



Fellowship Findings

July 2023

Sully Christian Reformed Church

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Our Mission

WHAT GOD IS CALLING US TO DO

Cultivate space for people to experience the transforming love of Christ.

Our Vision

WHAT GOD IS CALLING US TO BE

A family of believers experiencing personal transformation, *Romans 12* using their unique gifts, *Ephesians 4* to glorify GOD *I Corinthians 10:31* and edify others. *I Thessalonians 5:11*



Worship TIMES

Morning Worship
9:30 a.m.

Evening Worship
5:00 p.m.

July Worship

July 2	AM—Pastor Bill Vis PM—6:00 Community Worship in the Town Square
July 9	AM—Pastor Bill Vis PM—Small Group Discussion
July 16	AM—Pastor Bill Vis PM—Pastor Bill Vis
July 23	AM—Pastor Bill Vis PM—Pastor Bill Vis
July 30	AM—Pastor Bill Vis PM—Pastor Bill Vis

Dates of Interest:

- Community Worship July 2
- VBS July 10-13
- Bethel Mission Ministry July 10
- 412 SERVE July 8-15
- International Camporee July 19-26

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Search Committee

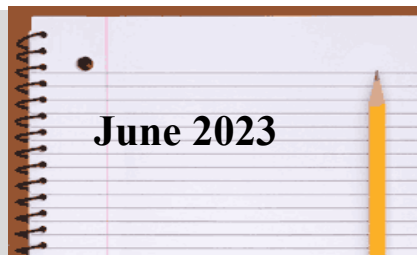
Update...

The search committee has been conducting interviews and will continue in the process as the Lord leads. Please continue to pray for clarity for both the search committee and prospective pastors as we move forward.

Coffee Servers

July 2	Alex & Jentri V W
	Dennis & Staci Schut
July 9	Dale & Julie Van Wyk
	Lauren & Julie Van Wyk
July 16	Rick & Staci Jansen
	Eric & Laura Fynaardt
July 23	Zach & Brooke Dunsbergen
	Mike VM & Val Nikkel
July 30	Landon & Jana Van Zante
	Mike & Marlene Van Soelen
August 6	Jason & Jen Lowry
	Rick & Kim Vos
August 13	Jaron & Tasha Vos
	Scott & Vicki Nikkel
August 20	Randy & Jodi De Vries
	Kevin & Brenda Van Kooten
August 27	Nolan & Karla Vos
	Nathan & Rachel Nikkel

Make juice on Saturday so that it has time to chill. Meet in the church basement before the service to set up. Instructions are in the kitchen. If unable to serve, please trade with someone



Council Clippings

1. Chairman Dale Van Wyk opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. The needs of many in the church and community were lifted in prayer.
2. Financial information and reports were reviewed. The general fund balance is at about \$165,000. The deacons also reported that we were able to pay our full synodical pledge amount for the fiscal year. We are grateful for the ongoing financial support of our congregation and pray that we can continue this level of support in the future.
3. We are working through the details for family visiting that will be held on August 8, 10 and 15.
4. We will be purchasing two first aid kits to have on hand in the church building. Exact locations are yet to be determined.
5. Plans are in place for the annual audit of the church books for the 2022-23 fiscal year.
6. We will take a short break from Sunday evening small group sessions once we are finished with the current study on Judges (one session remaining in July) and plan to resume with a new study in September.
7. Rededication Services will be held in September (exact date to be communicated soon) with Joel Vander Molen speaking. For handicap accessible reasons, the service will be at Sully First Reformed Church instead of the high school this year.
8. Gary Christensen and Mike Vander Molen reported on the May Classis Central Plains meeting that they attended. The September meeting will be held at Trinity St. Louis CRC on September 15 & 16. We are still determining our delegates for this meeting.
9. Lawrence Van Zee closed in prayer following the singing of "Make Me a Servant."

BUDGET REPORT



June Report			
Category	Amount	Year to Date Received	Year to Date Budgeted
General Fund (includes Ministry Share)	\$17,403.43	\$17,403.43	\$31,114.02
Missions0	\$ 1,852.35	\$ 1,852.35	\$ 1,958.33
Building and Grounds	\$ 1,419.22	\$ 1,419.22	\$ 2,500.00
Total	\$20,675.00	\$20,675.00	\$35,572.35

Offerings Received		
Date	Recipient	Amount
June 4	Sully Christian School	\$1,714.00
June 11	World Renew	\$1,908.00
June 18	Benevolence	\$1,668.00
June 25	Christian Education Encouragement Fund	\$1,323.00

July Offering Schedule

July 2 AM—412 Youth PM—Community Service

July 9 Sully Christian School

July 16 Gideons

July 23 Christian Education Encouragement Fund

July 30 Hope Ministries

Greeting Schedule		Nursery	
July 2	(N) Brent and Beth Vander Molen	July 2	Pam Vos
	(S) Wayne and Nora Ritter		Jud Vos
July 9	(N) John and Jodi De Berg		Erica Vos
	(S) Paul Scott & Steve Van Sant	July 9	Melanie Van Maanen
July 16	(N) Kevin and Dawn Plowman		Landon Van Wyk
	(S) Randy and Karen Altena		Karson Van Maanen
July 23	(N) Joel and Megan Vos	July 16	Michelle Van Kooten
	(S) Bryce and Donna Arkema		Abbie De Berg
July 30	(N) Harris and Darlene Vos		Lily Vander Leest
	(S) Doug and Brenda Vos	July 23	Shawna Fopma
August 6	(N) Kyle and Kendra Van Kooten		Alicia Fynaardt
	(S) Wes and Heather Zylstra		Alexa Van Zante
August 13	(N) Daryl and Linda Menninga	July 30	Jentri Van Wyngarden
	(S) Brennan and Shelby Veenstra		Bethany Kramer
August 20	(N) Alvin and Mary Fopma		Ada Van Wyngarden
	(S) Zeke VL and Ben VM	August 6	Jacie Kramer
August 27	(N) Scotty and Brenda De Nooy		Conrad Kramer
	(S) Verlan and Sally Van Wyk		Owen Vos
<p>NOTE: If you are unable to greet on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone for a different week. If you would like to have your name removed from the greeter list, please contact Steve Van Sant.</p>		August 13	Norma Beerends
			Harlan Beerends
			Trevor De Berg
		August 20	Linda Menninga
			Isabelle Vos
			Chloe Vos
		August 27	Brenda Vos
			Alli Pleima
			Jessa De Vries
		<p>If unable to serve in the nursery on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone on the list.</p>	



Erica Van Soelen

Congratulations!

Erica Van Soelen completed her Master's program at Wheaton College. Erica will begin her career as a mental health therapist in Grand Haven, Michigan.

Celebrating...

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 3	Kason Vos
July 4	Karen Altena
July 5	Melvin Lanser
	Rebecca Jochems
	Jerri Nikkel
July 8	Annabelle Vos
July 9	Lily Vander Leest
July 10	Dawn Plowman
	Landon Van Wyk
July 11	Mike Vander Molen
July 13	Lucille Jansen
	Kevin Van Maanen
July 14	Elly Van Zee
July 15	Cali Clapsaddle
July 16	Larissa Pleima
July 17	Flint Kramer
July 18	Sheila Pleima
July 19	Olivia Ritter
	Randall Jansen
July 20	Brenda Fopma
	Alayna Van Kooten
	Trevor Veenstra
	Aiden Fynaardt
July 21	Karen Van Soelen
July 25	Keith Struik
July 26	Berdena Vos (93)
July 29	Aiden Vander Leest
July 31	Nancy Swank



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 3	Roger and Caroll Jansen
July 7	Larry and Sharon Van Wyk
July 9	Jaden and Kelly Vos
July 12	Eric and Laura Fynaardt (15)
July 14	Rick and Kim Vos
July 19	Wesley and Heather Zylstra (15)
July 21	Chase and Macy Dieleman
July 25	Bryce and Donna Arkema



Thank you for the love and concern shown to us after Dar's surgery and Keith's cancer diagnosis. We appreciate

all of your prayers, cards, delicious food, gift cards, and words of encouragement. We thank Pastor Vis and Elder Mike Arkema for their visits and phone calls. Also a special thank you to Harry Vos for keeping our lawn mowed so nicely. We are so thankful for God blessing us with peace and strength as recovery and treatments continue.

Keith and Darlene Struik

Celebrating...



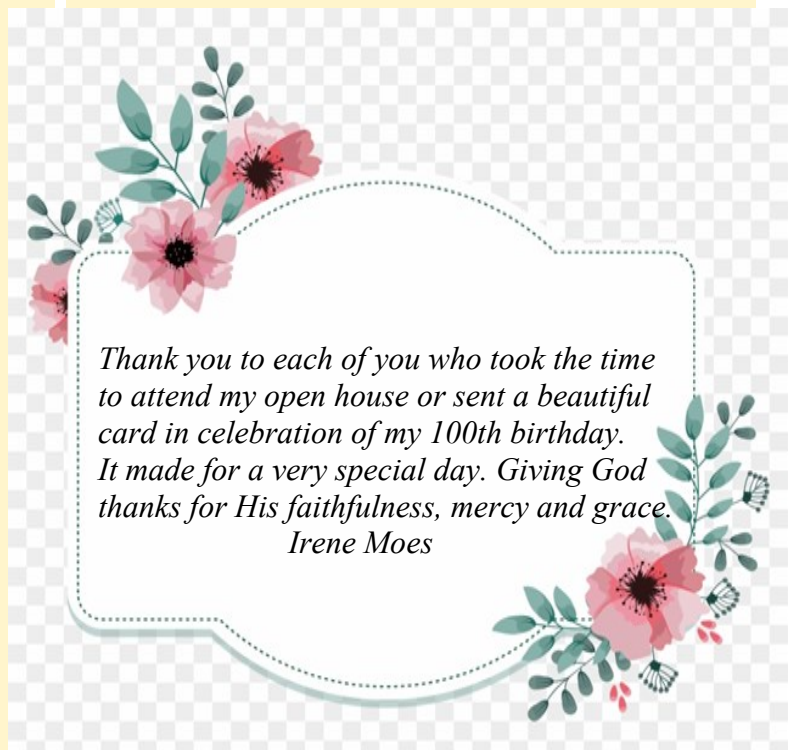
Birthdays and Anniversaries

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1	Myrna Goodyk Sandy Van Zee
August 2	Philip Hoogeveen
August 5	Sheryl Van Wyk Colby De Vries
August 6	Robert Van Soelen (80) Kendra Pothoven
August 7	Judith Van Zee
August 8	Curtis Vos Brooke Dunsbergen
August 11	Jason Van Zee
August 14	Eric Fynaardt
August 17	Josiah Vos
August 18	Wes Van Wyk
August 21	Jentri Van Wyngarden
August 23	Harris Vos
August 24	Rindy Vander Schel Michelle Van Kooten Xavier Nikkel
August 25	Jerri Jansen (85) Missy Laverman
August 26	Stuart Pleima
August 28	Miles Goodyk Addison Van Haaften
August 29	Emmett Kramer
August 30	Kara Van Wyk Emmalea Jo Van Haaften
August 31	Gary Van Wyk Diane Roose

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 3	Verlan & Sally Van Wyk
August 5	Keith & Darlene Struik
August 10	Austin and Sharayah Van Kooten
August 14	Roger & Carolyn Zylstra
August 17	Steve & Sharon Fopma
August 19	Melvin & Marilyn Jansen (65) Dan & Sharla Dunsbergen
August 22	Dwight & Glenda Vander Leest Eldon & Brenda Nikkel
August 23	Arlyn & Barbara Van Zante (55)
August 27	Nolan & Karla Vos (30) Zach & Brooke Dunsbergen
August 30	Curt and Candice Vos (20)



FROM THE ARCHIVES...

A letter from a mother to her son in the service:

To our dear sons in the service:

I will try and write a few lines to you. I was asked by the committee to be the mother of the month to write for the Chimes. I am looking forward for the next paper. I hope you boys enjoy it too.

This sure has been a beautiful day. Yesterday it was really windy and chilly. Sunday it snowed until in the afternoon so we had a white Easter.

Everybody is well at home and we hope that you are both well also.

I suppose when this paper comes out Pete will be home on a furlough. We were sure sorry to hear that he was called for overseas duty but we are glad he can spend a few weeks home first. We are thankful that you both were together yet in February. We hope and pray that this war may soon be over and that we can all be together again, and that all the service men my return in the best of health again to their homes and dear ones, if it is God's will.

The men are busy in the field. Spring vacation is over and the children are all off for school again. The time really goes fast, only six more weeks of school.

Well, I better close for now.

To you boys and to all the boys in the service we wish you God's blessing, and may God be with you till we meet again.

With love,
Mother

Getting out a News Bulletin is no picnic! If we print jokes, people say we are silly. If we don't they say we are too serious. If we clip things from magazines, we are too lazy to write them ourselves. If we don't we are too fond of our own stuff. If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate true genius. If we do print them, the page is filled with junk. Now, like as not, someone will say we swiped this from some magazine. WE DID!!

Dear Chimes Readers,

It is again time for another edition of the Sully Chimes so I must get busy and write a few lines. Time sure seems to go fast which is alright with me.

Today has been another beautiful day down here in Texas. The weather is getting quite hot here already. This past week we have had some hot days. The sun sure feels hot anyhow when a person has to sit out on the rocks all day and have classes.

We are now in our advance training down here. We have two weeks completed which means we have six more to go. We are training on the anti-aircraft guns and the 50 caliber machine guns. So far our training hasn't been very tough. We have been having classes, movies, assembling and disassembling of the guns which isn't hard work, but it gets kind of tiresome. But so far I have no complaints, it could be a lot rougher.

Marvin and I went to chapel this morning and again this evening. This morning we went to the main post chapel and this evening to another one. Both chaplains had pretty good sermons. Last week-end Rev. Boerfyn from Tucson, Arizona, was in El Paso to visit the Christian Reformed boys on this post. Saturday evening we had a get acquainted meeting at his motel room in which he showed us some moving pictures. We also had refreshments. Then Sunday morning he preached in the Presbyterian Church. There were thirty-five boys present. Then we all went downtown and had dinner in one large group.

Sunday evening we had services in one of the post chapels. I sure had an enjoyable day, and I am sure the rest of the boys did too. It gives a person a different feeling to be united with people of our own faith and to hear our own doctrines preached. Rev. Boerfyn said he comes to this post once every two or three months, at which time he tries to contact all the CRC boys.

Well, there isn't too much to write about around here, so I better sign off as it is already after my bedtime. So-long till next month, and may God's richest blessing be upon each and every one of you.

Sincerely, Case



Brothers and Sisters at Sully CRC,

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers for and recent gift to Resonate Global Mission in support of our work in Zambia. You are a great encouragement to us and a blessing to your brothers and sisters in Zambia.

We are entering the final weeks of the second term of the 2023 academic year. Please pray for students to finish the term well. Many are feeling pressure with numerous assignments coming due. In July and August, students will spend five weeks engaged in practical ministry experiences throughout Zambia. Please pray for the coordination for those experiences, safety as they travel, and blessings on their ministry work.

Our family is doing well. Jody and the kids are enjoying a break from homeschool. Our oldest Evan recently moved back to Iowa to work for a year before going to college. Our second son has traveled to Canada to live with grandparents and work for the summer. We look forward to his return to Zambia in September for his final year of high school.

Thank you again for your prayers and support.

God bless, Ryan & Jody Faber



ONE CENTER MANY PIECES Eastern + Southern Africa

building teams, equipping leadership, empowering families | June 2023



PHOTO: Life at The Potter's House, a shelter for abused women and their children at Tshwane Leadership Foundation, is always bustling with activity.

Through Their Eyes SHINE!

**Through Their Eyes meets Shine meets TLF.
And we need your prayers! :)**

Over the last few months, Megan has been in that challenging place of asking God to trust delays and deviations that kept hindering work from getting underway. In the middle of a delay to start a teen photo club at a school, God connected Megan back to Manisha at Tshwane Leadership Foundation, a Christian NGO we have worked with since we arrived in South Africa in 2014. Meeting with Manisha was a felt experience of Romans 8:28 - in all things God working for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Let us frame things a bit -

- Megan's role with Resonate is to encourage, equip, and support families.
- Manisha, coordinator for The Potter's House, a shelter for abused women and their children, was wracking her brain trying to come up with an idea for an exhibition and workshop they need to prepare for August - and the due date to submit these plans were the week of our meeting.
- Hillsong Church in Pretoria was planning to lead the Potter's House women in an 8-week program called Shine, which focuses on our identity in Christ.

Megan's meeting with Manisha felt like God fit several outlying puzzle pieces together.

The women living at the Potter's House have very recent experiences of trauma and abuse and are desperate for help and hope. We know from research that trauma often cuts us off from our words, from hope, and from our imagination, all which are vital for imagining new solutions and pathways out of the desperate situation people find themselves.

Beginning on Monday, June 26, Megan will be doing her own 8 week program with the woman using photography to consolidate what the women are learning through Shine and other programs at TLF. Tentatively, we are calling this Through Their Eyes SHINE!. We will use tasks with the camera to create visual stories (with photos and written descriptions) about our identity, how wonderfully we've been created by God and other aspects of ourselves. It will be a time for the women to integrate what they are learning and what they know to be true about themselves as they tell their unique stories. It will be a time to center on their true identity as God's beloved children. It is my prayer that by helping to restore or resurface identity, we will also be restoring families. The end goal is for the women participants to create an exhibition and lead a workshop at the annual Feast of the Clowns celebration.

Here's where we need your prayers!

While the first workshop date for Through Their Eyes SHINE! is around the corner (less than a week away!), the plans are still coming together. (enter Megan sweating in

winter!) Working with an outreach that helps people in a state of crisis, plans are often last minute and can feel chaotic which makes planning tricky - and an act of trusting the Holy Spirit! (thank you, recent celebration of Pentecost, for reminding us that we can indeed trust the gift of the Holy Spirit!) Please will you join us in prayer for this upcoming work?

You can pray that:

- God creates a sense of safety and trust as we begin working together. As a white American, establishing trust in new communities can have great barriers. Working in a context where distrust is high due to experiences of violence and harm adds another complex layer to building trust. But we know God is able to break through all these barriers to knit us together.
- That God allows a spirit of playfulness to engulf our work! Play relaxes and disarms. It allows us to tap into our imagination and creativity, so vital for creating and coming up with solutions and ways forward in life. While we learn and integrate, we are praying God helps us do this through a spirit of play that delights and reinvigorates everyone involved.
- That the plans come together for each week's lesson. It is Megan's desire to build upon what the women are learning and to make space for what they already know. This requires a reflexive nature and flexibility in her own planning.
- That Megan and the social workers can work cohesively as a team, each contributing their own unique gifts while working together.
- For truth to shine in the women participant's lives as they reconnect with the identity of who they are in Christ.

We will share more about the program as it unfolds!

Thank you so much for holding us in your prayers!

Serving Christ together,
Mike and Megan

PRAYER CORNER

GRATITUDE

God is Growing Teens!: Over the last few months, we have seen God light a fire in the lives of teenagers. Nico and Stella have formed incredible friendships over the last months and the spiritual growth within this group of friends (from their school and other schools) has astounded us. They attend a youth group on Friday evenings for prayer, worship, and a message. And they've been attending a weekly Alpha meeting online with our church Following Jesus. These teens have been a source of

encouragement and accountability for each other. We love to see what God is doing in their lives!

- **House of Berillium:** While a sense of community has been hard to establish in South Africa, we do not negate the small, rich community we have in our home. It is such a blessing to have Thully and Omphile living with us. The joy, encouragement and regular laughter as we experiences as we live and help each other is such a gift.
- **A Strong Team:** We continue to be so grateful for our team doing ministry across Eastern and Southern Africa. From supporting and training pastors and educators, to working with farmers, to mentoring urban youth - we are continually amazed at what God is doing!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **South Africa:** Morale is low as the country struggles with high unemployment, on-going electricity cuts, water shortages, and high rates of gender-based violence. Pray that the church can be a light in the midst of so many ongoing struggles.
- **Work with Women at TLF:** See above for prayer points.
- **A Home for the Thekiso's:** We are still praying God helps the Thekiso family find a home! They lost their home due to floods in December and are still awaiting on insurance reimbursement. Currently, the parents and two children are living in our church. Please continue to pray with us that God sorts these issues and rehomes them soon.
- **Ministry Giving:** Due to the recent loss of church support, we are praying God adds new supporters to our work. If you'd like to join with a one-time or monthly gift, you can find more information [here](#).
- **Full healing for Megan:** Megan continues to struggle with her health and daily pain. Please help us pray for complete healing.
- **Omphile is soon US-bound!:** Omphile, who has lived with us since 2020, recently got his visa for the US! He will be studying at Calvin University beginning this fall semester. What a dream come true for him! Please pray for him as he prepares for a new season on a new continent - what a big step this will be for him. Please reach out if you'd like to be a friendly face in GR to help welcome him!

Days of the Harvest

Equipping Labourers in God's Vineyard

RYAN & JODY FABER | ZAMBIA | JUNE 2023



We were blessed to return to Drakensburg Mountains (aka Middle Earth) in South Africa in March for a regional Resonate retreat. It was a wonderful time of rest, refreshment, encouragement, and prayer. We rejoice in what God is doing through our teammates in urban ministry, theological education, pastoral training, and Christian education in Uganda, Kenya, Zambia, and South Africa.

Reconnect Reset

In our last “Days of the Harvest” we asked for prayers as we anticipated Reconnect (home service) later this year. Our Reconnect dates have shifted and we now anticipated being in North America in 2024. We appreciate your continued prayers for our planning and preparation.

PRAYER POINTS

- Give thanks for a great retreat with our mission colleagues in March.
- Give thanks for a good first term at Justo Mwale University (JMU) in 2022.
- Please pray for the start of the second term at JMU and a strong last quarter of our homeschool year.
- Please pray for JMU and its leadership as it addresses some significant financial and administrative challenges.

I (we) would like to support Ryan and Jody Faber (802339)

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Justo Mwale University Update

The first term of 2022 ended just before Easter. Students enjoyed a 3 week break. Term 2 began on May 2. This term Ryan is teaching three undergraduate courses, leading a weekly Bible study with the BTh 2 students, and hosting a Greek reading club for senior students.

The university is experiencing some significant financial and administrative challenges. A partner, the Dutch Reformed Church of the Free State (South Africa), is facilitating a 12-18 month consultation process with Dr. Gerhard Botha from the University of the Free State. Initial meetings were held a few weeks ago. Give thanks for honest conversations about the challenges. Please pray that we will successfully act upon recommendations and that they will help move the university toward financial sustainability.



Dr. Botha facilitating discussion with JMU staff.



We enjoyed an extended long weekend over Easter, traveling to the Copperbelt and Northwest Province in Zambia. We attended our friend Alex' wedding to Alphonsina in Kitwe on Saturday, celebrated the resurrection with a small Reformed Church in Zambia on Sunday, and traveled on to Solwezi (a mining town) to see friends who recently moved there from Lusaka.



Thank you for your faithful prayers and support,

*Ryan & Jody, Evan, Graeme, Torin,
Bronwyn, Givennyth, Saeryn, and Norah*

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God hears our prayers

a letter of encouragement from Steven Stumbo

Greetings, brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

I would like to write to you about something dear to my heart: faith and belief in what you pray for. It is so vitally important that you not only pray, but that you believe what you are praying for will come to fruition.

I was put in the prison system in 2012 and set to be released in 2021. In August 2021, I was taken before a committee to see if I should be civilly committed.* The committee decided I should be taken to court to be civilly committed. I was devastated.

I prayed to God, "What should I do?" He said, "PRAY and BELIEVE." I immediately went to the Scriptures that the Lord laid on my heart: Mark 11:22-24, Jeremiah 29:11-14, and Matthew 7:7-8. I prayed over these Scriptures every day. I asked my family, friends, and fellow Christians to pray over them too.

I was scheduled to go to court on November 18, 2021. On November 15, the corrections officer (C.O.) came to me and said, "Your counselor wants to know if you have a ride to the halfway house." I asked the C.O. what he was talking about. He said, "Come with me."

When we called my counselor, he said the charges against me had been dropped and I was going to the halfway house in Iowa City on November 17. I immediately broke down in tears. God had heard our prayers.

Brothers and sisters, I can't stress how important it is for you to believe that what you pray for will come to fruition. God does fulfill his promises.

May God bless all of you!
Steven Stumbo

**The Civil Commitment Unit (Cherokee, IA) is designed to provide indefinite inpatient treatment for those who are believed to be at high risk for reoffending.*

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, June 25,
9:30 a.m.

We will host an outdoor worship service at South Overlook Recreation Area, 1105 North Highway T15, Knoxville, IA 50138. Please note that the highway over the Red Rock Dam is closed. Use T15 from the south instead. Rose Admiraal will give the message, and there will be music by the New Life Praise Team. After the service, enjoy a fellowship meal. Praise God this summer with New Life!

Pedal for Prisoners XIII

by Pastor Rick

I can't believe it's already our thirteenth Pedal for Prisoners! How time flies, especially on two wheels.

We thank God for two new riders this summer: Mike Richmond and Erik Kamp. We're also grateful for veteran cyclists who've returned for another spin: Teresa Rens, Lisa Groenendyk, Keith Van Gent, Scott and Katy Roose, and me.

This is one of the biggest groups of riders we've ever had! Pedal for Prisoners is also our biggest fundraiser. Will you help by giving a financial gift to New Life?



Left to right: New rider Erik Kamp and Pastor Rick before a practice ride.



Left to right: New rider Mike Richmond and volunteer Dwight Vander Leest.



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Support Pedal for Prisoners this summer!

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Prayers & praises

by Rose Admiraal

We give thanks and praise for:

- Our weekly worship with the brothers inside the prison. We pray this worship will continue and grow.
- The enthusiasm behind the walls to learn and worship God.
- The opportunities returning citizens have had at work, at church, and in family life.

We ask for prayers for:

- Those who have been given hard diagnoses: Paul, Orville, Roger's wife, and Chad's dad.
- Men who are waiting to be released and the many unknowns that lie before them.
- New converts to the faith. We pray that their faith will grow.

Pastor Rick and Rose attend correctional ministries summit

by Rose Admiraal

On the third weekend in May, Rick and I attended the Correctional Ministries and Chaplains Association (CMCA) Summit at the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College.

Sarah Estes, the executive director of Prison Congregations of America (PCA), also attended. Rick is a member of the PCA Board of Directors.

Although Rick had attended the summit prior to the pandemic, this was the first time I had attended. It did not disappoint! The theme this year was HOPE from Paul's benediction in Romans: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13). The praise and worship were excellent! The first speaker talked about Jeremiah 38 and the role of Ebed-Melech in rescuing Jeremiah from the cistern. Those of us who are reaching out to the incarcerated and returning citizens are the Ebed-Melechs of this generation, bringing hope.

Here are some other snippets from the summit that struck me. Please ponder the thoughts below:

- "We say as a church/society that we will welcome you back, but we don't really do this."
- "God uses everybody."
- "Discouragement is the tool of the devil."
- "Righteous indignation and unforgiveness will trip us up."
- "Rehabilitation is intentionally creating an environment where they BELONG."
- "How does the Gospel impact our worldview?"



PCA Executive Director Sarah Estes (left) with Rick and Rose Admiraal at the CMCA Summit.

New Life Prison Church Outside Council

Dave Gritters (Governing Elder)

Keith Van Gent (Governing Elder)

Glenda Vander Leest (Governing Elder)

Linda Zuidema (Administrative Deacon)

Tricia De Haan (Administrative Deacon)

Pastor Rick Admiraal (New Life)

April Nieuwsma (Treasurer)

New Life holds first council retreat

by Pastor Rick

New Life's first outside council retreat was held on the morning of the first Saturday of June. We had a beautiful setting: Stony Point in Reasoner, IA.

After a delicious breakfast, Pastor Rick read two Bible verses that are meaningful to New Life's history: Isaiah 11:1 and John 10:10. Following our prayer time together, we began a discussion that focused on strategic planning. We discovered ways that our ministry at the prison could be more effective, even with the current limitations.

Overall, this retreat was a very beneficial time for our leadership. We plan to make it an annual event.



Left to right: Glenda Vander Leest, Dave Gritters, Pastor Rick, Tricia De Haan, and Keith Van Gent at the council retreat.

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that *Christ* has set us free.

Stand firm, then, and do not let
yourselves be burdened again by
a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1