

As we approach the upcoming season of Pesach-Passover we are called to reflect on the past and at the same time look to the future. The Bible tells of many instances where the people were called to remember what God had done in their lives and to remember how he continued to work in their midst. There are instances where the people did a good job of remembering the past and there are also many times where the people quickly forgot the miracles and works of God in their past.

Recently I took a day/week to spend time fasting and praying for those who have been used by God in my life to bring me closer and deeper in a relationship to God.

I began by thanking God for the past generations that I didn't even know that probably prayed for the future generations of their children and grandchildren. Those words spoken years before I was born, continue to live and breathe. The prayers that we pray continue into the future. My family did not attend church, read the Bible or even speak of spiritual things. Yet my heart was drawn to seek those things. I am sure that somewhere in my history was a generation that prayed for their descendants.

Psalm 78:6, *"That the generation to come might know even the children yet to be born. That they may arise and tell them to their children."*

I remembered picking up a comic book-like pamphlet at a gardening store when I was in 4th grade. It showed the story of a man that made bad decisions and was eventually led to salvation. As a fourth grader I loved the pictures and the story stuck with me. I am thankful for those that place and produce Christian materials for others to see. Organizations like the Gideons have done countless work making sure that Bibles were in lots of places available to people like me.

I remember the kind neighbor that during my 5th grade year gave me my first Bible. She invited me to go to church with her but my parents didn't like that, and I was not allowed to go. They thought she was pushy and didn't want her interfering in their "business." They let me keep the Bible and I read it several times.

I remember the family of a Jr. High friend invited me to their house to sometimes spend Saturday nights hanging out with their daughter, eating popcorn and watching, "Creature Feature." A funny scary movie night that seems very mild by today's standards. Sunday morning we would eat a big Swedish breakfast and go to church. It was during that time that I made a commitment to Christ. Going to the front altar of a church and praying to ask God to be the savior of my life.

I remember the girl on my college dorm floor that invited me to a Bible Study with an organization called the Navigators. There I learned invaluable tools to study the Bible and memorize verses. We participated in lots of fun activities. She called me out when I was starting to date guys that were not Christians. Those words that she spoke to me stayed with me for the rest of my college years. I learned how to lead a Bible study and share my faith with others.

I remember the many miracles that God worked into my life when I was looking for my first teaching job and where to go to church. I remember how in a few very dark times of walking away from God and leaning into things that were not meant to be part of a Christian's life how God did not leave the lost sheep lost. He went and brought me back to be where I belonged with the other sheep.

I remember after being married and moving to a new community many people invited us to their home for Sunday dinner, to learn how to bake bread, to enjoy a simple barbecue. We were welcomed by many and felt the joy of having a faith family. Something I never had growing up.

I remember when our first child was born asking Kurt and Arloa Harthoorn how to do devotions with children, and what that looked like. They shared a devotion book they used. We watched many families model how to raise children in faith. Something that I did not grow up with.

Every person placed a seed into my life and I wanted to pray and thank each one. Many did not see the harvest but only saw the seed being put into the ground. Sometimes it is discouraging to invite someone and receive a "no." It sometimes seems fruitless to give money to organizations that produce materials to be placed in the hands of those we do not know. It sometimes is exhausting to think about cleaning your house to invite a guest over. But let me encourage everyone to know that whatever seed you plant God waters and brings to harvest. During this season of remembrance take time to remember those who have invested in your spiritual walk but also to invest in the spiritual life of someone else.

Prayer: Dear Lord, Help us to live lives that sow into others. To know that every seed that is planted is an opportunity for you to work and to water and to harvest. Psalm 126:5-6, "Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him. Amen

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The month of April is always bittersweet for me. There are so many new beginnings: the first flowers begin to bloom, the reminder that God is making all things new through the message of Easter, and so much more. But April always brings about a lot of endings too. We wrap up our youth ministry year with the last few youth groups this month. We will say goodbye to seniors and send them off to bigger and better things. But through all of that God offers us the chance to look back on this year and celebrate what He has done and gives us a welcome reminder that He's not done yet.

We have our annual Middle School Retreat coming up at the beginning of this month. Would you please pray for our 18 students who will be attending that retreat? Pray for powerful encounters with the presence of God, for vulnerability to process everything going on, and for a spirit of joy in our fellowship all weekend.

Please also pray for our high school students whose schedules are flooded at this time of year. Pray that God would overwhelm them with His peace, that they would make space to have focused, uninterrupted time with their Lord and Savior.

What a beautiful time of year, and hopefully one we will cherish.

Prayer Breakfast

Free Jesus, and donuts.

Every Friday morning at 7:30 am all 6th—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!

Upcoming dates:

Sunday, May 1—this will be our last Faithwalkers & Impact meetings for this year—until fall!

Sunday, May 15 we will be recognizing our graduating seniors during the morning worship.



**Who: ALL 6th—8th graders
Impact Youth will be meeting
EVERY SUNDAY at 5:00 pm in
the WELL throughout the
year!**

April dates: for Faithwalkers & Impact

April 3

April 10—No Impact Group but Faithwalkers will meet

April 17—NO meetings—Easter Sunday

April 24

Leaders: Jeff & Alison Knouse, Caden & Brenna Dunsbergen and Cody & Kelly Kesling



Faithwalkers Youth Group (9th—12th) meets every Sunday evening from 6—7 pm in the Well

Leaders: Jeff & Alison Knouse, Cody & Kelly Kesling and Shawn & ChyAnne Huyser.

Middle School Retreat is HAPPENING on April 8-10, 2022! Tracy Cleveringa from Orange City, IA, and the Northwestern College Worship Band will be leading you in the main sessions.



July 26 - 31 | St. Paul, Minnesota

**POWER
CONNECTION**

Power Connection and Work Camp 2022 is THIS SUMMER! With speakers Brenna Lantz, Heather Flies, band Orchard Hill Collective and illusionist David Wood, we are counting down the days for this conference!



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STARS Afterschool Program

The STARS after school program concluded on March 9, with the children presenting a brief program for their families which included the reciting of a Bible verse and, singing *Lay My Burdens Down*; and the showing of a slide show highlighting the activities of the year. For one of the final activities, the children created resurrection gardens. It was a busy evening!



Thank You!

SINCERE HEARTFELT

THANKS to ALL of the wonderful volunteers who shared their gifts

and love for the children – over 20 involved – at least 10 each week!!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Thank you to those who have supported the STARS program through financial gifts and prayers!



Looking ahead—the Faithseekers Sunday School Dept. (1st–5th grade) will be singing on **Palm Sunday, April 10** during the morning worship service. Our last day of Sunday school will be **Sunday, May 22**.

If your child is 3 years old and would like to attend Sunday school, please contact Julie Van Manen at julievfrcsully@gmail.com and we can get them all set up for learning more about Jesus during our Sunday school hour!

Summer Activities!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Vacation Bible School this summer will be held July 11-14. Watch the bulletin and website for registration opportunities!



LAKEVIEW CAMP: Making summer plans? Don't forget about summer camp! Registration is open - save your

spot now! Lake View Camp offers day camps, over-night camps, service opportunities, and grandparent/grandchild camps. More information and registration is available at www.lakeviewconference.com.

Fun, faith, friends - it's all waiting for you at camp this summer! **Early bird registration due by May 1**. The church will pay 1/2 of the registration cost for each camper!

As the seasons change (even in the midst of storms) we can find the positive. Seasons change, but God remains the same. *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

Hebrews 13:8

Happy Spring! HE HAS RISEN!!



Missions UPDATE



**Pavlos, Meggan,
Theodore, Matthew & Risa Vasileiadis**

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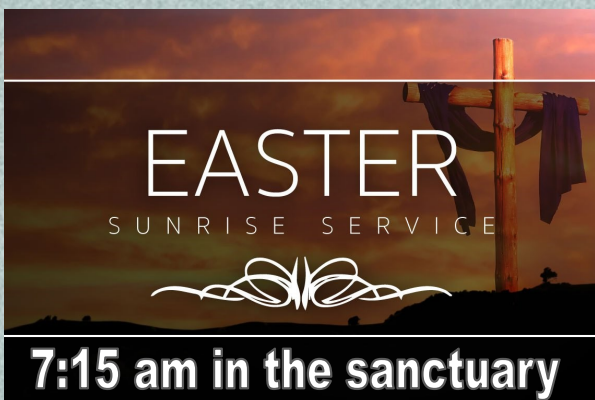
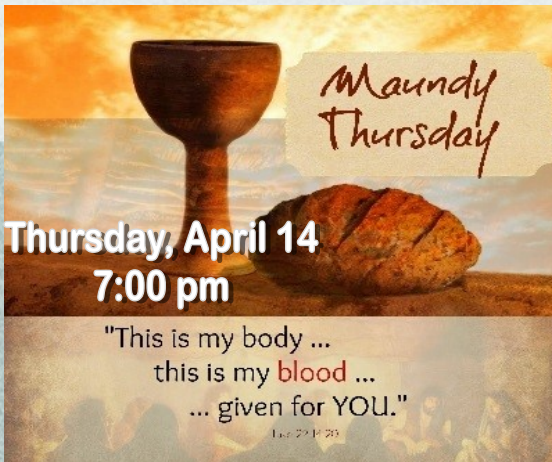
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THANKING GOD FOR:

- α. Our season in Lesvos wrapping up as smoothly as possible despite the quick transition (keep reading for more details).
- β. The specific apartment we found in Athens in a great location and with comfortable space.
- γ. The generosity of friends and family as we were setting up a new home.
- δ. The programming projects that Pavlos completed for the Greek Bible College and the Eurorelief office.
- ε. The assignment of two new video series to translate for the BibleProject.
- ς. The memories made and the lessons learned while living in Lesvos for a year and a half.
- ζ. Being welcomed back to our Kypseli church family.

TRUSTING GOD WITH:

- α. The ongoing practical needs of our transition back to Athens such as finding doctors, getting to know what is available in our neighborhood, and completing the many little projects that make a house into a home.
- β. Pavlos' ministry vision—to create a team of people who regularly consult with various ministries to meet their technical and software development needs for free.
- γ. Our continued partnership with the BibleProject to make more and more of their video library available in Greek.
- δ. Our summer visit to the USA. May we have wisdom as we plan our schedule to fit in every church family and person we want to see.
- ε. Meggan's ongoing health concerns.

We are forever grateful for the time we spent in Lesvos and for all of the perspective we gained about the refugee situation as we befriended those working inside and outside the camps. Meggan enjoyed her role in Eurorelief's office, and Pavlos was glad to use his skills to help solve an efficiency problem. We also enjoyed offering hospitality to ministry workers for several months.

As we resettle in Athens, we look forward to getting involved with new projects while also continuing to translate BibleProject videos that will fit right into the YouVersion Bible app reading plans.





Kendall & Marlene Rozendaal Birthdays:

Kendall—March 14

Marlene—December 25

Asher—April 13

Anniversary: June 24, 1988

Kendall Rozendaal grew up in the rural Sully home of Alvin and Shirley Rozendaal with his brother Duane (Dia) and sister Carol (Monty) Lukehart. He graduated from Lynnville-Sully High School with the class of 1985 and is a farmer on their Century Farm north of Sully.

Marlene Mathes lived on a farm near Pella with her brother Boyd (Amy) Mathes and parents Dwight and Neva Mathes. She is a graduate of the Pella Community School District and Central College in Pella. Marlene is an IT Business Analyst at Pella Corporation.

Like most couples in the 80's Kendall and Marlene "scooped the loop" on the Pella square. This is where many guys and gals met their future husband or wife! They were married in the First Baptist Church in Pella on a day in June when it was 104 degrees! Their family has grown since those early days and they have been blessed with three children. Blake, their oldest is married to Rachel and they have two children Eliza, who is four and Bennett, who is 2. Riley is married to Kim and they live north of Sully; and Asher who is in the seventh grade at Lynnville-Sully.

While spending time as a family, they enjoy camping or boating. They would love to take their camper van across the country someday! Kendall and Marlene have a garden in the summer that they reap the benefits of all year long.

At First Reformed they appreciate the youth group activities that Asher is currently a part of as well as the programs their older kids participated in when they were that age.

Thank you Rozendaal family for letting us "Get To Know You Better!"

EASTER BIBLE READING PLAN

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|---|--|
| 1. JESUS' TRIUMPHANT ENTRY
LUKE 19: 28-38 | 9. JESUS ARRESTED
MATTHEW 26: 47-56 |
| 2. JESUS PREDICTS HIS DEATH
JOHN 12: 20-36 | 10. PETER DISOWNS JESUS
LUKE 22: 54-62 |
| 3. THE PLOT AGAINST JESUS
MATTHEW 26: 1-5 | 11. JESUS BEFORE PILATE
MATTHEW 27: 11-26 |
| 4. JUDAS AGREES TO BETRAY JESUS
LUKE 22: 1-6 | 12. SOLDIERS MOCK JESUS
MATTHEW 27: 27-31 |
| 5. THE LAST SUPPER
LUKE 22:7-20 | 13. THE CRUCIFIXION
LUKE 23: 26-43 |
| 6. JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLE'S FEET
JOHN 13: 2-17 | 14. JESUS' DEATH
LUKE 23: 44-49 |
| 7. JESUS PREDICTS PETER'S DENIAL
MATTHEW 26: 31-35 | 15. BURIAL OF JESUS
MATTHEW 27:57-66 |
| 8. GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE
MATTHEW 26:36-45 | 16. THE RESURRECTION
MATTHEW 28: 11-10 |
| 17. ROAD TO EMMANUS
LUKE 24: 13-35 | 18. JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES
LUKE 24: 36-45 |
| 19. THE ASCENSION
LUKE 24: 50-53 | |

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CHONDA PIERCE

LIVE IN CONCERT

WOMEN WITH PURPOSE OUTING

Thursday, May 5 from 7 - 9:30 pm (leave from church at 5 pm)

Grace Church in Des Moines, IA

Cost is \$35 general admission

contact Ruth Renaud at ruthelaine.vanwyk@gmail.com by April 3

Sign up online
at sullyfrc.org or
sign up sheet
located by the
church office

Join Chonda Pierce - a stand up comedian, TV hostess, author and now actress, as she channels her life experiences into positivity, bringing laughter to audiences around the country. This is an evening you won't want to miss!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!



April 1

Andrew Scholten

April 3

David Nikkel

April 4

Glenda Renaud

Abby Freese ~ Logan Vos

April 5

Darrell Maasdam ~ Nancy Huyser

Donna Brand (85)

April 6

Mason Dunsbergen ~ Jager Huyser

April 7

Conner Deal

April 8

Dylan Liekweg

Roger Van Der Kamp

April 9

Carlene Van Der Pol

Mariah Vos

April 11

Carl De Goey (88)

Daniel Keen ~ Darrell Zegers

Case Rozendaal ~ Siara Dunsbergen

April 13

Liz Harthoorn ~ Asher Rozendaal

April 14

Sadie Zimmerman

April 15

Isabella Larson

April 16

Makenzy Rozendaal ~ Harlow Vos

April 17

Nora Belle Brimeyer

April 18

Kayla Van Dyke ~ Deb Van Kooten

Shaleah James

April 19

Tim Vanden Hoek

Penelope Dunsbergen

April 20

Aubrey Harthoorn

Cory Van Zante

April 21

Margaret Vande Krol (95)

Lois Vander Leest

April 22

Audrey Brand (82)

Jennifer Torres

April 24

Brent De Jong

April 25

Dale Huyser

April 26

Bryan Freese

April 28

Madison Hay

Kathryn De Penning

April 30

Dorothy Corell

April 5

Tim & Desiree Hardeman—**19 years**

April 8

Jim & Marlis Van Zante—**50 years**

April 10

Brent & Sandy De Jong—**41 years**

April 11

Mike & Susan Jansen—**42 years**

April 15

Carl & Joyce De Goey—**67 years**

April 20

Rusty & Sharla Van Wyk—**32 years**

April 25

Jaden & Hailey Rolffs—**2 years**

April 26

Arie & Elaine Scholten—**54 years**

April 27

Wayne & Reda Daniels—**9 years**

April 28

Ervin & Linda Arkema—**50 years**

April 30

Mike & Kathy Zylstra—**40 years**



Sunday, April 10 Palm Sunday, 9:30 am—The Faithseekers Sunday School Department (1st—5th grade) will be singing

Thursday, April 14, 7:00 pm—Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

Sunday, April 17, 7:15 am—Sunrise Service then at **8—9:15 am**—Easter Morning Breakfast in the Gathering Place followed by Easter Morning Worship at 9:30 am and Celebration Coffee time

Sunday, May 1, 9:30 am—Prayer for Crops & Industry

Sunday, May 15, 9:30 am—Graduation Sunday

APRIL

RESURRECTION OF JESUS

1 - MATTHEW 20:18-19

2 - 1 PETER 1:3

3 - LUKE 23:46-47

4 - ISAIAH 53:5

5 - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

6 - LUKE 24:5-6

7 - MATTHEW 28:5-7

8 - MARK 16:1-4

9 - ACTS 3:15

10 - ROMANS 8:11

11 - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4

12 - 1 JOHN 5:11

13 - MARK 16:5-6

14 - TITUS 3:5

15 - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:10

16 - LUKE 24:5-7

17 - 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18

18 - JOHN 12:46

19 - ROMANS 6:8-11

20 - JOHN 14:27

21 - 1 JOHN 4:19

22 - ROMANS 5:8

23 - JOHN 1:29

24 - ACTS 2:24

25 - PHILIPPIANS 2:8

26 - JOHN 3:16

27 - ROMANS 10:9

28 - COLOSSIANS 1:13-14

29 - JOHN 11:25-26

30 - JOB 19:25

31 - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-21

SCRIPTURE WRITING CHALLENGE



2022 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Scott, Brittany & Evan Van Zee	2 Pavlos, Meggan, Theo, Matthew & Risa Vasileiadis
3 Dick Jr & Joyce Ver Ploeg	4 Doyle & Karna Ver Ploeg	5 Teryl & Carol Ver Ploeg	6 Brandon, Andrea, Rory, Harlow & Maren Vos	7 Cole, Shelly, Bentlee, Paisley, Rowyn & Memphis Vos	8 Jordan, Miranda & Nora Vos	9 Logan, Taylor, Kreighton, Oaklynn & Casen Vos
10 Loren & Tammy Vos	11 Meldon, Eloise, Mariah, Meleisha, Majesta & Mandeesa Vos	12 Steve & Rita Vos	13 Chris, Kara, Raelee Warrick, Alyssa & Brayden Bassett	14 Mason, Cayla & Olivia Wichhart	15 Dave & Karla Winegar	16 Clarence & Lynn Wyma
17 Mark, Justine, Ethan & Ashlee Wyma	18 Nathan, Stephanie, Skyler & Slater Young	19 Darrell Zegers	20 Murray & Judy Zegers	21 Derrick, Annette, Georgia, Sadie & Jacob Zimmerman	22 Henry Zuidema	23 Rod Zuidema
24 Mike & Kathy Zylstra	25 Ervin & Linda Arkema	26 Craig & Sheryl Baarda	27 Marvin & Iva Baarda	28 Shaun, Kristy & Brooke Baarda	29 Roger & Jill Barr	30 Nick & Kate Beyer



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2022 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	2
3 9:30 am Jeff Knouse 10:45 am Sunday School 1 pm Rental in the Gathering Place 5 pm Impact Youth 6:30 pm Faithwalkers	4 6:30 pm Next Step Transitional Team Mtg.	5 6:30 pm Search Team Mtg.	6 6:30 pm Special Consistory Mtg.	7	8 Middle School Retreat— Dayton, IA April 8—10 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast 9 am Rental in the Gathering Place	9
10 9:30 am Pastor Tom VandeBerg 12 pm Rental in the Gathering Place 10:45 am Sunday School NO Impact Youth 6:30 pm Faithwalkers	11	12	13 7 pm Living Last Supper rehearsal	14  7 pm Maundy Thursday	15 	16
17  7:15 am Easter Sunrise Service 8 am Easter Breakfast 9:30 am Pastor Tom VandeBerg 10:45 am Celebration Coffee time	18	19	20 6:30 pm Elders Mtg. 6:45 pm Deacon Mtg 7:30 pm Consistory	21	22 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	23
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