



# Reformed *Inform*er

August 2022—First Reformed Church, Sully, IA

## "WORRY"

Worry!

How big a part of our lives do we waste worrying about what might or might not happen? In this day in age we have an abundance of information thrown at us. When I have a product I want to learn more about, I will use 'google' to learn more about it. Then what happens? For days on end I receive an abundance of info about the subject or other things related to it.

We are overloaded with world news and, depending on the source, the information can vary greatly. It's amazing to watch some newscasters as they try to out shout each other with their opinions. Depending on the network you watch, the state of our country can vary tremendously.

I love our Sunday worship services. They are vital to how we meet each circumstance throughout the week. Receiving a message that reminds us of who really is in control and who is watching over us is exactly what we need.

Music has always been an important part of my life and on Easter Sunday morning when an overflow crowd of worshipers sang How Great Thou Art, it was difficult to keep from shedding tears.

Let's remember, no matter what our fears are, what our situation is at the moment, or what we might face in the future, God is greater! Is anything too hard for God? Jeremiah 33:3. As Christians, we have the assurance that some things will never change. Hebrews 13:8 tells us that Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever.

We have assurance that God hears and answers our prayers. Ephesians 3:14-20 beautifully tells us about the One who created us and loves us more than we can ever imagine. The world around us can seem to be in chaos but we have a blessed assurance that not even two sparrows that are sold for a penny, fall to the ground apart from the will of our Father. What blessed assurance.

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### Winning over Worry

#### Topical Bible Reading Challenge

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Psalm 127:1-5          | 16. Psalm 16:1-8     |
| 2. Isaiah 35:1-10         | 17. Psalm 91:1-10    |
| 3. Jeremiah 17:5-10       | 18. Psalm 91:11-16   |
| 4. Matthew 6:22-34        | 19. Psalm 112:1-10   |
| 5. Luke 12:22-31          | 20. Psalm 56:1-13    |
| 6. Philippians 4:1-7      | 21. Galatians 1:1-10 |
| 7. 1 Peter 5:1-7          | 22. Hebrews 6:10-20  |
| 8. Hebrews 13:1-7         | 23. Romans 8:1-6     |
| 9. Psalm 121:1-8          | 24. Psalm 73:21-28   |
| 10. 1 Corinthians 10:9-13 | 25. Psalm 18:1-13    |
| 11. Colossians 3:12-17    | 26. Psalm 18:14-29   |
| 12. Psalm 55:9-19         | 27. Psalm 18:30-39   |
| 13. Romans 8:28-39        | 28. Psalm 18:40-50   |
| 14. Psalm 17:1-8          | 29. Psalm 25:1-10    |
| 15. 2 Timothy 1:1-7       | 30. Psalm 25:11-22   |
|                           | 31. Psalm 19:1-14    |





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**Congratulations to Jeff & Alison** on the healthy birth of their son, Samuel Robert! His older brother is so excited to have a play-mate! Everyone is adjusting to being a family of 4 just great!



### **A PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS**

DEAR GOD,  
THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF  
EDUCATION IN EVERY FORM.  
AS OUR CHILDREN PREPARE TO START A NEW YEAR  
MAY CONFIDENCE BE THEIR FOUNDATION,  
MAY GRACE BE THEIR GUIDE AND  
MAY HOPE BE THEIR COMPASS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE.  
I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE  
THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM  
AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL.  
MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY  
KNOWING THAT NO MATTER  
WHAT COMES THEIR WAY,  
THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.  
AMEN

### **Prayer Breakfast**

Free Jesus, and donuts.

The Summer is just flying by! By the time you read this we will have just returned from Power Connection 2022 (probably tired and in need of a long nap).



Before we know it, the school year will be here, and all our education programs will be up-and-running. Our programs kick off on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August, which will be our first day of Sunday School. Our other programs (STARS, youth groups, Wednesday night classes, etc.) will follow shortly after.

As a youth director, I know fully that our programs themselves do not have the power to change the lives of the young people in our care. It is the Holy Spirit working through these programs that catalyzes change in a young person's heart, which is why I encourage everyone to make prayer for our young people a priority. And that is something that you, too, can help with!

So here are just a few ways/ideas for how to pray for our upcoming education year:

- 1. Ask the church office for a list of names of our students and pray for each of them by name.**
- 2. Pray at 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm on Sunday nights for our students in youth groups.**
- 3. Pray for our STARS program and volunteers; pray that God would use that program to bless students who may not know Jesus or be part of a church.**
- 4. Make a weekly prayer schedule to cover all of our programs that minister to children & students.**

- Nursery
- Children's Sermons
- Children in Worship
- Sunday School
- STARS After School Program
- Wednesday Night Classes
- Youth Groups

These are just a few ways that you can partner with us to teach our students the Gospel of Jesus and help them to love Him with their whole lives. I am excited to see what God is going to do this school year in the lives of our young people!

**KICK OFF IS Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm**  
**Watch for more details!**

**IMPACT—6th—8th grade**

**Faithwalkers—9th—12th grade**

**THIS STARTS FRIDAY, AUGUST 26.** 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!



# STARS Afterschool

Our STARS Wednesday After School Program will begin a new year on Wednesday, **September 7, 2022**. We are anxiously waiting for our church to be filled with a large group of excited, energetic kids ready to learn about God and His world. If you were a volunteer this past year, I will be contacting you soon to see if you are willing to help again. We think it is awesome to have members of our church and community come to STARS and lead a learning activity.

If you have a hobby, collection, or job that you can teach the kids about, or if you can lead them in making a craft, we would love to have you come to STARS to share with the kids. Maybe you are thinking to yourself, "I have already done that back when Eloise led STARS in the past." Guess what! All of those kids have "graduated" from STARS by now, so we have a whole new group of kids to teach, so come again and do the same presentation!

Please call or email me to volunteer your time or talents. As any good advertisement says, *"Spots are filling up fast, so don't delay!"*

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STARS Coordinator  
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## STARS Wednesday After School Program

at Sully First Reformed Church  
begins **September 7, 2022** from  
**3:30—5:30 PM**

for Kindergarten through 5th grade  
All welcome, do not need to be members of the church.

Kids are walked by adult volunteers from Lynnville-Sully School to the church

**Bible Study, Learning Activities, Crafts, Music, Snack**

**NO COST!**

To sign up by August 31,  
contact STARS Coordinator:  
Eloise Vos at: [mevos@netins.net](mailto:mevos@netins.net) or 641-521-5861  
or online at [sullyfrc.org](http://sullyfrc.org)



# 2022 VBS

So much fun at Monumental Vacation Bible School this year! Over \$16,000 was raised which will go towards purchasing 2 grain bin homes in Haiti! Great job kids!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL Kickoff

**Sunday, August 28**  
**10:45 am**

AUGUST 28, 2022 | 11:30 AM

## ALL CHURCH BARBEQUE LUNCHEON

Kick off to Sunday School  
Smoked pork sandwiches  
green beans chips  
cookie drink  
table service provided  
Games for all ages  
after lunch!

## BACK TO SCHOOL



# Getting To Know You



## BRANDON & ANDREA VOS

**Birthdays:** Brandon— 1/13/1983  
Andrea— 5/17/1984  
Rory— 3/25/2016  
Harlow— 4/16/2018  
Maren— 11/16/2021

**Anniversary:** 9/17/2011

Brandon & Andrea met through mutual friends Jason & Jennifer (Zylstra) Lowry. The Lowry's had been trying to set them up for years, but it never seemed to work out. Finally in the summer of 2007, the four of them made dinner plans at Claxons BBQ in Altoona (Brandon ordered fish; why would you do that at a BBQ place??) and then went to watch horse racing at Prairie Meadows. As the old saying goes, the rest is history!! They currently live in Springville, Iowa which is almost two hours away from Sully.

Brandon grew up just one block south of the church in Sully, graduating from Lynnville Sully High school in 2001 and continuing his education at Central College in Pella. Early during his Jr. year in high school, Brandon chipped a tooth during a basketball game which led to an appointment with his dentist, thus sparking his interest in dentistry. He graduated with his DDS in 2009, and completed his graduate work in Endodontics in 2011. Just a mere 23 years worth of school-

ing!! His parents are Loren & Tammy Vos and he has a brother Jordan (Miranda) Vos of Sully.

Andrea attended Pella Christian grade school and high school graduating in 2002. She began her college career at Dordt College, majoring in Business. After 2 years at Dordt, she transferred to Iowa State, graduating with a B. S. Degree in Business Management in 2006. Mary & Robert (deceased) Vander Wilt are her parents and her siblings are Dean (Carol) Vander Wilt of Pella and Mike Vander Wilt also of Pella.

Along with Brandon and Andrea, the Vos family also includes children, Rory (6) who loves Legos, the Ghostbusters and is an all around funny kid; Harlow (4) who is a budding artist, is Minnie Mouse's biggest fan; enjoys Bluey and is always full of love, sass and a song; and Maren, (8 months) she's a happy, smiley, drooley and loveable baby! They enjoy QUIET dinner dates, traveling, both as a couple as well as with the family. Brandon likes to golf and do yard work while Andrea enjoys flower and vegetable gardening. Hosting a morning radio show is a secret ambition of Brandon's and Andrea would like to have a greenhouse or run another half or whole marathon.

Their special memories of First Reformed would include Brandon's Friday morning prayer breakfast before school and the baptisms of their children. As a family, they love being as included and involved as they are, even though they live almost two hours away. The kids participate in Children in Worship and Sunday school which is a huge testament to the children's ministry staff and volunteers! The kids are learning and growing their faith in a practical way, which allows them to live their faith throughout the day to day life. Brandon and Andrea are so appreciative of the true preaching of the word. They had tried for several years to find a church that "fit" what they were looking for near where they lived, but were never able to find one that seemed to coincide with their beliefs and truly taught what the gospel says. For them, it made sense to call Sully First Reformed church home, and to raise their family within this church. Live stream also helps them stay connected when they are not able to attend in person. The church family has such a blessing to them throughout times of joy and struggle. Thank you to all and Glory to God for so many blessings!

Thank you Brandon and Andrea Vos and family for letting us "Get to Know You Better!"



**ALLIANCE**  
OF REFORMED CHURCHES

**RELATIONAL CONVICTIONS**  
**Living Together in Christ**

We are friends and partners in Christ, seeking first the Kingdom of God with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

**Unity in Jesus** – our only hope for salvation – implies praying for one another, celebrating together, encouraging one another, and holding each other accountable

**We are unrelentingly innovative.**

In order to remain relevant and engaged with a changing world, we will practice active listening, careful discernment, global attentiveness, and confident creativity in our lives and ministry.

**We embrace the diversity of the human experience under obedience to Christ our King.**

In doing so, **we respond with compassion to the oppressed, we lead with justice in the face of injustice, and we seek in all situations to live out the presence of Christ in people's lives.**

More information can be found at [arc21.org](http://arc21.org)



# Women With Purpose Service Opportunity

AUGUST 15, 6:00 PM

AUGUST 16, 5:30 - 6 PM (MEET AT CHURCH AT 4:45 PM)

Have you heard of Discover Hope? Discover Hope is located in the old Bob Hawkins studio on 1st Ave in Newton, and their mission is to enable others to discover hope through Jesus Christ to be redeemed, renewed, and restored. Discover Hope's Executive Director, Robbie Robinson has spoken at our church and will be the keynote speaker for the Rededication service in September.

We will serve a meal to participants of Discover Hope's 'Breaking Free' group on August 16 in Newton. (Please see on the back for more information regarding 'Breaking Free'.) The approximate cost of the food is \$180.00 which allows us to serve around 60 people. Our menu consists of pizza pasta casserole, broccoli and cauliflower salad, and brownies.

**How can you support this project?** You do not have to sign up for everything; choose whatever service action speaks to your soul.

1. Pray for the success of our service project. Pray that we may be the hands and feet of Jesus as we prepare and serve food for those who seek to break the bonds of addiction.
2. Sign up to help prepare food on Monday, August 15 at 6:00 pm at the church kitchen. **We need 8-10 people.** We will have fellowship and food after prep is finished.
3. Sign up to assist with serving the food on Tuesday. We will leave church promptly at 4:45 pm and will serve from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Clean up should be easy as we plan to use disposable everything. **We need 8 servers.**
4. Donate toward the cost of food. If food donations over \$180 are received any excess will be given directly to Discover Hope. Please make checks payable to "Women With Purpose."

We ask for your support with this service project.

The signup sheets will be located outside the church office.

Please sign up by August 7.

Questions: Please contact Ruth Renaud at [ruthelaine.vanwyk@gmail.com](mailto:ruthelaine.vanwyk@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance for the prayers and assistance

## What is Breaking Free?

Breaking Free is our recovery meeting. Anyone seeking freedom from the bondage of addiction is welcome to join us. We serve a FREE Community meal at 5:30 pm before the Recovery group that starts at 6 pm. We also have a welcome worship time with music before the lesson, with curriculum and small group discussion. Our lessons are gospel and recovery focused on redemption, renewal, and restoration. This group is also a support group for the family members of the addict or the recoveree.

**Do not miss out on this opportunity to take part and walk in your next step to recovery!**

**WHEN:** TUESDAYS at 5:30 pm dinner served

**WHERE:** 733 1st Ave. E., Newton, IA 50208

**WHO:** Anyone who is wanting to break free from the chains of addiction or those who know a loved one that is struggling with addiction. We will meet you right where you are at.

## Join Us for our REDEDICATION SERVICE

Robbie Robinson

speaking on

"Kingdom Ambassadors"

My name is Robbie Robinson, a man after God's own heart!

I'm married to Emily Robinson and we have 6 children, Robquez, Diamond, Penelope, Eli, Izayah, and Maya. I am the Founder and Executive Director of Discover Hope 517 Ministry and Pastor of New Creation Church in Newton, IA. I love being loud and spending time with my family. I enjoy weight lifting and playing basketball. In my spare time sitting with the Lord!

Sharing the gospel message is my heartbeat!

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2022  
AT 9:30 AM  
AT THE  
LYNNVILLE SULLY HIGH  
SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

A nursery is provided at the LS middle school gym

**Cock-a-doodle-doo!**  
You're invited to our  
**Fall Night Kick Off**

**FOOD, FUN & GAMES**

ENJOY A DELICIOUS SUPPER  
INFLATABLES \* PETTING ZOO \*  
TRACTOR DISPLAY \* HAY RIDES  
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!  
INVITE YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2022** **5PM TO 7PM**

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, SULLY IA



**August 2**  
Matt & Dawn Schechinger—14 years

**August 3**  
Jason & Bailey Huyser—3 years

**August 4**  
Travis & Karissa Chapman—15 years

**August 6**  
Nick & Hannah De Penning—4 years

**August 7**  
Roger & Jean Van Der Kamp—52 years

**August 8**  
Brandon & Nicole Dunsbergen—2 years  
Roger & Jill Barr—14 years

**August 9**  
Justin & Jayme Deal—15 years

**August 13**  
Aaron & Amber Van Wyk—6 years  
Bryce & Shirley Van Der Kamp—57 years

**August 14**  
Scott & Valerie Rolffs—41 years

**August 15**  
Tyler & Bri Van Zante—2 years

**August 20**  
Dennis & Donna Liekweg—28 years

**August 21**  
Glenn & Rhonna Fiihr—52 years  
Pavlos & Meggan Vasileiadis—12 years

**August 24**  
Jerald & Charlotte Kuncce—64 years

**August 26**  
Jeff & Shelley Vander Molen—33 years

**August 27**  
Tyler & Rianne Jansen—11 years  
Randy & Shelly Rozendaal—40 years

**August 29**  
Alex & Kenzie Huyser—7 years

**August 31**  
Ron & Julie Dunsbergen—37 years



**August 1**  
Mike Zylstra

**August 2**  
Emily Dykema

**August 3**  
Cody Van Wyk

**August 4**  
Shirley Van Der Kamp

**August 5**  
Helen Brand ~ Samuel Schechinger  
Dorothy Van Genderen  
Theodore Vasileiadis ~ Mae Jameson

**August 6**  
Brooks Henkle ~ Ethan Wyma

**August 8**  
Marlin Van Wyk ~ Riley Rozendaal  
Brenna Dunsbergen

**August 9**  
Sarah Scholten ~ Teryl Ver Ploeg  
Amber Van Wyk

**August 11**  
Corey Van Der Wilt

**August 13**  
Dennis Liekweg  
Eldred Van Gorp (95)

**August 15**  
Brock Mortvedt ~ Kyle Van Rees

**August 16**  
Barbara Van Sant ~ Jay Knouse

**August 17**  
Murray Zegers ~ Kaila Harsselaar



**August 18**  
Jordyn Rozendaal ~ Brett Vanden Hoek  
Chadera Maasdam

**August 19**  
Don Nunnikhoven

**August 20**  
Carolyn Van Waardhuizen (82)

**August 21**  
Grace Harthoorn ~ Rylan James

**August 22**  
Melanie Renaud ~ Rachel Van Wyk  
Wyatt Bruck

**August 23**  
Linda Arkema ~ Bailey Huyser  
Kevin Terlouw  
Marlene Van Wyk (89)

**August 24**  
Carson Dunsbergen ~ Gary Van Genderen

**August 25**  
Dan Dykema

**August 26**  
Jeremy Rozendaal ~ Dawn Schechinger  
Peyton Schechinger ~ Ashlee Wyma

**August 27**  
Bob Scandridge ~ Lynn Wyma

**August 28**  
Marilyn Van Maanen

**August 29**  
Wayne Daniels

**August 30**  
Joel Jansen ~ Meggan Vasileiadis

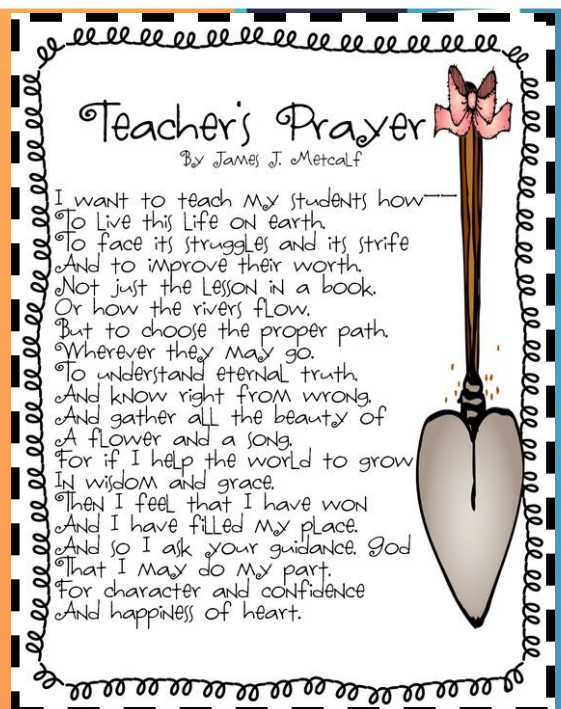


We are looking for a **Children in Worship Leader** to finish out the remainder of 2022. The commitment is 5 Sundays over the next 5 months. No prep work needed, just one hour of your time on Sunday morning to guide the kids through the activities planned for the morning. **Let the church office or Faye Brand** know if you can help with this ministry!

**YOUTH LEADERS NEEDED** Have a passion for youth? Are you interested in making a positive impact in the next generation for Christ? Then would you prayerfully consider volunteering as a youth leader for the upcoming school year? We need leaders in both our Impact (junior high) and Faithwalkers (high school) youth groups. If you are interested or have any questions, **please contact Jeff Knouse at [jkfrcsully@gmail.com](mailto:jkfrcsully@gmail.com)**

#### **FREEZER MEAL MINISTRY HELP NEEDED**

**Shelby Shinkle** would like your help! She has kept this much needed meal ministry going by making freezer meals. She would like to recruit a few people who would be willing to prepare meals at their own home and place them in the freezer to be taken as needed. Receipts can be given to the church office for reimbursement! If you would like more information about this ministry please **contact Shelby at 641-780-6726 or [shelby.shinkle@outlook.com](mailto:shelby.shinkle@outlook.com)**.



# August 2022 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Austin Kramer	2 Corey Kramer	3 John, Jennifer & Luke Kramer	4 Kyle & Ashlynn Kramer	5 Marjorie Kramer	6 Jerald & Charlotte Kunce
7 Eric & Amber Lanser	8 Braden, Emily & Isabella Larson	9 Dennis, Donna, Dylan & Deven Liekweg	10 Kemper Lukehart	11 Monty & Carol Lukehart	12 Carleen Maasdam	13 Craig & Barb Maasdam
14 Curtis & Chadera Maasdam	15 Darrell & Susan Maasdam	16 Denamae Maasdam	17 Doug, Shawna, Brett & Kaylee Maasdam	18 Dwayne Maasdam	19 Taylor Maasdam	20 Zachary Maasdam
21 Joyce Mackenzie	22 Ron McKeag	23 Ryan, Carrie, Dayton & Brock Mortvedt	24 Brenda Newell & Elana	25 Austin & Lysandra Newell	26 David, Monica, Katelyn, Alivia, Colton & Mason Nikkel	27 Don, Hollie, Zoey, HarLee & Blane Nunnikhoven
28 Dwayne Ramer	29 Melanie Renaud	30 Keith & Glenda Renaud	31 Ruth Renaud	September 1 Jaden & Hailey Rolffs	September 2 Scott & Valerie Rolffs	September 3 Gary & Janice Roorda



# August

# 2022 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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6:30 pm FRC  
(Jacob)  
6:30 pm FRC  
(Jeff)  
8 pm FRC vs FRC

Lakeview Elementary Camp—August 1—4

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9:30 am Pastor Tom VandeBerg  
10:45 am Christian Ed Comm. Mtg.  
12 pm Rental in the Gathering Place

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6:30 pm Search Comm. Mtg.  
6:30 pm FRC (Jeff)  
8:00 pm FRC (Jacob)

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11 am Rental in the Gathering Place

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9:30 am Pastor Tom VandeBerg

15

6 pm Women With Purpose meals

16

Coed softball tournament  
4:45 pm Women with Purpose—Discover Hope 517

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6:30 pm Elders Mtg.  
6:45 pm Deacons Mtg  
7:30 pm Consistory Mtg.

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Coed softball tournament

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9:30 am Jeff Knouse

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9 am Rental in the Gathering Place

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9:30 am Pastor Tom VandeBerg

10:45 am Sunday School Begins for ALL ages!

11:30 am ALL Church Barbeque Luncheon

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