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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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## *Communion*

We will be celebrating the sacrament of communion on Sunday, October 8, at both services.

## *W.O.W.*

Our Worship on Wednesday (W.O.W.) begins again on October 4 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*

If you are considering becoming a member of Coopersville Reformed Church or want to know more about us and what we believe, then this class is for you. It will be offered Sunday, October 22, from 12:00-1:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Sign up on the church website under events.

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

On Saturday, October 28, we will enjoy a chicken & roast beef dinner at the Blue Gate at 12:00 p.m. and see the Shipshewana Amish Gospel Jubilee with Greater Vision, Mark Trammell Qt, Joseph Habedank, and Inspirations at the Blue Gate Performing Arts Center at 2:00 p.m. Save the date for Friday, December 8, Christmas concert and dinner at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds.

## *Women's Retreat*

The women's retreat is at Grace Adventures from October 13-15.

## *Trunk-or-Treat*

This is happening again and will be held at the South Elementary parking lot on Saturday, October 28, 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.

## *Party of Parties*

Ready to do some Christmas shopping or shop for yourself? On Saturday, October 21, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. 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.

## *Benefit*

On Saturday, October 14, from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Rockford Masonic Lodge, there will be a benefit to raise money for a new wheelchair van for Audry Schippers. If you can help by donating items for the raffle, please email Daniel Schippers at [schippers0831@gmail.com](mailto:schippers0831@gmail.com).

## *Uganda Fundraiser*

Pop cans are being collected as a fundraiser for a mission trip with ChristAid. Donations can be dropped off in the church lobby during regular office hours or contact Josh Mast for pick up.

## *Small Group Signups*

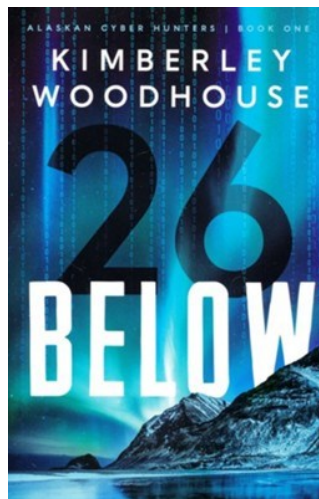
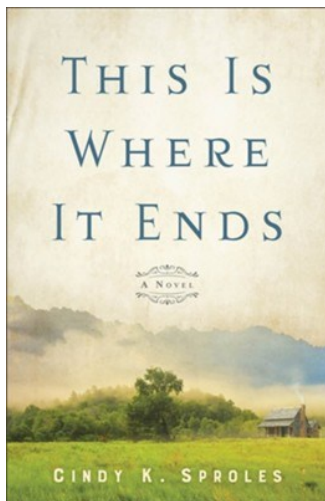
Looking to get connected and grow in your relationship with Christ? Small group signups (men's, women's, couples) continue on the church website under ministries.



How long is a body expected to keep a secret? When Minerva Jenkins was just fourteen years old, she married a man who moved her to the mountains. He carried with him a small box, which he told her held gold. When he died fifty years later, he made her promise to tell no one about the box, or the treasure it contained. Minerva is now ninety-four and is nearing what has been a sometimes lonely life, but she has kept her promise. Now, with rumors of hidden gold spreading, Minerva is visited by a reporter who wants to know more of her story. Who is this man and why does she feel like she wants to trust him? As the stakes rise, Minerva finds there is much more to her story than she ever knew. This suspenseful novel titled **This is Where it Ends** by Cindy K. Sproles will keep you turning the pages until the very end.

**26 Below** by Kimberley Woodhouse is an action-packed story that will have you on the edge of your seat and deciding that you will read one more chapter and then one more after that. This is the first in the Alaskan Cyber Hunters Series. The story is set in Fairbanks, Alaska, in the Emergency Operations Center, which is the last line in defense in the face of catastrophe. As the newly appointed director for the EOC, Darcie prevents disasters, but none of her training can prepare her for the terror that's coming. Who is this "prophetess" who begins appearing with declarations of doom linked to the falling temperature? What will happen when the temperature falls to 26 below?

**The Girl from the Papers** is by Jennifer L. Wright. Just as the Great Depression destroys Beatrice's dreams of being on the big screen, she meets Jack, who's pursuing the "glamorous" life of crime. Joining him on notorious sprees, she finally sees her name plastered in newspapers across America. When she starts yearning for a safer life, will Jack's escalating schemes destroy her dreams---and future?





# Birthday Celebrations

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- 1 Will Mihalek
  - 3 Sheri Busman, Lynn Quist
  - 4 Wilder Bode, Richard Jordan, Kadriel Knoll, Abby Lorenz, Samuel Mey, 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 Alli Geurink, Laci Geurink
  - 12 Colleen Bennink, Sophie Bukrey, Miniya Lothschutz, Doug Mauk
  - 13 Jeff Alberda
  - 16 Maxson Hershberger, Evan Keller, Suelllyn Metten
  - 17 Isaac Lorenz
  - 18 Sandy Cushway, Cali Evans, Alex Fogle, Jayden Frye, Ryan Lillibridge, Staci Mihalek, Amanda Van Ryswyk
  - 19 Charlie Vander Kolk
  - 20 Izabel Bode, Ben Nobert, Kevin Smoes
  - 24 Brandie Leach
  - 25 Delores Mol
  - 26 Wes Busman, Jessica Jeffrey, Donna Van Beek, Elaine M. Van Houten
  - 27 Dominic Lemmen
  - 28 Molly, Brookhouse, Tate Terpstra
  - 29 Jeff Smoes
  - 30 Lauren Davis, Case Visser

# Servant's Page

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## Nursery

		9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
October 1	Infant Toddler	Tami Schoolcraft, Owen Schoolcraft Mary Baird	Amber Vander Tuin Jo VanDop, Trisha Schippers
October 8	Infant Toddler	Danielle Poliski Mary Baird	Amber Vander Tuin Pete Mast, Hannah Mast
October 15	Infant Toddler	Casey Van Antwerpen Mary Baird	Amber Vander Tuin April DeMull, Olivia Vander Tuin
October 22	Infant Toddler	Shelly Visser Mary Baird	Amber Vander Tuin LeighAnn DeVries, Onna DeVries
October 29	Infant Toddler	Tami Schoolcraft, Owen Schoolcraft Mary Baird	Amber Vander Tuin Jo VanDop, Trisha Schippers

## Little Tykes

		9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
October 1	Leader Helpers	Doug Casler Samantha Ulven	Amanda Casler
October 8	Leader Helpers	Doug Casler Samantha Ulven	Amanda Casler Kyren DeVries, Reagan Schippers
October 15	Leader Helpers	Lynn Quist Samantha Ulven	Carmen Langlois Anyia Dyk, Addie Dyk
October 22	Leader Helpers	Doug Casler Samantha Ulven	Amanda Casler Addy Keller, Isaac DeVries
October 29	Leader Helper	Doug Casler Samantha Ulven	Amanda Casler Michaela Courson, Addy Keller

## Greeters

		Back of Sanctuary	Lobby
October 1	9:00 a.m.	Randy & Coralee VanDenBrink	Needed
October 8	9:00 a.m.	Gary & Karen Rollenhagen	Scott & Tami Schoolcraft
October 15	9:00 a.m.	Needed	Rick & Marcia Draft
October 22	9:00 a.m.	Ron & Beth Veldman	Jim & Kris Van Huis
October 29	9:00 a.m.	Jim & Stacey Hanenburg	Wes & Bonnie Busman

## Coffee Fellowship

October 1	Lynda Johnson, Deb Mauk, Kalene Sietsema, Sheri Busman
October 8	Beth Mast, Beth Baron, Mary Bialas, Tonya Lemmen
October 15	Diane Rozema, Tracey Kooistra, Lisa Wiltenburg
October 22	LeaAnn Tibbe, Karen Lemmen, Julie Palma, Amanda Casler, Carol Riemersma
October 29	Lynda Johnson, Evonne Erhorn, Kalene Sietsema, Marcia Draft

# Calendar of Events

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## October 2023

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

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



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