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## Bible Passage of the Month

### Song of Solomon 1:7

"Tell me, you whom I love, where you graze your flock and where you rest your sheep at midday. Why should I be like a veiled woman beside the flocks of your friends?"

## A Warm Summer Day

Give me a warm summer day,  
a cool breeze on my face  
and I'll tell you all about . . .  
my Father's mercy and grace.

For when I'm basking in,  
the warmth of His love  
I find myself engulfed  
in His peace from above.

Give me a long lazy day,  
with nothing else to do  
and I'll tell you just how  
Jesus is making all things new.

For when I'm just chilling,  
His favor consumes me  
and all I can think about  
are the things I can't see.

Give me a warm summer day,  
far from the heat of things  
and I'll tell you all about . . .  
the hope my Savior brings!

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Deborah Ann Belka

## *Communion*

Communion will be observed at both services on Sunday, August 6.

## *Thank You*

We would like to thank Michelle Hazelton for her many years of serving as a volunteer in our Early Childhood Children's Ministry as well as 6 years of serving on staff as our Director of Early Childhood. Michelle has faithfully loved and served the little ones in our church, and we appreciate her so much! We are so thankful for all God has done through her and will continue to do through her as she follows His leading.

## *Welcome*

We would like to welcome Amanda Casler to our staff as she will be serving as the new Director of Early Childhood. Amanda has been a faithful volunteer, and we are excited to have her on staff loving on and serving our little ones.

## *Lake Michigan Baptisms*

We will be at Maranatha on Sunday, August 20, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for baptisms in Lake Michigan. Sign up on the church website by August 6 if you are interested.

## *Summer Campers*

The following are attending summer camp this month.

Kali Chatman, Camp Geneva Shores, July 31-August 4  
Cayden Chrysler, Camp Geneva Shores, July 31-August 4  
Jordan Chrysler, Camp Geneva Shores, July 31-August 4  
Alison DeWeerd, Camp Geneva Shores, July 31-August 4  
Jovany Flores-Ipina, Camp Geneva Shores, July 31-August 4  
Oakley Oppenneer, Camp Geneva Shores, July 31-August 4  
Ocara Oppenneer, Camp Geneva Shores, July 31-August 4  
Aleighya Stendel, Camp Geneva Shores, July 31-August 4  
Jackson Yenior, Camp Geneva Shores, July 31-August 4  
Olivia Wilson, Camp Geneva Pines, August 14-18

If your child is attending a summer camp and would like to be include them in our list, please contact the office at 616-837-8949 or [heather@coopersvillereformed.com](mailto:heather@coopersvillereformed.com).

## *Prayer Time*

The church Worship Center (sanctuary) will be open for prayer Monday, August 7, from 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

## *Back-to-School Bash*

Coopersville area churches and friends are inviting everyone to a FREE event at Veteran's Park (250 W. Randall St.) on Tuesday, August 22, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will be collecting donations of school supplies (specifically headphones and air buds with a cord, markers, dry erase markers, and Lysol wipes) for CAPS teachers in August.

## *Choir of Praise*

The Choir of Praise is gearing up for another great year! Their first practice will be Tuesday, August 29, at 7:00 p.m. The first Sunday they sing will be for our Fall Kick-Off on September 10 at the 9:00 a.m. service. They invite all returning and new members to join them.

## *S.A.L.T. Events*

1. On Saturday, August 12, join us for the Gary & Martha Matthews concert and dinner at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds. The church bus will leave at 4:30 p.m. 2. On Wednesday, August 16, join us for a potluck picnic and games at Grose Park on Crockery Lake. Be there at 12:00 noon at the pavilion on the north side. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Bus leaves at 11:30 a.m. Sign up on the sheets in the library for these events. Save the dates: Saturday, October 28, at 2:00 p.m., for the Shishe-wana Amish Gospel Jubilee with Greater Vision, Mark Trammell Qt, Joseph Habedank, and Inspirations at the Blue Gate Performing Arts Center (64 tickets available, \$48/person), and Friday, December 8, Christmas concert and dinner at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds.

## *Coopersville Cares' "Annual Benefit Sale"*

This is being held August 18-19 at Grace Lutheran Church. Start collecting good, usable clothing, toys, furniture, and household items to donate the week of the sale. Please do not drop off items prior to the sale week. Thank you!

## *Fall Kick Off*

Save the date of Sunday, September 10, for our annual Fall Kick Off. This year we will be hosting a Pulled Pork Smoke-Off, meat provided. If you are interested in participating, sign up on the website under "Events."

## *Men's Retreat*

Sign up now to guarantee a fun, Spirit-filled time with other men. The retreat will be at Lake Ann Camp from September 29-October 1. Cost is \$155 which includes your food and lodging. Register online at [www.coopersvillereformed.com](http://www.coopersvillereformed.com) under events.

## *Women's Retreat*

Join us for the women's retreat at Grace Adventures from October 13-15. Cost is \$165 and includes food and lodging. The speaker is author and teacher, Amy Siefert. Register online at [www.coopersvillereformed.com](http://www.coopersvillereformed.com) under events.

**This Seat's Saved** by Heather Holleman...wow, how many memories did reading those three words bring into your mind? Elita knew there would be changes in middle school, but she didn't know it was going to be the absolute worst. It started in the lunchroom when she tried to sit down next to her best friend Margo but then she heard the most terrible words: "This seat's saved." That was just the beginning. With the help of a fox, two new friends and an older woman from the woods, Elita learns so much about herself, about God, and being seated with Christ and how to show God's love to others who are hurting. This book is geared for 8 – 12-year-olds and for every grown woman who still has a "middle school girl" deep inside. Discussion/thoughtful questions are included and would be a great book for Mom and daughter to read together.

Hang on to your seat and keep the lights on as you dive into Patricia Bradley's **Counter Attack**, Book 1 in the new Pearl River Series. This suspenseful novel draws you into the world of undercover detective Alex Stone investigating a string of murders with an unusual calling card found at each scene --- a white pawn and a note with a chess move printed on it. Working with Pearl Springs Chief of Police Nathan Landry, they enter the world of the dark web, cryptocurrency, video games, and high stakes danger. It won't take you long to devour this gripping story.

**Seven More Men: And the Secret of Their Greatness** by Eric Metaxas (non-fiction) Heroes and role models have always been essential for inspiring our lives and shaping the world. But in the last few decades, the need for men of valor and integrity is more vital than ever. Metaxas draws insights for our daily lives in this book from the history of Martin Luther, George Whitefield, General William Booth, George Washington Carver, Sergeant Alvin York, Alexander Solzhenitsyn and Billy Graham.

**The Heart's Choice** is the first novel in the new series The Jewels of Kalispell by Tracie Peterson and Kimberley Woodhouse. This story is set in the early 1900's in Montana. After witnessing a wrongful conviction as a young girl, Rebecca Whitman is now determined to defend the innocent. During a murder trial as her position as the court reporter, something doesn't sit well with her about the case, but no one will listen to her except the new Carnegie librarian. Rebecca seeks the help of the librarian with research in hopes of proving a man's innocence. Will they be able to uncover the truth before it is buried forever?

# Birthday Celebrations

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- 1 Steve Hart, TJ Muller
  - 2 Tanner Bode, Bonnie Busman
  - 3 Tony Geffert, Dave Van Klompenberg
  - 4 Janet Buist, Jeana Castenholz, Doug Sietsema
  - 6 Joe Van Den Brink
  - 7 Joanne Maki, Tami Schoolcraft, Stephen Van Antwerpen
  - 8 Daisy Speet
  - 9 Terry Metten
  - 10 Amelia Schmidt, Grace Van Antwerpen, Noah Vander Ploeg, Olivia Vander Tuin, Shelly Visser
  - 11 Martha Lothschutz
  - 12 Edward Engle
  - 14 Janet Kuperus
  - 15 Jenna Casler
  - 16 Hazel Poliski
  - 18 Hannah Vander Tuin
  - 19 Rich Bos, Pete Mast, Ashley Nemith
  - 22 Eric Van Klompenberg, Debbie Weemhoff, Noah Wieringa
  - 23 Julie Bukrey, David Courson, Violet Powers
  - 24 Gunner DeVries, Crystal Geurink
  - 25 Eric Langlois, Carol Visser
  - 26 Andrea Bassette, Michael Budai, Taylor Zimmerman
  - 27 Joshua Hill, Ahnika Schippers
  - 28 Lena Ribnický
  - 30 Jaxen Smoes
  - 31 Kyren DeVries

## Nursery & Little Tykes

The current Nursery & Little Tykes schedule is posted by the women's bathroom in the lower level of church. This is updated regularly to accommodate changes due to illness and vacations.

### Greeters

|           |           | Back of Sanctuary        | Lobby                  |
|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| August 6  | 9:00 a.m. | Rodney & LeaAnn Tibbe    | Needed                 |
| August 13 | 9:00 a.m. | Scott & Tami Schoolcraft | Needed                 |
| August 20 | 9:00 a.m. | Jim & Kris Van Huis      | Ron & Beth Veldman     |
| August 27 | 9:00 a.m. | Wes & Bonnie Busman      | Jim & Stacey Hanenburg |

### Coffee Fellowship

|           |                                                                         |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| August 6  | Lynda Johnson, Deb Mauk, Marcia Draft, Kalene Sietsema                  |
| August 13 | Beth Mast, Beth Baron, Mary Bialas, Evonne Erhorn                       |
| August 20 | Jody Baker, Kalene Sietsema, Marcia Draft                               |
| August 27 | LeaAnn Tibbe, Kalene Sietsema, Karen Lemmen, Julie Palma, Amanda Casler |

# Calendar of Events

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## August 2023

| Sunday                                                                              | Monday                                     | Tuesday                                                                        | Wednesday                        | Thursday            | Friday | Saturday                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------------------|
|                                                                                     |                                            | 1<br>6:00-7:00 am<br>Rooted in Prayer<br>Office Closed                         | 2                                | 3                   | 4      | 5                               |
| 6<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:45 am Worship                                            | 7<br>8 am-7 pm Prayer<br>Time in Sanctuary | 8<br>6:00-7:00 am<br>Rooted in Prayer                                          | 9                                | 10                  | 11     | 12<br>4:30 pm S.A.L.T.<br>Event |
| 13<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:45 am Worship                                           | 14                                         | 15<br>6:00-7:00 am<br>Rooted in Prayer<br>Office Closed                        | 16<br>11:30 am S.A.L.T.<br>Event | 17<br>Office Closed | 18     | 19                              |
| Vineyard Summer Trip                                                                |                                            |                                                                                |                                  |                     |        |                                 |
| 20<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:45 am Worship<br>5:30-7:30 pm Lake<br>Michigan Baptisms | 21                                         | 22<br>6:00-7:00 am<br>Rooted in Prayer<br>5:00-7:00 pm Back-to-<br>School Bash | 23                               | 24                  | 25     | 26                              |
| 27<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:45 am Worship                                           | 28                                         | 29<br>6:00-7:00 am<br>Rooted in Prayer<br>7:00 pm Choir of<br>Praise Practice  | 30                               | 31                  |        |                                 |

**Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**



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