

Reformed *Informer*



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"20/20 Vision"

Dear Friends,

How far ahead can you see? Each year I go to the optometrist to have my eyes checked. My goal and that of my eye doctor is to have 20/20 vision! I asked him once, "What does 20/20 vision mean? He replied, "It meant that it was a measure of how sharp my vision was at 20 feet!" We usually think that this means perfect vision. It does not! You may be able to focus your vision at 20 feet but may lack the ability to see five feet in front of you!

And that's why I wear glasses!

Our calendars are on the wall and the date reads 2020! How can this be? We are looking at not just a new year but a new decade! Did you notice I used the word "looking?"

For the Christian, what do we look for in a new year? We anticipated leaving the old year behind with the things that we were always trying to get done.

We get a chance with a new year to start over, make a fresh start but not long into the year, we come to a realization that no matter how hard we're trying to maintain that "clean start", we fail. We mess up. And the junk of the past year begins to fill our days!

And maybe that's the problem! Did you catch the phrase "no matter how hard I'm trying?"

Maybe it's not so much about "trying" as it is about surrendering ourselves to God.

In the state of Washington where I used to live, there were many road signs in the mountains that would say, "Limited Sight Distance." That usually meant a hill, a curve or especially trees would make it hard to see very far ahead.

In Revelation 21:5, God declares, "Behold, I am making all things new."

What Christmas has done is to direct our attention to Christ's final coming where He will take us to himself.

"Open your eyes! Advent declared!"

As we begin the year 2020 and the decade it represents, may we be assured that our Lord and Savior will give us the hope we need not only for our eternal future but for our today and tomorrow!

Now that's 20/20 vision from God's perspective and our responsibility is to keep our eyes on Him!

May you have a New Year filled with blessings and hope!
In Christ,
Pastor Wayne



2020 Consistory

Back: Cole Vos, Matt Schechinger, Pastor Wayne Sneller, Bryan De Jong

Middle: Dennis Dunsbergen, Mark Scholten, Gale Horman, Beryl Dunsbergen, Doug Huyser, Gerald Droppert, Jeff Vander Molen, Andy Dunsbergen

Front: Duane Van Rees, Craig Maasdam, Scott Van Kooten, Kevin Van Manen, Blake Dunsbergen, Brad Rozendaal & Logan Vos



IMPACT YOUTH GROUP—6th—8th grade.
 We will meet **EVERY** Sunday evening at 5:00 pm in the Well (downstairs in the basement)

Who: ALL 6th—8th graders
Impact Youth will be meeting EVERY SUNDAY

January Dates:

- January 5—Ice Skating in Iowa City
- January 12
- January 19
- January 26

Leaders: Jeff & Alison Knouse, Denny & Donna Liekweg and Caden Dunsbergen

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FAITHWALKERS—9th-12th grade
 We will meet **EVERY** Sunday evening at 6:30 pm in the Well (downstairs in the basement)



FAITHWALKERS
All 9th - 12th Grade invited
Upcoming January Events:

- January 5—Ice Skating in Iowa City
 - January 12
 - January 19
 - January 26
- Leaders:** Jeff & Alison Knouse, Cale & Kendra Van Wyk, Shawn & ChyAnne Huyser and Cody & Kelly Kesling

Happy New Year, everyone!
 Hopefully the chaos of the holidays is drawing to a close for you, and I hope that you can take some time as we enter into this new year and new decade to reflect on what the Lord has done for you in the past year and listen for what He is trying to teach you in this new year.

For 2020 the word we feel God wants us to make our focus is growth. How can we grow closer to our Heavenly Father? How can we grow to be more like Jesus? How can we grow our spheres of influence? These are all things we will explore, as well as setting up individual, specific pathways to growth for each of our students.

Would you pray for growth among our students this upcoming year? We are excited to look back a year from now and see what God has done!

God loves me *finds me precious & honors me*
(Isaiah 43-4) (Ephesians 1:6, 2:7; 1 John 3:2)

GOD KNOWS ALL THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT ME, AND HAS MADE ME, THE WAY THAT I AM, IN HIS PLAN

God sees me as **1 am no longer condemned a new person**
2 Corinthians 5:17 (Romans 8:1-2)

I AM NOW ALIVE IN HIM
1 John 5:11; ROMANS 5:11 and a member of His family

God has adopted me as his child through Jesus
Ephesians 1:5, 6; Romans 8:14-16

I am a child of God, God's heir, and fellow-heir of Christ
Galatians 3:26-27

God has always known me, He has called me to become like Jesus

I HAVE BEEN RAISED UP WITH CHRIST
1 Peter 3:21

I am called to freedom, to lovingly serve others
Colossians 3:10-11

God has bought me, and I am now His temple - therefore I am to glorify Him
1 Corinthians 6:19-20

GOD SEES ME AS HOLY BLAMELESS
MADE COMPLETE LACKING NOTHING
COLLOSSIANS 1:22; 2:6-10

I AM AT PEACE WITH GOD
ROMANS 5:1

BLESSING
I am blessed with every spiritual blessing

Prayer Breakfast
 Free Jesus, and donuts.

Every Friday morning at 7:30 am all 9th—12th grade are invited to come for donuts, chocolate milk, orange juice and prayer. Invite your friends! It's a great way to end the school week!



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STARS

A New Decade Begins!

As we begin the new decade, it is our hope that you will set aside some time for your children to learn more about Jesus. Even when the snow is flying, we're here to help your children learn about Jesus.

The second half of the STARS program will begin **Wednesday, January 8, from 3:30 to 5:30** and will meet each Wednesday until **March 11**. Family meals will take place on **February 5 and March 11**. Children will learn Bible stories while focusing on the fruit of the Spirit. When we focus on trusting in God and filling our minds and hearts with God's Word, the fruit of the Spirit will start to naturally be seen in our lives.

Take advantage of some indoor time this winter to enjoy good books, board games, and family movies (Right Now Media—<https://www.righnowmedia.org/>) with your children.



Reader's Theater:
Laura Fikse, Connor Deal, Brayden Bassett

Sunday School for ALL ages resumes on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 10:45 a.m.



Above: Beginner Department (3 yrs—Kindergarten)
Below: 1st—4th grade



SWEET TO THE SOUL
ministries

NEW life

DAILY READING LIST

1. READ
2. REFLECT
3. RELATE
4. PRAY
5. REMEMBER

- 1 Jeremiah 31:25
- 2 Ecclesiastes 1:9
- 3 2 Corinthians 4:16
- 4 1 Peter 1:3
- 5 Ezra 9:9
- 6 2 Chronicles 7:14
- 7 Joel 2:25
- 8 1 Peter 5:10
- 9 Romans 12:2
- 10 Isaiah 40:31
- 11 2 Corinthians 5:17
- 12 Psalm 98:1
- 13 Romans 6:4
- 14 John 13:34
- 15 Matthew 26:28
- 16 Psalm 71:20
- 17 Titus 3:5
- 18 Deuteronomy 32:2
- 19 Psalm 40:3
- 20 Ezekiel 36:26
- 21 Psalm 119:37
- 22 2 Corinthians 13:9
- 23 Romans 7:6
- 24 Zephaniah 3:17
- 25 Lamentations 3:22-23
- 26 Psalm 51:10
- 27 Psalm 90:5-6
- 28 2 Corinthians 13:11
- 29 Lamentations 5:21
- 30 Psalm 19:7
- 31 Isaiah 43:19

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Age: _____

Favorite color: _____

Favorite food: _____

Favorite book: _____

Favorite toy: _____

Favorite thing to do: _____

Looking back...

Favorite memory: _____

What I learned: _____

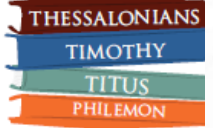
Looking ahead...

My goals or resolutions: _____



BOOKS OF THE BIBLE WORD SEARCH

NEW TESTAMENT



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



Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
Acts
Romans
Corinthians

Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
Thessalonians
Timothy
Titus
Philemon
Hebrews
James
Peter

Johns
Jude
Revelation



BOOKS OF THE BIBLE WORD SEARCH

OLD TESTAMENT 1



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



Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy
Joshua
Judges

Ruth
Samuel
Kings
Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon



BOOKS OF THE BIBLE WORD SEARCH

OLD TESTAMENT 2



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



Isalah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel
Hosea
Joel

Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah

Haggal
Zechariah
Malachi





Mitch & Angela Corell

Birthdates: Mitch— 7/30/85
Angela— 12/12/83
Dorothy— 4/30/19

Anniversary: September 30, 2017

When Mitch Corell and Angela Beyer were married uptown on the Sully square it was a beautiful day in September. The square was turned into a wedding wonderland with a trailer full of decorations, a huge white tent and a staff ready to make all of your wedding dreams come true! When Mitch and Angela first started dating, Mitch drove 2 ½ hours in his GTO to get to Sully with no air conditioning and it was hot! Currently they make their home in the “old Howerzyl” house just outside of Sully. If you are heading east toward Lynnville, it’s the house down the long lane on the south side of the road.

Angela grew up around the Sully area and is the daughter of (the late) Loren and Susan Beyer. She has one brother; Chad (Laura) and their family live outside of Lynnville. Angela now works as a Massage Therapist located in the basement of her

mom’s home. Mitch was from Callendar (south of Fort Dodge) Iowa before moving to Sully. Randy and Rene Corell are Mitch’s parents and he was raised with two sisters; Kate (Jon) Hauer and Emilee Corell both from Des Moines. Lawn care services such as mowing in the summer and snow removal in the winter are some resources Mitch provides for people in his business.

Eight months ago Mitch and Angela were blessed to add a baby girl, Dorothy Anna, to their family. She has been wonderful addition and is such a joy to everyone she meets! When spare time allows, Mitch and Angela enjoy going bowling or watching movies together.

Mitch and Angela Corell, thanks so much for letting us “Get To Know You Better!”



Bernardeth and Adrian’s ministry

A line of laughing students streams into the meal center at 11:30 a.m., eagerly inhaling the scents of fresh bread and steaming pots of rice and beans. The chatter from children, pastors, midwives, and volunteers dwindles as they offer a song of praise. The kids are heading to school after this lunch, and their seats will be filled by a second wave of students arriving after their morning class before going home.

Tabitha’s House provides medical training and healthcare, academic scholarships, shelter, nutrition, and spiritual nourishment to people who are impoverished, orphaned, or vulnerable in the coastal town of Bluefields, Nicaragua, and adjacent villages. In partnership with the Central Moravian Church, the Bobb-Kellys support families in two neighborhoods and offer medical clinics in remote areas accessible only by boat, meeting practical needs with the good news of Jesus.

Learn more at www.rca.org/bobb-kelly.



Adrian and Bernardeth Bobb-Kelly

Please pray: • For safety as Adrian and Bernardeth travel to remote villages. • For good health for Adrian and Bernardeth. • For God to help patients to be more thankful. • For God to continue to provide the means to get medications. • For the children in the foster homes. • For the children and their families at the feeding centers.



JANUARY



- January 1**
Stephanie Dykema ~ Shawn Huyser
- January 2**
Eleanor Jansen
- January 3**
Michelle Van Zante
- January 5**
Christian Dunsbergen
- January 7**
Blake Dunsbergen ~ Drew Van Rees
Mason Wichhart
- January 8**
Melvin Dunsbergen
Marsha Vanden Hoek
- January 9**
Darci Jansen
- January 12**
Carter Dunsbergen ~ Julie Van Wyk
Bryson Hardeman ~ Bristol Hardeman
- January 13**
Craig Baarda ~ Joni Collins
Duane Van Rees ~ Brandon Vos
Linda Zegers
Marvin Baarda (90)
- January 14**
Carroll Harthoorn (81)
- January 15**
Shaun Baarda ~ Jerry Vander Beek
Stephanie Young
- January 16**
Karna Ver Ploeg

- January 17**
Brett Maasdam ~ Pam Vander Beek
Sharla Van Wyk
- January 18**
Laura Lee Creasy
- January 19**
Kenton Dunsbergen ~ Logan Terpstra
- January 20**
Esther Van Wyk (92)
Ileen Zegers (82)
- January 21**
Desiree Hardeman
- January 22**
Elizabeth Torres
- January 24**
Julie Dunsbergen
- January 25**
Carter Brand ~ Deann Jansen
Archer Jansen
- January 26**
Justine Wyma
- January 27**
Valerie Rolffs
- January 28**
Austin Newell ~ Jesse Van Wyk
- January 30**
Dayton Mortvedt
Chris Hansen
- January 31**
Tia Torres

- January 2**
John & Dawn Terpstra (25)
- January 8**
Kevin & Julie Van Manen (32)
Eric & Amber Lanser (4)
- January 11**
Marlin & Laureen Van Wyk (40)
- January 15**
Don & Hollie Nunnikhoven (9)
- January 16**
Joel & Deann Jansen (32)
- January 17**
Dan & Stephanie Dykema (11)
- January 19**
Bob & Diana Scandridge (28)
- January 26**
Ron & Deloris McKeag (47)

Encourage
ONE ANOTHER
AND BUILD EACH
OTHER UP *1st Thessalonians 5:11*



New Beginnings

- Day 1:** Ecclesiastes 3:11
- Day 22:** 1 Peter 1:23
- Day 2:** Isaiah 40:31
- Day 23:** Hebrews 4:16
- Day 3:** Jeremiah 29:11
- Day 24:** Romans 12:2
- Day 4:** Job 8:7
- Day 25:** Matthew 7:7-8
- Day 5:** Philippians 3:13-14
- Day 26:** John 10:10
- Day 6:** Isaiah 43:18-19
- Day 27:** Philippians 4:6-7
- Day 7:** Lamentations 3:22-23
- Day 28:** Galatians 6:14-16
- Day 8:** Ephesians 4:22-24
- Day 29:** Psalm 98:1-3
- Day 9:** 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Day 30:** 1 Peter 1:3
- Day 10:** Psalm 40:3
- Day 31:** 1 John 2:17
- Day 11:** Ezekiel 11:19
- Day 12:** Matthew 26:27-29
- Day 13:** Isaiah 65:17
- Day 14:** Romans 6:4
- Day 15:** Colossians 3:9-10
- Day 16:** Revelation 21:5
- Day 17:** Acts 3:19
- Day 18:** 2 Chronicles 7:14
- Day 19:** Ezekiel 36:26
- Day 20:** Isaiah 58:12
- Day 21:** Hebrews 12:1-2

Opportunities

Work Trip Opportunity: February 8—16, 2020 we will be heading to Meridian, Mississippi. There will be a meeting after the worship service on Sunday, January 12 for anyone interested in going. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Van Genderen at 594-2967 or gdvangen@netins.net.

Consistory Retreat—Saturday, January 25 from 8—1 pm—meet in the Gathering Place

Sewing Days— January 7 & 21, February 4 & 18, March 3

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FAMILY NIGHT MEAL

Hamburger * Boxes of Corn Flakes * Peanut butter
Chili beans* White corn syrup * Spaghetti sauce/noodles
Walmart or Fareway gift cards





2020 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Irvin & Lois Vander Leest	2 Jeff, Shelley & Caleb Vander Molen	3 Jeremy, Trisha, Kylie & Bailey Vander Molen	4 Morgan Vander Molen
5 Carlene Van Der Pol	6 Glenn Vanderpol	7 Bryce & Barb Van Der Wilt	8 Maury, Stacie & Kristen Van Der Wilt	9 Gerry, Jill, Kyle, Kayla, Krystal & Klayton Van Dyke	10 Gary & Dorothy Van Genderen	11 Melvin & Shirley Van Genderen
12 Eldred Van Gorp	13 Liz Van Hemert	14 Ryan & Emilie Van Kooten	15 Scott & Deb Van Kooten	16 Dennis & Linda Van Maanen	17 Dorothy Van Maanen	18 Gilbert & Ada Kay Van Maanen
19 LeRoy & Ruth Van Maanen	20 Marilyn Van Maanen	21 Terry Van Maanen & Kaylee, Tessa & Jarrett	22 Conrad & Mary Ann Van Maaren	23 Emily Van Manen	24 Jacob, Kate & Kennedy Van Manen	25 Kevin & Julie Van Manen
26 Drew, Leah & Max Van Rees	27 Duane & Marla Van Rees	28 Kyle Van Rees	29 Barbara Van Sant	30 Brooke Van Soelen	31 Ken & Lorie Van Soelen	



2020 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2 6:30 pm Consistory Supper	3 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	4
5 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 10:45 am Sunday School 12 pm Reunion— Gathering Place 3 pm IMPACT/ Faithwalkers 6 pm Pastor Mike Holleman	6	7 9 am Sewing Days 6:30 pm Deacons Mtg.	8 5:45 am Promise Keepers 3:30 pm STARS 5:30 Family Nite Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	9	10 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	11
12 Communion 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 10:45 am Sunday School 12 pm Reunion—Well 4:59 pm Impact 6 pm Royce Spoelstra 6:27 pm Faithwalkers	13	14	15 5:45 am Promise Keepers 3:30 pm STARS 5:30 Family Nite Meal 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th 6:30 pm Elders Mtg. 6:45 pm Deacon 7:30 pm Consistory	16	17	18 8—12 pm— Shower in the Gathering Place
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