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Bible Passage of the Month

Philippians 3:13-14

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

When old baggage,
drags you down
you needn't keep
carrying it around.

Pack it all up,
right away
give it to Jesus
without delay.

When feeling heavy,
from burden's laden
and your back . . .
you can't straighten.

Unpack your load,
into Jesus's hand
and you will again
unladen stand.

When old baggage,
has you feeling tired and beat
get unpacking now . . .
and leave all at Jesus' feet!

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## *Prayer Time*

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

## *A Vision for Our Campus*

If you missed the meeting about our facilities on February 20, you can find the recording on the church website at [www.coopersvillereformed.com/campus](http://www.coopersvillereformed.com/campus). Be sure to share your opinion online and leave any comments or questions you may have.

## *Guatemala Trip*

A group of 19 from our church and 12 from Fellowship Reformed will be going on a mission trip to Guatemala March 5-12. Those going on the trip are: Paul & Mary Bialas, Christina Brown, Albie, LeighAnn, Isaac & Onna DeVries, Mike & Kyley Jeffrey, Casey, Tessa & Lex Langeland, Eric Lillibridge, Joanne Maki, Pete Mast, Matt & Stefani Raterink, Michele Sunde, and Sam Wurm.

## *Youth Sunday*

Join us on Sunday, March 12, at 10:00 a.m. for a combined service. Our One Way Youth Group will be leading our service. You will not want to miss this special service.

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

Bible study continues on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Activity Center. Pastor Starks is leading a study of the Parables. On Friday, March 17, at 1:00 p.m., we will watch a movie and have desserts. Sign up in the library.

## *Lamont Christian School*

Lamont Christian School is enrolling students for next year! Lamont Christian School is committed to "Teaching the wonder and order of God's creation, for lives of service to Christ"; and we have been doing so since 1957. Currently we are accepting enrollment for next year; some classes have very limited space (the Pre K class specifically). However, if you or someone you know, has a child going into Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> grade and would like to know more about LCS, call 616.677.1757 or email us to schedule a tour and a visit with Mr. Mac (Patrick McNamara, principal). [www.lamomntcs.org](http://www.lamomntcs.org), | [office@lamontcs.org](mailto:office@lamontcs.org), or [pmcnamara@lamomntcs.org](mailto:pmcnamara@lamomntcs.org)

## *Summer Camp*

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 for Camp Geneva.



# *Vacation Bible School*

Coopersville Reformed Church

June 26-30

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 where we get to “Shine Jesus’ Light.”

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.

**The Blackout Book Club** by Amy Lynn Green is noted as an “engaging story that illustrates the power of books to unite and encourage us in trying times” as noted by bestselling author Lynn Austin. The story revolves around Avis as she reluctantly becomes the librarian of a small Maine town as a promise to her war-bound brother. She manages to keep the doors open by forming a book club whose members couldn’t differ more. As they share struggles and face danger together, their bonds strengthen. But can these new friendships survive the emerging secrets of past...and present?

**The Extraordinary Deaths of Mrs. Kip** is the debut novel by award winning author Sara Brunsvold. This book has such an unusual title and I really didn’t know what to expect. I’m glad the title didn’t keep me away because weeks after reading it, I’m still thinking about the story and particularly Psalm 16:8 which says “I will keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.” A young reporter who is very talented and ambitious is ready for a serious assignment instead of the fluff pieces she’s been given to write so when she is assigned to write an obituary for an unremarkable woman who’s just entered hospice care, she is most definitely not pleased. Clara Kip may be dying, but she’s not ready to go anywhere just yet. She can see that God brought a young reporter into her life for a reason and if it’s a story that this young reporter wants, Mrs. Kip will certainly give it to her...but she’s going to have to work for it. You’ll smile, laugh and perhaps shed a tear or two as you read this engaging tale and perhaps even continue to ponder it long after you’ve read the final page.

Colleen Coble hardly needs any introduction. Her fantastic suspense stories have proved to be winners time and time again and **Dark of Night** will live up to the task. This is book two of the Annie Pederson series. You will be drawn in from the very first page of this riveting story and if by chance you haven’t read book one, you can pick that one up in the library as well. It is titled **Edge of Dusk** and both are set in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.



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- 1 Bennett Bassette, Milly Boersma, Sheryl Kary, Dori Keller, Kaleb Russell**
  - 2 McKenzie Mekkes**
  - 4 Henry Beaune, Jacob Sietsema, Gianna Thorpe**
  - 5 Anneke Bakker, Dana Kleinjans**
  - 7 Mekena Lothschutz, Brenden Visser**
  - 8 Cayden Chrysler, Trinity Hazelton**
  - 9 Gabirel Lillibridge**
  - 10 Jaala Terpstra**
  - 11 Calvin Vander Tuin, Matthew Vander Tuin**
  - 12 Sue Bos, Brandon Hart, Lexington Langeland, Samantha Ulven**
  - 13 Alan Ammon, Jasmine Hill**
  - 14 Silas Poliski, Diane Robinson**
  - 15 Nathan Castenholz, Gordy Handlogten, Sheridan Smoes, Hannah Visser**
  - 16 Grant McEachen, Avery Stebbins**
  - 17 Thomas Bruno, Rodney Tibbe**
  - 18 Albie DeVries**
  - 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, Maeve Rich**
  - 24 Avery Burk, Sylvia Van Beek**
  - 25 Ken Hewitt**
  - 27 Gary Brewster, Danielle Poliski**
  - 28 Kolbe Terpstra**
  - 29 Mel Dyke**
  - 30 John Castenholz**
  - 31 Marv Sietsema**

# Servant's Page

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## 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                    |
|----------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| March 5  | 9:00 a.m.  | Pete & Heather Smoes     | Scott & Tami Schoolcraft |
| March 12 | 10:00 a.m. | Youth Group              | Youth Group              |
| March 19 | 9:00 a.m.  | Scott & Tami Schoolcraft | Jim & Kris Van Huis      |
| March 26 | 9:00 a.m.  | Wes & Bonnie Busman      | Debbie Weemhoff          |

### Coffee Fellowship

|          |                                                                             |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| March 5  | Sheri Busman, Deb Mauk, Lynda Johnson, Marcia Draft, Kalene Sietsema        |
| March 12 | Beth Mast, Beth Baron, Jan Jordan, Michelle Segel                           |
| March 19 | Tracey Kooistra, Lisa Wiltenburg, Evonne Erhorn, Jody Baker                 |
| March 26 | Carol Riemersma, Karen Lemmen, LeaAnn Tibbe, Kalene Sietsema, Amanda Casler |

# Calendar of Events

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## March 2023

| Sunday                                                                                                                           | Monday                                                                                                               | Tuesday                                                                                                         | Wednesday                                                                        | Thursday | Friday                                        | Saturday |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------|----------|
|                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                 | 1<br><br>6:00 pm W.O.W.<br>6:30 pm Cuddle Up<br>Time<br>6:45 pm The<br>Vineyard  | 2        | 3                                             | 4        |
| 5<br><br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:45 am Worship<br><br>5-6:30 pm Crossroads<br>6:00 pm Women's<br>Small Group<br>7-8:30 pm One Way  | 6<br><br>8 am-7 pm Prayer<br>Time in Sanctuary<br><br>10 am S.A.L.T.<br>Bible Study<br>7:00 pm Consistory<br>Meeting | 7<br><br>6:00-7:00 am<br>Rooted in Prayer<br><br>7:00 pm Choir of<br>Praise Practice                            | 8<br><br>6:00 pm W.O.W.<br>6:30 pm Cuddle Up<br>Time                             | 9        | 10<br><br>9:00 am-2:00 pm<br>Women's Work Bee | 11       |
| 12<br><br>10:00 am Combined<br>Service<br><br>5-6:30 pm Crossroads<br>7-8:30 pm One Way                                          | 13<br><br>8 am-7 pm Prayer<br>Time in Sanctuary<br><br>10 am S.A.L.T.<br>Bible Study                                 | 14<br><br>6:00-7:00 am<br>Rooted in Prayer<br>12:00 pm S.A.L.T.<br>Event<br>7:00 pm Choir of<br>Praise Practice | 15<br><br>6:00 pm W.O.W.<br>6:30 pm Cuddle Up<br>Time<br>6:45 pm The<br>Vineyard | 16       | 17<br><br>1:00 pm S.A.L.T.<br>Event           | 18       |
| 19<br><br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:45 am Worship<br><br>5-6:30 pm Crossroads<br>6:00 pm Women's<br>Small Group<br>7-8:30 pm One Way | 20<br><br>8 am-7 pm Prayer<br>Time in Sanctuary<br><br>10 am S.A.L.T.<br>Bible Study                                 | 21<br><br>6:00-7:00 am<br>Rooted in Prayer<br>7:00 pm Choir of<br>Praise Practice                               | 22<br><br>6:00 pm W.O.W.<br>6:30 pm Cuddle Up<br>Time<br>6:45 pm The<br>Vineyard | 23       | 24                                            | 25       |
| 26<br><br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:45 am Worship<br><br>5-6:30 pm Crossroads<br>7-8:30 pm One Way                                   | 27<br><br>8 am-7 pm Prayer<br>Time in Sanctuary<br><br>10 am S.A.L.T.<br>Bible Study                                 | 28<br><br>6:00-7:00 am<br>Rooted in Prayer<br>7:00 pm Choir of<br>Praise Practice                               | 29<br><br>6:00 pm W.O.W.<br>6:30 pm Cuddle Up<br>Time<br>6:45 pm The<br>Vineyard | 30       | 31                                            |          |

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

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