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## Bible Passage of the Month:

### Ephesians 4:11-13

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

March Madness. We all think about basketball when we hear the words 'March Madness.' Filling out brackets and watching all the games. My family loves to do the brackets, and that is the only time we watch college basketball. It becomes a competition on who can have the best bracket. It was certainly something we missed doing last year.

However, what if God were to do brackets on us? Where would we rank? Would we beat this person or that person? Would we even want to know where we ranked? Did we make it to the Final Four or would we even make it out of the first round?

I am so glad to know God doesn't make brackets. I know I wouldn't even make it into the first round. But I do know that I am enough for Him. I may have my weaknesses, but He will lift me up when I need Him to. I never have to compare myself or be judged by anyone else.

We were not created to be in competition or judge others. As Paul said in 1 Corinthians 4:3-4 "I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me."

He will equip us for all we need, even if it is outside of our comfort zone. There is no need to compare ourselves to others or make brackets. The only one we need to worry about pleasing is God. He will give us our final judgement, or ranking.

Heather Smoes  
Love Link Editor

## *Time Change*

Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 14. You won't want to be late or miss services.

## *IF:Gathering*

Join us on Saturday, March 27, for the IF Women's Conference. It will be from 8:30 am - 4 pm in the Activity Center. Cost will be \$20.00, which includes bagels, lunch, and snacks. Scholarships available if money is an issue.

## *Holy Week Schedule*

Sunday, March 28, 2021-Palm Sunday-Services at 9 & 10:45 am

Friday, April 2, 2021-Good Friday-Service at 7 pm

Sunday, April 4, 2021-Easter Sunday Services at 9 & 10:45 am

## *Men's Small Groups*

Men's small groups have started!. If interested in joining a group, contact Heather Mekkes at [heather.mekkes@coopersvillereformed.com](mailto:heather.mekkes@coopersvillereformed.com).

## *Camp Geneva*

2021 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.

## *Coopersville Reformed Church Endowment Fund*

The deacons would like to let the church know that through the vision of a church family we now have an endowment fund created in the name of Coopersville Reformed Church. In future years as this fund grows in value, the deacons will be able to use a percent of this fund each year for help with general fund expenses and/or missions of the church. Please keep this fund in mind as an option for estate planning, memorial contributions, or as you feel led. If you have questions or would like more information on how to contribute, please see a deacon or go to the Coopersville Area Community Foundation website in which this fund is managed under at <https://ghacf.org/coopersville/>.



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Coopersville Reformed Church

June 21-25

5:00-8 pm

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



VBS is in the evening again! 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 "Discovering You're Priceless to God!"

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged so groups can be formed! You may register your kids on our church website ([www.coopersvillereformed.com/vbs-registration](http://www.coopersvillereformed.com/vbs-registration)), or call the office at 616-837-8949.

Busing will be available. Contact the church office.

**Things We Didn't Say** is by Amy Lynn Green. This novel takes place in the winter of 1944 in the little town of Ironside Lake, Minnesota. The author states that this novel is fictional but is based heavily on the real experiences of POW camps in the Midwest. Johanna Berglund has reluctantly returned to her hometown as a translator for a camp of German POWs during WWII. The people of Ironside Lake are distrustful of the POWs. They are also suspicious of Johanna as she begins to interact with the prisoners. Will motives be questioned? Will truth be twisted? Will Johanna be charged with treason? Review by Norene Sattler.

**The Escape** by Lisa Harris is the first book in the new U.S. Marshals series. US Marshals Madison James and Jonas Quinn are thrust into a high-profile case when they are called on to transport two prisoners across the country on a private plane. But when the plane experiences engine trouble in route from the Pacific Northwest to Colorado, the pilots crash-land the aircraft deep in the heart of the sprawling Salmon-Challis National Forest.

When Madison and Jonas regain consciousness, they find both pilots and one prisoner dead--and one fugitive on the run. They'll have to negotiate the rugged and remote backcountry through Idaho, Wyoming, and Colorado while tracking a murderer who is desperate to disappear--and will do anything to stop them.

This high-octane game of cat-and-mouse from bestselling and award-winning author Lisa Harris will have your heart pumping as you try to catch a fugitive with nothing to lose. (Publisher description)

**The Solid Grounds Coffee Company** by Carla Laureano. "For the first time in a long time, she was actually looking at herself." But it's best to start at the beginning, when Analyn Sanchez carefully hid herself behind a successful career of disguising high-powered clients who needed to spin away their mistakes and indiscretions. However, when she refuses to compromise moral and legal boundaries, Ana is granted a generous paid leave from her high salaried position in one of Denver's most prestigious publicity firms. She now has time on her hands, a plethora of marketing skills and a friend with a start-up fair trade coffee roasting company. . . is it a coincidence or divine intervention?

Bryan Shaw's life has undergone a gargantuan metamorphosis following a climbing accident and subsequent loss of a professional climbing career. After a gut level change of priorities and impulsive investment into a Columbian coffee farm, he's back in Denver to re-connect and plunge into the roasting business. But he needs help, and Ana seems interested enough to help him. However, it's soon evident to both of them that there is another kind of "slow roasting" going on between the surface. More than likely, it could never work, but what if it could?

"The Solid Grounds Coffee Company" beautifully illustrates what it's like to stand on the promises of God. . . making all things new, doing exceedingly above what we ask or think, old things passing away, nothing being impossible with God . . . life is usually messy, when it's real; poised on the brink of free falling is usually where we find "solid ground". Readers will discover pieces of themselves through-out this lovely story . . . while they are enviously imagining all those coffee tastings! (Review from Christian Book website).



- 1. Bennett Bassette, Milly Boersma, Sheryl Kary, Dori Keller, Kaleb Russell**
- 2 Tracy Busman, Mckenzie Mekkes**
- 4 Jacob Sietsema**
- 5 Anneke Bakker, Dana Kleinjans**
- 7 Mekena Lothschutz, Brenden Visser**
- 8 Trinity Hazelton**
- 10 Jaala Terpstra**
- 11 Calvin Vander Tuin, Matthew Vander Tuin**
- 12 Sue Bos, Brandon Hart**
- 13 Jasmine Hill**
- 14 Silas Poliski, Diane Robinson**
- 15 Nathan Castenholz, Clarellen Doornbos, Gordy Handlogten,  
Sheridan Smoes, Hannah Visser**
- 16 Avery Stebbins**
- 17 Thomas Bruno, Rodney Tibbe**
- 18 Albie DeVries, Melvin Molyneux**
- 19 Michaela Courson, Denise Roels, Hannah Tanis, Kelsey Tanis**
- 20 Jill Boersma, Kiersten Downs, Suzanna Van Dop, Joshua Van Huis**
- 21 Chase Bos**
- 22 Lilly Powers**
- 23 Rochelle Bakker**
- 24 Avery Burk, Sylvia Van Beek**
- 27 Danielle Poliski**
- 28 Kolbe Terpstra**
- 29 Mel Dyke**
- 30 John Castenholz**
- 31 Marv Sietsema**

# Servant's Page

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## Nursery

		9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
March 7	Infant Toddler	Beth Baron, Sam Baron Mary Baird, Nolan Baron	Amber Vander Tuin, Onna DeVries April DeMull, Ryan Vander Tuin
March 14	Infant Toddler	Julie Kleinjans, Naomi Smoes Mary Baird, Allysha Westveld	Amber Vander Tuin, Hannah Mast Pete Mast, Annie Sietsema
March 21	Infant Toddler	Tami Schoolcraft, Owen Schoolcraft Mary Baird, Maggie Van Dop	Amber Vander Tuin, Abby Mast LeighAnn DeVries, Miniya Lothschutz
March 28	Infant Toddler	Shelly Visser, Maddi Nobert Mary Baird, Jenna Casler	Amber Vander Tuin, Hailey Hazelton Carmen Langlois, Lily Keller

## Little Tykes

		9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
March 7	Leader Helpers	Amanda Casler Abby Mast	Michelle Hazelton Avery Burk, Miniya Lothschutz
March 14	Leader Helpers	Amanda Casler Maddi Nobert	Michelle Hazelton Kyren DeVries, Trinity Hazelton
March 21	Leader Helpers	Amanda Casler Allysha Westveld	Michelle Hazelton Annie Sietsema, Trinity Hazelton
March 28	Leader Helpers	Amanda Casler Anneke Bakker	Michelle Hazelton Ryan Vander Tuin, Isaac DeVries



# Calendar of Events

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## March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>1</i>  10 am S.A.L.T. Bible Study	<i>2</i>  6:00 am Rooted in Prayer  7:00 pm Choir Practice	<i>3</i>  6:15-8 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:30 pm Vineyard	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship  5-6:30 pm Crossroads	<i>8</i>  10 am S.A.L.T. Bible Study  7:00 pm Consistory Meeting	<i>9</i>  6:00 am Rooted in Prayer  7:00 pm Choir Practice	<i>10</i>  6:15-8 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:30 pm Vineyard	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>  9-2 Women's Work Bee	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship  5-6:30 pm Crossroads 6-8 pm Women's Small Groups 6:30-8 pm One Way	<i>15</i>  10 am S.A.L.T. Bible Study	<i>16</i>  6:00 am Rooted in Prayer	<i>17</i>  6:15-8 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:30 pm Vineyard	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
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**Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**



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