

# The AMERICANews

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## ARC CENTENNIAL NEWS

“Knowing our Past, Building our Future”



In Celebration of ARC's centennial,  
a **CATERED BANQUET** will be held on  
**Saturday, September 25 at 6:00pm** in the ARC worship center.

Tickets will be \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family.

**For ticket purchases contact:**

Jeanne Breuer at 712-460-2336

Donna Wallenburg at 712-441-1289

Tickets are also available at the church office.

Deadline to purchase tickets is **September 12.**

Invite your family, friends and former members for a time of fellowship, food  
and a short program afterwards. **All are invited!!**



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**Sunday, September 26** our worship service at 9:30am  
will be a celebration of  
**“Knowing Our Past, Building Our Future”.**

After the service a **photo of everyone** attending the  
worship service will be taken on the front lawn **followed by**  
a time of fellowship with coffee, lemonade and cake.

**Come for a time of worship and fellowship!**



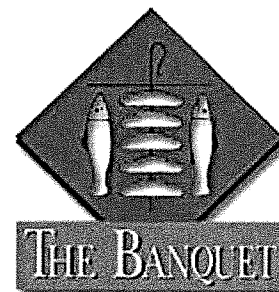
## JOIN US AS WE SERVE!

ARC will be serving at the downtown Banquet in Sioux Falls on Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

We are still in need of volunteers. Please prayerfully consider joining us! Helping those less fortunate is doing our part as servants of the Lord. There is a sign-up sheet on the information booth.

### Group Checklist for Success

- o The Banquet is a feeding, encountering, and sharing ministry
- o 6 total volunteers to prepare the meal from 2 PM - 5 PM
- o 25 total volunteers to serve the meal at 5:15 PM - 8PM greeting and sharing, serving, beverages, dishes
- o No open toed shoes
- o Please dress in appropriate work attire
- o Please have someone ready to share a 2-3-minute devotion
- o Typically, we serve between 350 and 450 guests



Thank you for your commitment to The Banquet ministry!

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**Kid's Club** is preparing for a new year!  
We will be starting on September 14 and cannot run this program without our volunteers!



**Please consider becoming a volunteer.**

If you have questions, contact Ruth Moss or Julie Kreun.

A volunteer form is included in this newsletter.



## Christian Literature

May be dropped off at the 1st Reformed Church in Sioux Center from Aug. 28-Sept. 3. It should be placed inside the trailer parked ½ block South of the Sioux Center First Reformed Church next to the bus garage. Please remember to pack the literature in manageable size boxes (not bags) with tops closed or lids so they may be easily stacked. PLEASE DO NOT SEND ITEMS NOT SPECIFIED ON THE LIST!

If your church has some funds or could take a special offering for ICLD, it would be greatly appreciated and used to spread God's word throughout the world. ICLD is run totally by volunteers so your gift would be used for shipping costs and building rent. Funds can be sent directly to: ICLD, P.O. Box 8295, Minneapolis, MN 55408

Karl & Gloria Kempers

Ph. 712-722-0696

kkempers@mtcnet.net

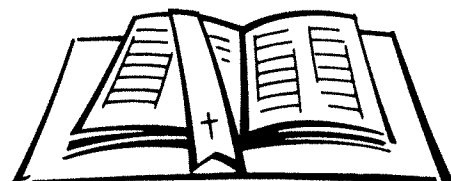
### **MATERIAL DONATION GUIDELINES**

#### **What we would love to get**

- Bibles, New Test, Gospels, Study Bibles (all versions)
- Bible Overview or introduction
- Concordances
- Bible Atlases
- Bible Handbooks
- Bible Dictionaries
- Commentaries (1-2 vol, or for 1 Biblical Book)
- Sermon Outlines
- Bible Studies
- Christian Education
- Evangelism
- Tracts
- Discipleship
- Daily Devotionals
- Sunday School, adult or youth
- Topical: counseling, preaching, mission, family, church history, prayer, youth ministry, leadership, etc
- Theology: nature of God, salvation, scripture, the church, end times, etc
- Sermons (but only recognized teachers and ONLY on CD/DVD)
- Vacation Bible School Materials (clean, untorn)

#### **What we are unable to use**

- Cassette tapes and VHS tapes
- Hymn Books
- Music, Song Books, Sheet Music
- Novels, Fiction
- Secular Topics
- American Only Topics
- Denominationally specific material
- Cult and questionable theology
- Movies and videos
- Books on cassette tape
- Cartoons, poetry
- Anything outside core Christian topics





Hello from Inspiration Hills,

God has blessed Inspiration Hills with an anonymous donor who has committed to a \$300,000 matching gift until July 30th! This matching gift has the potential to eliminate Inspiration Hills debt.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to make a BIG difference in the lives of others. Your donation will help children, families, and guests experience God's love at Inspiration Hills.

To donate or learn more, visit <https://inspirationhills.org/planned-giving.html>

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this exciting opportunity as we look to continue ministry for years to come.

Be Renewed (2021 Camp Theme),

Kristi Palsma  
Interim Camp Director  
Inspiration Hills Camp & Retreat Center  
712-986-5193

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Inspiration Hills Camp & Retreat Center      1242 280th St Inwood, IA 51240  
[www.inspirationhills.org](http://www.inspirationhills.org)      [ihills@inspirationhills.org](mailto:ihills@inspirationhills.org)

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## **PROJECTION**

July 4	J.C. DK
July 11	Josiah Reuvers
July 18	Carter Van Voorst
July 25	Reid Van Voorst

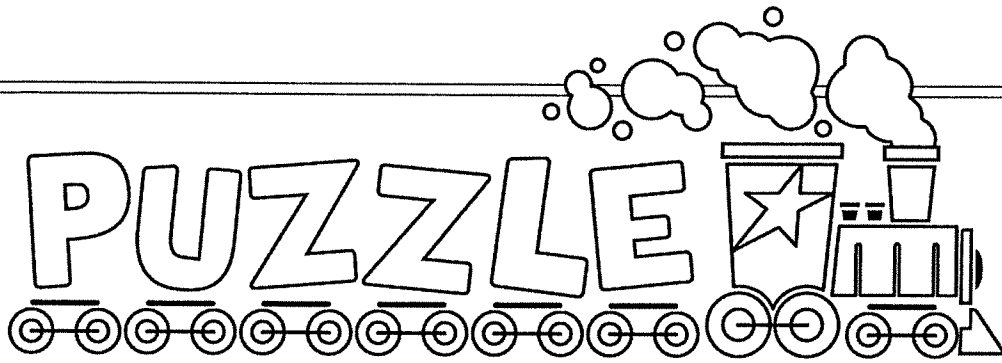
## **VIDEO OPERATOR**

July 4	Brian Sipma
July 11	Damion Reuvers
July 18	Reid Van Voorst
July 25	Carter Van Voorst

## **USHERS**

July 4	Larry De Jong, Larry Brown
July 11	Larry De Jong, Larry Brown
July 18	Mark Sipma, Mike Gaul
July 25	Mark Sipma, Mike Gaul





# No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.



*Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.*



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|------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. ____ bear     | 9. ____ monkey     | A. fry     | I. hatchling |
| 2. ____ frog     | 10. ____ platypus  | B. fawn    | K. foal      |
| 3. ____ owl      | 11. ____ alligator | C. gosling | L. owlet     |
| 4. ____ horse    | 12. ____ giraffe   | D. cub     | M. puggle    |
| 5. ____ kangaroo | 13. ____ goose     | E. kid     | N. joey      |
| 6. ____ deer     | 14. ____ swan      | F. cygnet  | O. polliwog  |
| 7. ____ goat     | 15. ____ dog       | G. infant  | P. puppy     |
| 8. ____ fish     |                    | H. calf    |              |

“  on’t let any  ne   oo   down o   you   ecaus    
 you   re youn  , but set an exa  ple for the bel  evers  
 in speec  , in   onduct, in love, in   aith and in   urity.”

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

Answer: D, O, L, K, N, B, E, A, G, M, I, H, C, F, P



In celebration of ARC's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary we will be having a short 'hymn sing' starting at 9:15 prior to the morning worship service on:

July 11  
August 8  
September 12

We would like to sing some of the old hymns and are looking for requests. We encourage you to put your old-time hymn requests in the "Hymn Suggestions" box on the welcome table.

Come early and sing some of the old favorite hymns.



## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We are collecting pictures, artifacts and memorabilia from the past related to our church's history.

If you have anything that you are willing to share with us, please contact:

Ken at 712-441-0265 or Ida at 712-441-4092.

We will take good care of them and will return them after the centennial weekend.



# ARC CENTENNIAL



## IF ARE NOT USING OUR ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY APP ON YOUR PHONE, NOW IS THE TIME TO CHECK IT OUT!

There is a free app to download on your Apple, Android and Kindle Fire devices.

To download the app to your Apple device, GO TO: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/instant-church-directory/id589542221?ls=1&mt=8>

To download the app to your Android device, GO TO:  
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instantchurchdirectory.members>

To download the app to your Kindle Fire, GO TO:  
[http://www.amazon.com/Communication-Resources-Inc-Instant-Directory/dp/B00D76604E/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=mobile-apps&ie=UTF8&qid=1371671565](http://www.amazon.com/Communication-Resources-Inc-Instant-Directory/dp/B00D76604E/ref=sr_1_1?s=mobile-apps&ie=UTF8&qid=1371671565)

You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, let Donna know so it can be added. Once you enter your email address follow the directions on screen to complete the login process. After you login, the directory will be downloaded to your device. Anytime updates are made, they will update on your device too. In the app you will be able to search for families and members and call, email and text right from the app.



To view the directory **ONLINE**, go to **members.InstantChurchDirectory.com** to log in.

1.) You will be asked to enter in your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, let Donna know so it can be added.

2.) The first time, click on the "Create a login now" under the Sign In button. Enter your email address and set up a password to be sent an email confirmation.

3.) Go to the email confirmation that was sent to you. Click on the link inside that email to confirm your email and log in with the password you just created.

More information can be found at [www.InstantChurchDirectory.com/app](http://www.InstantChurchDirectory.com/app).

Need help or have questions? Contact Donna at 441-1289 or email the church [amrefdch@mtcnet.net](mailto:amrefdch@mtcnet.net)

## IF THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES TO YOUR FAMILY OR CONTACT INFO - PLEASE LET DONNA KNOW SO WE CAN KEEP OUR DIRECTORY UPDATED!



# MUSIC IN THE PARK



The Mission & Outreach Team of Hull First Reformed Church invites you to enjoy beautiful music during Music in the Park on Thursday, July 8, at Westside Park at 7:00 P.M.

Performers include: Perry and Audrey Raman, Rylee Waldner, Olivia Lanning, Carlie Hoekstra; John and Denise Vander Stelt; Sierra Nielsen and Jaden Van Schepen.

Free root beer floats will be served during the concert and a freewill offering will be taken for mission projects of the church. Bring a lawn chair!



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*American Reformed 100 years*

## T-SHIRT SALES

*In celebration of American Reformed  
100th anniversary we are*

*selling T-shirts!*

*There will be order forms in your mailboxes and you can place an order for a t-shirt for \$10 each. We will have sample sizes on display each Sunday starting July 11. We will be taking orders until August 8. You can place your order and money in the box on the informational desk or on Sundays at the t-shirt table.*

*If you have any questions, feel free to contact Deb Moss or Bette Boote.*

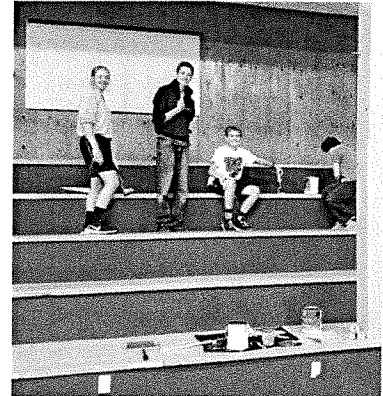


## June Consistory Highlights

*by Julie Visscher*

- Radio and TV will be installing TVs in the front of the church for projection during worship.
- ARC will make a \$1000 donation to Inspiration Hills during their matching funds fundraising event.
- Siouxland Digital Marketing will begin designing a new website for ARC.
- Dr. Micah Parker will be preaching on July 25 and August 22. ARC will donate \$250 to help fund t-shirts that he gives away when speaking to groups of young people.
- The church will be serving at The Banquet on July 14. The consistory encourages the congregation to sign up to help.
- The parsonage will be ready for sale soon. The consistory will list the house with Don Krommendyk and Team Realty. All business will be conducted through Don Krommendyk who will work with the Executive Committee; the Executive Committee has authority to finalize the sale.
- After listening to the congregation during round table discussions concerning consistory elections, the consistory has decided that ARC will return to the previous double slate method of voting for future elections.

Prayer Warrior  
Annville Institute/Grace Covenant Ministries  
PO Box 340, Annville, KY 40402  
606-364-5151  
June 2021



**We can make our own plans,  
but the LORD gives the right answer. Prov. 16:1 (NLT)**

There are times when we are disappointed to see that our plans have to change. Sometimes, we are blessed to see how God blesses us through the changes. Larry, who lives in Jackson County, had his home destroyed by a tree falling on it. Everything seemed lost. Our staff was aided by a youth group from Sully, IA and cleaned up the house site and started to reconstruct his dwelling. A lot was accomplished but the work had to stop because of rain. Other groups this summer will continue the work. Larry is thrilled and thankful for all the kindness that is being showered on him by these volunteers.

The rain changed the plans for the youth group. They kept busy by helping at the trade stores, painting in the gym and putting mats down for the equipment in the new fitness center. Their work was a big blessing to us. Rain forced our batting camp to be moved inside. Pictured below is Jason, our youth activities director, leading the group in devotions and giving batting instruction to a camper.

Our box truck and forklift that were donated to us over 20 years ago have reached the stage that repair costs are more than the equipment is worth. If you or your church group is looking for a special project to help procure some good used equipment to help us in our trade store outreach, please contact us.

As stated last month, we are in the process of creating a new web page. It is still a work in progress, but we are excited to start using it. You can view it at [www.gcmannvilleinstitute.com](http://www.gcmannvilleinstitute.com) Thank you for your prayers and your continued partnership with us.





## Cornerstone Prison Church

As you come to him, the living Stone - rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him - you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious **cornerstone**, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame. 1 Peter 2:4-6

*June 2021*

EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

## ALIVE IN CHRIST

All too often the assumption of people today is that nothing good comes out of prisons. But that is only an assumption. The prisons today are all too like our small cities now. There are the strong and weak, the young and old, the big and small, and the good and bad.

Christ asks us to see the person and not the action or sin they have done. The person who is convicted of a crime may rightly be incarcerated, but haven't we all done wrong and sinned in God's eyes. No one sin is worse than another in God's eyes it is still sin. I guess we all fall short on the bad side of a bad-good list.

But, if we are in Christ and we confess those sins, they can and will be forgiven. 1 John 1:9 says just that, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." But what else do we need to do? We need to have a changed heart and if we are in Christ our hearts will be changed. Have you seen a person who has been changed through being alive in Christ?

Those changes in people are seen in the prison at Cornerstone Prison Church. You can witness that change of heart happening in the people who are incarcerated in this small city called a prison. This poem speaks well of the change of heart in Christ, written by an attendee at Cornerstone.

### **Tears from my eyes**

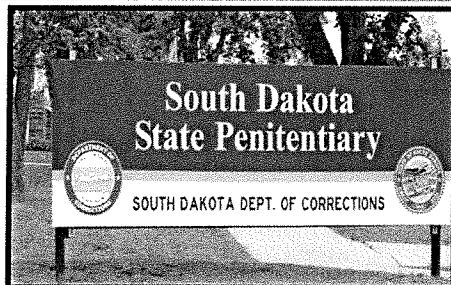
Tears fall from my eyes  
Through you I see past the devil's lies  
I feel the wetness upon my cheek  
Your Love my Lord  
Overpowers the darkness in me.  
I am not perfect, in fact far from it  
Yet Jesus grabs me,  
He pulls me near  
I break down and weep  
As he calls me Son.  
Tears fall from my eyes  
Because I feel the warmth  
From his heavenly sky  
Thank you Lord for your grace  
That brings me tears  
Cleaning my eyes  
So that I may see  
Tears fall from my eyes  
Cleaning away the dirt of sin  
Crumbling the wall  
That keeps me from  
Letting Jesus in. - C.

### Who Are You

Who are you to judge me and to laugh in my face?  
We're supposed to be brothers as we endure this horrible place.  
Life is already hard enough, your constant put downs don't help.  
Words do truly hurt, can you imagine how I felt?  
When you pushed me to the ground and walked away,  
Not caring how I hurt, even when you heard me say,  
Why do you target the weak? Is it because you think you can?  
Who are you to judge me? You think this makes you a man?  
One day you will be in my shoes, and you'll be the one on the ground,  
Being judged by our Heavenly Father. Don't you start crying now.  
You had an opportunity to change and to live a better life,  
But you chose to put people down, and to not do right.  
So ask yourself "Who are you to judge me?"  
Can't you see we're not very different, you're just like me.  
Who are you?

Written by - A.

*This poem was written by an inmate.*



## Cornerstone Prison Church

[www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org)

#### Outside:

PO Box 88708  
Sioux Falls, SD 57109  
Ph 605.496.8152

[office@cornerstonepcsd.org](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd.org)

#### Inside:

1600 North Drive  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
Ph 605.367.5749

#### Prayer requests:

- ◆ Pray for the Ambassador board and the process of finding a new pastor or pastors.
- ◆ Pray for the men, as the prison is now opened up, for all the new relationships that are being formed.
- ◆ Lift up the lives of all the men at the SDSP. Each one has his own unique concerns, needs and each one needs Christ in a real way.

Want to meet men who are seeking to live everyday for Christ  
It's easy...Join us for a worship!  
Contact Jean to schedule a date that works for you. We need to have at least 2 weeks notice to get the paperwork completed; then come and be blessed.

Our email address is:  
[office@cornerstonepcsd.org](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd.org)



#### Give your gifts to Cornerstone Prison Church

Enclosed is a \$ \_\_\_\_\_ gift for Cornerstone Prison church

Please use for ( ) General Fund ( ) Bibles & Materials ( ) Cornerstone Barnabus Foundation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to *Cornerstone Prison Church*.

Donations are tax deductible.

Donations can be sent to:

Cornerstone Prison Church, c/o David Vande Kamp, Treasurer,  
801 S. Gordon Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57110.



## Kids' Club Volunteer Registration Form 2021-2022

*Kids' Club is a fun, safe, nurturing faith-based after school program for students in grades K-3. It's a great opportunity for kids to spend time with each other, volunteers and Jesus Christ.*

The Kids' Club program runs from September 14 to May 5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30pm to 5:30pm at American Reformed Church in Hull. In order to provide this program we need another great group of volunteers, so we are checking with you to see if you would like to join us and if so, what areas interests you.

**SCHEDULING:** We are asking you to sign up to work during one or both of the time blocks below. If you know you will not be available for the whole time block, please share that in the area provided.

☐ **3:15pm to 4:00pm: Snack Preparation and Welcome**

- ☐ Prepare, serve and clean-up after snack
- ☐ Visit with kids and welcome them while they are having their snack
- ☐ Help with any setup and cleanup that is needed

☐ **4:00pm to 5:30pm: Program Time** (check all areas that apply)

**LEADERSHIP AREAS**

- ☐ Planning or leading an art project or craft\*
- ☐ Planning and leading a kitchen creation baking session\*
- ☐ Organizing a local service project
- ☐ Planning and leading a simple lesson.
- ☐ This might include a science experiment and/or teaching kids about your profession, or a different culture

**SUPPORT AREAS**

- ☐ Sitting with the kids and providing assistance during any of the categories listed in the leadership column
- ☐ Playing games with the kids and helping with crafts
- ☐ Helping with homework
- ☐ Reading with and to children
- ☐ I can speak Spanish

*\*If you sign up to lead an art project or kitchen creation, you will be reimbursed for your supplies. Please keep your receipt. We have many art and craft supplies on hand so check in with the Kids' Club directors before making a purchase. We can also request a specific supply be donated. You will be given some general guidelines on what is expected of you if you take a leadership role.*

☐ I am interested in being involved, but I'm not sure where I fit. Please contact me.

**SIGN ME UP** (must be high school age or older to volunteer)

Name:	Phone Number:
Address:	Church Home:
Email Address:	Birthday (month and day only):
I would prefer to volunteer on the following days:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Either
I would prefer to volunteer:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Every Other Week <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
Certain months you would <b>not</b> be available between September 2021 and May 2022:	
Would you be willing to drive students to and from field trip locations? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, how many students can you fit in your vehicle, not counting yourself or a front seat passenger? _____	
General Comments:	

**Please join us for one of our volunteer orientation nights to be held Tuesday, September 7th and Thursday, September 9th at 4:30pm in the basement of American Reformed Church.**

**This form may be returned to Julie Kreun at American Reformed Church, Elaine Boogerd at First Reformed Church, Sylvia Eekhoff at Hope Christian Reformed Church, Sherry DeWit at First Christian Reformed Church or Pastor Aaron Deutsch at St. Paul Lutheran Church.**