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Bible Passage of the Month

Galatians 5:13-14

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

An Independence Day Prayer

by Margaret Cagle

Lord, on July fourth we'll celebrate
Independence Day in our nation.
You gave us the truth to set us free.
You sent Jesus to die for our salvation.

We thank you for the precious freedom
That we have in our nation today.
We know this country's not perfect,
But we honor our nation, the USA.

We thank you for the Founding Fathers,
Who for freedom took a brave stand.
Many placed their very lives in peril
To start a free country in a new land.

I thank you for the brave soldiers,
Who gave their lives to keep us free.
They gave their ultimate sacrifice
For freedom for Americans like me.

As we shoot fireworks and celebrate
With patriotic concerts and parades,
We thank you for all your blessings
And your great love that never fades.

As we gather with our loved ones
For picnics and barbecues and fun,
We want to thank you for everything,
Especially for sending your only Son!

Summer Campers

The following are attending summer camp this month.

Jaxon Hunt-Camp Geneva Pines, July 5-9

Travis Van Den Brink-Camp Geneva Pines, July 25-29

Tyler Van Den Brink-Camp Geneva Pines, July 25-29

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

Senior Event:

On Saturday, July 30, join us for a chicken BBQ dinner and concert by *The King's Brass* at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds (leave church at 4:30 p.m.). Sign up in the library.

Funeral Committee

Are you looking for a place to plug in? A new funeral committee has been formed, and they could use your help. Areas of service would include: making cupcakes, setting up tables the night before, serving the day of the funeral, and cleaning up. Contact Alvina VanDoorn (616-837-6152), Cookie Speet (616-540-5247), Lynda Johnson, or Sue Bos (616-723-1919) to volunteer.

Men's Golf League

The Men's Golf League continues! Guys, we golf on *Thursdays* at 6:00 p.m. 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.

The Garden

We will resume again on July 6. Our hours for the summer will be 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. We will be off on July 20 and August 31-September 28.

Men's Retreat

Sign up now to guarantee a fun, Spirit-filled, worship time with other men. The retreat will be at Camp Michawana from September 15-18. Cost will be \$150 which includes your food and lodging. Enjoy special activities such as zip line rides, archery tag, swimming, fishing, kayaking, trail hiking, mountain biking and other fun stuff. Sign up with Bob Boom or Tim Wurm, or on our website under 'events'. If you want to put a deposit down, give it to Bob or Tim or pay through PayPal at Coopersville Reformed Church. Sign up now before it's too late!

Women's Retreat

Join us for the women's retreat at Grace Adventures from September 23-25. Space is limited so register as soon as possible to reserve your spot. Cost is \$155 which includes food, lodging, and lots of fun! Sign up at www.coopersvillereformed.com under events.

Text Notifications

If you would like to receive text notifications from CRC with reminders about special services or events, text "join" to 616-310-5004 and you will be added to the list.

VBS Pictures

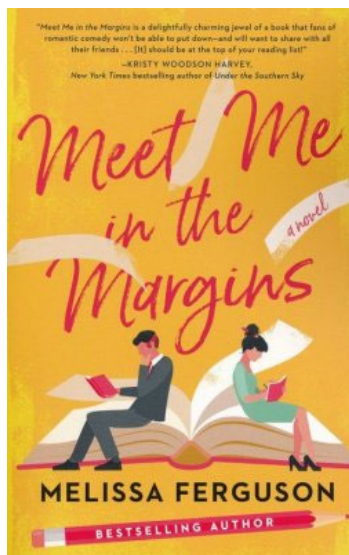
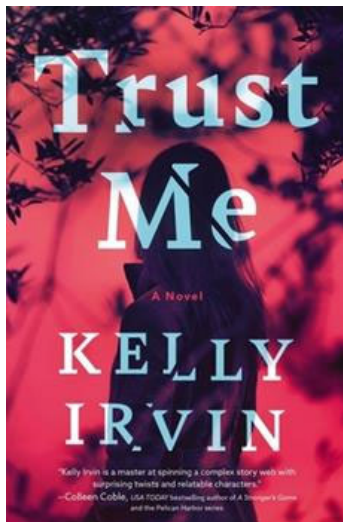
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Trust Me is a suspense thriller by Kelly Irvin that will keep you guessing until the end. There are surprising twists and turns as Delaney and Hunter join forces to solve the murders of Delaney's brother Corey and her best friend Ellie. Oddly, the methods are similar, but they take place ten years apart. This novel is about second chances and trusting God in the midst of horrible tragedy. (Read and reviewed by Norene Sattler)

I've heard it said that "Laughter is good medicine; it's like jogging on the inside." If that's the case, then I logged some miles while reading **Meet Me in the Margins** by Melissa Ferguson. Aspiring novelist Savannah keeps her secret ambition from her co-workers, until they see her drop her manuscript. Quickly stashing her manuscript away in a hidden nook, she is shocked when she retrieves it only to find that it has been critically marked up. Who is this mystery editor that is tampering with her work? Are the remarks worth taking to heart? As the story progresses, the chaos and intrigue continue resulting in a delightful, lighthearted fun read.

Count the Nights by Stars by Michelle Shocklee takes us to the Tennessee Centennial Exposition in 1897. In this split-time historical novel, Audrey is tasked with clearing out a reclusive woman's room after she suffers a stroke. Love notes and memorabilia for the Tennessee Centennial Exposition hint at the disappearance of young women. This is a very well written story and I thoroughly enjoyed it, reading it in record time as I could hardly put it down. Drawing you in from the very first page, you will be intrigued and learn some historical facts as well including the origin of the slogan "good to the last drop."



Birthday Celebrations

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- 1 Abby Mast
 - 6 Annabelle Bassette
 - 7 Tom Bergy, Kris Van Huis
 - 8 Eric Sietsema, Calvin Veeneman, Olivia Wilson
 - 10 Pam Keegstra, Irma Rotman, Chuck Tanis
 - 11 Dan Brown, Betty TerBeek
 - 12 Dan Boom, Ben Heinz, Karen Lemmen, Sam Vander Ark
 - 13 Avery Annen, Julie Palma, LeRoy Throop
 - 14 Madelyn Nobert
 - 15 Jacob Kooistra
 - 16 Jake Annen
 - 19 Ashley Hill
 - 20 Emily Ribnick, Jim Russell
 - 21 Chad Tropea
 - 23 Samuel Baron, William Bukrey, John Hines, Jon Van Ryswyk
 - 24 Ruth Bos, Jordan Chrysler, Connor Maki, Mary Veeneman
 - 26 Kevin Keegstra
 - 27 Kathryn Bruno, Bryce Hanenburg, Cheryl Harsay, Ben Leach
 - 28 Alijah Wilson
 - 29 Adalynn Keller
 - 30 Thomas Ribnick
 - 31 Sid Bakker

Servant's Page

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Nursery

The current nursery 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.

Little Tykes

| | | 9:00 a.m. | 10:45 a.m. |
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| July 3 | Leader Combined Service | Abby Mast Michaela Courson | Carmen Langlois Addy Keller |
| July 10 | Leader Helpers | Doug Casler Jenna Casler, Samantha Ulven | Amanda Casler Addie Dyk, Ryan Vander Tuin |
| July 17 | Leader Helpers | Amanda Casler Anneke Bakker, Samantha Ulven | Michelle Hazelton Avery Burk, Miniya Lothschutz |
| July 24 | Leader Helpers | Amanda Casler Jenna Casler, Samantha Ulven | Michelle Hazelton Annie Sietsema, Kyren DeVries |
| July 31 | Leader Helpers | Miniya Lothschutz Michaela Courson, Samantha Ulven | Avery Burk Lizzie Lillibridge, Olivia Vander Tuin |

9:00 a.m. Greeters

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| July 3 | John & Alvina Van Doorn |
| July 10 | Jim Hanenburg & Stacey Trowbridge |
| July 17 | Ron & Beth Veldman |
| July 24 | Jeff Alberda |
| July 31 | Randy & Coralee VanDenBrink |

Coffee Fellowship

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| July 3 | Lynda Johnson, Marcia Draft, Mary Bialas |
| July 10 | Beth Mast, Amanda Casler, Jan Jordan, Norma Busman |
| July 17 | Heather Smoes, Kalene Sietsema, Evonne Erhorn, Carolyn Cushway |
| July 24 | Ron & Carol Riemersma, Julie Palma, Karen Lemmen, Christie Hill |
| July 31 | Cookies Needed |

Calendar of Events

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July 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 10:00 am Combined Service | 4 <i>Office Closed</i> | 5 5:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer | 6 6:00 pm The Garden 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time | 7 6:00 pm Men's Golf League | 8 | 9 |
| 10 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship | 11 | 12 5:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer | 13 6:00 pm The Garden 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time | 14 6:00 pm Men's Golf League | 15 <i>Office Closed</i> | 16 |
| One Way Costa Rica Trip | | | | | | |
| 17 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship | 18 | 19 5:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer | 20 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time | 21 6:00 pm Men's Golf League Vineyard Trip | 22 | 23 |
| 24/31 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship | 25 <i>Office Closed</i> | 26 5:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer | 27 6:00 pm The Garden 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time | 28 6:00 pm Men's Golf League | 29 | 30 4:30 pm S.A.L.T. Event |

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

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