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Bible Passage of the Month

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

"For, lo, the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the
earth; the time of the
singing of birds is come,
and the voice of the turtle is
heard in our land;"

The Blessings of Spring

There are many blessings,
that each new Spring brings
you can see it bloom about
and hear the song it sings.

With winters bleakness over,
and brighter days ahead
comes promises of new life
Springtime loves to spread.

As God unfolds the flowers,
and their buds begin to show
He gives to us the assurance
grace in our hearts will grow.

He sends us the robin's song,
with the promise to provide
a shelter under His mighty wing
where in His love we can abide.

He melts the snowy covers,
and sends the refreshing rain
sprinkling us with His mercies
to heal winter's ache and pain.

God's given to all His Son,
to shed upon us a new light
and the real blessing of Spring . . .
is keeping Jesus in our sight!

~by Deborah Ann

Good Friday Service

Join us for our Good Friday Service on April 15 at 7:00 p.m.

S.A.L.T. Event

On Friday, April 29, join us at 1:00 p.m. for a game day in the Activity Center. We will have snacks. Sign up in the library.

Men's Golf League

The Men's Golf League begins again! Guys, we start golf on *Thursday, April 21*, at 6:00 p.m. **Note the change in day!** Once again, we will be at Moss Ridge. Also, like everything else these days, the cost has risen... now \$20.00 per person, including 9 holes and a cart. All skill levels are welcome, and you can come alone or bring along a friend (or two, or three). This is a week-by-week, informal league. There is no commitment for the whole year, just come as often as you are able. We golf weekly (and often weakly) through Labor Day. Questions? Contact Jack Quist -- quist.jack@gmail.com.

Membership Class

If you are considering becoming a member of Coopersville Reformed Church or want to know more about us and what we believe, then this class is for you. It will be offered Sunday, April 24, from 12:00-1:30 p.m. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Membership is not required at the end of the class; you are welcome to just attend and learn from it. Contact the church office (837-8949) if you are interested or sign up on the church website under events.

Kids Covenant Class

On Sunday afternoons, April 24 and May 1, from 12:00-1:30 p.m., Bethany will be having a new member's class for kids in the Kids Zone green room (lunch included). Bethany will be teaching inquiring kids about our faith, beliefs, and membership at CRC. If your child is interested in attending, contact Bethany. Kids that complete the classes and want to continue with membership will be received by the congregation on Sunday, May 8.

VBS

VBS will be June 27-July 1. This will be a great week "Celebrating God's Greatness." VBS is for all kids ages 4-5th grade. This will be in the evening this year. We can't do VBS without volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, please talk to Bethany Courson.

Summer Camp

2022 brochures for Camp Geneva are available in the church office. The church will pay half of the camp fee for kids who regularly attend and are actively involved. Call the church office (837-8949) for the required voucher code.

The Garden

Calling all middle & high school students! Come for a time to hang-out on Wednesdays from 2:30-4:00 p.m. There will be open gym, games/music, and a movie room available. Cost is \$1.00 for snacks & drinks.

Vacation Bible School

Coopersville Reformed Church

June 27-July 1

5:00-8:00 pm

VBS is for 4-year-olds through 5th grade in the fall.



We begin at 5 pm with a meal. Our fun will begin at 5:30 pm. This is going to be a fun-filled week “Celebrating God’s Greatness!”

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged so groups can be formed! You may register your kids on our church website

(www.coopersvillereformed.com/vbs-registration),

or call the office at 616-837-8949.

Busing will be available. Contact the church office.

Sunrise by Susan May Warren is the first novel in the Sky King Ranch series which focuses on two main characters, Echo and Dodge. The tale is set in the rugged, beautiful, and dangerous Alaskan wilderness where life is precarious, and the scenery is majestic. While never having been to Alaska, it was easy to get a picture in my mind with the way Susan describes the wilderness in such detail. Dodge is a veteran who for a reason not immediately apparent left Alaska only to reluctantly return when his father's plane crashed shortly before landing. Dodge's father has flown his route many times, and the family business of flying cargo may be on the line due to the recent mishap. Dodge and his father have a tenuous relationship that is heightened when Dodge is needed to take over his father's routes. There is something in the past that has hindered Dodge and his father from growing closer. Audiences will read what happened and see if there is any hope for them. Echo and Dodge have grown up together and at one point Dodge wanted to marry her. Now, as adults, there is still some of the pain from the past that keeps Echo from moving forward in her life. Echo has many talents and is a very loving caretaker of her dogs. She lives with her father who oversees the tracking of two bears released back into the wild. When Dodge returns, Echo isn't sure if they are even friends let alone if they can capture the love they once shared. But there is another pain in the past that colors her outlook of the present and future. She is a character who is solid, and readers get to see how she faces the challenges of life and soul in the story. (Review from Amazon)

The Lady's Mine by Francine Rivers **1875**. When Kathryn Walsh arrives in tiny Calvada, a mining town nestled in the Sierra Nevadas, falling in love is the farthest thing from her mind. Banished from Boston by her wealthy stepfather, she has come to claim an inheritance from the uncle she never knew: a defunct newspaper office on a main street overflowing with brothels and saloons, and a seemingly worthless mine. Moved by the oppression of the local miners and their families, Kathryn decides to relaunch her uncle's newspaper—and then finds herself in the middle of a maelstrom, pitted against Calvada's most powerful men. But Kathryn intends to continue to say—and publish—whatever she pleases, especially when she knows she's right. Matthias Beck, owner of a local saloon and hotel, has a special interest in the new lady in town. He instantly recognizes C. T. Walsh's same tenacity in the beautiful and outspoken redhead—and knows all too well how dangerous that family trait can be. While Kathryn may be right about Calvada's problems, her righteousness could also get her killed. But when the handsome hotelier keeps finding himself on the same side of the issues as the opinionated Miss Walsh, Matthias's restless search for purpose becomes all about answering the call of his heart. (Description from book jacket)

To Steal a Heart by Jen Turano is the beginning of a new series involving the women of a boarding house on Bleeker Street in New York. One of the residents, Gabriella, meets Nicholas, a close childhood friend she hasn't seen in years, in most peculiar circumstances at a society costume ball. They all get into quite a few adventures, especially after the ladies decide to start an inquiry agency to help women. I really enjoyed the wide diversity of characters, including Winston the one-eyed eyepatch wearing dog. If you are looking for suspense, mystery, humor, and a good fun read, this is the book for you.

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- 1 Nolan Baron, Deb Mauk, Gary Rollenhagen, Ann Serba**
 - 2 Lindsay Kleinjans**
 - 3 Ray Davis, Joyce Kosten, Peggy Tanis, Jason Veldman, Cory Visser**
 - 4 Greta Van Antwerpen, Arnold Van Beek, Grace Visser**
 - 5 Helen Morris, Norene Sattler**
 - 6 Sandy Smith, Olivia Van Dop, Todd VanDonkelaar**
 - 9 Jim Hanenburg, Ellen Rozema**
 - 10 Jack Castenholz**
 - 11 Casey Langeland, Cara Van Kempen**
 - 12 Mackenzie Cushway, Beth Mast**
 - 13 Jack Busman, Hunter Cushway**
 - 14 April DeMull, Brooke VanDonkelaar**
 - 15 Carol Groenink, Ron Riemersma, Karen Rollenhagen, Katie Rosel**
 - 16 Joani Picard, April Wieringa**
 - 18 Betty Bennink, Nancy Handlogten, Hailey Hazelton**
 - 22 Seth Wieringa**
 - 26 Sierra Courson, Nick Vander Ark**
 - 27 Isaiah Lillibridge**
 - 28 Gabrielle Lemmen, Amy Visser**
 - 29 Lucy Folkema**
 - 30 Shelley Mol**

Servant's Page

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Nursery

		9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
April 3	Infant Toddler	Jenna Casler Mary Baird	Amber Vander Tuin Trisha Schippers, April DeMull
April 10	Infant Toddler	Mary Baird Casey Van Antwerpen, Maggie Van Dop	Amber Vander Tuin Pete Mast, Hannah Mast
April 17	Infant Toddler	Julie Kleinjans Mary Baird, Naomi Smoes	Amber Vander Tuin LeighAnn DeVries, Onna DeVries
April 24	Infant Toddler	Mary Baird Tami Schoolcraft, Owen Schoolcraft	Amber Vander Tuin Annie Sietsema, Lily Keller

Little Tykes

		9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
April 3	Leader Helpers	Amanda Casler Abby Mast	Amanda Casler Olivia Vander Tuin, Ryan Vander Tuin
April 10	Leader Helpers	Amanda Casler Anneke Bakker	Michelle Hazelton Avery Burk, Miniya Lothschutz
April 17	Leader Helpers	Amanda Casler Michaela Courson	Michelle Hazelton Addy Keller, Isaac DeVries
April 24	Leader Helpers	Amanda Casler Jenna Casler	Michelle Hazelton Liz Lillibridge, Kyren DeVries

9:00 a.m. Greeters

April 3	Nichole Heinz
April 10	Randy & Coralee VanDenBrink
April 17	Rodney & LeaAnn Tibbe
April 24	Janet Kuperus & Sharon Ozinga

Coffee Fellowship

April 3	Deb Mauk, Lynda Johnson, Marcia Draft, Mary Bialas
April 10	Beth Mast, Amanda Casler, Jan Jordan, Norma Busman
April 17	Heather Smoes, Kalene Sietsema, Evonne Erhorn, Carolyn Cushway
April 24	Ron & Carol Riemersma, Julie Palma, Karen Lemmen, Christie Hill

Calendar of Events

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April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Office Closed</i>	2
3 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship NO Youth Groups	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5 5:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer 7:00 pm Choir of Praise	6 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:30 pm The Vineyard	7	8 9:00 am-2:00 pm Women's Work Bee	9
10 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship Youth Groups Open Door 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	11 7:00 pm Consistory Meeting	12 5:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer 7:00 pm Choir of Praise	13 2:30-4:00 pm The Garden 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:30 pm The Vineyard	14	15 7:00 pm Good Friday Service	16
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Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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