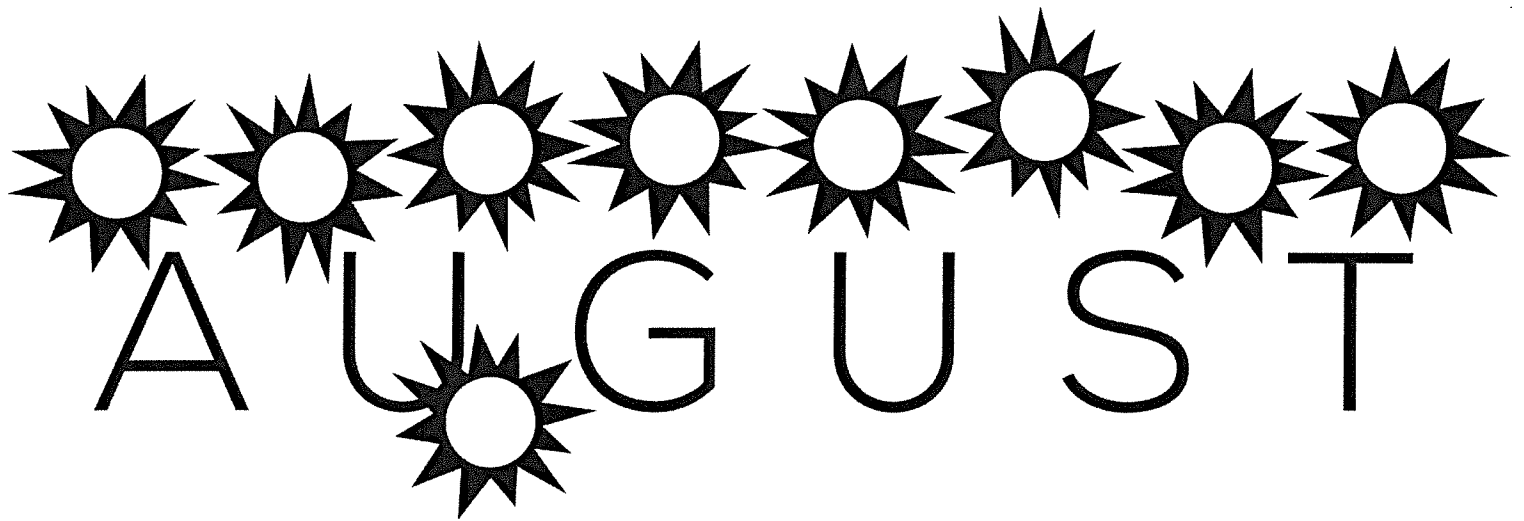


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“Knowing our Past, Building our Future”

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!!**



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!

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CELEBRATE  
ARC'S 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
IN A T-SHIRT  
ESPECIALLY MADE FOR THE EVENT!!



Order forms are in the great hall.

Please place your order and money in the designated box.

Shirts are \$10 each. All orders are to be prepaid.

Checks may be made out to: American Reformed Church.

Sample sizes are on display each Sunday.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!! ORDERS MUST BE IN BY SUNDAY, AUGUST 8!

\*Any questions, please contact Deb Moss at 712-470-4051

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:

August 8 and August 29  
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.

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### PROJECTION

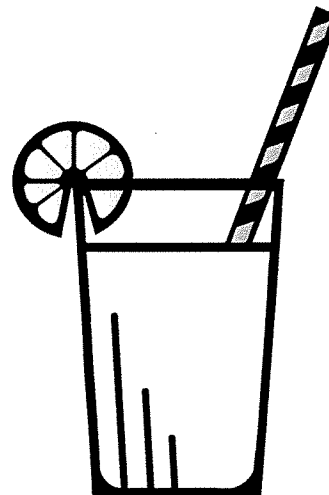
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August 8 - Carter W  
August 15 - JJ F  
August 22 - Josiah R  
August 29 - Reid VV

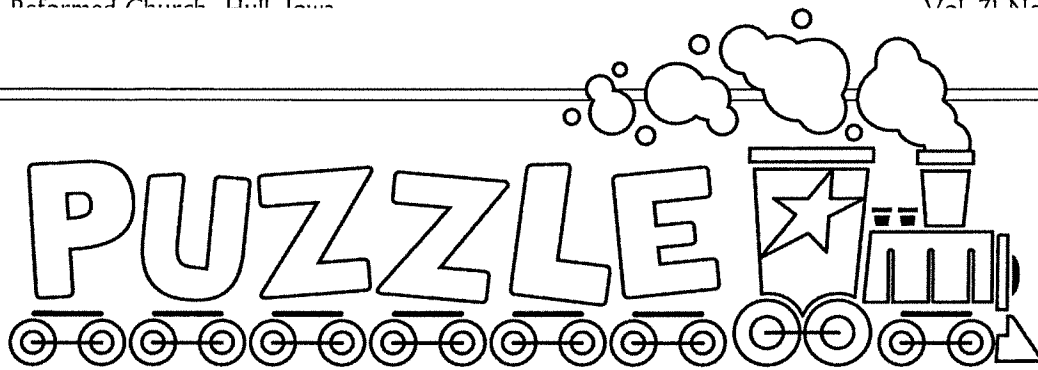
### VIDEO OPERATOR

August 1 - Laura W  
August 8 - Brian S  
August 15 - Keith VV  
August 22 - Reid VV  
August 29 - Laura W

### USHERS

August 1 - Nathan Schafer, Russ Goold  
August 8 - Nathan Schafer, Russ Goold  
August 15 - Ryan Myers, Tim Brunsting  
August 22 - Ryan Myers, Tim Brunsting  
August 29 - Todd Visscher, Tony VDZ





# Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

*Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.*

party – t = p r a y (v. 1)

lady + i = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 3)

drab + e = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 5)

rod + o = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 7)

bask – b = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

keeps – p = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

define – ee = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

shift – t = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 11)

sneaky – y = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 11)

sift + g = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 13)

# CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

If anyone has Christian literature, the ICLD (International Christian Literature Distributors) is having a Christian material drive from August 28 thru September 3.

Please bring items that can be used to **the ARC resource room by Sunday, August 29.**

We will drop this off at the First Reformed Church in Sioux Center before September 3.

If you have any questions, please contact Todd Visscher 712-441-5663

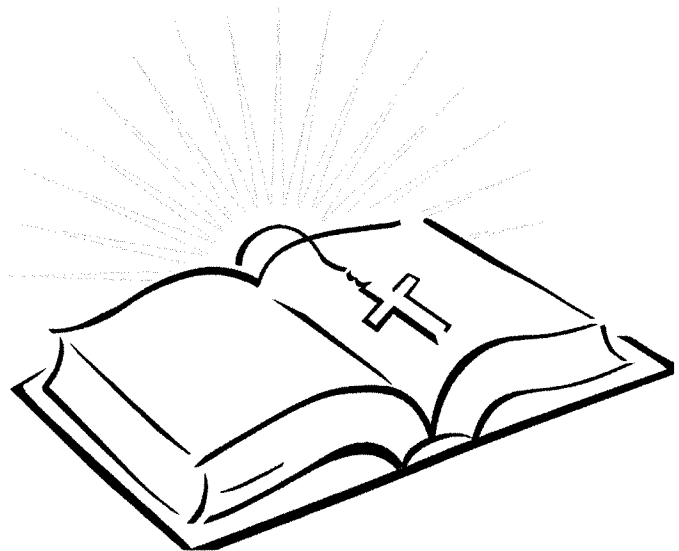
## MATERIAL DONATION GUIDELINES

### **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





## KIDS' CLUB HAPPENINGS



Kids' Club is ramping up for a new year and is looking for donations of food, craft and paper items. Be watching for the **donation slips** to come out on **August 8<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks so much for your generosity!

Kids' Club will be having a **Pizza Ranch tip night** on **Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**. Be sure to mark your calendar and come have supper with us at the Ranch!



**REGISTRATION FORMS** for the 2021-2022 Kids' Club year are now available. Registration forms are available in the following ways:

**Boyden Hull registration packets**

**Via email for Hull Christian students**

**Hull Chamber Website**

**Kids Club Facebook page**

**American Reformed Church office weekdays until noon.**

Kids' Club is open to students who will be entering grades K-3 this Fall. For more information, please contact one of our co-directors: Sylvia Eekhoff at 712-540-7734 or Elaine Boogerd at 712-348-4181. Feel free to fill it out and return it to Julie Kreun's mailbox or the church office.



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## LOVE INC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ Love INC is looking for individuals willing to provide mentoring for participants in the Faith and Finances class this fall. Mentors will assist participants with financial goal setting, budgeting, credit (re)building, planning for debt repayment and savings. This opportunity begins on August 31 and requires mentors to meet once a week for 12 weeks, on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:15 in Rock Valley. Love INC will provide training and guidance throughout the mentoring process.
- ▶ We are also looking for individuals with experience in walking a grief journey after losing a loved one for our Grief Share support group. Volunteers would provide support, guide discussion and encourage others through their own journey of grief. Grief Share curriculum and training is provided by Love INC.

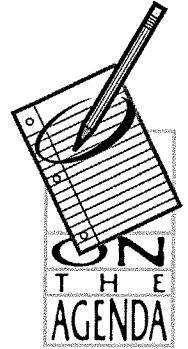
Please call the Love INC office for more information at 712-476-5990 or email Noemi DeWeerd  
loveinc3@premieronline.net

## WORDS OF HOPE EVENT

Please join us for a special evening gathering for Words of Hope! Jon Opgenorth, President of Words of Hope, and the Persian Ministries Director will be sharing about the amazing ways God is using Words of Hope in one of the hardest to reach places on earth, Iran.

**Where:** First Reformed Church Orange City

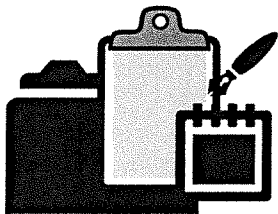
**When:** August 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm



## MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

As a congregation, we continue trying to negotiate the will of God regarding our decision to stay in the RCA, leave the denomination, and/or pursue other options. To help us in this process, **Director of the Synod of the Heartland, Tom Smith, will be meeting with the congregation** in the sanctuary on **Wednesday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m.** to discuss the options churches have as well as the disadvantages and advantages of each decision.

The consistory encourages you to be part of the conversation; this evening will offer opportunities for asking questions and participation in round table discussions. **We hope to see you there.**



## July Consistory Highlights

*by Julie Visscher*

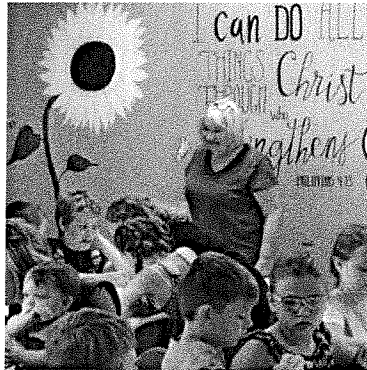
- ☐ The deacons continue working on the aesthetics in the front of the church and getting new locks installed.
- ☐ The Lord's Supper will be celebrated Sunday, August 8, 2021.
- ☐ Heather and Jesse Mesman appeared before the elders to request infant baptism for their daughter Aspen Jo Mesman. She will be baptized August 8, 2021.
- ☐ ARC's new website is in development.
- ☐ Elders will begin greeting congregation members after the service starting on August 8, 2021.
- ☐ Director of the Synod of the Heartland, Tom Smith, will be meeting with the congregation on Wednesday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss options RCA churches have regarding leaving and/or staying in the denomination. We'll end the evening with a round table discussion.



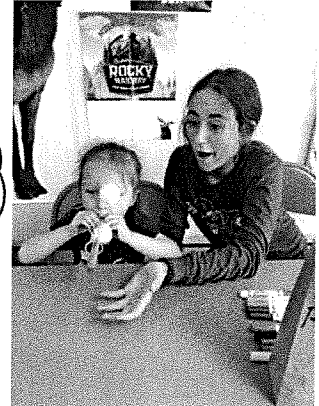
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Annville Institute/Grace Covenant Ministries  
PO Box 340, Annville, KY 40402  
606-364-5151  
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Art Camp

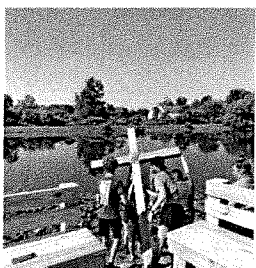


VBS

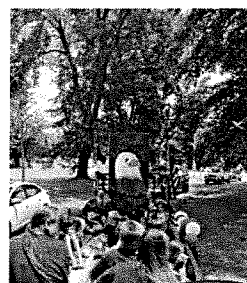
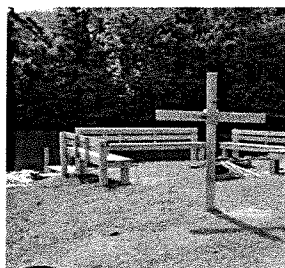


**Celebrating!**  
**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**  
**Psalm 100:5 (NIV)**

After a year and a half of limited interaction, it is exciting to host camps and community celebrations. The number of participants is up from previous years. In addition to sports camps, we had an art camp and a VBS camp. We were blessed to have a youth group and an adult volunteer group from Community Reformed Church of Zeeland, MI. They helped with the VBS camp and did a lot of work around campus. The Annville Independence Day celebration parade ended on campus, where there were a variety of booths set up. We are praying that the vilest part of the Covid pandemic is history. We have been reminded that God has been faithful through the generations and continues to remain faithful. We ask that you pray for our staff that as we return to the hustle of ministry, that we stay focused on the work to which God has called us. Thank you for your partnership with us. Your faithful support helps to make these scenes possible. Yes, God is good – all the time!!!



Firepit Makeover



Community Celebration





## Cornerstone Prison Church Newsletter

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

*July 2021*

EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

### SINNERS IN GOD'S CHURCH

"To live above with saints we love, wouldn't that be glory? To live below with saints we know, well that's a different story." This is an Irish rhyme I recently read in a devotional I use every morning. As we at Cornerstone look to a new shepherd coming in to lead us, Pastor Scott Van Voorst, we as a church are all beset with problems relating to belief and behavior. But we all sin because we are sinners and we all fail as sinners to forgive the offender, despite his genuine repentance. We hope and pray this new leader will come to love Cornerstone and never give up on us.

Many of us have experienced difficult times in our churches and may even be the cause of "excessive sorrow" as Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 2:7-8. "Now instead you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him."

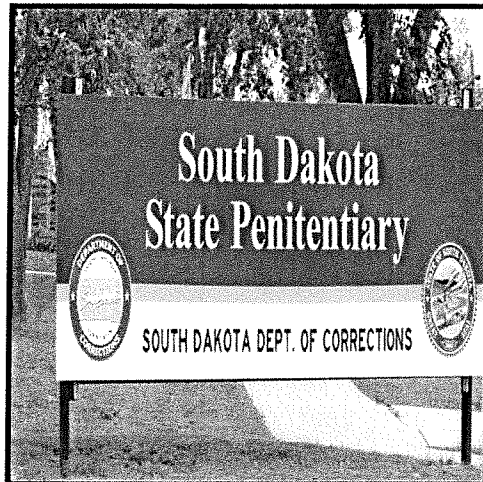
We have all known of people in the church who

have become wearied, hurt and even used by unreasonable demands of those who even well intentioned see what we have done as accusatory. It is tempting to just withdraw and not attend services, bible study or just interaction with brothers/sisters in Christ who have hurt us. Yet this is not the Christ-centered model Paul gives us.

As a response to God's word let us reconnect with God's people. If you know of someone who has turned their backs on the church and its people, encourage them to return.

"If you find a perfect church don't join it, as you will only spoil it." Another quote from this devotional. Be part of the solution, rather than part of the problem as the saying goes.

We need to thank our pastors and fellow Christians who faithfully walk beside us when we sin against each other. Forgive as you have been forgiven and come back to your brothers/sisters in Christ.



Cornerstone Prison Church meets every Friday evening for worship. The guys are excited to meet new people.

Please join us!

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

## Cornerstone Prison Church

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One Lord  
One Faith  
One Baptism

## Prayer Requests...

- Pray for Pastor Scott Van Voorst as he takes on the duties of pastor at Cornerstone Prison Church beginning September 3, 2021.
- Prayers for Pastor Cory Grimm as he has decided to decline our call to be the second pastor and as he continues in his work as our worship coordinator.
- As the population inside the walls continues to age, their health needs continue to increase. We pray for healing and timely care.
- Pray for the Cornerstone Council that their leadership may be healthy and received well by the men inside. Also, that the Lord will provide as we begin the nomination process this Fall.
- Praise the Lord for men standing up and professing their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior!

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make checks payable to *Cornerstone Prison Church*.

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801 S. Gordon Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57110.