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"Toolbelts"

Dear Friends,

Last night my wife was going over text messages that were left on her phone. All at once I heard her laughing and inquired to what she thought was so funny. She replied that our daughter was teaching our granddaughter how to bake and prepare a menu on a budget including all the essentials needed to make the evening meal.

After all this had been accomplished, our granddaughter declared to her mother that she needed a "cooking tool belt!" She replied, "my dear that is called an apron with pockets!"

We all had a good laugh!

Apparently, our granddaughter had not yet been exposed to wearing an apron in the kitchen! I sense one in her future.

This month we observe the season of Lent that will culminate in the celebration of Easter Sunday.

Just as my granddaughter needed an introduction to what experienced cooks use in the kitchen!

Lent is a "tool belt" for the Christian that reminds us that the purpose of Lent is to prepare the believer for Easter through the tools of prayer, a reminder of Christ's sacrifice for our sins and our call to confession and repentance. It is a call to simple living and self denial in a world that trumpets often an impatient self-indulgent lifestyle.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends six weeks later the night before Easter Sunday.

The last week of Lent is Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday, commemorates Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday and prepares us for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ which we celebrate as Easter.

I hope that this review is a reminder for each of us as believers as to why we do what we do as a church during Lent.

As we introduce new generations of believers in Christ to the powerful meaning and message of Lent, we all need to review this powerful walk of forty days that culminates in the celebration of Easter.

May we put on our "tool belt" of Lent as we remember the good news of God's plan for our salvation!

In Christ,

Pastor Wayne





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

**March 7
March 21
March 28**

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



**FAITHWALKERS meet at 6:30
pm in the Well
All 9th - 12th Grade invited
Upcoming Events:**

Our Faithwalker Service will be Sun-

day, April 18

March Dates:

March 7, March 21, March 28

**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.

God is consistent even in the inconsistent has been a phrase that I've had to repeat to myself quite a few times this year so far. Youth groups have been cancelled and events have been rescheduled, and sometimes I wonder if things will ever get back to "normal". But I am reminded that we serve a God who never changes, and who is constantly at work even in the midst of cancellations and different circumstances. If you feel like I do, I pray you'll embrace that truth as I have. It is truly freeing.

March in youth group looks like really digging into God's Word before we close out the school year. Impact will be studying Old Testament passages that point to Jesus, and Faithwalkers will be studying Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount". We love God's Word and want to dig deep into every chance we get, and that is exactly what we will do.

Enjoy the beginning of Spring, and the hope for more warm days!

Upcoming dates:

LAST FAMILY NIGHT—March 10

Sunday, May 2—this will be our last Faithwalkers & Impact meetings for this year—until fall!

Sunday, May 16—we will be recognizing our graduating seniors during the morning worship.



MAGNIFY

**Middle School Retreat is HAPPENING
on April 9-11, 2021! Bradley Rees, a
worship leader from Cedar Falls, IA, and
the Northwestern College Worship Band
will be leading you in the main sessions**

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2021**

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Prayer Breakfast
Free Jesus, and donuts.

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



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SPRING

Snow is melting. Temperatures are rising. Bright colors are replacing browns and grays. There's only one explanation: It must be spring!

For believers, spring is a reminder that God is all about making things new. In fact, Jesus promised to make *everything* new one day (Revelation 21:5).

In the meantime, He gives

us glimpses of the coming attractions through spring.

Spend time with family in the sunny outdoors as you enjoy God's creation.

Palm Sunday, March 28 the Faith Seekers (1st-5th grades) are joyfully preparing songs for morning worship.

Rocky Railway - Jesus pulls us through life's ups and downs. VBS - July 12-15.

Impact others for Christ this Easter season by inviting them to church.

Now is the time to prepare for Easter by reading Lenten devotions and books as a family.

God's mercies are new every morning and spring really isn't that far away!



He fills my life
with good things.

—Psalm 103:5

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Looking ahead—the Faithseekers Sunday School Dept. (1st–5th grade) will be singing on **Palm Sunday, March 28** during the morning worship service. Our last day of Sunday school will be **Sunday, May 23**.



Think warm thoughts - Mark your calendars for **July 12-15**. Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, as we discover that trusting Jesus pulls us through life's ups and downs.

Your Power Will Pull Us Through - Theme Song

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION:



This year, Pathways of Pella is taking part in the **Baby Bottle Fundraiser**. Special baby bottles will be available to take home with you **starting February 21**. You can place change or any type of donation in the bottle

and then return the bottle to your Sunday school rooms. The Campaign will be done March 28th and all bottles should be returned for pick up. If you have any questions at all, please contact **Jacie Kramer** (641-521-8661 or jaciekramer@yahoo.com).

Inscribe the Word

March Scripture Writing Plan

FOR KIDS!

Writing out Scriptures is a way to understand God's Word and Hear His voice without distractions. Each of the Scriptures below should take fifteen minutes to copy. So grab your journal, your bible, and some pretty pens, and let us

INSCRIBE THE WORD together.



How to Study the Bible:

1. Read the Scripture out loud.
2. Write the Scripture in your journal.
3. Ask yourself how you can live out the Scripture.
4. Pray that Jesus would help you apply the Scripture.

The Book of GALATIANS

- ☐ 1. Galatians 1:3
- ☐ 2. Galatians 1:6
- ☐ 3. Galatians 1:10
- ☐ 4. Galatians 1:13
- ☐ 5. Galatians 1:20
- ☐ 6. Galatians 2:5
- ☐ 7. Galatians 2:6
- ☐ 8. Galatians 2:16a
- ☐ 9. Galatians 2:16b
- ☐ 10. Galatians 2:20
- ☐ 11. Galatians 3:3
- ☐ 12. Galatians 3:6
- ☐ 13. Galatians 3:10
- ☐ 14. Galatians 3:11
- ☐ 15. Galatians 3:22
- ☐ 16. Galatians 3:26
- ☐ 17. Galatians 4:6
- ☐ 18. Galatians 4:7
- ☐ 19. Galatians 4:11
- ☐ 20. Galatians 4:12
- ☐ 21. Galatians 4:20
- ☐ 22. Galatians 4:28
- ☐ 23. Galatians 5:1
- ☐ 24. Galatians 5:5
- ☐ 25. Galatians 5:7
- ☐ 26. Galatians 5:13
- ☐ 27. Galatians 5:14
- ☐ 28. Galatians 5:15
- ☐ 29. Galatians 5:22
- ☐ 30. Galatians 5:23
- ☐ 31. Galatians 6:17

Missions UPDATE



Felipe and Janelle
de Waard-Silva

PRAY

- For energy, patience, perseverance, and wisdom while serving abroad with young children, far from family.
- For the opening of the church plant in January 2020.
- For Felipe and Janelle as they take on new roles in ministry with the church plant.
- For provision and guidance for a new climbing and education center, part of the five-year vision.



About the ministry

The click of an unlocked door marks the beginning of another busy day at Fără Limite Climbing Gym in Vulcan, Romania. Chalk instantly covers hands, and clouds of chalk dust fill the air. Music blasts as kids scale the walls for the next seven hours. Cheers of encouragement and warm embraces provide a glimpse into the family they've built here, a stark contrast to many of the kids' lives outside the gym walls.

In partnership with the New Horizons Foundation, Felipe and Janelle work with Roma youth in the Jiu Valley to build trust, perseverance, character, and courage through rock climbing. In a town where poverty forces many parents to move away for work, this ministry provides youth an environment where they can experience safety and respect, develop life skills, pursue education, and come to know the love of Christ. Felipe and Janelle are also planting a church in the community of Dallas.

To learn more or support this ministry, visit:

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Thank you for
your continued
prayers and
support!

God's richest
blessings to
you all!

Please keep
Damaris and
the educational
program in
your prayers!

If you would
like to give fi-
nancially to the
educational
program you
can do so at the
RCA website

www.rca.org.

With love,

Felipe, Janelle,
Luca, Sofia
and Mila Silva

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Lorna Christensen Birthday: February 7, 1959

Lorna Christensen, our featured individual this month, enjoys golfing, working in the dirt with both flowers and growing garden produce, and quilting. She can be spotted working on quilts at a table in the Gathering Place with the ladies on Sewing days during the winter months. Lorna loves music, especially the four-part harmony of the hymns at First Reformed. She has a secret ambition to play the violin! Being a widow, and for someone who has moved frequently, she says it can be difficult to attend a church where you don't know anyone. First Reformed has made her feel welcomed and the people are very friendly, which makes a lot of difference!

Lorna grew up, attending and graduating from the Boyden-Hull High School, in Hull, Iowa. Her parents are John & Hermina Boote. Her eight siblings now live all across the country; Ken Boote, Gainesville, Florida; Mark Boote, Edgewood, Washington; Dave Boote, Grand Junction, Colorado; Jan Klarenbeek, Hull, Iowa; Glen Boote, Paris, Texas; Arvin Boote, Hull, Iowa; Wanda Boote, St. Petersburg, Florida; and Marlys Boote, Iowa City, Iowa.

After graduation, Lorna achieved her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary/Special Education from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, and a Master in Education from Viterbo University in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. She is retired after many years of teaching Special Education in the Des Moines Public Schools. She will now work on occasion, when her time allows, at the Pirates of Ponderosa by Lake Ponderosa Montezuma, Iowa. Lorna's family includes her three sons: Joe Heemstra and his children Thomas and Jake; David Heemstra; and Jason Heemstra with his fiancée, Jenny Romey. She also has 3 step-children: Brad Christensen and children, R.J., Bailey, and Myia; Marcy (Dusty) Conover and children Ashton, Kimber and Lindee; and Kara (Danny) Shreck and children Deacon and Major.

Thank you so much Lorna for letting us "Get To Know You" better!

5 IDEAS FOR GRABBING QUALITY TIME TOGETHER

Making the most of your minutes can be simple. We gathered a few ideas below, but you might also brainstorm with your spouse and kids about what they'd like to do. Who knows what they'll come up with!

1. Teach your kids an old-school card game. Something like War, Slap Jack, or Speed. These games require little setup, are easy to get going once you know the rules, and either run short or can be stopped and restarted at any time.
2. Get silly with a song. Host a dance party in the hallway, sing karaoke using a lyric-laden YouTube video, or crank up some lively tunes before dinner. You can play just one song or keep on rocking until your heart's content.
3. Take a quick walk together. Walking takes you out of the home and away from most of your parental duties, leaving you free to relax and chat. Plus, just 12 minutes of brisk walking can put your whole crew in a better mood!
4. Flip the script on bedtime. Instruct your kids to brush their teeth and get into pajamas right after dinner. By doing this, you avoid bedtime blues later on and can instead spend the last few minutes of the evening cuddling up, reading books, and talking.
5. Watch with wide eyes. The easiest of them all. Find your kids, sit close by, and give them your full attention. While they play, say, with full sincerity, "Oh wow, I want to know all about what you're doing!" Linger for a minute or two longer and move on.

Making the most of our minutes really is that easy. Our kids just want to be seen, heard, and enjoyed and we can do that with the time we already have. I'll be working on this on my end and I hope you will too!

BibleWise

Guess Who

Bible Review for young children.

Match the Bible Character(s) with the Bible story. Each letter is used once.

1. He builds a huge boat.

2. He is a shepherd who used a slingshot to stop a giant.

3. They are thrown into a fiery furnace.

4. He delivered the Ten Commandments from God.

5. She is the mother of Jesus.

6. He is Esau's twin brother.

7. She talks to a snake.

8. He walks on water.

9. He is a king known for his wisdom.

10. He is swallowed by a great fish.

Characters

A. Mary

B. Jacob

C. Noah

D. Jonah

E. Jesus

F. 3 Hebrew Boys

G. David

H. Moses

I. Eve

J. Solomon



EASTER BREAKFAST

SUNDAY,

APRIL 4

8:00 - 9:15 AM

Come for Cinnamon, Caramel or
Caramel Pecan Rolls
coffee and juice



EASTER LILIES are needed for Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021! If you would like to give a lily in memory of a loved one or would like to just share one this Easter, please fill out an order form which is available in the church office - You can also submit your order online at www.sullyfrc.org. The cost for lilies this year will be \$8. Please have your orders in by March 28. If you have any questions, please contact Velma Rozen-daal at 594-2904 or rozen-daalvelma@gmail.com



March 1

Dale De Penning ~ Brenda Jansen
Ryan Mortvedt

Danis Hedrick (85)

March 2

Duane Brand (84)

March 3

Brevin Hansen
Bailey Vander Molen

March 4

Carol Ver Ploeg

March 5

Ryanne Jansen

March 6

Deb Johnson

March 10

John Roozeboom

March 11

Krystal Van Dyke

March 13

Baylee Jansen ~ Russ Rozendaal
Hailey Rolffs ~ Alma Terpstra

March 14

Kendall Rozendaal

March 15

Eric Brand ~ Julie Keen
Hannah De Penning

March 16

Chase Jansen ~ Loren Vos

March 17

Brent Rozendaal ~ Corrina Rozendaal

March 18

ChyAnne Huyser ~ Christine Van Wyk

March 19

Carrie Mortvedt ~ Maury Van Der Wilt

March 20

Jan De Goey

March 21

Andy Dunsbergen

March 23

Stephanie Rozendaal
Zayleana Dunsbergen

March 24

Kendra Fikse

March 25

Doyle Ver Ploeg ~ Rory Vos

March 26

Jade De Hoedt

March 27

Barb Maasdam ~ Payton Scandridge
Felix Torres ~ Ellington Dunsbergen

March 29

Zachary Dykema
Julie Roozeboom

March 30

Jennifer Kramer

March 31

Tammy Vos ~ Cole Henkle
Clarence Wyma ~ Jaden Rolffs

March 11

Kendall & Darci Jansen—**33 years**

March 12

John & Julie Roozeboom—**28 years**

March 17

Randy & Nancy Huyser—**49 years**

March 23

Andy & Jamie Dunsbergen—**8 years**
Craig & Barb Maasdam—**42 years**

March 26

Gene & Eleanor Jansen—**57 years**



SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

The Lord's Supper

Day 1: I Corinthians 11:17-19	Day 17: Hebrews 9:11-14
Day 2: I Corinthians 11:20-22	Day 18: Ephesians 5:2
Day 3: I Corinthians 11:23-24	Day 19: Numbers 5:16-18
Day 4: I Corinthians 11:25-26	Day 20: Numbers 5:19-22
Day 5: Exodus 12:23-24	Day 21: Numbers 5:23-25
Day 6: Exodus 12:25-27	Day 22: Numbers 5:26-28
Day 7: Hebrews 7:11-14	Day 23: Matthew 26:39
Day 8: Hebrews 7:15-17	Day 24: Daniel 9:11
Day 9: Hebrews 7:18-22	Day 25: Galatians 3:10
Day 10: Hebrews 7:23-25	Day 26: Galatians 3:13
Day 11: Hebrews 7:26-28	Day 27: Matthew 26:39
Day 12: Philippians 2:5-11	Day 28: Luke 22:14-15
Day 13: I Corinthians 5:7	Day 29: Luke 22:16-17
Day 14: I Corinthians 11:27-31	Day 30: Luke 22:18-19
Day 15: I Corinthians 10:16	Day 31: Luke 22:20
Day 16: Hebrews 8:6-7	

Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.

The Ruffled Mango



Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday, 9:30 am—The Primary Sunday School Department will be singing

Thursday, April 1, 7:00 pm—Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

Sunday, April 4, 8—9:15 am—Easter Morning Breakfast in the Gathering Place followed by Easter Morning Worship at 9:30 am and Celebration Coffee time

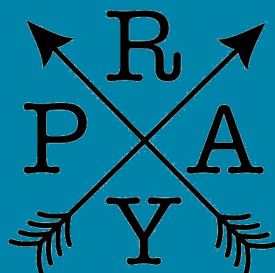
Sunday, April 11, 9:30 am—Prayer for Crops & Industry

Sunday, April 18, 9:30 am—Faithwalkers Morning Worship Service



2021 PRAYER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Carleen Maasdam	2 Jason & Bailey Huyser	3 Randy & Nancy Huyser	4 Shawn, ChyAnne, Dylann, Jager, Tatum, & Chayse Huyser	5 Becca Imhoff	6 Chase & Chelsie Jansen
7 Darrel & Barb Jansen	8 Don & Karen Jansen	9 Gene & Eleanor Jansen	10 Jerry & Linda Jansen	11 Joel & Deann Jansen	12 Kendall & Darci Jansen	13 Maddison Jansen
14 Mike & Susan Jansen	15 Tim, Brenda, Baylee & Tyson Jansen	16 Tyler, Ryanne, Hinley, Archer & Cam Jansen	17 Chuck & Deb Johnson	18 Jamie, Julie, Daniel & Laci Keen	19 Cody, Kelly, Kennedy, Kacey & Kaiser Kesling	20 Jeff, Alison & Jay Knouse
21 Austin Kramer	22 Corey Kramer	23 John, Jennifer & Luke Kramer	24 Kyle Kramer	25 Marjorie Kramer	26 Jerald & Charlotte Kunce	27 Eric & Amber Lanser
28 Braden & Emily Larson	29 Dennis, Donna, Dylan & Deven Liekweg	30 Cody, Kendra Betsy & Anna Longnecker	31 Monty, Carol & Kemper Lukehart			



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2021 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 1-4 pm Sewing Days	3 5:30 To Go Meals 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	4	5 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast	6
7 9:30 am Jeff Knouse 10:45 am Sunday School 5 pm Impact Youth 6:30 pm Faithwalkers	8	9	10 5:30 To Go Meals Last Family Night 6:15 pm 6th—8th 6:45 pm 9th—12th	11	12	13
14  9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 10:45 am Sunday School 12 pm Baptism lunch- eon in Gathering Place SPRING BREAK— no youth groups	15 SPRING BREAK	16 SPRING BREAK 1-4 pm Sewing Days	17 SPRING BREAK 5:30 To Go Meal 6:30 pm Elders Mtg. 6:45 pm Deacon Mtg 7:30 pm Consistory	18	19 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast 5:30 pm Mausser/ Roozeboom Rehearsal	20 4 pm Roozeboom Wedding
21 New Members Sunday 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 10:45 am Sunday School 5 pm Impact Youth 6:30 pm Faithwalkers	22 3:30 pm Clover Kids 4H Meeting in the Well	23	24 5:30 To Go Meal	25	26	27
28  Quarterly Bldg. Fund Offering 9:30 am Pastor Wayne Sneller 10:45 am Sunday School 5 pm Impact Youth 6:30 pm Faithwalkers	29	30	31	April 1  7 pm Maundy Thursday Service	2 	3