

Redeemer Life



February 2025

SHARING YOUR SPIRITUAL STORY

"Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you"
(Mark 6:19)

"And many in that town believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony"
(John 4:39)

Sharing the story of your spiritual journey can be one of the most effective witnesses to Jesus and the gospel anyone can do. And the process of putting together and sharing your story with others can be one of the spiritually enriching and encouraging things you can do. As a matter of fact, engaging in this process with others can be one of the most spiritually invigorating and enjoyable things we do in our life together! Here are some suggestions and questions that might help you as you engage in this process. Many find it helpful to actually write things down so that you can review your thoughts, and later on, maybe add some thoughts as you continue to process these questions.

- Tell us about your spiritual journey. When do you feel you came to know Christ and what difference has He made in your life?
- Do you have a church background? What was that like for you?
- Who and/or what have been some of the primary influences in your spiritual journey? Has it been a pastor, parent, sibling, coach, teacher, friend? Many or all of the above? Share how these influences have impacted and influenced your journey.
- What books have you read or sermons that you've heard that have been a part of your journey?
- What have some been some bumps or challenges along the way and how has Jesus used these in your journey?

Once you've thought about and hopefully processed all this with some others, try to distill it down to about 2 min, just hitting the high points; something you could concisely share with others as God gives you opportunity.

From the Evangelism for Everyone "Spiritual Conversations" conference with Ted Powers –
Weekend of January 17-19, 2025



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Spotlight - Women's Retreat

WOMEN OF REDEEMER:



Join us on the shores of Lake Michigan, for an opportunity to be filled by fellowship with one another, respite from the routine of life, and taking a deep dive into the word of God. Come and Explore what it means to find CONTENTMENT with an inward assurance of God's sovereignty and goodness and be gifted the fruits of peace and thanksgiving in Him.

The Details:

Location: Maranatha Bible Camp: 4759 Lake Harbor Rd Norton Shores, MI 49441

Date: Friday and Saturday March 7th and 8th. Friday arrival time: 4-6 pm. Saturday departure time: 3pm.

Pre-retreat required introduction of the study: Please plan to attend one of these viewings prior to the retreat for an introduction to the study:

Date Options:

- *Tuesday, February 18th – 6:30 – 8pm – Greta Entingh's Home
- 900 Pine Valley Dr SE Ada, MI 49301
- *Wednesday, February 19th – 6:30 – 8 pm – Redeemer OPC
- *Thursday, February 20th – 6:30 – 8 pm – Debby Clayton's Home
- 2055 Korben Woods Ct. Belmont, MI 49306

Cost: \$150 – includes all meals and sleeping accommodation.

Discounted Rates available in addition to the opportunity to bless other women in support of covering portions of their costs.

We look forward to a time of growing our faith and growing in our love towards each other!



Announcements

The Lord's Supper

Will be celebrated during the morning worship service on Sunday, February 2, 2025. Prepare your hearts as we gather at the Lord's table. All items served are gluten free.

Redeemer Open House

The next Redeemer Open House will be on February 9, 2025, from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm at the home of Dick and Janet Schamp. Visitors, new members, and guests are especially welcome and can sign up at any time as space permits. Current members are encouraged to sign up at least a week in advance. Sign up options will be sent out soon. Join us for a great time of fellowship and lunch!

Session Meeting

The Session is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

3rd Sunday Praise Service and Redeemer Food and Fellowship Dinner

The next Praise Service and Food and Fellowship Dinner will be on February 16, 2025. Married couples are asked to bring a main entrée and a side, others please bring a salad, side, or dessert.

If you are over 65 – bring whatever you want! Beverages will be provided.

Three Opportunities for Prayer

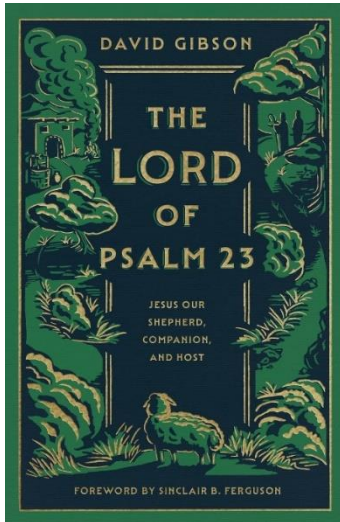
- 1.) Redeemer Church has Spurgeon's version of the boiler room prayer meeting in Pastor Jeff's office every Sunday at 8:45 a.m.
- 2.) An Elder of Redeemer Church is available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary near the ramp. Prayer requests could cover healing, wisdom, salvation for a dear friend or any situation or challenge that you need the Lord's help with. We are a praying church, and this is just one more way we can demonstrate our faith and reliance on our precious Lord. Any questions, please contact Kirk Harmon, harmonk3@comcast.net.
- 3.) Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. for the Winter Months. Please join us for prayer in the Conference Room Every Wednesday. If you have questions regarding the prayer meeting, feel free to contact Kirk Harmon at 616-897-0654 or harmonk3@comcast.net.

Women's Prayer Team

The Women's Prayer Team is available to pray with any woman at any time by request. We invite you to contact one of our members: Sharon Dykstra – Janet Schamp – Josi Stevens – Cobie Tenbrink

WINTER/SPRING 2025 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

The **Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study** will be Studying The Lord of Psalm 23: Jesus Our Shepherd, Our Companion, and Host by David Gibson.

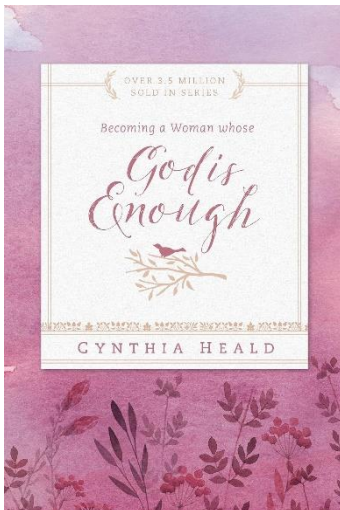


Psalm 23 is one of the most recognizable passages in the whole Bible. Though relatively short, this poetic depiction of God's love epitomizes Christ's goodness and provision as he leads his children. Even lifelong Christians will find fresh encouragement by closely studying these familiar words.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study meets each week on Wednesday mornings from 9:15 to 11 a.m. There is no nursery provided. Contact Carol Chupp with questions at (231) 676-0886 or caroljean135@gmail.com.

The **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** - This study will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. If you would like more information about this group, please contact Karen Faber, faberkk@yahoo.com or Greta Entingh, gretaentingh@gmail.com.

The **Thursday morning study, also known as GROW Groups**, will be studying the book of *Becoming a Woman whose God is Enough*. He alone is sufficient. He is enough.



Becoming a Woman Whose God Is Enough will help you understand how God desires to bless you with His fullness and will teach you to depend on Him completely. Through this **11-session** Bible study, you will learn to turn from worldly satisfactions to a life of contentment, from selfishness to humility, and from unbelief to rich fellowship with God.

No matter where you are in life, bestselling author Cynthia Heald will help you lay aside your self-sufficiency and embrace the woman God created you to be. As you grow to depend on the Lord, you'll learn the joys of giving God control, waiting on Him with contentment, and humbly trusting Him.

GROW Groups meet each week on Thursday mornings from 9:15 to 11 a.m.

Nursery is provided for children under three and a Little Lambs class is available for children age three to Kindergarten. Contact Carrie Hill with questions at (616) 260-4282 or carrieme2@gmail.com.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Time: Wednesdays at 6:30 AM

Resumes: January 8, 2025

Study Material: Galatians: The Gospel of Free Grace
(Reformed Expository Bible Studies) by Jon Nielson

Location: Provisio Retirement Partners office (3790 30th St
SW, Grandville, MI 49418)



Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

The men will be taking a Christmas break and returning to our study of Romans on January 9. It is not necessary that you have read or participated in the past, you all are welcome at any given time that works for your schedule. We meet every Thursday morning @ 6:30am, at the Gathering Place, a Restaurant at the corner of Thornapple River Rd se and Cascade Rd se. The restaurant has a breakfast special which helps to keep the cost low. We finish up at 7:30am to allow for job responsibilities.

We would enjoy your presence and fellowship. Please pray if God is calling you to attend.

If you have any questions, please call or text

Steve Hill 616-286-2419 or
shtroubleelectric@gmail.com.



Redeemer Mission Focus



Sus Manos Gleaners- *His Hands to the Hungry!*

As 2025 gets off to a busy start, and we take a moment to reflect back, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for what God has accomplished through the ministry of Sus Manos Gleaners! This past year has been nothing short of extraordinary, filled with milestones that remind us of the impact we can make when we work together in His name. At Sus Manos Gleaners we are able to take excess West Michigan Produce, and through the labor of many volunteers, clean, chop and dehydrate it so that it can be packed and sent worldwide with the Gospel to the hungry of the world in Jesus's name.

One of the highlights of 2024 was reaching three million servings of food processed in just one year alone which in turn put us over nine million servings in our organization's history! Each of these servings of nutrient rich food has been sent to starving people worldwide through our mission-partnering organizations. That means 9 million Gospel opportunities occurred around the world when food was presented with the hope and love of Jesus Christ. In addition to the Gospel opportunities on the receiving end are the Gospel opportunities on the production end! With over 23,000 volunteer hours logged into our production warehouse in Jenison, Michigan in 2024 we've had the privilege of meeting over 4000 unique volunteers from 2 to 92 years of age. Needless to say, many hours of prayer, mentorship, ministry and fellowship occur right within our walls on the production floor; before dehydrated fruits and vegetables ever get packed and leave for their intended recipients. We are blessed to see ministry happen literally all the way from the field to the plate and the many stops along the way. God is so good to allow us the privilege of being part of this ministry both here in Jenison and all the way to Syria, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Cuba, Haiti, and beyond!

This past summer, SMG fulfilled one of its three original start-up goals. We served as a host-site for an out-of-state mission group trip from Mercy Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg, Virginia. They joined us for five days of serving not only at Sus Manos Gleaners but also with other local partner ministries! This is already scheduled to happen again this year!

Among the victories of 2024, we are thrilled to have established a first-time presence in Cuba and Ethiopia while we continued monthly shipping into Haiti, even amidst the gang violence and challenges facing the nation. These efforts are a testament to God's provision and your unwavering support.

Closer to home, our ministry continues to shine as a beacon of community collaboration. We celebrated with our all-abilities group of volunteers from Harbor House as they have completed over 100 volunteer hours during the past two years at SMG. Every two-to-three-hour volunteer shift at Sus Manos Gleaners brings together people of all ages and abilities from local churches, schools, companies, and families. In these moments of connection, laughter, and hard work, we see the love of Christ in action. Thank you for being part of this special West Michigan community, united in our mission to feed the hungry and glorify God.

This year also marked an exciting new chapter for our Board of Directors, as we welcomed new members and shifted our focus from a start-up mindset to a vision-casting group. As we look toward the future, we are committed to ensuring the health, sustainability, and growth of this ministry. With new innovations and strategic planning underway, we are eager to share more about our goals in 2025 and beyond.

For more information about the ministry of Sus Manos Gleaners or how to volunteer or get involved please visit our website at smgleaners.org or contact our Executive Director Carrie Hill at 616-260-4282





"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35

Our mission is to take excess produce from local farms and turn it into nutritious meals for the hungry world.

Donations can be made directly to feeding efforts in various countries around the world, our new building fund, or to our general fund.



Kids 5 years old–5th Grade – Find a hiding rose and complete the
Scripture below to win a prize!

Girl's Club and Boy's Club



6:00 – 7:15 PM. Dates:

February 5 & 19

March 5 & 19

April 2 & 16

Girl's Club: Girl's Club: We are excited to be starting up another great year of Girl's Club! This year we will be studying the Fruits of the Spirit. Any young lady's 1st–5th grade are welcome to join and bring a friend! We would also love a couple more volunteers ages 16+ to join us!

Contact Jessica Boluyt (jdejonge35@yahoo.com) or Arielle Suwyn (ajsuwyn@gmail.com) with questions.

Boy's Club: We would love to have you join us! We know not everyone can attend every meeting, so feel free to come when able. If you are a dad, uncle, grandpa, etc., you are welcome to join, and we would encourage you to share your faith and passions with these young men. Contact: Marty Huizinga at martyhuiz@gmail.com.





⁴ Love is patient and ____; love does not ____ or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or _____. It does not insist on its ____; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not _____ at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the _____. ⁷ Love bears ____ things, believes ____ things, hopes ____ things, endures ____ things.

⁸ Love never ends. I Corinthians __: 4–8

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Youth Group

*1 Timothy 4:12 Let no one despise you for your youth,
but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

Brad Way

After I worked almost three years as a firefighter in the Washington D.C. Area, my wife (Taylor) and 18-month old son (Knox) moved to Ada, MI where I'll be serving as the new Youth Director at Redeemer OPC. I am passionate about the Word of God and seeing the Lord's power in transforming lives through it. Additionally, I'm always looking for a good book recommendation, or new music to listen to (but please, no country music). We're excited to jump into the community at Redeemer, and would love to meet you!



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ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- Girl's Night on February 7 at 6pm at Katie Verwys House. What is better than a girl's night hang out, cozy hot chocolate, pampering, snacks, and a good movie? Should be a great night together!
- Guy Getaway Up North February 21 to 22. We will be leaving church at 4:30 on the 21st and back by 8pm on the 22nd. This will be a fantastic retreat up north surrounded by God's creation, fun outdoor activities, devotions, great food, and fellowship. Cost is \$30 per kid. RSVP by February 2 to Marty.



HIGH SCHOOL YG UPCOMING EVENTS



FEBRUARY
7
6 PM

Girls Night
at Katie Verwys'
-Hot chocolate, snacks, movie!

FEBRUARY
9

Youth Group Meeting
at Church

FEBRUARY
21-22

Guys Getaway Up North
Enjoy God's creation, outdoor
activities, devotions, food, and
fellowship

FEBRUARY
23

Youth Group Meeting
at Church

Middle School Youth Group

JANUARY

JANUARY 18
CANNONSBURG
TUBING
JANUARY 19
MEETING

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 2
MEETING
FEBRUARY 16
MEETING

MARCH

MARCH 2
MEETING
MARCH 16
MEETING
MARCH 30
MEETING

APRIL

APRIL 27
MEETING

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Women's Ministry Spotlight

Contentment and the example of Helen Roseveare



Our hope and goal as the women of Redeemer is to grow in contentment this ministry year. Contentment we had said is defined as: an inward assurance in God's sovereignty and goodness that produces the fruit of peace and thanksgiving in the life of a believer regardless of outward circumstances. We want to find our satisfaction and peace in the God of hope. We need to know and believe that He is trustworthy and sovereign and always at work. We are able to see these

truths lived out in the lives of the saints who have gone before us. One example of a woman whose life and work showcased faith and contentment in the Lord is **Helen Roseveare** (1925-2016).

Helen was an English Christian missionary, doctor, and author. She served as a missionary and physician in Congo during the 1950s and 60s. A write up in *Revive our Hearts* described her as "a master of embracing the unexpected". She came to faith at an early age and always knew she wanted to serve the Lord as a missionary. She obtained a medical degree, and the Lord called her to serve in Congo. She leaned into her trust in the Lord and went on to work there throughout the 1950s and even after the Civil War broke out in the country following its independence in the 60s. It was a dangerous time to serve, as there was much persecution of Christians from the rebels who were in control at that time, but Helen trusted the Lord would protect and carry her through. The mission hospital she served at was taken over by the rebels and she was tortured,

beaten, and raped. She was later to write how, in this terrible ordeal, she felt God's control, purpose and love, and even a sense of privilege in suffering for the gospel. Eventually she was rescued and returned to England. She returned to the Congo in the late 60s and helped to establish another hospital and continue to serve and care for the people there. She then felt called to return to the UK and speak and teach about missions and about the way that God is always in control and always at work.

There is of course much more to Helen's story than can fit in this write up, but the hope is that she will shine as an example of someone who knows that contentment -peace in the Lord- is NOT based on our circumstances, but on the knowledge of the character of God. The world is a dark place and we as Christians should expect to walk through dark and trying times, but may we find our peace and hope outside of ourselves and our circumstances. Let's continue to grow in the area of contentment together and let's let Helen Roseveare encourage our growth!



From the Session

Dear Redeemer Family,

Session held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 14, meeting at the Schamps, where we enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by Janet. We spent some time studying chapters 5 and 6 of the book “Church Elders” by Jeramie Rinne, discussing what it means to lead without lording, the importance of humility for elders, and how elders can strengthen and, if necessary, rebuke each other.



We then moved to officer nominations, sorting through the names of men put up for deacon and elder. Men who have not served before will be asked if they’re willing to go through training, after which they can choose whether to not to have their name stand for election during our Congregational Meeting in May. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for these men and they weigh taking up these offices, as well as that God may strengthen them (and current officers) to execute their duties in an actively faithful way.

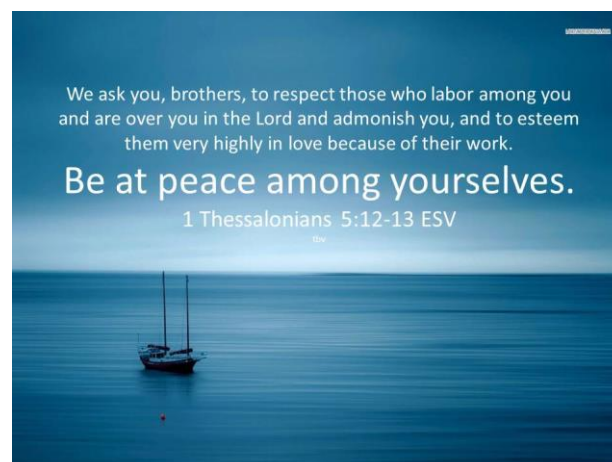
The remainder of the time was taken up with updates from various committees. A motion was made to extend the meeting by 15 minutes so we could finish everything on the docket, and the meeting adjourned with prayer at 9:41.

Our attendance figures for December are below.

	AM	PM
December 1, 2024	336	163
December 8, 2024	329	169
December 15, 2024	273	208
December 22, 2024	NA	NA

On behalf of session,

Mark Jurries, clerk



Redeemer Food Pantry

Matthew 25:35-40

*35 For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me
40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'*



As the nation gets excited about Super Bowl LIX the Redeemer Food Pantry will be hosting the first annual "Souper Bowl" Against Hunger" and you are the team players! Here's how the "Souper Bowl" at Redeemer will work. On Sunday February 2nd and 9th there will be a bin in the lobby for each team playing in the actual Super Bowl. You will make a touchdown for your team by placing soup cans in the team bin for your team! Go team! We invite you to use your excitement about football and bless the food pantry by bringing canned soup to our very own Redeemer "Souper Bowl" for the food pantry. So, bring your canned soup to church on Sunday, February 2nd and 9th and let's have a "Souper Bowl"! Of course, all other food donations are welcome as well, but we thought we would have a little fun this month! Please help us score for the food pantry!

Perishable items like milk, eggs, fruit, vegetables, and cheese are also VERY welcome in the few days before the 8th of February. Please make sure perishable items are marked "food pantry" and placed in the fridge or freezer in the church kitchen. You can always check in with the Hill's as the 8th gets closer to find out what items are missing or most needed. This is a great opportunity to get your family involved in serving! Thank you for enabling Redeemer to continue helping an even greater number of families with critical needs and giving to them in Jesus name. Please consider dropping donations off at the Church THIS week or coordinating with the Hill's for pick-up or drop off of perishable items. Helpers are also needed to serve from 9:00-11:15 Saturday February 8th to set up, serve, and clean up. You will surely be blessed by serving through this outreach in Jesus name. Please call Steve Hill for more information. (616) 286-2419.



Redeemer Library

Not Forsaken – Review by Jane Heemstra

Written by Jennifer Michelle Greenberg

A story of life after abuse: How faith brought one woman from victim to survivor

I found it a privilege to have the opportunity to read Jennifer Greenberg's story of surviving and recovery from childhood abuse. As Dr. David Murray from the Puritan Reformed Seminary stated, "The church has been crying out for a book like this, and the right person has now written it."

After reading the first page, I needed to read it again several times. Did I read that right I wondered the first time? I thought perhaps I could speed read this rather small book, but that was not possible! Adjusting to the fact that I had to drink in what was really going on, I slowly moved ahead, cringing at the abusive events that she remembered, including all her father's beatings, and even the fact that "Daddy wants me to kill myself." Jennifer's father taught her how to cut the major vein in her arm so she would bleed to death—yet her father would sit in his study reading Christian theology books.

As I read further in Jennifer's story, it became obvious to me how our all-powerful Lord and King held her close to Himself. Jennifer's mother read and taught her stories in the Bible. The family, including her father, attended church on a regular basis. Apparently, no one in their church family knew the kind of abuse that was happening under their family roof as it was kept so secret.

As God's children, we all go through difficult times, some worse than others. This book would be helpful and inspiring for those who are trying to move on from abuse.



Servant Schedule

I Corinthians 12:12-13, 27

¹² There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. ¹³ We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body...²⁷ You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.

Preaching Schedule

February 2

AM: Rev. Wayne Veenstra

PM: Rev. Adrian Crum

February 9

AM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

PM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

February 16

AM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

PM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

February 23

AM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

PM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

Mission Prayer Schedule

February 2

Reach the Forgotten

Prayer Leader: Joel Miedema

February 9

OPC Home Missions

Prayer Leader: Jim Clayton

February 16

Purposeful Pathways

Prayer Leader: Andy Thornton

February 23

Westminster Seminary

Prayer Leader: Andy Baker

Greeter Schedule

February 2

AM: Gary & Melanie Burgraef

PM: Tom & Norma Burley

February 9

AM: David & Roelie Byker

PM: Jon & Jeanette Byker

February 16

AM: Mark & Carol Chupp

PM: Jim & Debby Clayton

February 23

AM: Adam & Kristen Gorlewski

PM: Sharon Dykstra

February:

Elder On Call

Bryan Roodvoets

Deacon of the Month

Adam Gorlewski

Alec DeLange



Happy Birthday to You!!

Thomas	Burley	February 01
Lindsay	Cronk	February 01
Philip	Hansen	February 01
Todd	Hilton	February 02
Roberta	Nelson	February 02
Thomas	Nelson	February 03
Jane	Heemstra	February 04
Zachary	Huizinga	February 05
Ellen	Roodvoets	February 07
Cam	Boluyt	February 10
Mason	VanRee	February 12
Elizabeth	Newberg	February 13
Jessica	Boluyt	February 14
Ethan	Gorlewski	February 15
Todd	Huizenga	February 16
Jane	Osborne	February 16
Katie	VanRee	February 17
Naomi	Orr	February 19
John	Bont	February 21
Mazie	Huizenga	February 23
Hannah	Kamps	February 23
Grace	Emerson	February 25
Sandra	Heemstra	February 25
James	Roodvoets	February 25
Emma	Richardson	February 26
Kristine	den Boer	February 27
Jack	Oostema	February 27
Kendra	Overbeek	February 27

