

Redeemer Life

May 2025



Being a mother.

A mother learns sacrificial love if she is blessed with children.

She gives of her time to care for them and teach them.

She gives the food off her plate if someone is still hungry.

She goes without sleep if others are awake in the night.

A godly mother will teach her children about the Lord and
what He says in His Word.

A godly mother will encourage her children to follow
after God's ways.


In a nutshell, she makes sure that her children are fed and clothed,
that they feel loved and cared for before her own needs are met.

Jesus said in Matthew 25: 35-36,

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,

³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me,
I was in prison and you came to me.'

Let us learn from the example of a mother and bring this kind of love
to others!



RedeemerAda



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We are so excited to announce that VBS registration is OPEN! This year's theme is ROAR! When life is wild, God is good - a powerful, adventure-filled week where kids will explore God's goodness and discover a ferocious faith to carry them through life's ups and downs.

JULY 7-11 9AM-11:45AM

AGES 5 THROUGH ENTERING 5TH GRADE



Link #1: Register Your Kids!

Don't miss out - sign your kids up today to join us on this unforgettable safari!



Link #2: Volunteer with Us!

It takes a village to bring VBS to life, and we'd love to have you on the team! From crew leaders to game helpers to kitchen crew, there are so many ways to serve. And you get a free t-shirt!



**LET'S MAKE THIS A WILD, JOY-FILLED WEEK POINTING
KIDS TO THE TRUTH!**



REDEEMER
Children's Ministry

Women's Ministry Summer Series

Women's Ministry Summer Series:

How to Engage With the Post-Christian World

Read & discuss different articles on varying topics which help us determine how to engage in a post-Christian world. It is a great way to grow and get to know the other women in the church- please join us!

May 20: When someone has a differing worldview on sexuality

May 27 : Engaging with News/Media

June 3: Stewardship of Creation

June 10: Sabbath Worship

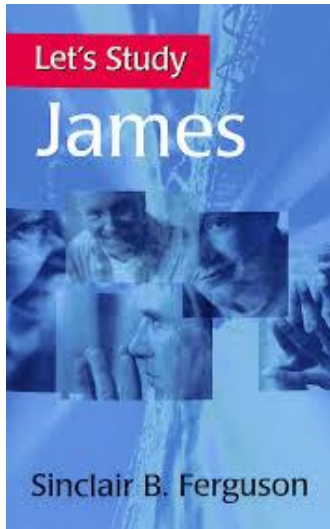
June 17 : Feminism and Biblical Womanhood

June 24: Evangelism and Missions at Home

Join us on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm
in the youth room!

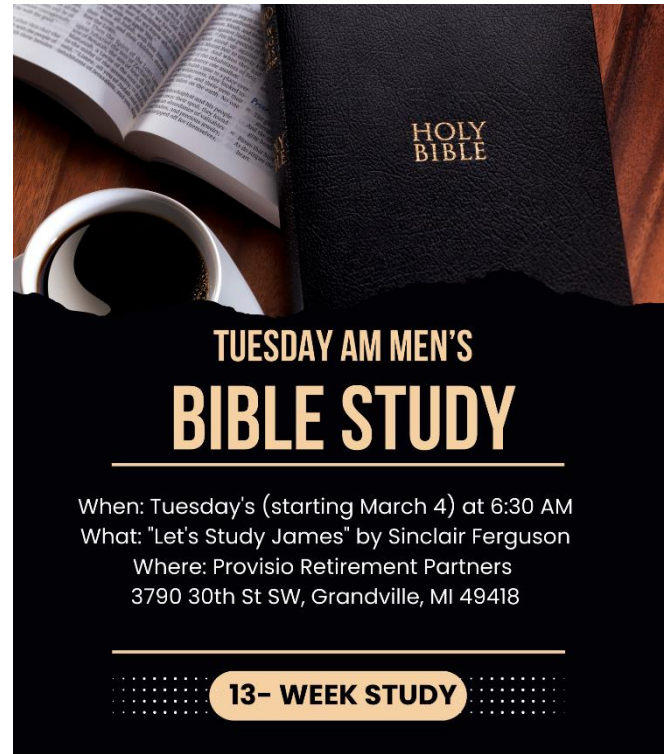
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES


Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study



When: Tuesday's at 6:30 AM
What: "Let's Study James" by Sinclair Ferguson
Where: Provisio Retirement Partners ; 3790 30th St SW, Grandville, MI 49418

This is once again a 13-week study which we started with our first meeting this morning (3/4). Once we are through this study we will break for the summer. Those interested can reach out to Alex Overbeek for more information - aoverbeek27@gmail.com.



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Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

The men are studying Romans. 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.



Announcements

The Lord's Supper

Will be celebrated during the morning worship service on Sunday, May 4, 2025. Prepare your hearts as we gather at the Lord's table. All items served are gluten free.

Congregational Meeting

The meeting will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2025 – in the sanctuary. Nursery and activities for the Sunday School children will be provided. Members will have the opportunity to elect officers and approve the 2025-2026 ministries budget.

Session Meeting

The Session is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Redeemer Open House

The next Redeemer Open House will be on Sunday, May 18, 2025, from 12:00 pm–3:00 pm at the home of Steve and Greta Entingh. 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!

Redeemer Food and Fellowship Lunch

We will be having a Food and Fellowship Lunch Picnic to celebrate the Memorial Day Holiday on May 25, 2025.

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. 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



MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

The Redeemer Food and Fellowship
Picnic is on May 25, 2025

Following the AM worship service!

Please **bring hot dogs (or brats) and buns** AND if your last name begins with
A-G: bring a salad or fruit,
H-R: bring chips or a veggie platter,
S-Z: cookies/bars.

Also, please bring lawn chairs and yard games for all to enjoy. All drinks and table service will be provided. Outdoor activities are being planned so be sure to wear picnic appropriate clothes or bring them to change into after the service. If you would like to help, please contact Jeanette at office@redeemer-opc.org.

MEN'S COOKOUT



LOCATION: PHIL HANSEN'S

DATE: MAY 16

TIME: 6:30

TOPIC: VOCATION AND TRAPS

Men's Ministry Summer Event

**Christian
Education
Assistance
Fundraiser**

ACT FAST FOR THIS DEAL!!
2 PEOPLE PLAY FOR \$50
PLUS LUNCH!
THIS DEAL WON'T LAST!

Redeemer Pickleball Tournament

SIGN UP BEFORE
MAY 17
FOR SPECIAL
PRICING!



Saturday, May 31
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Hosted at Redeemer OPC

Benefitting the Christian
Education Assistance Fund



Redeemer Mission Focus

The Potter's House Christian School

"At The Potter's House, our mission is to provide a Christ-centered education for students of all ethnic heritages and income levels, equipping them to serve God and society to their fullest potential."

Mrs. Sharon Ritter, a Redeemer attendee and long-time educator at The Potter's House, passed away in August. Sharon served as an elementary teacher at the school for over two decades before retiring three years ago. During her tenure, Sharon was known for her passion and dedication to students. Her commitment to The Potter's House community continued even after retirement, as she remained a frequent presence at school events, games, and open houses. Throughout her career and retirement, Sharon was recognized for her kindness, dedication, and unwavering support for students and the school community. Her contributions have left a lasting impact on The Potter's House.

May is a busy month for most schools, and The Potter's House School is no exception. Students have finished up state testing and have been hard at work on final projects and end of the year activities. Students are looking forward to various field trips, excursions, and class trips that have been in the works for many months. High school students have the opportunity for a May-Term session of two weeks, where they have options to stay local and take a fun class, travel in the US to various places like Isle Royale or Memphis, or go internationally.

April 24th marked TPH's yearly New Friends fundraiser "Bright Hope" to celebrate God's faithfulness, transformation, and the promise of a brighter tomorrow.

This year also marks a very important transition as Superintendent John Booy retires and hands over his role to a new superintendent. TPH covets your prayers as they search for the right person to fill this position. Please be in prayer for the search committee as they continue their work.

The Potter's House enrollment teams and admin also appreciate your prayers during this time as they sift through a long waitlist and organize enrollment for next year. This can be a complicated process, and they ask for your prayers and the Holy Spirit's leading. Please be in prayer for wisdom and discernment regarding enrollment, and pray for the expansion of the school as they look at what options they may have for including more students from the waitlist. Please also be in prayer for the leadership at TPH as they seek wisdom and discernment to handle the daily duties and various tasks around school.

If you have more questions or desire to volunteer with TPH, please reach out to me to get connected.

- Jori Orr



Kids 5 years old–5th Grade – Find 2 hiding Bees and complete the Scripture below to win a prize!

Girl's Glub & **Boy's Club**: THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR OF LEARNING AND FUN!




Psalm 19:9b & 10

“.....the _____ of the Lord are true, and _____ altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than _____, even much fine gold;

_____ also than honey and drippings of the _____.

Women's Ministry



Women's Mercy Committee would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of the Women who have quietly served other women at Redeemer. As our work is as confidential as possible, we will not list out names, but you know who you are.

Your willingness to serve honors our Savior is a tangible example to a watching world.

And just a reminder Ladies, if you have a need, please feel free to reach out confidentially to

womensmercy@redeemer-opc.org

or a member of the

Women's Mercy Committee:

Tiffany Bangma, Carrie Hill, Lydia Persons,
Lindsay Meyerdirk, Laurie Post, Mary
Meulenburg, Jobi Hasse



Youth Group –

*I 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.*



May 2025 YG Schedule

MS YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS



MAY 11 6:00-7:30	Final Meeting at Redeemer MIDDLE SCHOOL
MAY 13 12 - 1:30	Middle School Homeschool Lunch
MAY 16 6:30 - 8:30	Middle School End of Year Party
MAY 31 10:00 - 3	Pickleball Tournament

HS YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

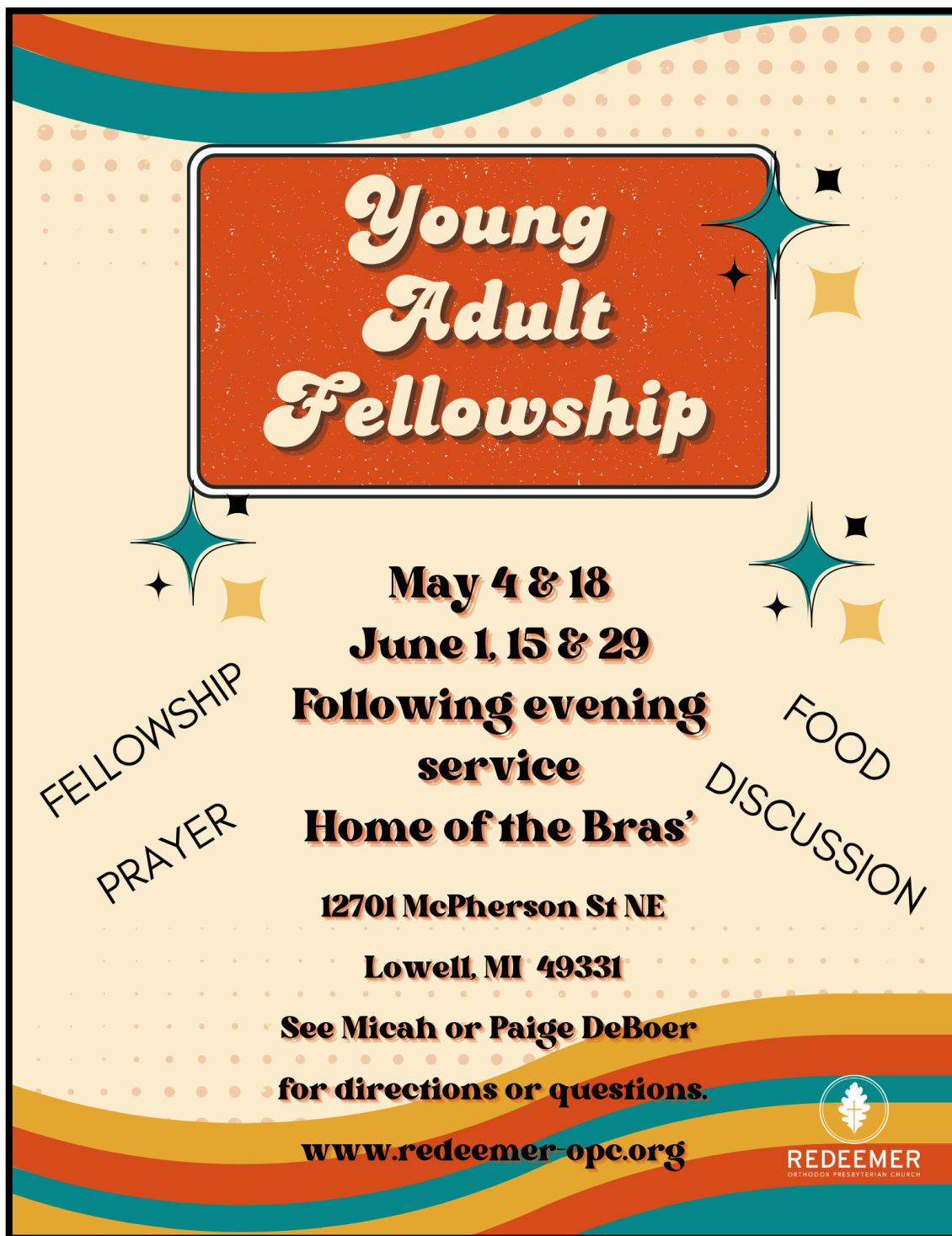


MAY 3 3:30 - 5:00	Support Letter Writing Workshop
MAY 4 6:00 - 7:30	Youth Group Meeting
MAY 13 12:00 - 1:30	Homeschool Lunch
MAY 17 3:00 - 4:30	Leadership Opportunity for 10th - 12th Graders and Graduates
MAY 17 5:00 - 8:00	End of Year Party @ Huizinga's House
MAY 18 6:00 - 7:30	Last Youth Group Meeting of Semester
MAY 31 10:00 - 3	Pickleball Tournament

Save the Date!
Coming on June 7!
Youth Group
Fundraiser ~
Car Wash!



Young Adults



Young Adult Fellowship

May 4 & 18
June 1, 15 & 29

Following evening service
Home of the Bras'


12701 McPherson St NE
Lowell, MI 49331

See Micah or Paige DeBoer
for directions or questions.

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FELLOWSHIP
PRAYER

FOOD
DISCUSSION


REDEEMER
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

From the Session

Dear Redeemer Family,

Session held its stated monthly meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 8, at the home of Duane and Beth Bras. We started with a study on the last two chapters of the book “Church Elders” by Jeramie Rinne, which discussed the importance of elders setting an example of godliness to the flock and the necessity of elders praying for the flock. As this book goes through scripture, we find it truly humbling to be called to this task, but also thankful that our Father gives us His Spirit through the son to equip us to good works. This same Spirit works in all of our lives, so if you find yourself doubtful, look to Him who never fails us nor forsakes us!



We had several budget items to work through. The Finance Committee does outstanding work putting the budget together, working with various committees and ministries to put the final product together. We are blessed to have men with talents in this area, another sign of God’s love and care for His church!

There were some other assorted items on the list around ministries, policies, and committee work. When these were complete, we adjourned with prayer at 9:12 PM.

Our attendance figures for March are below.

	AM	PM
March 2, 2025	339	125
March 9, 2025	289	135
March 16, 2025	318	163
March 23, 2025	331	144
March 30, 2025	334	167

On behalf of session,

Mark Jurries, clerk

REDEEMER CHURCH – NEW MEMBERS

April 20, 2025

Peter Vandenberg

I grew up in a strong Christian home attending a CRC church - all in the greater Grand Rapids, MI area. I met Ashley (my wife) in high school, we got married in college, and she still likes me :) I taught high school physics for about 13 years prior to a little break for my military work. I am an officer and helicopter pilot in the Michigan Army National Guard. I have a lifelong love of outdoors, hiking, camping, etc. and have been blessed with the ability to share those loves with my family now.

Ashley Vandenberg

I was born and raised Grand Rapids, MI area. I grew up in a non-denominational church and in a strong Christian home. I played soccer for most of my young life and met Peter (now husband) in high school. I attended a small Christian college where my faith really became my own. Peter and I got married during college, finished undergrad and went on to PT school. I practiced outpatient clinical physical therapy for 7 years prior to taking a break to be home more with our kids. I now homeschool all 4 kids – Lillian, Charlotte, Madelynn and William - and work part-time and make a lot of bread.



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.'



In April, we were blessed to provide each of the 15 families that attended the Redeemer Food Pantry Outreach an array of staple food items, toilet paper, ground beef, milk, bread, eggs, potatoes, carrots, and onions. Most importantly we were able to extend the love of Christ and welcome them into our church with fellowship and prayer. Please prayerfully consider how you can be part of meeting the ONGOING needs in our community. May's focus is good ole' Fruits and Veggies – anything from Green Beans to Creamed Corn to Apple Sauce and everything in between. Perishable items like milk, eggs, fruit, vegetables, and cheese are also VERY welcome in the few days before the 10th of May. 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 10th 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 9:00-11:30 Saturday May 10th to set up, serve, and clean up. You will surely be blessed by serving through this outreach in Jesus name.

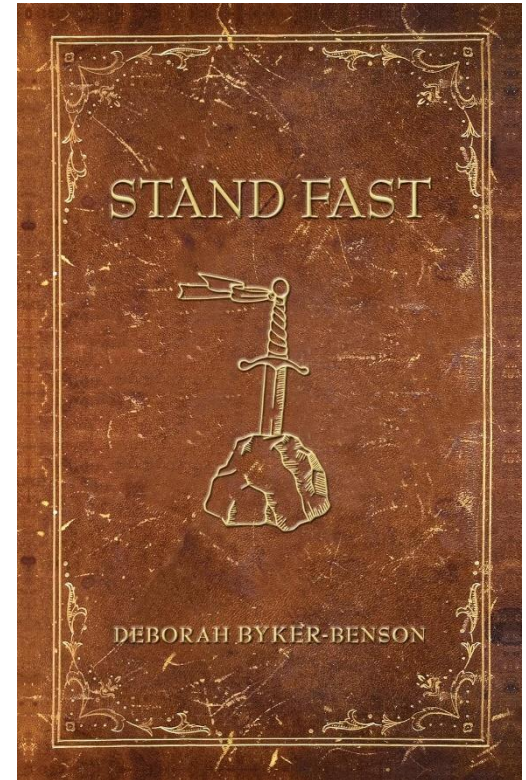
Please call Steve Hill for more information. (616) 286-2419.

Redeemer Library

Book written by Deborah Benson Byker, daughter of Rev. John J Byker and member of Redeemer OPC.

Dedication: In Memory of John J. Byker 1924-2010

Many people speak of Reformation as a period of history, as a tradition, as a safe social construct, or as a well formulated and systematic summary of Biblical truth. My father also spoke and taught of reformation in those ways but more importantly he spoke of it by “walking the talk.” His heart was with God in Christ alone; it beat a rhythm of daily, progressive re-formation through self-examination and repentance as a response of love towards God and the neighbor. (Matthew 22:36-40) His standards for re-formation were aimed toward the likeness of Jesus Christ (I Peter 2:21). Of course, my dad failed to meet the perfect and unyielding standard of Christ, just as we all do, but his stride toward Christ was easy and light (Matthew 11:27-30) because he rested only in the work of Christ (Acts 4:12) and never in his own works. Whatever the struggles between his old man of sin and the new man in Christ, my father’s life exemplified the triumph of standing fast in Christ alone as “a light on a hill” (Matthew 5:14). As the firefly’s glow is not worthy to be compared with the sun, so “the sufferings” and struggles of my father’s life “are not worthy to be compared with the glory which” has been “revealed” to and in him through Jesus Christ his Lord. (Romans 8:18) May the same incomparable glory be revealed to and in all of us, the nine sons and daughters of Rev. John J. Byker, and also to our children from generation to generation.



Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my
joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.
-Philippians 4:1 KJV

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

May 4

AM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

PM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

May 11

AM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

PM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

May 18

AM: Dr. Jonathon Beeke

PM: Rev. Wayne Veenstra

May 25

AM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

PM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

May:
Elder On Call
Duane Bras

Deacon of the Month

Nathan Wright
Myron Palmer

Mission Prayer Schedule

May 4

Westminster Seminary, CA

Prayer Leader: Alec DeLange

May 11

PRC

Prayer Leader: Shane Hansen

May 18

HAFF

Prayer Leader: Joel Miedema

May 25

Sus Manos Gleaners

Prayer Leader: Duke Suwyn

Greeter Schedule

May 4

AM: Steve & Carrie Hill

PM: Jane Heemstra

May 11

AM: Mitchell & Megan

Herweyer

PM: Sandy Heemstra/Jess

Helmus

May 18

AM: Todd & Michelle Hilton

PM: Jody Horton

May 25

AM: Todd & Carrie Huizenga

PM: Lucy Huizinga



Happy Birthday to You!!

Matilda	Bras	May 01
Jim	Biel	May 03
Samantha	Dykema	May 03
Joel	Quinones-Diaz	May 03
Kate	Thornton	May 04
Lindsay	Meyerdirk	May 06
Micah	Thornton	May 06
Lily	Bras	May 07
Dave	Langerak	May 07
Brahm	Huizenga	May 08
Zoe	Bredeweg	May 10
Lucille	Noorman	May 11
Victoria	Emerson	May 12
Taylor	Roodvoets	May 13
Samantha	Bras	May 15
Brian	Bass	May 16
Josiah	De Boer	May 17
Jessiema	Helmus	May 18
Bryan	Roodvoets	May 18
Lance	Zaagman	May 20
Will	Groenendyk	May 21
Daniel	Braam	May 22
Sarah	Sanchez	May 22
Micah	Bont	May 23
Evan	Bass	May 24
Benjamin	Hansen	May 24
Carolyn	Thurrow	May 24
Norma	Burley	May 25
Samantha	Boyd	May 27
Richard	Schamp	May 27
Amalia	Baker	May 28
Anneke	Dykema	May 28
Elionna	Groenendyk	May 28
Melissa	Nelson	May 28
Rachael	OBrock	May 30
Adam	Suwyn	May 30

