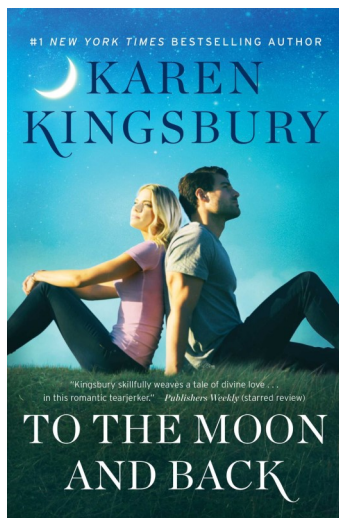
will be responsible for services during the  
month of **August**.

Co-chairpersons are:

Luella/Harold Eggink

Darcy/Frank Martinez

## From the library--



New books will be added to the library very soon. One of them is Karen Kingsbury's latest book: **TO THE MOON AND BACK**. An added plus is that it is in "large print". Here is a synopsis from the book. "Brady Bradshaw was a child when the Oklahoma City bombing killed his mother. Every year, Brady visits the memorial site to remember her. A decade ago, he met Jenna Phillips, who was also a child when her parents were killed in the attack. Brady and Jenna shared a deep connection and a single beautiful day together. But after that, Brady never saw Jenna again. Every year when he returns, he leaves a note for her in hopes that he might find her again. This year Ashley Baxter Blake and her sister Kari Baxter Taylor and their families visit the memorial's Survivor Tree. While there, Ashley spots a young man alone and troubled. That man is Brady Bradshaw. A chance moment leads Ashley to help Brady find Jenna, the girl he can't forget.

There are many other good and exciting books in the library, check one out soon.

Jeannette Juffer

## FRC in Action...





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.**

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

- **Sunday School and Wednesday Night Bible Classes** are on Summer Break until Fall. Thanks for the great year!! Have a fun Summer!!!
- **Sundays from 6-8 pm** High School Senior Bible Study in the Youth Room
- **Wednesdays from 3-4:30 pm** 4th-6th Grade Girls Bible Study at the Lantern
- **Wednesdays from 6-8pm** Middle School Bible Study in Youth Room
- **Fridays from 6-8pm** High School Bible Study in the Youth Room

# 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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**If your student will have a different address for the 2018-2019 school year please let the office know so we can update our information. Thanks so much!!**





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

The August 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!

August 1  
Isaiah 64-66

August 9  
Jeremiah 7-9

August 17  
Jeremiah 35-37

August 25  
Lamentations  
1:1-3:36

August 2  
2 Kings 20-21

August 10  
Jeremiah 10-13

August 18  
Jeremiah 38-40;  
Psalms 74; 79

August 26  
Lamentations 3:37-  
5:22

August 3  
2 Chronicles 32-33

August 11  
Jeremiah 14-17

August 19  
2 Kings 24-25;  
2 Chronicles 36

August 27  
Ezekiel 1-4

August 4  
Nahum 1-3

August 12  
Jeremiah 18-22

August 20  
Habakkuk 1-3

August 28  
Ezekiel 5-8

August 5  
2 Kings 22-23;  
2 Chronicles 34-35

August 13  
Jeremiah 23-25

August 21  
Jeremiah 41-45

August 29  
Ezekiel 9-12

August 6  
Zephaniah 1-3

August 14  
Jeremiah 26-29

August 22  
Jeremiah 46-48

August 30  
Ezekiel 13-15

August 7  
Jeremiah 1-3

August 15  
Jeremiah 30-31

August 23  
Jeremiah 49-50

August 31  
Ezekiel 16-17

August 8  
Jeremiah 4-6

August 16  
Jeremiah 32-34

August 24  
Jeremiah 51-52

# SUMMER FUN For KIDS

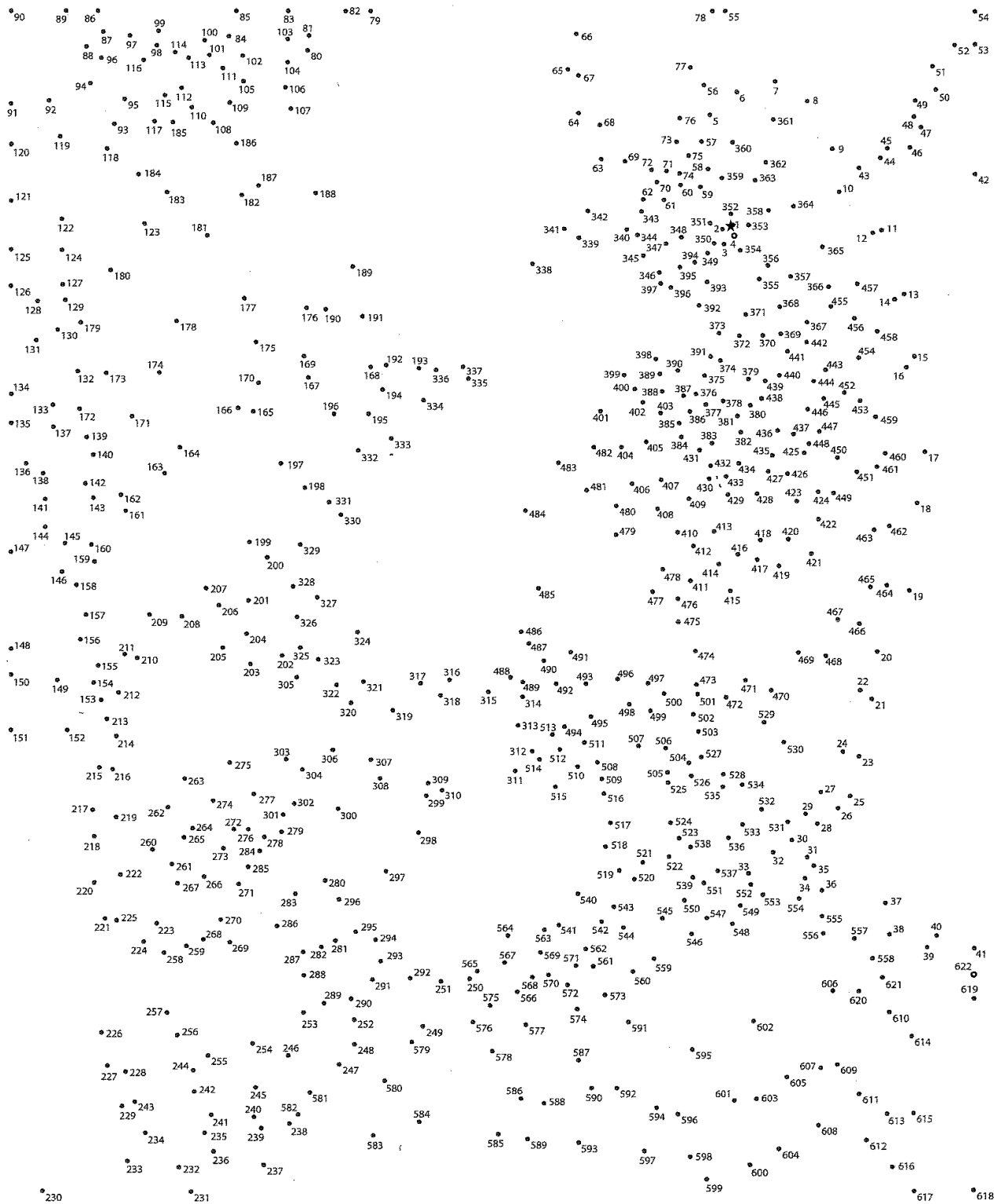
Last Summer Kid Section...  
A Special Section of the Newsletter just  
for the kids.  
Enjoy the last few weeks of Summer  
Break!!!

- ## Riddle Me This...
1. Throw away the outside and cook the inside, then eat the outside and throw away the inside. What is it?
  2. What has hands but can not clap?
  3. What has to be broken before you can use it?
  4. What has one eye but cannot see?
  5. Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?
  6. It lives in winter, dies in summer, and grows with its roots on top? What is it?

### Places in the New Testament

D	N	Z	K	F	B	E	P	H	E	S	U	S	J	Q	E	M	O	R	X
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- 1. Corn on the cob because you throw away the husk, cook and eat the kernels, and throw away the cob.*  
*2. A clock* *3. An egg* *4. A needle* *5. The C* *6. An icicle*
- Antioch
  - Athens
  - Bethlehem
  - Capernaum
  - Colossae
  - Corinth
  - Damascus
  - Ephesus
  - Galatia
  - Joppa
  - Lystra
  - Miletus
  - Nazareth
  - Pergamum
  - Philippi
  - Rome
  - Sardis
  - Thessalonica
  - Troas





## PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1: Dave and Dawn Myers; Elizabeth, Luke | 17: Cal and Kathy Runia   |
| 2: Vanessa Odens; Gracie, Landon        | 18: Pray for our College Students   |
| 3: Dick and Marcia Oldenkamp            | 19: Pray for our Church   |
| 4: Pray for our College Students        | 20: Marlin and Kathy Runia  |
| 5: Pray for our Church                  | 21: Marvin and Janice Runia   |
| 6: Lyle Peelen                          | 22: Dr. Brian and Heidi Saylor; Garrett,<br>Madeline, Grace, Levi, Elijah |
| 7: Marlys Pietz                         | 23: Eric Schiphoff  |
| 8: Brenda Post                          | 24: Hugh Schiphoff  |
| 9: Reka Post                            | 25: Pray for our College Students   |
| 10: Lavonne Prins                       | 26: Pray for our Church   |
| 11: Pray for our College Students       | 27: Pastor Luke and Chris Schouten  |
| 12: Pray for our Church                 | 28: Harold and Lynn Schram  |
| 13: Junior and Imogene Rasmussen        | 29: Jennie Schram   |
| 14: Larry and Rhonda Riebeling          | 30: Ray and Ellen Schram  |
| 15: Daren Rockman; Hunter, Gannon       | 31: Ted and Eileen Schutte  |
| 16: Marlin Roelfs                       |   |

### College Students:

Paige Hurlburt  
Kaitlyn Bechler  
Kalie De Boer  
Keyana Gust  
Jaden Abels  
Madison Norman  
Nick Buysman

Hunter DeJong  
Hunter Rockman  
Ryan Van Marel  
  
Lars Ackerman  
Meggan Block  
Peyton Crichton  
Britta Harberts

Andrea Meyer  
Garrett Saylor  
Makayla Tangeman  
Colby Wagenaar  
Collin Van Diepen  
  
Adam Ackerman  
Kailey Bruxvoort  
Lexi Ackerman

Sarah Honken  
Jena Van Marel  
  
Ignacio Romero  
Devan Vander Veen  
Owen Wiese  
Hannah Lucas

Be joyful in hope, patient in  
affliction, faithful in prayer.  
Romans 12:12



BE A  
*Prayer*  
WARRIOR  
*Luke 21:36*

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

# August Celebrations

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 3 Vanessa Odens                                     | 21 Jessa Wolter  |
| 4 Garrett Sayler                                    | 22 Paul Feldkamp<br>Jena Van Marel<br>Lindy Tracy                    |
| 5 Barbara Van Hattem                                | 23 Kyle Soat   |
| 6 Dale Herrboldt                                    | 24 Sharon Bartels<br>Amy Elser                                       |
| 7 Cory Dykstra<br>Kade Julius                       | 25 Wilma Hatting<br>Dan Janssen<br>Lars Ackerman                     |
| 8 Chris Wynia<br>Landon Odens                       | 26 John Bartels<br>Brenda Kuhl<br>Brad Loerts                        |
| 9 Dawn Myers<br>Natalie Klaassen                    | 27 Madison Brouwer   |
| 10 Barb Van Diepen<br>Regan Crichton<br>Anita Ernst | 28 Larry Riebeling   |
| 11 Leanne Van Kley                                  | 29 David Van Ruler<br>Parker Dagel                                   |
| 13 Tayler Bremer                                    | 30 Leona Eben<br>Renae Groen<br>Linda Mehls<br>Lisa Heibult          |
| 15 Megan Loerts<br>Madison Norman                   | 31 Tesfanesh<br>Feldkamp<br>Grace Sayler<br>Jackson<br>Van Der Sloom |
| 16 Deb Kusters<br>Dawson Kreykes<br>Hadlie Town     |  |
| 17 Alyssa Wassman<br>Cody Dykstra<br>Andrea Block   |  |
| 18 Peyton Crichton                                  |  |
| 19 Alexis Gaalswyk<br>Maureen Heilman               |  |
| 20 Charlie Kuhl<br>Damon Tangeman                   |  |



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

## ~~Anniversaries~~

- |   |
|---|
| 2 Jim & Pauline Van Engen 44 years<br>Keith and Brenda Michelson 33 years   |
| 4 Merlin & Karen Doorenbos 28 years<br>Mike and Melissa Anderson 17 years   |
| 6 Dale and Roberta Aeikens 52 years<br>Ger and Barb Van Diepen 52 years<br>Ken and Wilma Loerts 42 years<br>Jeff and Chelsea Lampen 7 years |
| 7 Charlie and Brenda Kuhl 36 years<br>John and Kim Mc Dougall 19 years  |
| 10 Henry and Barb Fisher 45 years   |
| 11 Eugene and Renae Groen 46 years  |
| 13 Steve and Lynn Mulder 30 years<br>Clayton and Jodi Wagenaar 30 years<br>Michael and Chelsea Hulstein 7 years                             |
| 15 Mike and Mary Hustoft 55 years   |
| 18 Dave & Donna Kleinwolterink 42 years   |
| 21 Dan and Annette Janssen 42 years<br>Cavell and Emily Van Westen 19 years   |
| 22 Arnie & Diane Langstraat 49 years  |
| 23 Stan and Gert Gaalswyk 52 years<br>Scott and Jamie Hulstein 21 years<br>Brent and Brenda Wassman 21 years                                |
| 24 John and Lois Van Diepen 56 years<br>Randy and Kelli Vande Berg 28 years   |
| 28 Leroy & Glenda De Boer 37 years  |
| 30 Steve & Leanne Van Kley 44 years<br>Brian and Megan Loerts 10 years  |

# Sportsmen's Devotional

## Bible Study Verse

**Joshua 4:21-24**

He said to the Israelites, "In the future when your descendants ask their parents, 'What do these stones mean?' Tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.' For the Lord your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over.

The Lord your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea when He dried it up before us until we had crossed over. He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God." (NIV)



## Thoughts

My wife's passions are her horses and trail riding. In the past 38 years we have ridden many back country trails and followed cairns, small piles of rock set to mark the trail. Today the Forest Service uses small blue diamonds tacked to trees along the trail.

The older method of marking with stones is still used, especially on unmapped trails or the older less traveled trails. Recently I found cairns over two feet high, stacked by an energetic soul. They still all serve the same purpose, the way.

## Action Point

Rock pillars or cairns date back to Moses' crossing the Red Sea during the Exodus. Rock pillars, thought to be set up by King Solomon, mark the crossing site. They represent what God did for His people.

Another analogy that I thought of is stones of remembrance are to point and show us the way. I have discovered is that every page of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, point to Jesus Christ, The Way.

Genesis 5 holds the prophetic stones that reflect genealogy from Adam to Noah which spell out the Gospel:

**Adam=Man   Seth=Appointed   Enosh=Mortal   Cainan=Sorrow   Mahalalel=The Blessed God  
Jared=Shall Come Down   Enoch=Teaching   Methuselah=His Death Shall Bring  
Lamech=The Despairing   Noah=Comfort**

In sentence form it reads "Man (has) Appointed Mortal Sorrow; (but) The Blessed God Shall come down Teaching, (and) His death shall bring The Despairing comfort."

Take time to read and study your Bible. You will be amazed at the stones of membrane that you will find. I guarantee it will keep you on the trail.

## Sportsmen's Tip of the Day

Some back country trails wash out over the years making it hard to find the way. Invest in a good map and compass or GPS and more importantly, know how to use them.

**Trivia Time Answers!!!**

**1.A 2.D 3.B 4.B 5.C 6.C**



## Remember Operation Christmas Child School Supplies!

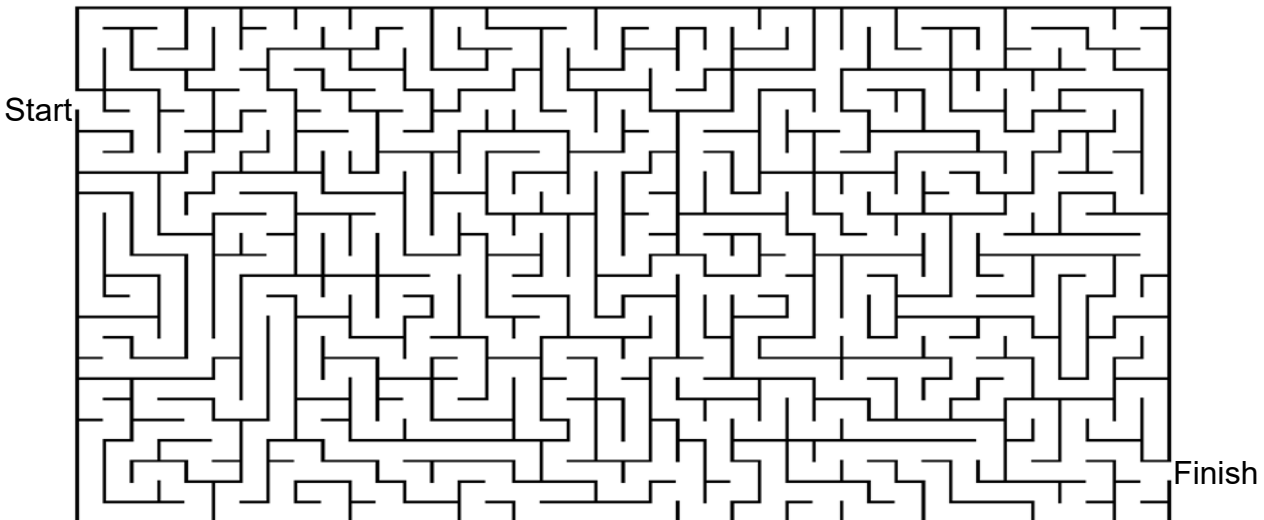
There are back to school sales going on for all of the basic school supplies in many stores. These items are great to put in your shoebox gift for Operation Christmas Child. There are children who are not able to go to school because their parents cannot afford the required school supplies. The pencils, pens, and crayons in a shoebox gift may give the child the gift of an education plus the gift of Jesus' love.



**August 27**

**6:30 Sibley Specialty Care**

**7:00 Country View Manor**





# **‘They say you only have 18 summers with your kids. I am on number 18 with mine.’ Romans 15:13 *This story was written by Heather Duckworth of Love, Faith & Chaos.***

“I came home the other day after a long afternoon of running errands and this is what my front porch looked like. These shoes mean that I have a house full of kids . . . mostly teenagers. These shoes are a sure sign that it is summer and school is out. These shoes mean there is probably no food left in my house. These shoes mean noise and chaos and laughter and music. It means there are probably kids lounging on my sofa, floating in my pool, playing air hockey or watching a movie somewhere. These shoes mean that we are the designated hang-out house today.

I paused outside of my door and felt a wave of sadness wash over me as I looked at these shoes . . . shoes from a group of kids that have been hanging out at my house for four years now. Some kids have competed on the same teams, some have been in the same classes as far back as elementary school, some have dated and some have broken up. But all have remained good friends over the years. And I love all of these kids who leave their shoes all over my porch. Most of them just graduated from high school which means these shoes will be going in different directions this fall when they head off to college.

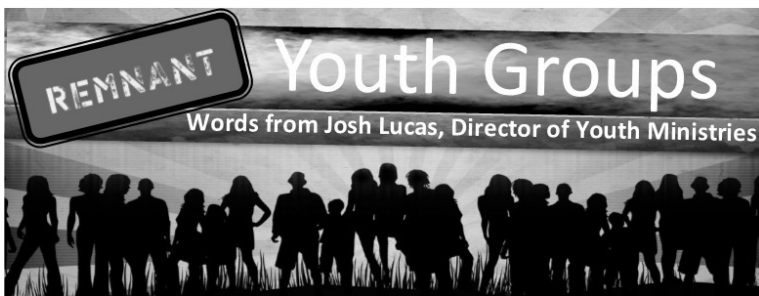
They say you only have 18 summers with your kids. I am on number 18 with mine. This realization tugs at my heart and makes me wonder how 18 summers went by so quickly. Big changes are happening around here – for me and all these kids in my house. My heart knows it and feels it and that’s why the sight of these shoes has me feeling a little sentimental. I know that after this summer, things will never be the same again. This is a bittersweet part of parenthood . . . this transition from having them home to watching them leave. My head knows this is a good thing, but my heart . . . it just hurts.

I love having these shoes all over my porch because it means that my children are home. It means that I know where they are and who they are with and that they are all safe. I am very aware that these shoes won’t be here much longer. All too soon these shoes will be scattered across different college campuses and they will be taking their first steps of independence. And I know that all of these shoes might not find their way back home next summer as life takes them on new adventures.

These thoughts hang over my head like a dark cloud . . . trying to steal the joy from the present moments. I shake my head, trying to force those wistful feelings away. I don’t want the sadness of what is to come to take away the happiness of today. But I am finding that I have to remind myself of that often during this 18th summer because every moment seems bittersweet.

But for now, I will embrace these shoes and I will be so thankful for them. I will buy all the snacks. I will welcome these kids into my home and let them crash on my couches. I will soak up the sounds of their laughter and I will make them clean up all of their messes. I will pray that everyone drives home safely and I will love having a full house. But most of all, I will do my best to choose happiness and joy for this moment right now and not let that dark cloud of sadness swallow me up. Because this moment right now . . . it is really good.

So I am going to treasure this summer of the shoes . . . Because I know that all too soon those shoes will be running off exploring the world . . . and my porch will be empty.”



## HELLO FIRST REFORMED CHURCH!

Your awesome Youth Director here to give you all an update on what is going on! Now that the summer is coming to an end there's some things that we are getting ready for, for this upcoming school year! Even though I have only

been in Sibley for a total of one week in the month of July, I have to say it gets hot here! Even though it is very crazy to think about, I seriously have been living out of my suitcase for most of the last month, but that is okay! Ministry is fun like that! Here is what has been happening this summer so far! Do you have your seat belts on? LETS GO!

The Texas mission trip was a huge success! The team and I will be in front of church on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> to give you an official update on our trip, but here is a quick glimpse of what all took place. We served in small towns in the Rockport, TX area. The two teams were Hannah, Kaden Maxwell, Faye Carda, Wyatt Dykstra, and myself. The second team was Tracee and Carter Brouwer, and Logan Bruxvoort. My team was laying down new flooring and kitchen cabinets. Tracee's team was taking care of demolition on a house they were getting ready to rebuild. We visited the ocean almost everyday, but after being stung by jellyfish- yes that is right jellyfish- we decided no more. We also had the chance to visit with another church from North Carolina that was also serving that week! They talked funny! However, they thought we talked funny too! Now I have nickname. I gave devotions one morning, and the leader of the organization started calling me, "Preach." Picture a tall 250 pound guy with a North Carolina accent yell across the room, "Hey Preach!" That is what happened everyday after the morning I gave devotions. From there we went on to San Antonio to spend a day at Six Flags which is a famous amusement park with roller coasters. The trip was very successful, and it really brought the team and I closer together.

If you haven't heard already Hannah and I are celebrating in the fact that God has blessed us with a child. Hannah is currently two months pregnant. We are so grateful to God for blessing us with this amazing gift! Hannah and I prayed so long and hard for a baby, and as soon as we let go and let God do his thing Hannah was pregnant about a month or two later. God is Good! Romans 8:28 reminds us of that. If you are feeling that things are not going right I encourage you to take a look at your relationship with Jesus. How is it going? Are you serving him? Now don't serve him and love him out of selfish gain, but do it because he died for you. If you turn to Jesus he will never let you down! God bless all of you who read this! I love each of you! If you ever need a hug this big ole teddy bear has got one for you!

Lots of Love,

Josh Lucas



- Jokes with Josh:
- Q- What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back to you?
- A- A stick

# Simple Formula for Living

Live beneath your means.  
Return everything you borrow.  
Ask yourself what would God do.  
Stop blaming other people.  
Admit it when you make a mistake.  
Give clothes not worn to charity.  
Do something nice and try not to get caught.  
Listen more; talk less.  
Every day take a 30 minute walk.  
Strive for excellence, not perfection.  
Be on time. Don't make excuses.  
Don't argue, Get organized.  
Be kind to unkind people.  
Let someone cut ahead of you in line.  
Take time to be alone.  
Cultivate good manners.  
Be humble.  
Realize and accept that life isn't fair.  
Know when to keep your mouth shut.  
Go an entire day without criticizing anyone.  
Learn from the past. Plan for the future.  
Live in the present.  
Don't sweat the small stuff.  
It's all small stuff.

# Just For Fun...

