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## Bible Passage of the Month

### Isaiah 12:4-5 (NASB)

And on that day you will say,  
"Give thanks to the LORD,  
call on His name. Make  
known His deeds among the  
peoples; make them remember  
that His name is exalted."  
Praise the LORD in song, for  
He has done glorious things;  
let this be known throughout  
the earth.

Every year we get to November and the holiday season, beginning first with Thanksgiving and then Christmas and New Year's, and wonder where did the time go? How can it be the holidays already? Instead of wondering this, let's take a few moments to really reflect on the most important aspects of the season.

First there is Thanksgiving. A time where we can reflect on the past year and really be thankful for all the things that have happened, good and bad. As I reflect back on this past year, it has been a hard one for my family, but within that hard time, there has been great joy. I think of my two new grandchildren, both earthly and heavenly, that became a part of the family. We rejoiced a new birth, while mourning the one that will never happen. I think of all the trials we have had with my dad's health, four surgeries for three different cancers. While many may wonder what else can be thrown at him, we are grateful that all were contained and discovered when they were.

What are some things you can be thankful for, even when it's hard? We can truly know that God is with us, even in the hard times. We are on God's timeline, not ours, and His timing is perfect.

Once Thanksgiving is over our focus immediately turns to Christmas. What does our calendar look like with all the parties? Do we have time to get our shopping done? What gifts are we getting people? But let's take our focus way from all the material aspects of the holiday, and put our focus right where it belongs...the birth of the King! If it were not for the birth of Jesus and His eventual crucifixion, we wouldn't be able to have the peace we do. We wouldn't be able to be assured that one day we will join Christ in heaven.

Before you get caught up in the holiday bustle, remember to take time to be present in your presence. Enjoy the little moments of life, even the bad times. Put your focus on the One who makes all these moments happen and be thankful for them.

Heather Smoes  
Love Link Editor

## W.O.W.

Our Worship on Wednesday (W.O.W.) continues from 6:00-8:00 p.m. All kids ages 4-5th grade are welcome to join us for a time of worship, fun, and most importantly, learning about Jesus.

## Family Meeting/Facilities Update

If you were unable to attend the Family Meeting this past Monday regarding a potential building project, you can watch a video of the meeting on our church website under events. Facility Team members are available today and next Sunday, November 5, between services in the lobby for additional questions which you might have about the proposal. A congregational vote will take place following each morning service on November 12. All communicant members, 18 years and older, are eligible to vote. If you are unable to attend the meeting on November 12, absentee ballots are available from the church office during normal business hours or by calling (616) 837-8949. Absentee ballots must be returned to the church office by November 10 at 2:00 p.m.

## S.A.L.T. Events

On Saturday, November 11, we will see the musical drama “The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe” at Magnify Church (6727 Kuttshill Dr. NE, Rockford). The play starts at 1:30 p.m.; the church bus leaves at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$10/adult or \$5/student. Pay Deb Mauk by November 5. **Sign up in the library.** On Friday, December 8, Christmas concert and dinner at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds. Friday, December 29, will be our annual Christmas party in the Activity Center.

## Thanksgiving Service

We will be having our annual Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 22, at 7 pm. Come and prepare your hearts to give thanks to our Lord.

## Family Celebration

The Annual Congregational Meeting (Family Celebration) will take place on Monday, December 4. We will begin with a catered meal at 6:00 p.m. Childcare will be available following the meal. Please RSVP for the dinner so we have an accurate count and if you need childcare. We will then have a time of worship and celebrations after which you will have the opportunity to approve the proposed 2024 general budget and vote on nominees for Elder and Deacon. Anyone may attend the Family Celebration. Only communicant members (age 18 and older) of Coopersville Reformed Church are eligible to vote.

## *Women's Quilting Group*

The Women's Quilting Group was pleased to present a quilt to the Schipper's family for their recent benefit. We meet the second Friday of the month from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Come and go as your schedule permits to sew, knit, and crochet for missions.



## *ChristAid International*

If you sponsor a grandma or student through ChristAid International and would like them to receive a picture of you, give a 4x6 size or smaller photograph (unframed) to Carol Riemersma or put in her family mailbox in the lobby. Be sure to print your name and the name of your sponsored person on the back of the photo. Deadline: Sunday, January 14. These will be delivered in February to the mission in Uganda.

Pop cans are being collected as a fundraiser for a mission trip with ChristAid. Donations can be dropped off by the storage door west of the north church entrance (look for the sign). There is also a chocolate chip cookie sale (baker's dozen for \$15) in the church lobby.

# Family Fun Night

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On Wednesday, October 25, our W.O.W. kids and parents, along with our Kids Hope U.S.A. kids and parents, came together for a fun Family Fun Night.





# Birthday Celebrations

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- 1 Sam Kaiser, Hannah Mast, Carter Poliski, Charlotte Ribnicky, Daniel Schippers
  - 2 Sue Breuker, Mason Hanenburg
  - 3 Aidan Courson, Loren Courson, Chloe Russell
  - 4 Janet Van Ryswyk, Karen Vander Jagt
  - 5 Savannah Karr, Scott Schoolcraft
  - 7 Eli Stuyfzand
  - 8 Avah Chatman, Megan Vander Kolk
  - 9 Dan Grit, Danielle Terpstra, Madeline Visser
  - 10 Steve Baird
  - 11 Angel Grit
  - 14 Allison Steadman
  - 15 Ranea Cushway, Aaron TerBeek, Johanna Van Dop
  - 16 Waylon DeMull, Christie Hill, Pam Klinge
  - 18 Maverick Chatman
  - 19 Ginny Sietsema
  - 20 T.J. Baron, Norah McEachen
  - 23 Lauren North
  - 24 Coralee VanDenBrink
  - 25 Jo Anne Hewitt, Brian Tibbe, Jim Van Huis, Evan Vander Kolk
  - 26 Terry Sattler
  - 27 Sydney VanTimmeren
  - 28 Melodee Bergy, Mike Reynolds
  - 29 Mikey Budai, Sienna Hines
  - 30 Bob Serba, Lois Van Wienen, Lee Vander Kolk

# Servant's Page

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## Nursery

		9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
November 5	Infant Toddler	Jenna Casler Mary Baird	Amber Vander Tuin Pete Mast, Oliva Vander Tuin
November 12	Infant Toddler	Casey Van Antwerpen Mary Baird	Amber Vander Tuin April DeMull, Jo Van Dop
November 19	Infant Toddler	Shelly Visser Mary Baird	Amber Vander Tuin LeighAnn DeVries, Onna DeVries
November 26	Infant Toddler	Tami Schoolcraft, Owen Schoolcraft Mary Baird	Amber Vander Tuin Trisha Schippers, Hannah Vander Tuin

## Little Tykes

		9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
November 5	Leader Helpers	Doug Casler Samantha Ulven	Amanda Casler Anya Dyk, Addie Dyk
November 12	Leader Helpers	Doug Casler Samantha Ulven	Amanda Casler Kyren DeVries, Reagan Schippers
November 19	Leader Helpers	Doug Casler Samantha Ulven	Carmen Langlois Isaac DeVries, Olivia Wilson
November 26	Leader Helpers	Doug Casler Samantha Ulven	Amanda Casler Addy Keller, Michaela Courson

## Greeters

		Back of Sanctuary	Lobby
November 5	9:00 a.m.	Pete & Heather Smoes	Needed
November 12	9:00 a.m.	Rodney & LeaAnn Tibbe	Jon & Shelly Visser
November 19	9:00 a.m.	Jeff Alberda	Janet Kuperus, Sharon Ozinga
November 26	9:00 a.m.	John & Alvina VanDoorn	Charlie & Bonnie Vander Kolk

## Coffee Fellowship

November 5	Lynda Johnson, Deb Mauk, Kalene Sietsema, Marcia Draft
November 12	Jessica Jeffrey, Beth Baron, Mary Bialas, Tonya Lemmen, Evonne Erhorn, Kalene Sietsema
November 19	Diane Rozema, Tracey Kooistra, Lisa Wiltenburg, Beth Mast
November 26	LeaAnn Tibbe, Karen Lemmen, Julie Palma, Amanda Casler, Carol Riemersma

# Calendar of Events

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## November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			6:00 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:45 pm The Vineyard	6:30-8:00 pm Crossroads		
5 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship  6:00-8:00 pm Women's Bible Study 6:00-8:00 pm One Way	6 10 am S.A.L.T. Bible Study	7 6:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer	8  6:00 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:45 pm The Vineyard	9  6:30-8:00 pm Crossroads	10 9:00 a.m.-2:00 pm Women's Work Bee	11
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