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## Bible Passage of the Month:

### Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

As Halloween approaches and before we know

The moon will be casting its golden glow.

The air will be crisp with much cooler days

The leaves full of color to brighten the way.

The fields are all full and ready to glean,  
Children laugh at the pumpkins they've seen!

Apples are ready to pick from the trees  
Then cider will promptly be made from these.

The Lord looks down on our fun Fall days

And watches about as we go on our way.

The harvest is ripe in the fields of the soul

Make sure "to glorify Him" is our goal!

Witches and monsters we close our eyes to  
But Lord, open our eyes to those who need You!

Send the workers far out in the fields  
Glean from their work what You'd have them yield.

Halloween time can be fun -- it's a treat!  
But do things that honor God on the streets.  
Hand out tracts with your goodies this year  
You never know what seeds will fall near!

A seed that will sprout and soon grow to be  
Lord, another ripe harvest for Thee!  
Give us words and deeds on this night  
That give others peace, not fear and fright.

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## *Adult Sunday School*

We start meeting October 2 following the 9:00 a.m. service in the Activity Center lobby.

## *W.O.W.*

Our Worship on Wednesday (W.O.W.) begins again on October 5 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.

## *Membership Class*

We will be having our membership class on Sunday, October 30 at 12:00 p.m. Lunch and childcare provided.

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

On Saturday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m. (church bus leaves at 6:00 p.m.), we will see the Collingsworth Family at the Jenison Center for Arts. The tickets (\$21 each) have all been reserved (payment due).

## *First Impressions (Greeters) Meeting*

We will meet on Sunday, October 9, following each service in the Activity Center youth room. Refreshments will be served. This will be a brief meeting to touch base for all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> service greeters and anyone else interested in being a welcome face.

## *Trunk-or-Treat*

This is happening again and will be held at the South Elementary parking lot on Saturday, October 29, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Would you be willing to decorate a trunk and pass out candy at this event? You can sign up on the church website under events.

## *Adult Mission Trip*

An adult mission trip to Guatemala with Paradise Bound Ministries is being planned for March 5-12, 2023. Contact the office (837-8949) or Heather Mekkes if you are interested.

## *Party of Parties*

Ready to do some Christmas shopping or shop for yourself? On Saturday, October 22 from 9 AM – 2 PM, The Girls of Grace from Grace Lutheran Church in Coopersville is hosting the ‘Party of Parties Vendor/Craft Expo’. The event will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 300 E. Cleveland St. in Coopersville. Proceeds will go to mission projects. There will be home based business representatives & crafters selling food & kitchen items, home decor, toys, jewelry, cleaning products, beauty & make-up items, etc. Tables still available, contact Joni Hoyer 837-1442 or email [jonilou@fflinchrist.org](mailto:jonilou@fflinchrist.org). Please come, bring a friend, and be ready for a fun shopping time.

## *Women's Quilt Group*

The Women's Quilt Group is up and running for the season. We get together from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We meet the second Friday of the month in the Activity Center. Come and go as your schedule permits to sew, knit, and crochet for missions.

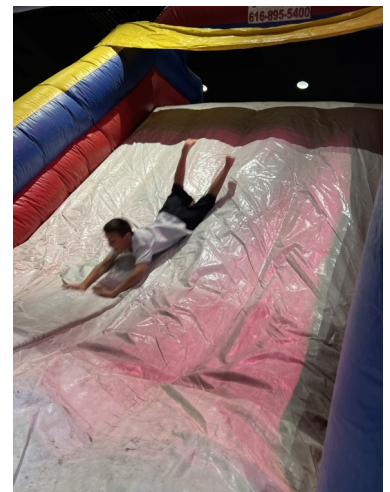
## *Coopersville Blood Drives*

Coopersville Blood Drives are at Coopersville United Methodist Church, 105 68th Ave. N, Coopersville, MI!  
- 4th Tuesdays every month - 1:30-7:00 p.m..  
- 2nd Friday of even months - 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m..

**Next drives:** October 14, October 25, November 22, December 9, and December 27. We need YOU! and bring a buddy to donate with you.

# Fall Kick-Off Recap

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**Winning at Home: Tackling the Topics that Confuse Kids and Scare Parents** by Dan Seaborn.

Combining the expertise of credentialed counselors, coaches and pastors, Dan's newest book offers clarity amid chaos on hard-hitting topics like mental illness, technology, sexuality, and identity for parents who are trying to raise children from a faith-based perspective. Consider this book a toolbox, designed as a manual that lets parents flip straight to the section that addresses a current need, making it a valuable resource for those striving to raise children who will honor God in challenging situations and a toxic culture. If you'd like to listen to an interview with Dan and an overview of the book, search [www.inthemarket.org](http://www.inthemarket.org), click on past programs and the date of September 1, 2022. There you will hear and interview with Dan by Janet Parshall.

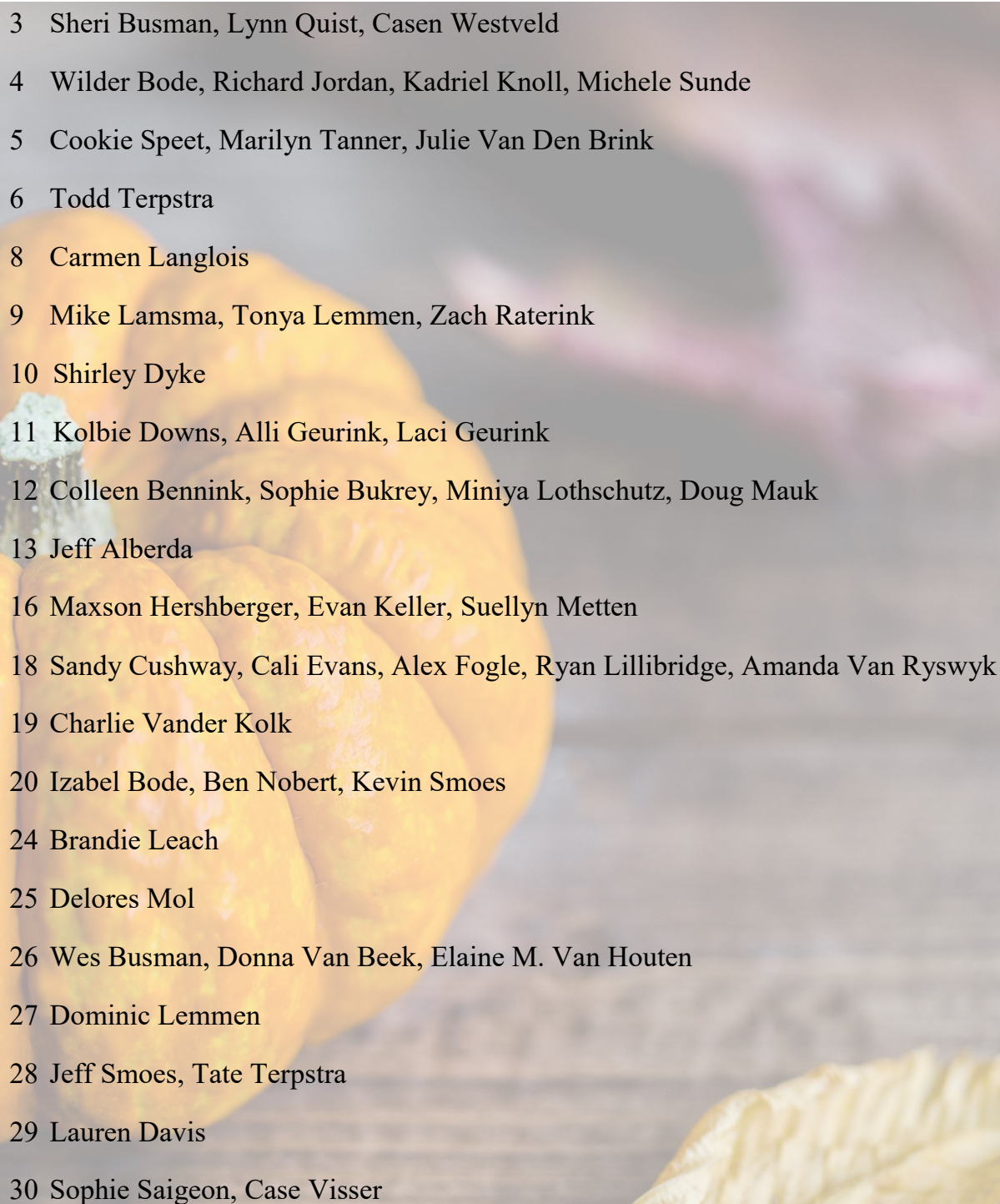
**His Grace is Enough** by Melissa Kruger will help you explain grace to your 3- to 8-year-old children and grandchildren. This book will help you share the gospel with your little ones and remind them that we can always run to Jesus when we mess up. A beautifully written and illustrated story perfect to spend some quality time with the precious little people in your life. You might look for Melissa's other book: **Wherever You Go, I Want You to Know**, which is also available in our library.

**Veiled in Smoke** by Jocelyn Green is the first book in The Windy City Saga. Meg and Sylvie Townsend manage the family bookshop and care for their father, Stephen, a veteran still suffering in mind and spirit from his time as a POW during the Civil War. But when the Great Fire sweeps through Chicago's business district, they lose much more than just their store. The sisters become separated from their father and make a harrowing escape from the flames with the help of *Chicago Tribune* reporter Nate Pierce. Once the smoke clears away, they reunite with Stephen, only to learn soon after that their family friend was murdered on the night of the fire. Even more shocking, Stephen is charged with the crime and committed to the Cook County Insane Asylum. Though homeless and suddenly unemployed, Meg must not only gather the pieces of her shattered life but prove her father's innocence before the asylum truly drives him mad. (Publisher info)

**Critical Alliance** by Elizabeth Goddard, the final installment in the Rocky Mountain Courage series. If you are looking for your next stay up late on the edge of your seat read, this might be your book. Mackenzie Hanson's special set of skills opened the door to a successful career as a professor of cybersecurity at a Michigan university, allowing her to put her criminal past behind her. But when a long-ago partner in crime delivers a cryptic message about her father's tech company being under cyberattack, she heads for Montana to secure exposed assets, close security breaches, and hopefully save lives. Diplomatic Security Services special agent Alex Knight is back home in Montana to decompress from a mission gone wrong. But even as he's trying to relax, he's drawn into another mystery, complete with suspicious deaths, lethal threats, and whispers of espionage that all have one thing in common--a beautiful cybersecurity expert with a dark past. When the situation turns deadly, Alex and Mackenzie will have to work together to find the answers they need--before someone silences Mackenzie for good. (Publisher info)

# Birthday Celebrations

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- 3 Sheri Busman, Lynn Quist, Casen Westveld
  - 4 Wilder Bode, Richard Jordan, Kadriel Knoll, Michele Sunde
  - 5 Cookie Speet, Marilyn Tanner, Julie Van Den Brink
  - 6 Todd Terpstra
  - 8 Carmen Langlois
  - 9 Mike Lamsma, Tonya Lemmen, Zach Raterink
  - 10 Shirley Dyke
  - 11 Kolbie Downs, Alli Geurink, Laci Geurink
  - 12 Colleen Bennink, Sophie Bukrey, Miniya Lothschutz, Doug Mauk
  - 13 Jeff Alberda
  - 16 Maxson Hershberger, Evan Keller, Suellyn Metten
  - 18 Sandy Cushway, Cali Evans, Alex Fogle, Ryan Lillibridge, Amanda Van Ryswyk
  - 19 Charlie Vander Kolk
  - 20 Izabel Bode, Ben Nobert, Kevin Smoes
  - 24 Brandie Leach
  - 25 Delores Mol
  - 26 Wes Busman, Donna Van Beek, Elaine M. Van Houten
  - 27 Dominic Lemmen
  - 28 Jeff Smoes, Tate Terpstra
  - 29 Lauren Davis
  - 30 Sophie Saigeon, Case Visser

## 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

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## 9:00 a.m. Greeters

October 2	Rick & Marcia Draft
October 9	Scott & Tami Schoolcraft
October 16	Pete & Heather Smoes
October 23	Tom & Diane Rozema
October 30	John & Alvina VanDoorn

## Coffee Fellowship

October 2	Deb Mauk, Lynda Johnson, Marcia Draft, Mary Bialas
October 9	Beth Mast, Amanda Casler, Jan Jordan, Norma Busman
October 16	Heather Smoes, Kalene Sietsema, Evonne Erhorn, Carolyn Cushway
October 23	Ron & Carol Riemersma, Julie Palma, Karen Lemmen, Christie Hill
October 30	Help needed

# Calendar of Events

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## October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship  5-6:30 pm Crossroads 7-8:30 pm One Way	3 10:00 am S.A.L.T Bible Study  7:30 pm Consistory Meeting	4 6:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer  7:00 pm Choir of Praise Practice	5 6:00 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:30 pm The Vineyard	6	7 Crossroads Event	8 6:00 pm S.A.L.T. Event
9 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship First Impression Meetings 5-6:30 pm Crossroads 6-8 pm Women's Bible Study 7-8:30 pm One Way	10 10:00 am S.A.L.T Bible Study	11 6:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer  7:00 pm Choir of Praise Practice	12 6:00 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:30 pm The Vineyard	13	14 9:00 am-2:00 pm Women's Work Bee	15
16 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship  5-6:30 pm Crossroads 7-8:30 pm One Way	17 10:00 am S.A.L.T. Bible Study	18 6:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer  7:00 pm Choir of Praise Practice	19 6:00 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:30 pm The Vineyard	20	21	22
23/30 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship 12:00 pm Membership Class  5-6:30 pm Crossroads 6-8 pm Women's Bible Study (23rd)	24/31 10:00 am S.A.L.T. Bible Study	25 6:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer  7:00 pm Choir of Praise Practice	26 6:00 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:30 pm The Vineyard	27	28 Office Closed	29 5-7 pm Trunk Or Treat  One Way Event

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



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