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Bible Passage of the Month

Romans 12:9-13

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Autumn brings to the soul relief,
as hot Summer days, slip to an end
God sent the season for weary hearts
to restore, repair and mend.

Unlike the Autumn trees,
that shed their changing leaves
God sent the season for failing hearts
to adhere, embrace and cleave.

Just as with the Autumn winds,
there comes a new refreshing rain
God sent the season for fraying hearts
to increase, grow and gain.

The Autumn sun is slow to climb,
and dips much earlier into the night
God sent the season for sleepy hearts
to rise, shine and awake in His light.

God gave to us the Autumn season,
so we could have a respite and rest
for it is the season for our beset souls
to see how much we are blessed!

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### *Psalm 16:9*

#### *King James Version*

*"Therefore my heart is glad,  
and my glory rejoiceth:  
my flesh also shall rest  
in hope."*

Deborah Ann Belka

## *Choir of Praise*

The Choir of Praise is gearing up for another great year! They practice Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. The first Sunday they sing will be for our Fall Kick-Off on September 10 at the 9:00 a.m. service. They invite all returning and new members to join them.

## *Women's Work Bee*

The women's work bee starts up again on Friday, September 8. 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.

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

On Monday, September 11, join us for pizza in the Activity Center at 12:00 noon. Sign up on the sheet in the library. On Saturday, October 28, we will enjoy a chicken & roast beef dinner at the Blue Gate at 12:00 noon and see the Shippshewana 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. We have 64 tickets available at \$48/person. Sign up and pay Deb Mauk by September 17. Save the date for Friday, December 8, Christmas concert and dinner at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds.

## *Fall Kick Off*

Fall Kick-Off is Sunday, September 10! This year we will be hosting a Pulled Pork Smoke-Off, meat provided. Join us for a fun-filled day, with activities for all ages.

## *Youth Groups*

One Way (High School) begins for the year on Sunday, September 10, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Crossroads (Middle School) begins Thursday, September 14, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

## *Men's Retreat*

Sign up now to guarantee a fun, Spirit-filled time with other men. The retreat will be at Lake Ann Camp from September 29-October 1. Cost is \$155 which includes your food and lodging. Register online at [www.coopersvillereformed.com](http://www.coopersvillereformed.com) under events.

## *Women's Retreat*

Join us for the women's retreat at Grace Adventures from October 13-15. Cost is \$165 and includes food and lodging. The speaker is author and teacher, Amy Siefert. Register online at [www.coopersvillereformed.com](http://www.coopersvillereformed.com) under events.

## *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).

# Lake Michigan Baptisms

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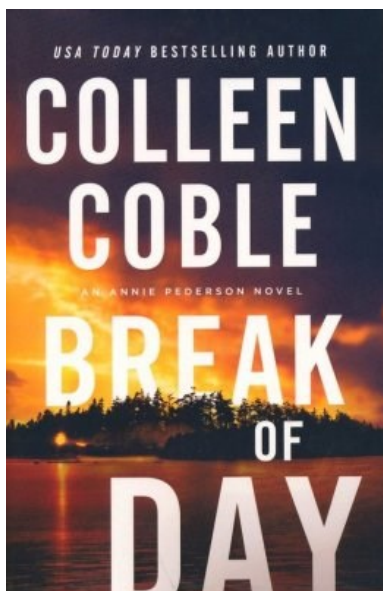




Are you ready to travel to Rock Harbor? Colleen Coble's latest installment in the Rock Harbor series takes us there in a story titled ***Break of Day***. Law enforcement officer Annie Pederson's life has been rocked by tragedy, but things finally seem to be heading in the right direction. She is even building back trust with her sister, Sarah, after a separation that lasted for decades. However, when a man escapes law enforcement custody and Sarah's safety is suddenly in question, Annie's personal and professional lives once again merge. Meanwhile, her investigation of hikers who have gone missing in the remote woods of Michigan's Upper Peninsula puts her in the crosshairs of a deadly game. Now Annie is the one being hunted!

***Ladies of the Lake*** by Cathy Gohlke is a wonderful historical Christian fiction story that revolves around the friendship of four women around the time of the Halifax Explosion that occurred on December 6, 1917 and before the dawn of WWI. "Ladies of the Lake," as the four girls call themselves bond like sisters at an all-girls school and vow that wherever life takes them, they will always be there for each other. Many things happen in their lives and things are not always what they seem. This story really comes alive as the characters develop and share joys and sorrows, wars and tragedy, betrayal, love, and forgiveness. I really like how the history was woven throughout the story. It took a few chapters to get into but once I did, it was difficult to put down and a twist right at the end was a surprise.

***The Swindler's Daughter*** by Stephenia H. McGee is a novel with a bit of everything: an underlying mystery, action, historical times and places, and an unexpected romance. Lillian has lived her high society life with her widowed mother believing her father died long ago. She is startled to find out that her estranged father only recently passed away and that he has left a business and all his possessions to her, making her an heiress of her father's dilapidated house in the backwoods of Georgia. She soon discovers she has family she never knew about and a family business that is more than meets the eye and puts a target on her back. Well written with twists and turns of mystery woven through the story, it is a great read.



# Birthday Celebrations

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- 1 Henry Cheadle, Kristyn Hart, Charlotte Kunnen**
  - 2 Homer Hill, Jason North**
  - 3 Landen Bakker**
  - 4 Kyle Piper, Barb Vander Jagt**
  - 7 Liam Courson, Joe Palma**
  - 6 Lydia McEachen**
  - 8 Beth Baron**
  - 9 Liam Budai, Audry Schippers**
  - 10 Alex Lorenz, Pete Twork**
  - 11 Susan Brooks, Lucas Lorenz, Jordan Quist, Derk Van Antwerpen,  
Alvina VanDoorn, Sam Wurm**
  - 12 Paul Bialas, Jerry Boerman**
  - 13 Hailey Cushway, Christopher Smoes**
  - 14 Ruth Hendricks**
  - 15 Alexander Hart, Turk Hershberger**
  - 16 Lily Keller**
  - 17 Zach Bennink, Maggie Van Dop, Kathy Walt, Bayleigh Wustman**
  - 18 Rob Lemmen, Stacey Lindale, Carter Mekkes**
  - 19 Doug Casler, Rory Ribnick**
  - 21 Maggie Mihalek, Tonya Wilson**
  - 22 Becky Poel, Randy VanDenBrink**
  - 23 Steve Smith**
  - 25 Bob Boom, Ryan Bos, Bev Van Dop, Cal Visser**
  - 26 Fred Kosten**
  - 27 Bruce Raterink**
  - 28 Brian Metten**
  - 29 Connie Hartman**
  - 30 Meghan Hershberger, Tracey Kooistra**

# Servant's Page

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## Nursery

|                                 |                   | 9:00 a.m.                                            | 10:45 a.m.                                            |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| September 3<br>Combined Service | Infant<br>Toddler | Amber Vander Tuin<br>Mary Baird, Anya Dyk, Addie Dyk |                                                       |
| September 10                    | Infant<br>Toddler | Mary Baird<br>Danielle Poliski                       | Amber Vander Tuin<br>Pete Mast, Hannah Mast           |
| September 17                    | Infant<br>Toddler | Casey Van Antwerpen<br>Mary Baird                    | Amber Vander Tuin<br>April DeMull, Olivia Vander Tuin |
| September 24                    | Infant<br>Toddler | Shelly Visser<br>Mary Baird                          | Amber Vander Tuin<br>LeighAnn DeVries, Onna DeVries   |

## Little Tykes

|                                 |                   | 9:00 a.m.                                                      | 10:45 a.m.                                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| September 3<br>Combined Service | Leader<br>Helpers | Amanda Casler<br>Kyren DeVries, Olivia VanderTuin, Addy Keller |                                                    |
| September 10                    | Leader<br>Helpers | Doug Casler<br>Samantha Ulven                                  | Amanda Casler<br>Reagan Schippers, Mikayla Boersma |
| September 17                    | Leader<br>Helpers | Liz Lillibridge<br>Michaela Courson                            | Carmen Langlois<br>Anya Dyk, Addie Dyk             |
| September 24                    | Leader<br>Helpers | Doug Casler<br>Anneke Bakker                                   | Amanda Casler<br>Michaela Courson, Isaac DeVries   |

## Greeters

|              |            | Back of Sanctuary            | Lobby                  |
|--------------|------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| September 3  | 10:00 a.m. | Jeff Alberda                 | Needed                 |
| September 10 | 9:00 a.m.  | Charlie & Bonnie Vander Kolk | Jon & Shelly Visser    |
| September 17 | 9:00 a.m.  | Tom & Diane Rozema           | Nichole Heinz          |
| September 24 | 9:00 a.m.  | Janet Kuperus, Sharon Ozinga | John & Alvina VanDoorn |

## Coffee Fellowship

|              |                                                                         |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| September 3  | Lynda Johnson, Deb Mauk, Marcia Draft, Kalene Sietsema                  |
| September 10 | Beth Mast, Beth Baron, Mary Bialas, Kalene Sietsema                     |
| September 17 | Lisa Wiltenburg, Kalene Sietsema, Tracey Kooistra, Evonne Erhorn        |
| September 24 | LeaAnn Tibbe, Karen Lemmen, Julie Palma, Amanda Casler, Carol Riemersma |

# Calendar of Events

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## September 2023

| Sunday                                                                                                          | Monday                           | Tuesday                                                                           | Wednesday                          | Thursday                         | Friday                                     | Saturday |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------|
|                                                                                                                 |                                  |                                                                                   |                                    |                                  | 1                                          | 2        |
| 3<br>10:00 am Combined<br>Worship                                                                               | 4<br>Office Closed               | 5<br>6:00-7:00 am<br>Rooted in Prayer<br><br>7:00 pm Choir of<br>Praise Practice  | 6                                  | 7                                | 8<br>9:00 a.m.-2:00 pm<br>Women's Work Bee | 9        |
| 10<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:45 am Worship<br>12:00 pm Fall Kick-<br>Off<br><br>6:00-8:00 pm One<br>Way          | 11<br>12:00 pm S.A.L.T.<br>Event | 12<br>6:00-7:00 am<br>Rooted in Prayer<br><br>7:00 pm Choir of<br>Praise Practice | 13<br>6:45-8:00 pm The<br>Vineyard | 14<br>6:30-8:00 pm<br>Crossroads | 15<br>Office Closed                        | 16       |
| 17<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:45 am Worship<br><br>6:00-8:00 pm One<br>Way                                        | 18                               | 19<br>6:00-7:00 am<br>Rooted in Prayer<br><br>7:00 pm Choir of<br>Praise Practice | 20<br>6:45-8:00 pm The<br>Vineyard | 21<br>6:30-8:00 pm<br>Crossroads | 22<br>Office Closed                        | 23       |
| 24<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:45 am Worship<br><br>6:00-8:00 pm<br>Women's Bible Study<br>6:00-8:00 pm One<br>Way | 25                               | 26<br>6:00-7:00 am<br>Rooted in Prayer<br><br>7:00 pm Choir of<br>Praise Practice | 27<br>6:45-8:00 pm The<br>Vineyard | 28<br>6:30-8:00 pm<br>Crossroads | 29<br>Men's Retreat _____                  | 30       |

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



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