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Bible Passage of the Month:

Exodus 34:5-7

Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. ⁶ And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷ maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty

Why Small Groups?

Small groups exist as a way for people to engage in biblical community that helps them become more like Jesus in every area of their lives.

God himself is in a community of three persons in one—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who exist in perfect unity. So it is not surprising that from the beginning, God created us to be in community with one another. Genesis 2:18 states: "It is not good for man to be alone." This passage is often used in the context of marriage, but it also speaks to our fundamental need to connect with others in the human community. What is striking about this statement is that God makes it before the Fall. There's no sin yet and no disobedience; man is in perfect intimacy with God. And yet, God declares that man is alone and that it is not good.

When Jesus' ministry began, he called 12 disciples to be his primary relational and ministry community. Did Jesus need this motley crew to help him? Not really. But Jesus chose to love them, teach them, and pour himself into relationships with them, thereby creating the first "small group."

The apostles continued Jesus' model and formed a community of believers who loved God and loved one another. Despite incredible persecution and against all odds, this rag tag group of Jesus-followers launched small communities (i.e. church) that proclaimed the gospel and changed the world forever.

Ultimately, small groups are a way of living out our purpose, both as individuals and as a collective group of believers—to be the church. We share a common foundation of faith and God has called us to live out the implications of that faith in a relational community, in the context that we call a small group.

Article by Christianity Today

S.A.L.T. Bible Study

The S.A.L.T. group just started a 12 week study. The study, Essentials Of Christian Faith, is facilitated by Pastor Arnold. They meet in the Activity Center every Monday at 10 a.m. All ages are welcome to join them.

Women's Small Group

Join the women as they study "1 Corinthians: Living Love When We Disagree" by Melissa Spoelstra. We begin on Sunday, February 14. We meet from 6-8 pm, every other Sunday. The cost of the book is \$13.00.

Men's Small Group

Any men interested in joining a small group are invited to come for coffee and donuts on Saturday, February 13, at 8:00 am in the Activity Center for more information and to sign up. Albie DeVries and Matt Keller will be sharing their vision for what's next for the men's group.

Camp Geneva

2021 brochures for Camp Geneva are available in the church office. The church will pay half of the camp fee for kids who regularly attend and are actively involved. Call the church office (837-8949) for the required voucher code.

Coopersville Reformed Church Endowment Fund

The deacons would like to let the church know that through the vision of a church family we now have an endowment fund created in the name of Coopersville Reformed Church. In future years as this fund grows in value, the deacons will be able to use a percent of this fund each year for help with general fund expenses and/or missions of the church. Please keep this fund in mind as an option for estate planning, memorial contributions, or as you feel led. If you have questions or would like more information on how to contribute, please see a deacon or go to the Coopersville Area Community Foundation website in which this fund is managed under at <https://ghacf.org/coopersville/>.

Save The Date

VBS will be June 21-25. This will be a great week "Discovering You're Priceless to God!" VBS is for all kids ages 4-5th Grade. This will be in the evening this year. We can't do VBS without volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, please talk to Cookie Speet.

Consistory Leadership

Vice-President-Bennett Bassette
Clerk-Kevin Wieringa
Assistant Treasurer-Jason Kunnen
Chairman of Deacons-Rory Ribnicky
Brian Metten
Charlie Vander Kolk

Communion Dates

March 7
April 1
May 2
June 6
August 1
October 3
December 5

Baptism Dates

February 14
May 9
September 12
November 7

Your love out loves all earthly love.
Your love loves the unlovable.
Your love cries out to the sinner.
It's done the unforgettable!

Words can not express your pure love.
Men can not comprehend your love,
Yest sinners can receive your love;
Comforted by your holy dove.

Your love shines of rarest beauty.
Your love was given at great cost.
Through Love, you shed your perfect blood;
And hung from that old rugged cross.

It was love that drove you to die;
And brought life to that cold dark grave.
Now, love is looking down from heaven;
Seeks the souls of the lost to save.

T'was awesome Love, wonderfully shown;
To helpless men lost in their sin.
No greater love, there's ever been;
Than God came down to die for men.

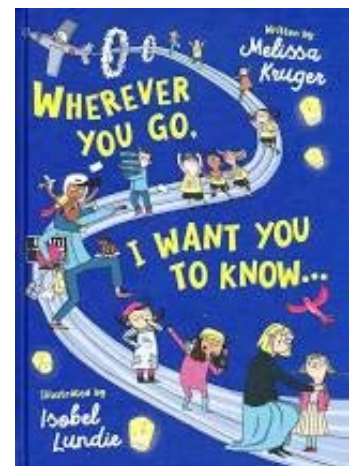
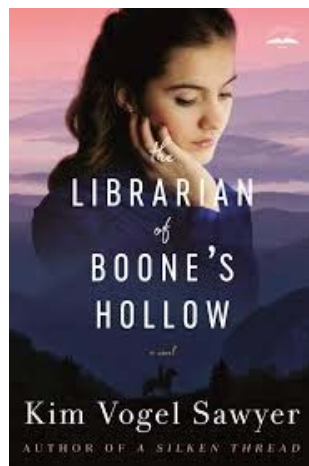
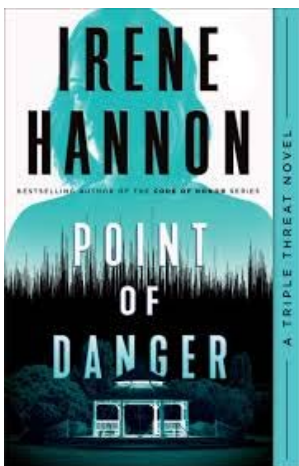
~by Susan Y Nikitenko

From the brilliant suspense author Irene Hannon comes *Point of Danger*, the first book in the Triple Threat Series. Those who have read Irene's books know that you are drawn into the story right from the first chapter and the twists and turns keep happening through the end. Centered around radio talk show host Eva Reilly, who is no stranger to backlash from her pot-stirring on-air commentary and interviews, the story seems to involve a disgruntled listener who is resorting to more than angry words to express their displeasure. Law enforcement gets involved but unless they can track down her elusive foe, Eva, who is willing to take risks for what she believes – may not survive.

The Librarian of Boone's Hollow by Kim Vogel Sawyer During the Great Depression, city-dweller Addie dreams of becoming a novelist and offering readers the escape that books had given her during her tragic childhood. When her father loses his job, she is forced to take the only employment she can find – delivering books on horseback to impoverished coal-mining families in the hills of Kentucky. As Addie has been forced to start a new chapter – one testing her grit and courage, will she trust the One who truly pens her story?

Fans of historical suspenseful fiction will be quickly drawn into Julie Klassen's new book, *A Castaway in Cornwall*. Set adrift on the tides of fate by the death of her parents and left wanting answers, Laura Callaway now lives with her uncle and his disapproving wife in North Cornwall. There she feels like a castaway, always viewed as an outsider even as she yearns to belong. While wreckers search for valuables along the windswept Cornwall coast – known for its many shipwrecks but few survivors, Laura searches for clues to the lives lost so she can write letters to the next of kin and return keepsakes to rightful owners. When a man is washed ashore after a wreck, Laura acts quickly to protect him from a local smuggler determined to destroy him. Who is this injured man who speaks in careful, educated English with an odd accent? As other clues wash ashore, Laura soon realizes that he may not be who he seems to be. Might he be the one who can help her discover the truth about her parents' fate?

Wherever You Go, I Want You to Know... by Melissa Kruger This delightful story book for children comes highly recommended by our own Assistant Director of Children's Ministries Bethany Courson. This is a fun book to read and conveys the most important message that we want to convey to our children and grandchildren, that they desire and love Jesus with all of their heart, soul, mind and spirit. This Grandma thoroughly enjoyed reading it to her grandsons and highly recommends it as a book to share with your children and grandchildren.



- 1 Bodyn DeMull**
- 2 Greg Johnson**
- 4 Nancy Courson**
- 5 Beth Veldman, Tim Wurm**
- 6 Betty Busman, Wayne Molyneux, Jon Visser**
- 9 Landon Kooiman, Ashley Saigeon, Vance Vassallo**
- 11 Monte Langlois, Joshua Mast, Betty Wurm**
- 12 Becky Smoes**
- 13 Rich Breuker**
- 15 Ethan Casler, Pete Smoes**
- 16 Sarah Jordan**
- 17 Gert Vander Kolk**
- 18 Sara Bode, Eric Van Dop**
- 19 Sue Smoes**
- 20 Alexis Mekkes**
- 21 Joshua Bassette**
- 23 Marcia Draft**
- 24 LeighAnn DeVries, Carla Hart, Lisa McDonald**
- 25 Ryan Vander Tuin**
- 26 Sharon Haner, Judy Raterink**
- 27 Jason Bode, Ann DeYoung, Tyler Saigeon**
- 28 Bethany Van Kempen**

Server's Page

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Nursery

		9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
February 7	Infant Toddler	Beth Baron, Sam Baron Mary Baird, Nolan Baron	Amber Vander Tuin Carmen Langlois, Hailey Hazelton
February 14	Infant Toddler	Shelly Visser, Maddi Nobert Mary Baird, Allysha Westveld	Amber Vander Tuin, Ryan Vander Tuin April DeMull, Onna DeVries
February 21	Infant Toddler	Casey Van Antwerpen, Maggie Van Dop Mary Baird, Jenna Casler	Amber Vander Tuin, Miniya Lothschutz Pete Mast, Hannah Mast
February 28	Infant Toddler	Tami Schoolcraft, Owen Schoolcraft Mary Baird, Naomi Smoes	Amber Vander Tuin, Annie Sietsema LeighAnn DeVries, Abby Mast

Little Tykes

		9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
February 7	Leader Helpers	Amanda Casler Jenna Casler	Amanda Casler Jenna Casler
February 14	Leader Helpers	Amanda Casler Maddi Nobert	Michelle Hazelton Annie Sietsema, Trinity Hazelton
February 21	Leader Helpers	Amanda Casler Allysha Westveld	Michelle Hazelton Ryan Vander Tuin, Isaac DeVries
February 28	Leader Helpers	Amanda Casler Anneke Bakker	Michelle Hazelton Avery Burk, Miniya Lothschutz



Calendar of Events

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February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>1</i> 10 am S.A.L.T. Bible Study	<i>2</i> 6:00 am Rooted in Prayer 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<i>3</i> 6:15-8 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:30 pm Vineyard	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> One Way Winter Retreat	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship NO Crossroads NO One Way	<i>8</i> 10 am S.A.L.T. Bible Study 7:30 pm Consistory Meeting	<i>9</i> 6:00 am Rooted in Prayer 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<i>10</i> 6:15-8 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:30 pm Vineyard	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 9-2 Women's Work Bee	<i>13</i> 8 am Men's Small Group Launch
<i>14</i> 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship 5-6:30 pm Crossroads 6-8 pm Women's Small Group 6:30-8 pm One Way	<i>15</i> 10 am S.A.L.T. Bible Study	<i>16</i> 6:00 am Rooted in Prayer 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<i>17</i> 6:15-8 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:30 pm Vineyard	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
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Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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