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Bible Passage of the Month

Proverbs 31:28-31

Her children arise and
call her blessed;
her husband also, and
he praises her:
²⁹ "Many women do
noble things,
but you surpass them
all."
³⁰ Charm is deceptive,
and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who
fears the LORD is to be
praised.
³¹ Honor her for all that
her hands have done,
and let her works
bring her praise at the
city gate.

For all of our mothers, no matter if are a mother by birth or a mother of the heart, we celebrate you.

I Learned From You

I learned about love from you,
Watching your caring ways.
I learned about joy from you
In fun-filled yesterdays.

From you I learned forgiving
Of faults both big and small.
I learned what I know about living
From you, as you gave life your all.

The example you set is still with me
I'd never want any other.
I'm thankful for all that you taught me,
And I'm blessed to call you "Mother."

By Joanna Fuchs

Communion

Communion will be observed May 7 at both services.

Prayer Time

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

Graduate Sunday

We will be honoring our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 21, 2023. This will be done at both services.

Combined Service

We will have a combined service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 28.

S.A.L.T. Event

On Monday, May 8, we will have lunch at China Inn North (3863 West Shore Dr., Holland, MI 49424) at 11:30 a.m. and then tour tulip lanes. Also, join us on Tuesday, June 6, at 1:00 p.m. for Booth Brothers, Greater Vision, and Legacy V at Blue Gate Performing Arts Center in Shippshewana. The cost is \$44/person, which includes an Amish meal at Irma's house (the same place as last year). We have 60 tickets available. Sign up in the library for these events.

Outdoors Ministry Fundraiser

On Saturday, June 10, Kids Hope USA kids and families are being invited to a kids fishing day hosted by the Outdoors Ministry Team of CRC. A \$25 donation towards this event will provide one child with a fully outfitted rod and reel, a small tackle box with supplies, a New Testament Bible, prizes, and a hot dog lunch. There will be a minnow bucket out in the church lobby for the next few weeks for donations. Thank you for your support!

VBS

VBS will be June 26-30. This will be a great week to "Shine Jesus' Light." 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

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.

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.



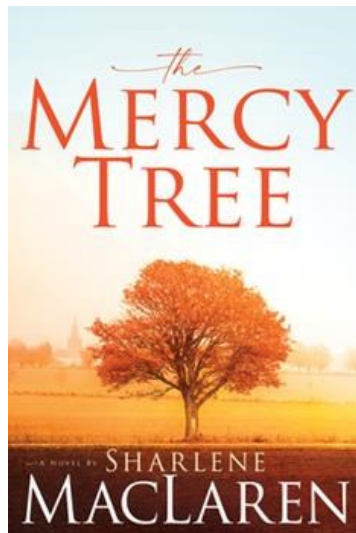
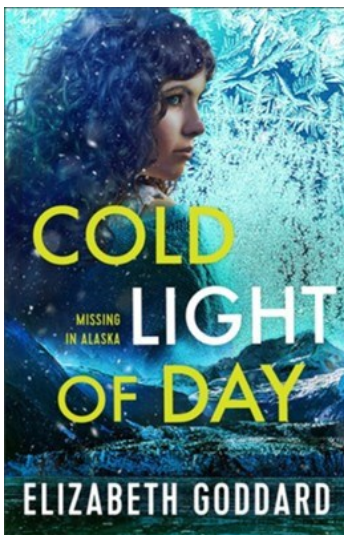
We begin at 5 pm with a meal. Our fun will begin at 5:30 pm. This is going to be a fun-filled week where we get to “Shine Jesus’ Light.”

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

Hang on to your seats as you read another riveting suspense novel by Elizabeth Goddard titled **Cold Light of Day**, Book 1, in the new Missing in Alaska series. Police Chief Autumn Long is fighting to keep her job in the quiet Alaska town of Shadow Gap when an unexpected string of criminal activity leaves her with a wounded officer, unexplained murders, and even an attack on her own father. Despite her mistrust of outsiders, she turns to Grier Brenner, a newcomer who seems to have the skills and training Autumn needs to face this threat to her community. Grier is in Alaska for the same reason so many others are--to disappear--when Chief Long enlists his help. He emerges from the shadows and proves his mettle, but his presence in her life could be a deadly trap for them both. If his secret is exposed, all will be lost. And he's not sure even Autumn could save him.

The Mercy Tree is the newest release from local author Sharlene MacLaren. The setting for this novel is Muskegon, Michigan, in the 1950's, when scandalous affairs are never talked about, divorce is rare, a wife is a "homemaker" and every Christian home displays its family Bible front and center. However, secrets from the past threaten to upend the status quo. This novel explores tough questions about faith, redemption, and preserving reputations bring us here, under the shade of The Mercy Tree. This well-written story will take you to familiar places in a town close to us.

Dear Henry, Love Edith is the first novel by Becca Kinzer. It is a charming story of mistaken assumptions that lead to a range of situations and characters in a town packed with quirks and charm that will have you laughing out loud. With pop culture references from bygone eras, you will find this an enjoyable read. Grab a lawn chair, a sunny spot, a glass of tea, and settle in to enjoy a fun escape.



Birthday Celebrations

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- 2 Pam Bennink, Paul Cushway, Tom Rozema
- 3 Kelli Nobert, Bonnie Vander Kolk, Ron Veldman
- 5 Janice Jordan, James Vandam
- 6 Lisa Davis, Jack Quist, Tim Rosel
- 7 Lillian Hill, Tyler Van Den Brink
- 8 Lorena Hill
- 9 Carolyn Cushway
- 10 Matt Mekkes, Carly Neumann
- 13 Ken Hershberger, Claire Ribnick, Pete Van Kempen
- 15 Gay Heckel, Rick Klinge, Drew Nobert, Lavina Van Beek
- 16 Karen Hall, Darcey Raterink, Libby Serba
- 17 Gerrit Hanenburg, Austin Raterink
- 18 Rachel Tibbe
- 19 Nichole Heinz
- 20 David Ammon, Zach DeMull, Ned Doornbos, Matt Keller
- 21 Benjamin Brookhouse, Chris Kary, Julie Kleinjans, Sam Serba, Kayleigh Visser
- 22 Charlotte Ammon, Karen Reynolds, LeaAnn Tibbe
- 24 Hudson Bode
- 25 Mary Baird, Gordon Bouwman, Cody Kleinjans, Isabelle Kunnen, Amber Vander Tuin
- 26 Howard Vander Jagt
- 27 Ed Vander Kolk
- 28 Emma Sietsema
- 29 Lee VanDenBrink
- 30 Jacob Cushway, Rachel Cushway
- 31 Sue Bruno, John Kleyn, Allysha Westveld

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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
May 7	9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Gary & Karen Rollenhagen Annabelle Bassette, Samantha Ulven	Nichole Heinz Eric & Lizzie Lillibridge
May 14	9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Randy & Coralee VanDenBrink Tim & Debbie Weemhoff	Scott & Tami Schoolcraft Aaron & Betty Terbeek
May 21	9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Rick & Marcia Draft Connie Hartman, Tonya Wilson	Pete & Heather Smoes Jeremy & Cheryl Annen
May 28	10:00 a.m.	Debbie Weemhoff	Needed

Coffee Fellowship

May 7	Lynda Johnson, Sheri Busman, Deb Mauk, Evonne Erhorn, Marcia Draft
May 14	Beth Mast, Beth Baron, Jan Jordan, Mary Bialas, Michelle Segel
May 21	Tracy Kooistra, Lisa Wiltenburg, Amanda Casler, Jody Baker, Kalene Sietsema
May 28	LeaAnn Tibbe, Kalene Sietsema, Karen Lemmen, Carol Riemersma, Julie Palma

Calendar of Events

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May 2023

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

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

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