

# FAITH & LIFE

January 2026



**GROW DEEP LIVE TALL**  
*Jeremiah 17:7-8*

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## “Twelve Days of Christmas”

For many of us, Christmas feels as though it ends almost as soon as it begins. As our culture rushes from anticipation to exhaustion. As the tree comes down, the decorations are packed away, and life returns we say to normal.

Yet as Christians this really should not be the case. Remember the carol on the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me and then it goes all the way through 12 days of Christmas? That isn't just an old tune. That is historic truth.

The Church of Jesus Christ has long insisted that Christmas was never meant to be a single day, but a season of celebration, feasts in fact originally, that extends from Dec. 25-Jan 5, which capture the days of Christ birth, the witness of the shepherds, his circumcision and naming on the 8<sup>th</sup> day. And finally, the gathering of the wise men to share their gifts in worship of the newborn king that culminates the celebration of Epiphany on the 12<sup>th</sup> day.

This pattern reflects a deeply biblical instinct. God's saving work is rarely revealed all at once. Instead, it unfolds over time, layer by layer, word upon word. The church calendar teaches us to slow down, to dwell on God's Work to receive the gospel not as a hurried headline but as a story we are invited to inhabit and believe.

For Reformed believers, this season underscores God's sovereign initiative in salvation. Christ does not enter the world because humanity has prepared a place for Him. He comes while there is no room in the inn, while the world remains largely unaware. This is how the Grace of God works. It always, precedes our response. The church needs to retake the lead and understand this season that brings us to Epiphany. Where Christ is revealed not only to Israel but to all people represented in the wise men.

When the church keeps the Twelve Days, we join believers across centuries who confessed the same truth: **Christ Jesus as God has entered into our story to bring forth his glory.**

Christmas, then in the church's understanding, does not end on December 25; it only begins there. Unfolding day by day with hope, peace, joy and love that Christ has been revealed as the light of the world born in Bethlehem. Let's remember our history and celebrate all 12 days of Christmas this year!

Blessings,

Pastor Matt

## BIRTHDAYS

January 1 – Alvina Van't Hul will be 96.

January 6 – Esther Kats will be 86.

January 12 – John Lobbes will be 99.

January 21 – Harlan Driesen will be 81.

## SYMPATHIES

- We express our Christian sympathies to **Albert & Harriett Van Zanten, Ver & Sandy Van Bommel, & Michael Van Zanten** in the loss of their Brother & Uncle Vern Van Zanten on December 3 and Brother and Uncle Anthony "Rev. Tony" Van Zanten on December 15.
- **The Family of Arlis De Weerd** – pray for the family, loved ones, and RVCS community as they mourn the sudden loss of beloved Arlis.

We pray that our Heavenly Father will wrap all those who are mourning in His arms of comfort and surround them with His peace.

## SPECIAL CONCERNS

### Church Family:

- **Mer Van Otterloo** – Pray for Mer as he recovers from a thyroidectomy surgery.
- **Rick Davelaar** – Pray for Rick as he continues treatments for his cancer.
- **Paula Kats** - Pray for Paula through her continuing recovery and health struggles.
- **Galen Kats** - Pray for Galen as he recovers from hip replacement surgery.
- **Gerrit Kats** - Pray for Gerrit as continues treatments for a cancer spot that was discovered.
- **Nate Van Kley** - Pray for Nate as he continues treatment and all the side effects he is enduring.
- **Gert Van Regenmorter** – Pray for Gert as she anticipates knee surgery at a date TBD.

### Extended Family/Friends of our Church Family:

- **Gerald Van Den Top** (Father of Larae Van Der Brink) was diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing intense treatments.
- **Jason Davelaar** (Father of Cody Davelaar, Alexis Rust, & Bradyn Davelaar) Pray for Jason as he continues his battle with cancer that he was diagnosed with in June.
- **Dan De Groot** – Pray for Dan and his continued battle with cancer.
- Pray for our nation and the continuous turmoil and divide between good and evil, and for all nations experiencing daily warfare and persecutions.



## 2025 Statistics for 1st CRC

### We praised God for 9 babies born in our church family.

Faith Briella Van Tilburg	1/110/25	Brayton Clarence Zomer	2/2/25
Wesley Jay Rust	4/27/25	Haddie Joy Byl	5/1/25
Rohen Josiah Faber	7/15/25	Tovey Jon Kats	7/15/25
Monty Alan Bliet	7/23/25	Kolter Matthew Kats	8/20/25
Riggs Alan Koedam	11/11/25		

### We mourned with 9 families over their loved one's death.

Gert Vis	1/13/25	Esther De Roon	3/10/25
Jennie Maassen	4/19/25	Donna Bakker	5/27/25
John De Roon	7/6/25	Howard Altena	8/14/25
Joan Van Maanen	8/15/25	Ruth Koedam	9/5/25
Warren Van Otterloo	9/11/25		

### With God's help, we promised to encourage and guide 12 babies/children at the baptismal fount.

Knoxtyn Davelaar	3/30/25	Faith Briella Van Tilburg	5/11/25
Brayton Clarence Zomer	6/1/25	Sedona Smith	6/8/25
Jensen Smith	6/8/25	Wesley Jay Rust	6/29/25
Haddie Joy Byl	7/20/25	Rohen Josiah Faber	9/28/25
Monty Alan Bliet	9/28/25	Kolter Matthew Kats	10/5/25
Tovey Jon Kats	10/19/25	Jensen James WhiteFeather-Koedam	11/16/25

### We praised God for the fruits of the Holy Spirit when 12 baptized members publicly professed or reaffirmed their faith or we received their membership.

Abbie Eppinga	1/12/25	Jeremy Kooiker	1/12/25
Braydon & Braelee Davelaar	3/30/25	Skyler Smith	6/8/25
Maddie Pollema	8/10/25	Austin Folkens	11/23/25
Brock Mulder	11/23/25	Harper Van Bommel	11/23/25
Addison Van't Hul	11/23/25	Kevin & Lori Eppinga	11/23/25

### We praised God for the fruits of the Holy Spirit when we received membership of 6 new members/families.

Jerad & Hannah Kats	5/4/25	Jason & Cindy Timmerman	6/8/25
Candra Smith	6/8/25	Davis Van Roekel	8/7/25
John & Claretta Lobbes	10/15/25	Duane & Gayle Walhof	11/23/25

### We rejoiced with 3 couples as they joined together in marriage.

Jeremy Kooiker & Abbie Eppinga	5/30/25
Kyler & Maddie (Kaptein) Pollema	6/27/25
Austin & Hannah (Van Tilburg) Folkens	10/4/25

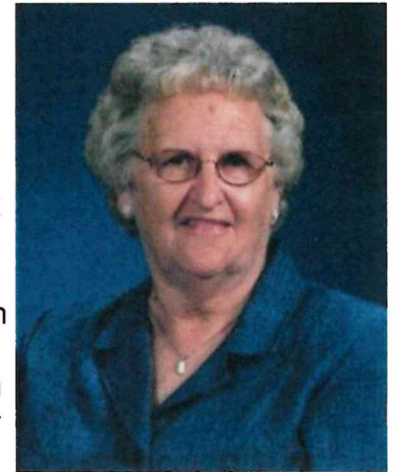
### 6 families/members transferred out or were released to new church families.

Austin Haak  
Hannah (Jansma) Krommendyk  
Alison Banda  
Shawn De Wit  
Jeff & Stephanie Elgersma Family  
Macay (Van't Hul) Van Wyk

## Remembering Joan Van Maanen

Joan Van Maanen, 92, of Rock Valley, Iowa, went to her heavenly Home on Friday, August 15, 2025. A funeral service was held Monday, August 25, at 11:00 AM at the First Christian Reformed Church of Rock Valley with Rev. Matthew Haan officiating.

Joan Van Maanen was born September 11, 1932, on the family farm southwest of Rock Valley, Iowa, daughter of Tunis and Alice (Boote) Van Veldhuizen. After graduating from Western Christian High School, Jo attended Calvin College and became a teacher at Rock Valley Christian School. Joan married Gerrit A. Van Maanen on June 11, 1954. Together they lived on the Van Maanen family farm until retiring to Rock Valley in 1989. Gerrit went to his heavenly home on September 20, 2010.



Joan enjoyed reading, cross-stitching, gardening, baking, and volunteering at Hope Haven Wheelchair International Ministries. She was a lifetime member of First Christian Reformed Church of Rock Valley where she served as church librarian, taught Sunday School, and attended Ladies Bible Study.

Joan is survived by her 5 children, Sherry (Fred) Farr of Chino Hills, California, Karen (Steve) Groen of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Arlys (Rick) Jasper of Ontario, California, Don (Colleen) Van Maanen of Lynden, Washington, and Connie (Mike) Grevengoed of Hull, Iowa; 12 grandchildren, Andrea (Derrick) Johnson, Jerrod (Michelle) Bonnema, Laura (Jeff) Lyng, Carrie (Nick) Ellens, Emily (Dan) Kobes, Kyle (Keirstyn) Jasper, Brett Jasper, Michael (Megan) Van Maanen, Courtney (John) Machulak, Jonathon (Kayla) Grevengoed, Justin (Katrina) Grevengoed, and Riley Grevengoed; 19 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Claretta (John) Lobbes and Elaine Bolkema, both of Rock Valley; brother, Ron (Gert) Van Veldhuizen of Rock Valley; and sister-in-law, Marvis Van Maanen of Lakewood, California.

Preceding Joan in death were her parents, Tunis and Alice Van Veldhuizen; husband, Gerrit A. Van Maanen; grandson, Eric Bonnema; brother, Ed Van Veldhuizen; brother-in-law, Leroy Bolkema; and sister-in-law, Winifred Van Veldhuizen.

### ***Special thanks to Jo's daughter Arlys for sharing some of her mom's memories with us.***

Our mom grew up on a farm located outside of Rock Valley and from early on her aspirations were to become a teacher. During this time not too many people went to college and as a young country girl she was brave enough to travel all the way to Michigan and attend Calvin College. After a year and a half, she was considered qualified enough to be a teacher. She taught first grade at Rock Valley Christian for 2 years and then ended her career when she married our dad. Those were the days a woman was expected to stay home and take care of her husband and start a family. Even though my mom grew up on a farm she was looking forward to being able to move to the town of Sheldon where my dad planned to be a mechanic.

Arriving back from their honeymoon, they found that my dad needed to take over the family farm since his father was struggling with health issues. This was disappointing for my mom since she wanted to be a city girl and now had to live with her in-laws on their family farm. After the in-laws moved out, they started their family-4 children in 5 years with only an outhouse until after child number 3.

Our mom was a very busy mom keeping us clothed, fed and happy. She was a very good seamstress and many times the 3 oldest girls were dressed in matching outfits and people would mistake us to be triplets. Five years later the youngest was born and all of us loved having a little

sister. Mom not only ran the household, but she also took care of all the business aspects involved with farming. She kept very precise and accurate records and made sure we also learned how to manage our own finances. At a very early age she had each of us open a bank account and start saving for college. We also were given an allowance starting at 10 cents a week which we were encouraged to save. In high school we were given \$20 a month which had to be used for buying our clothes and for entertainment. Of course, she was hoping we would always have some left over to put into savings.

Another lesson she taught us was that you never buy anything that was not on sale. Thanks to that lesson most of us still go out searching for the best bargains.

Our mom also enjoyed baking, and it was wonderful to come home from school with the smell of freshly made cinnamon rolls. She enjoyed baking more than cooking and Saturday was her day to make all those wonderful cakes, cookies and desserts for the week ahead.

My mom also enjoyed music and played the piano for my dad when he sang in a quartet. The hymnal was in a prominent place in our house. When she had time, she enjoyed reading and would take us to the library where each of us could check out books for the week. All of us became avid readers thanks to her influence.

She didn't enjoy traveling, but for the sake of our family she endured our yearly camping trips that were definitely not relaxing for her.

Our mom tended to be more of an introvert than an extrovert and didn't mind staying at home and spending time by herself. She enjoyed working on cross-stitching projects and all of us enjoyed receiving some of her handiwork. A favorite cross-stitching project of hers was the Heidelberg Catechism question number 1-What is your only comfort in life and death? That I am not my own but belong-body and soul and in life and death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Our mom also spent endless hours gardening, and we spent much of our summer picking the produce and eating it fresh from the garden. Any leftovers were canned or frozen so we could enjoy it year-round.

Once we were all out of the house, she stayed busy corresponding with prisoners and teaching them Bible lessons along with volunteering at Hope Haven. She also had to be a caregiver for my dad as his health declined.

Her last years were hard without my dad, and she slowly became very housebound. Her last 2 years were spent at Whispering Heights where she was well taken care of. She enjoyed visitors and she recognized us all to the very end. She didn't always like the fact that most of us lived so far away, but she was so thankful that Connie was close by and was available to lovingly meet her every need. All of us were thankful for that!

Mom was so ready to meet her maker, and she would always comment that growing old was not for sissies. We praise God that she is no longer suffering and is safe in the arms of her Savior.

## Welcome Kevin & Lori Eppinga

Kevin grew up on a farm near Rock Valley and later moved to Hull, graduating from Boyden-Hull High School. He has worked at Town & Country Implement for 24 years and is the son of Jeff and Sally Eppinga. His siblings are Sharon, Dwayne, and Terry.

Lori grew up in Rock Valley and later near Doon. Lori attended NW Iowa PR School and Western Christian High School. She is now self-employed with her own house-cleaning business. Lori's parents are Bob and Marcia Mantel, and her siblings are Diane and Scott.

Kevin and Lori met in high school and have enjoyed a life together that has taken them from the Doon area back to Rock Valley, where they built their home in 2008. Kevin and Lori have three children along with their spouses. Jesse and his wife Amber live in Rock Valley, Abbie and her husband Jeremy Kooiker live by Boyden, Cassidy and her husband Cayle Carney live in Spirit Lake.



We enjoy motorcycle rides, boating, fishing, traveling, and spending time with family. Spiritually, they were longtime members of Doon Protestant Reformed Church until 2008. After relocating, they became members of Calvary Protestant Reformed Church in Hull, where they remained active members until 2025.

We are thankful for the blessing of a new church home and opportunity to grow in fellowship within the First CRC congregation

# Welcome

## Welcome Duane & Gayle Walhof

Hi! – We are Duane and Gayle Walhof. We met at Southwest Minnesota Christian High school in Edgerton, MN, and were married the November after our graduation. We went on to vocational school in Granite Falls, MN - Duane as a mechanical draftsman and Gayle as a medical secretary. Our first stop after Granite Falls was Rochester, MN where Gayle worked at the Mayo Clinic for two years and Duane worked as a draftsman at Briese Iron Works. We then moved on to Sioux Falls, SD where Duane worked at Sioux Steel Company/Koyker Manufacturing and Gayle at Central Plains Clinic. Our son, Jesse, was born in Sioux Falls in 1983 and daughter, Jamie, followed in 1987.



Via a long story that only God could orchestrate, Duane met the US Marshal for South Dakota, who eventually convinced Duane to attempt to follow his dream of becoming a law enforcement officer and take the testing needed to try to get

into the US Marshals Service. Duane was accepted and went to Georgia for the 16-week training period. Gayle stayed in Sioux Falls with a 5-year-old and 2-year-old while working at the clinic.

Duane's first assignment was Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where we lived for three years. Gayle stayed at home with the kids except for a period where she worked for a federal district court judge. From there, we moved to LeMars, Iowa, where Duane worked in Sioux City, which is a sub-office of Cedar Rapids. Duane eventually became the Supervisory Deputy US Marshal in Sioux City, the highest-ranking Marshal in that office, and ended his 27-year career in that capacity. As Duane says, the career with the US Marshal's Service took a farm-boy from Minnesota to many places he would never have had the opportunity to see without that job. During that time, Gayle worked for a podiatrist and eventually started her own business, gw secretarial, where she went wherever needed in the greater LeMars area in the capacity of a temporary secretary. During that time, she worked in banks, attorney's offices, churches, law enforcement offices, etc. After ending her business, Gayle's last stop was at the Plymouth County Sheriff's office where she worked as an administrative assistant in that office. She retired from that position after nine years.

Our grandson, Theodore, aka Theo, was born 12/17/21 while we were living in LeMars. We soon discovered how difficult it was to live in LeMars while he and his family were in Doon. We then made the decision to leave our home of 32 years and move to Doon, which we did in July of 2024. Duane has been busy ever since the move with building a deck, finishing off the basement, gardening, etc. After a 4-year struggle, in early 2025, Gayle's first book was published by Dove Christian Publishers, *Songs of Naamah – A Novel of King David's Harem*. Since then, she has been busy with speaking engagements, book signings, and other methods of promotion while she works on book #2.

We enjoy many things, one in particular being riding motorcycle. It took us 11 years, but we were able to ride our BMW touring motorcycle from our garage in LeMars to 49 states (yes, we rode to Alaska and back). We rented a motorcycle in Hawaii so we could claim that we motorcycled to all 50 states. Gayle also has an Indian motorcycle, however, chooses not to take her own bike on big trips. We like to garden – Duane more of the vegetable garden and Gayle likes flowers. We like to hunt pheasants and Duane enjoys deer hunting, and we like to fish. We enjoy showing others hospitality in our home. We love to travel and, with our small RV, we are now going back to certain states to investigate what piqued our interest when we traveled through them on the motorcycle.

Our son, Jesse, is pastor at Living Water Community Church in Sheldon, Iowa. He is single and, we like to say, married to his church. You know our daughter, son-in-law and grandson, Jamie, Michael and Theo, as they are members. Any time we get to spend with our kids and Theo is the best!

God has been good to us, and we are grateful for Him navigating us through our life, leading us to First CRC in Rock Valley, where we have felt welcomed. Thank you all for receiving us, and we look forward to forming relationships with you.

## **“THANK-YOU”**

What a journey we've been on the last 17 months, some of which seemed more like a roller coaster ride! Who could have known that June 22, 2024 would be the last time we slept in our house of twenty years?

After hearing the warning signals of the flooding, we spent the rest of the night at Faith Reformed Church. The next day Floyd and Joyce Davelaar invited us to their home. We slept there that night.

The next five days we were in Larchwood with our granddaughter and family. During this time some dear, courageous people from our church, community, and family helped to clean out our basement. We were spared that awful job. However, it was hard not being there and not knowing what was happening. But the Lord knew best where we should be. THANK YOU to all who helped.

We spent one more night with the Davelaar's and then we were off to the Sheldon Christian Retirement Home. Don started having health issues in January and in February he moved to Whispering Heights to recover.

In the meantime, Mary Van't Hul was so kind as to open her basement for me. Then I did not have to make that trip from Sheldon each time to be with Don. The rest of our belongings ended up in two storage units.

Finally, an apartment opened in Four Seasons. We want to thank the people from our church who so graciously moved our things from the storage units and Mary's basement to Four Seasons. We could not have done this without you. THANK YOU! Thank You! Thank you!

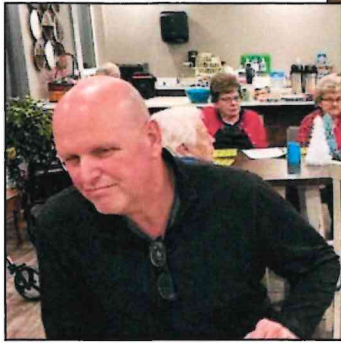
We are moved in, not completely settled, but OH, so thankful that we can be together again. We are also thankful that we are this far on our journey. We can see how God was working through this all. We know He is sovereign and good. He directed each step of the way, even though we had many questions.

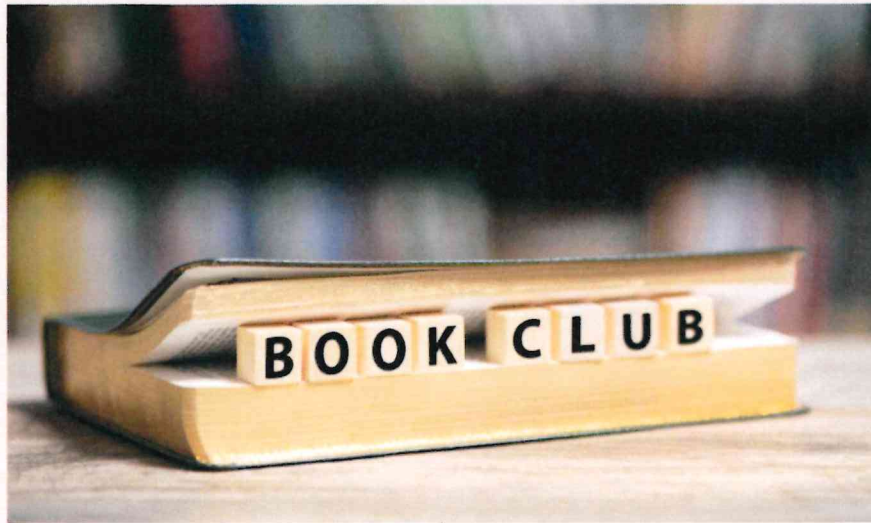
We are still learning to depend on the Lord and trust Him with all our hearts.

Thanks again for all your help and your prayers through our journey.

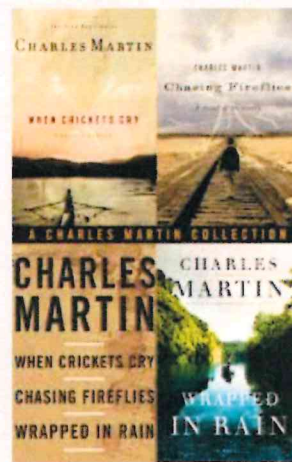
**Don & Lois Postma**

*Caroling and BINGO with residents at Whispering Heights and Riverview Ridge*





- Everyone is Invited
- Monday January 12 at 6:30
- Come Fellowship and Discuss Favorite Books
- Get Ideas for your new read
- Contact Karen Jansen or Sandra Van't Hul with any questions.



Everyone has different tastes in books! Bring your favorite book along to book club and share why you love it!





## **“The God Box”**

I can't take credit for the title of this piece or the concept behind it. That credit should go to New York Times best-selling author and pastor Craig Groeschel. However, I can reflect on how well I'm using my version of the Box and ways that I can be even better in using it. What is a God Box? The best way for me to describe it and sometimes the easiest way for me to understand it is like an ingoing and outgoing mail slot. You put the notices, memorandums, and other information that you hope to get to today in the ingoing mail slot. You put the rest in the outgoing mail slot. This is with the idea and hope that someone else can take on the responsibility, review the work, or take up the task that needs to be done.

The same thing can be done with responsibilities and worries in our daily life. We can choose to have a stack of life's worries, unmet expectations, thoughts and feelings and ultimately responsibilities left on our plate each and every day. We can allow that stack to grow higher each and every day until we are so consumed we don't know where to begin. We do have one other option, however. We can take some of the stack and willingly put it in our God Box. We can give things over to him, things that if we are honest with ourselves, we don't have control over and never did. We can let him to do his work without interference.

We like to interfere in daily life, how much more so when it comes to the work of God in our spiritual life. We give something to God but then we take it right back, once again believing that we can have control and make a difference. Often, we find ourselves making the situation worse, not allowing God to do the work he has planned. In our selfish world, it's easy for us to take back our own problems, but we all know that God does not want us to do that and he will willingly take up our problems if only we are to ask.

We must ask ourselves, “How big are our God Boxes?” Do they expand and cover miles of our lives? Or are they small enough for us to keep in our pockets where it's quick and easy to pull out when we feel we have the answer? We should always hope for the expansive God Box where we can continually bring on concerns and leave them there. He is waiting for us with open arms, willing and ready to hear our problems and concerns. His yoke is always easy, and his burden is always light. My prayer is that our God Boxes are always filled in the midst of the journey of life. In the end, we should want no credit for solving life's problems. Instead, all the credit should be given to God and his continued work.

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*PHOTO: The final Idea Lab photo exhibit took place last week Saturday. It was a beautiful blend of current students, both Amira and Nico's former classmates, and new partnerships with other Christians in Jozi where together we all showed up with our diverse gifts to honor God with our stories and our gifts.*

As we read Ezra and Acts 11:21 this week, we were struck with the repeated phrases, "Because the hand of the Lord was on us." "Because the gracious hand of our God was on us." "The Lord's hand was with them." It absolutely sums up how we are feeling and what we experienced as we look back at the last year of ministry. God's hand. It is so evident that while we took faithful steps to obey, it was so clearly God's gracious hand that was on us and that it was God who was moving.

### **The Idea Lab**

This year Megan and Mosky taught 140 grade 9 and 10 students at Alma Mater International School. With students from South Africa, the African diaspora and newly arrived Chinese students, we had the opportunity to help students reflect on who they are from a Biblical perspective through The Idea Lab, the year long curriculum we continue to adapt. After celebrating the uniqueness God gave each student and then celebrating what God says about who we are, we examine emotions and regulation as part of who we are. We learn that we are emotional beings because God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are emotional beings. We learn that this sacred design in our bodies is meant to help us, but when we misunderstand, ignore and suppress our emotions, they can end up hurting us. In The Idea Lab, we notice the emotions we experience by building our interoception skills as we create visual stories to depict and describe emotions.

We build our regulation skills by learning about regulation and naming the healthy things we are doing. Through class conversation, it wasn't surprising to hear the harmful ways teens are dealing with their emotions. Common unhealthy coping skills that were named were self-harm, vaping, smoking, porn, and substance abuse. So, we also make space to reimagine our unhealthy coping skills so they help us rather than create new problems that could lead to future addictions, keeping us from the futures God intends for us.

While sometimes it feels like we are scattering seeds for God to water well into these students' futures, we do get feedback that indicates how God is moving and healing. One student wrote the following feedback: "One of the most powerful lessons was learning about the 'window of tolerance.' It's helped me have better conversations with my mom. I notice I don't shut down anymore and I can stay calm, and giving grace isn't such a difficult task anymore. I'm still working on being consistent with the activities that grow my window of tolerance, but I know it's worth it." Even while working directly with youth, it's amazing to see how God uses this work within the broader family.

This year, we created a student committee made up of grade 10 volunteers to be part of speaking at assembly and to prepare and host the photo exhibitions. This group curated visual stories from the 140 students to create an exhibition that we could share with our community. The process of creating the exhibit, preparing their presentations, putting the exhibit together, and hosting the exhibitions further deepened the students' understanding and created new moments for deeper discipleship as we planned and painted and spent extra time together.

Last week we had our final exhibition for the year. It was a creative collaboration with other Christians in the city who are advocating for better mental health for our teens. God's timing was so perfect as our exhibit on Saturday, featuring emotions and regulation (which we starting planning in back in July), followed a significant day for South Africa. On Friday, our country had a national shut down to create awareness and demand action from the government for the gender-based violence destroying the lives of women. 1 in 3 women experience physical violence in South Africa. And every single day 15 women are murdered. While there is an outrage against the violence, it seems the only emotion men are allowed to feel is anger. Terrence, a grade 10 student, noted at the exhibition the importance of understanding our emotions because yesterday our country had to shut down for all the violence that is experienced. Christians need to create a prophetic imagination and be a prophetic witness for a different way, because we know that through Christ, there is another way. Even with all the hard things we experience and feel, there is abundance and fullness that is available to us through Christ. That is exactly what the Idea Lab hopes to share with our students. It was beautiful to see our students bearing witness to this at the exhibition, sharing God's sacred design in us, healthy strategies teenagers can use, and playfully sharpening our interception skills through drama games led by two Christian actors. God is the one who pulled the very design of this curriculum together, who continues to piece the implementation together, and who is working in the hearts of these teens. God's gracious hand has been on us and we are so grateful.



## Family Strengths

Another big part of our year where God's gracious hand was upon us was through the Family Strengths Program in South Africa and Nigeria. We designed the program with Sarah Aderemi, Resonate colleague in Nigeria. Both Sarah and we implemented in our own countries. The Family Strengths Program weaves together content from the book *The Spiritually Vibrant Home*, family strengths research, embodied learning, and God's desire for households to flourish and to bear witness to his goodness.

In South Africa, six families from *Following Jesus* journeyed together through the pilot program. Inter-generational spaces and learning are not common, but it was an important feature of the program as families learned and played alongside each other. Families documented their strengths by taking photos and writing about the strengths in their homes. Additionally, families were discipled as we sharpened our understanding of God's design for topics such as attachment, communication, play and regulation to deepen the already existing strengths in their homes. Creating space to strengthen families is significant considering the brokenness and pain experienced in South African homes due to the ways apartheid was designed to strategically weaken and break down the family.

We saw God move in so many ways. Families vulnerably shared and God brought healing to tender spaces. Parents forgave their own parents for wounds they still carried from their childhood. Families became more aware and attuned within their home, pausing before shouting and creating space for more connection. Some homes created routines which helped children feel safe and secure and prevented stress. A teenager noted that he felt like he got to know his father for the first time because of the conversations that unfolded in their home.

When asked how we wanted to celebrate our stories of strength at the end, the family participants requested to celebrate with our church and broader community. Each family took ownership to present one of the strengths at the photo exhibition, sharing what it looks like in their home and how God is growing them in this area. At the end of the event, a group of teens (who come to church without their parents) were so inspired by these families that they went around asking for autographs from the parents who presented. Again, we saw prophetic witness in action. It was evident as the teens went around for autographs that a prophetic imagination was being modeled and articulated for what strong, Christian families can look like.



## Grateful for God's Gracious Hand + YOU

Speaking into places of pain and harm can feel overwhelming at times. But there is no greater work than to declare and create opportunities for God's truth and healing to be known and experienced. Your prayers are a vital part of God at work. We thank you for the ways you pray for and contribute to the work we get to do on the ground in South Africa. It is such a gift to belong to the family of God, each contributing to building the Kingdom in the unique ways God has gifted us!

We haven't been faithful with the prayer WhatsApp group since we returned from the US in August, but we will be starting that up again soon. If you'd like to join our prayer WhatsApp group, download the app and send Megan a message at +27697807123 so she can add you.

We are so grateful for the increased financial support we received during our visit over the summer. God's hand moved your hearts towards incredible generosity. 20 new people joined our missionary support team, and a number of churches increased their support. We cannot do the work that God has called us to without your generosity. We are so grateful! This is a time of year when many prayerfully consider year-end giving. If you sense God guiding you to join us in shared mission and would like to join our missionary support team, you can give HERE:

<https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/missionaries/michael-and-megan-ribbens>

Once you click the link, you will land on our Resonate page. Scroll down to the blue box to find "please select" where you will select "Missionaries Africa." "Choose a missionary" box will appear where you can scroll down to find our name.

With hearts full of gratitude,  
Mike and Megan Ribbens

## PRAYER CORNER

- **Idea Lab:** In Jan, Megan and Mosky will embark on new grade 9 and 10 classes at Alma Mater International School, but they are also sensing God calling them into new spaces as well. **Pray that God guides us** to whom and where we should be working and prepares them for the new relationships with students at Alma Mater.
- **Family Strengths Program:** God moved powerfully through the pilot programs in both South Africa and Nigeria. We are currently revising the program based on feedback. We hope to start implementing with new families in 2026. **Please pray that God** guides our revision process and leads us to the right families for the next programs.
- **ESA Team:** We are so thankful for the healing and unity that God brought to our team over the last 6 years and for the fruitful ministries in Kenya, Uganda, and Zambia. We are also thankful for the ways God provided through tough budget cuts over the last year. **Pray with us for God's wisdom** as Mike continues to lead our diverse team.
- **VISA:** A year ago Megan appealed the rejection on her visa renewal. We are still waiting for the outcome. **Please pray that God** gives us favor with her visa.
- **Amira:** God provided a job for Amira at Corewell Health, a 5-minute walk from our home in GR. We are so thankful. **Please pray that God** helps her find Christian community to encourage and grow her.
- **Nico:** Nico has had a great start at Calvin Uni. He's made good friends, is loving the education, and is enjoying his job as a line cook at Roam, a global street food cafe. **Please pray that God** continues to meet him as he adjusts to culture and through the moments of missing home. We are thankful Amira and Nico will be together over Christmas.
- **Megan's Health:** For the majority of the year, Megan's health was so much improved that we thought her body had finally fully healed, but the last two months she's experienced a lot of pain in her abdomen again. **Please pray that God** helps us find answers and brings healing to her body.



# Cornerstone Prison Church Newsletter

As you come to him, the living Stone - rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him - you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious **cornerstone**,  
and the one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame."

1 Peter 2:4-6

**Winter, 2025**

EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

## THE GIFT OF THE BIBLE

As we make our way through the Holiday Season, we are thankful for the work of God through distributing the Bible in both fun ways and lonely places.

Isaiah 55:10-11 says, <sup>10</sup> As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, <sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Over this year we have given out more than 100 Bibles to men going through incarceration. The populations we serve are constantly changing and many times the men who move into the facilities we work in either come without a Bible or have their old one lost in the transfer. In our Unit C Bible study, we have worked at length with over a dozen men this year, deepening faith and growing their commitment to Christ. Just last week we had an individual with a huge smile hold up his now tattered Bible and thank us for the help and encouragement we had been to him over the last six months as he gets ready to go back home.

On the Hill we had our fall Bingo for Bibles event. Prison policy limits the value and style we can widely distribute. So once or twice a year we play bingo in the chow hall so we can give away a small number over very valuable leather study Bibles. Numerous times these have become a most prized possession during a man's incarceration and have been used by God in bringing guys across the line from searching to accepting salvation. We had over 80 guys play bingo with us on a November Sunday afternoon. Join us in praying that the Bibles will be used for study and growth in the lives of those who got them. Also, on the Hill we were able to work with the new warden to reverse a policy that made access to the restrictive housing unit (solitary confinement) essentially impossible. This allowed me the chance to replenish an inventory of Bibles for guys who are at their loneliest and sometimes worst moments.

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The new staff in that section will be working with us to ensure there will be a handful of Large Print Bible available going forward again. As we go through the Christmas season, we are thankful for the opportunity to share the gospel, for the way men are responding to God's Word, and for the partnerships that make this level of distributing God's Word possible.

*Pastor Scott*

### Christmas cards...

It is difficult for many inmates to send Christmas cards so every year we try to help them. The **Cornerstone Ambassadors** recently handed out a 4-pack of Christmas cards to all the inmates. They can send these cards to family or friends. It was exciting to see the joy on their faces as we gave them a small token to help them out.

### End of the Year Giving. . .

As 2025 comes to an end, we are grateful to all who have supported us financially in the past and we ask you to prayerfully consider a donation at the end of this year. Your check can be mailed to our treasurer at the address below or you can give online at our website under the support tab. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which allows your donation to be tax deductible.

**Christmas Sacks:** Each year the chaplains that serve inmates in our prisons and jails purchase goodies, pack sacks, and distribute a Christmas sack to every inmate in the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, the minimum-security unit in Yankton, and the inmates in the county jails in Sioux Falls and Yankton. Would you please consider making a financial gift to support this effort to provide each man with a little something for Christmas? Please send donations to Cornerstone Prison Church, %Dave Vande Kamp, Treasurer; 801 So. Gordon Drive; Sioux Falls, SD 57110. Please put "Christmas Sacks" in the memo line.

## Cornerstone Prison Church

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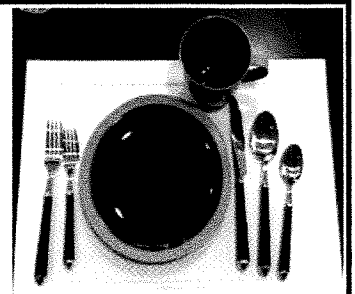
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### The date has been set. . .

The annual Benefit Banquet will be  
Monday, April 13, 2026.  
Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley.  
Please mark your calendar and join us!  
We look forward to seeing you!  
Check future newsletters for RSVP options.



### Give your gifts to Cornerstone Prison Church

Enclosed is a \$ \_\_\_\_\_ gift for Cornerstone Prison church

Please use for ( ) General Fund ( ) Bibles & Materials ( ) Cornerstone Barnabus Foundation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to *Cornerstone Prison Church*.

Donations are tax deductible.

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...his name  
shall be called

Wonderful  
Counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting  
Father,  
PRINCE  
of Peace

Isaiah 9:6

## “The Purposeful New Year”



The man who goes into the new year without some priorities governing his life and without some principles guiding his behavior, is prey to the tempting, unimportant and destructive things in life.

The new year is an opportunity to sort out the useless tasks and plan for the important; to review the failures and resolve to be successful; to take an inventory of causes and pledge life to purpose and service. These being done, the new will truly be new, different and better. ~C. Neil Strait

### “Scripture Keys to a Joyful New Year”

**H**old fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)

**A**ssemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)

**P**ray earnestly every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18)

**P**ray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)

**Y**ield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

**N**eglect not your talents and opportunities (Galatians 6:10)

**E**xamine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)

**W**ork diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

**Y**ield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11,16)

**E**xercise yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)

**A**im at sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)

**R**edeem the time (Ephesians 5:15, 16)

~ Gus Nichols



### “When All Else Fails – God Reigns”

When we deliberate, God reigns;

When we decide wisely, God reigns;

When we decide foolishly, God reigns;

When we serve God in humble loyalty, God reigns;

When we serve God self-assertively, God reigns;

When we rebel and seek to withhold our service, God reigns —

The Alpha and the Omega, which is, and which was and which is to come, the Almighty.

~ William Temple at the Lamberth Conference, 1930

### “Faith In Action”

A Christian is someone who makes it easier for others to believe in God — not through perfection, but through kindness, grace and love in everyday life. When people see Christ's compassion in us, they're drawn closer to Him.

### Bible Trivia

Fill in the blank to complete this verse from 2 Corinthians: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new \_\_\_\_\_. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

A. Creation

B. Beginning

C. Season

D. Covenant

See next page for Answer.



### **“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

Thomas Dorsey, a jazz musician from Atlanta, made a bold decision in 1926 to leave behind secular music and devote his talent to writing songs for the Lord. But following that call wasn't easy. During the Great Depression, many church leaders criticized his soulful gospel style, calling it “the devil's music.” Dorsey later joked, “I got kicked out of some of the best churches in the land.”

Then, in 1932, tragedy struck. While in St. Louis for a revival, he received a telegram that his wife had died suddenly during childbirth. His faith was shaken to the core, and grief nearly silenced him. Yet in his deepest sorrow, Dorsey turned back to what he knew best — music. Out of that heartbreak came one of the most beloved hymns of all time:

“Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand.  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn...”

Dorsey's song reminds us that even in our valleys, God is near — guiding us, strengthening us, and using our pain to comfort others who walk the same road.

### **“For God So Loved”**

One of the hallmarks of John's short sermons is that they almost always contain the plan of salvation in a single verse. Here it is verse 16: “This is how God showed his love to the world. He gave his one and only son, that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have life eternal.” In perhaps the most beautiful words ever written, this verse presents the why as well as the how of God's redeeming love. Later, in his letters, John will betray a preoccupation with the question “What is the meaning of love?” Here he gives himself and all of the answer. ~ Michael Card in *The Parable of Joy*

### **“The Foundation of our Faith”**

Jesus' resurrection is the very foundation of Christianity. If Christ had never been raised from the dead, we'd have no Christian faith.

God's power was at work in Christ's death and resurrection. “It was on the resurrection fact that the church was built,” said New Testament scholar James Stewart.

Paul understood that the resurrection was the bedrock of our faith: “And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain” (1 Corinthians 15:14, ESV). He continued, “And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins” (1 Corinthians 15:17, ESV).

The resurrection proves that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Its authenticity means that by faith in Christ, we are reconciled with God.

Billy Graham said the risen Christ is the bridge between us and God: “One of Christ's hands holds the hand of God; his other hand holds ours.”

### **“Christian Symbol”**

SHIP — The Christian church has long been symbolized by a ship. While the Old Testament tells of Noah's ark preserving righteous people during the flood, the New Testament recounts Jesus calming the storm that battered the disciples' fishing boat. St. Ambrose described the church as a ship with the cross as its mast, and others have compared salvation to being drawn out of the sea of death into the safety of the church (ship). Indeed, many large churches are constructed to represent a big boat, with the main worship space called the nave — Latin for ship.



**January, 2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> Morning Worship Service (9:30 AM) Evening Worship Service (6 PM) Saved to Serve Bible Study (7:15 - 8:15 PM)	<b>5</b> Meals on Wheels (11 AM) Family Faith Visitation (6:15 - 8:15 PM)	<b>6</b> Coffee Break (9:45 AM) Meals on Wheels (11 AM) Family Faith Visitation (6:15 - 8:15 PM)	<b>7</b> Meals on Wheels (11 AM) IGNITE Youth Group - Mentor Group Night (7 PM) L.I.G.H.T (7 PM) HC Refresh (7 PM)	<b>8</b> Meals on Wheels (11 AM)	<b>9</b> Meals on Wheels (11 AM)	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> IGNITE Youth Sunday Morning Worship Service (9:30 AM) Children in Worship (10 - 10:30 AM) Sunday School & Catechism Resume (10:45 - 11:30 AM) Evening Worship Service (6 PM)	<b>12</b> Family Faith Visitation (6:15 - 8:15 PM)	<b>13</b> Coffee Break (9:45 AM) Family Faith Visitation (6:15 - 8:15 PM)	<b>14</b> Cadets (7 AM - 8:30 PM) GEMS (6:45 - 8:15 PM) Together in Faith Bible Study (7 PM) Men's Society (7 PM) HC Refresh (7 PM)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Sanctuary of Life Sunday Morning Worship Service - Baptism Sunday (9:30 AM) Children in Worship (10 - 10:30 AM) Sunday School & Catechism (10:45 - 11:30 AM) Evening Worship Service (6 PM) Saved to Serve Bible Study (7:15 - 8:15 PM)	<b>19</b> Family Faith Visitation (6:15 - 8:15 PM)	<b>20</b> Coffee Break (9:45 AM) Family Faith Visitation (6:15 - 8:15 PM)	<b>21</b> Cadets - Open Workshop (7 - 8:30 PM) HC Refresh (7 PM)	<b>22</b> L.I.F.T (1:30 PM)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Cadet Sunday Morning Worship Service (9:30 AM) Children in Worship (10 - 10:30 AM) Sunday School & Catechism (10:45 - 11:30 AM) Evening Worship Service (6 PM)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Coffee Break (9:45 AM) Family Faith Visitation (6:15 - 8:15 PM)	<b>28</b> IGNITE Youth Group - Serve at the Banquet GEMS (6:45 - 8:15 PM) Together in Faith Bible Study (7 PM) Men's Society (7 PM)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Cadets - Pinewood Derby (6:30 PM)	<b>31</b>
				<b>1</b> New Year's Day Community Service (9:30 AM)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Cadets - Snow Derby (9 AM)

**February, 2026**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>1</b> Morning Worship Service (9:30 AM) Children in Worship (10 - 10:30 AM) Sunday School & Catechism (10:45 - 11:30 AM) Evening Worship Service (6 PM) Saved to Serve Bible Study (7:15 - 8:15 PM)	<b>2</b> Family Faith Visitation (6:15 - 8:15 PM)	<b>3</b> Coffee Break (9:45 AM) Family Faith Visitation (6:15 - 8:15 PM)	<b>4</b> IGNITE Youth Group - Valentine's Supper Rehearsal (7 PM) L.I.G.H.T (7 PM) HC Refresh (7 PM)	<b>5</b> L.I.F.T (1:30 PM)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Guatemala Team Mission Trip Morning Worship Service (9:30 AM) Children in Worship (10 - 10:30 AM) Sunday School & Catechism (10:45 - 11:30 AM) Evening Worship Service (6 PM)	<b>9</b> Guatemala Team Mission Trip Family Faith Visitation (6:15 - 8:15 PM)	<b>10</b> Guatemala Team Mission Trip Coffee Break (9:45 AM) Family Faith Visitation (6:15 - 8:15 PM)	<b>11</b> Guatemala Team Mission Trip GEMS (6:45 - 8:15 PM) Together in Faith Bible Study (7 PM) Men's Society (7 PM) Cadets (7 - 8:30 PM) HC Refresh (7 PM)	<b>12</b> Guatemala Team Mission Trip	<b>13</b> Guatemala Team Mission Trip	<b>14</b> Guatemala Team Mission Trip
<b>15</b> Morning Worship Service - Communion (9:30 AM) Children in Worship (10 - 10:30 AM) Sunday School & Catechism (10:45 - 11:30 AM) Evening Worship Service (6 PM) Saved to Serve Bible Study (7:15 - 8:15 PM)	<b>16</b> Family Faith Visitation (6:15 - 8:15 PM)	<b>17</b> Coffee Break (9:45 AM) Family Faith Visitation (6:15 - 8:15 PM)	<b>18</b> IGNITE Youth Group - Valentine's Supper (6:30 PM)	<b>19</b> L.I.F.T (1:30 PM)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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# January



## Letter writing to our Missionaries

	RIBBENS	MALETOUNGOU	KLOMPIEN
January 4	Taylor K	LeRoy K	Scott K
January 11	Alex K	Darin K	Bob K
January 18	Mike K	Matthew L	Alvin L
January 25	Evan L	Gene L	Ron L

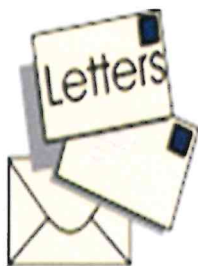
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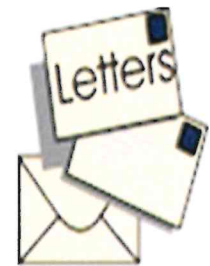
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\*Please mail to Mark

# January

## Children in Worship

January 11	Leader: Jamie DJ	Helper: Teeghan B
January 18	Leader: Taryn VH	Helper: Jaelyn K
January 25	Leader: Taryn VH	Helper: Jaelyn K

## GREETERS



January 1 New Year's Day	Jeremy & Abbie Kooiker Alex & Michelle Kooima Darin & Megan Kooima		Rog & Hilaine
January 4	Mike & Ranae Kooistra Matthew & Autumn Laman Alvin & Sue LeLoux	Evan & Rhonda LeLoux Gene & Carla LeLoux Keith & Jacque LeLoux	Larry & Yvonne
January 11 Youth Sunday	Youth Group	Shanna LeLoux Starla Van Otterloo Jacob & Amanda Maassen	Vern & Ellen
January 18 Baptism Sunday Sanctity of Life Sunday	Larry & Pam Maassen Joe & Jill Miller Brian & Tricia Mulder	Darin & Lisa Pollema Mike & Niki Pollema Kyler & Maddie Pollema	Harlan & Priscilla
January 25 CADET Sunday	Cadets	Brad & Brenda Postma Rich & Lynnette Rozeboom Damon & Jackie Rus	Ron & Darletta

## SOUND VIDEO PPT

Pianist  
Organist

## PRAISE TEAM

January 1 New Year's Day	Austin B	Brian F	Benjamin H	Rachelle VB	Nolan & Julie, Lanae, Pat, Mike & Tammy, James
January 4	Jack VB	Brian F	Tammy B	Jackie R	LaRae VDB, Ashley VO, Andy VR, Nolan VO
January 11 Youth Sunday	Evan VB	Rich R	Cowan VK	Ranae K	James VB
January 18 Baptism Sunday Sanctity of Life Sunday	Mike H	Alex K	Tammy B	Carisa M	Tricia M, Julie VO, Evan VB, Ryan Z
January 25 Cadet Sunday	Blake Z	Ron L	Jaydn L	Krista VE	Andy VR

## USHERS

## NURSERY

January 1 New Year's Day	East: Steve DK, Rick D West: Joe M, Gene L	AM	Jamie Z, Abby A, Taryn B
January 4	East: Cody D, Mike B West: Cole VDB, Titus H	AM PM	Em D, Kaysha A, Tessa B April DK, Teegan B
January 11 Youth Sunday	AM: Youth Group PM: East: Josh B, Mike VZ West: Dan B, Darin P	AM PM	Cherie G, Noah DK, Harper B Deb H, Titus H
January 18 Baptism Sunday Sanctity of Life Sunday	East: Joel B, Matt VE West: Charlie P, Alvin L	AM PM	Kendra J, Jaelyn K, Andrew H Kristin J, Alison L
January 25 CADET Sunday	AM: CADETS PM: East: Arnold K, Bob G West: Benjamin H, Keith L	AM PM	TaMae K, Harper VB, Jordyn K Jessica K, Tad M

Happy New Year  
2026

# January

Happy New Year  
2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Austin Bliet Alvina Van't Hul(96)	2	3 <i>the Alex Rust's</i>
4 Pat Byl	5 Aiden Van Roekel <i>the Kar/Bos'</i>	6 Harper Byl Esther Kats (86)	7 Kiah Van Der Brink	8 Brian Mulder	9	10 Cole Hoekstra Faith Van Tilburg
11	12 Abbie Eppinga Malerie Kirkley John Lobbes (99) Hudson Pollema	13 Kylah Koedam	14	15 Anna Van Surksum <i>the Eric Brewer's</i>	16 Kelly Haak	17
18	19 Janie Bliet Deb Van't Hul	20 Kaysha Altena Myron Bleyenbergh Lindsey Van Bommel Brennan Van Kley	21 Elmer Boon Harlan Driesen (81)	22 Easton Byl	23 Fred Van Kley	24 Hadlie Van Bommel Lyle Van Engen
25 Carla Jansma Hilaine Kempema Owen Rus	26 Austin Folkens Nanci Grevengoed Justin Van Otterloo	27 Jasmine Bos Marva Haak	28 Justin Faber Cole Van Der Brink	29	30 Hayden Van Otterloo Skylar Zomer	31 <i>the Taylor Kat's</i>