

Fellowship Findings

Sully Christian Reformed Church

August 2023

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OurMission

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.

August Worship

August 6 AM—Pastor Bill Vis

PM—Pastor Bill Vis

August 13 AM—Pastor Bill Vis

PM—Pastor Bill Vis—Bring Your Favorite Ride

August 20 AM—Pastor Bill Vis

PM—Pastor Bill Vis

August 27 AM—Pastor Bill Vis

PM—Pastor Bill Vis

Dates to Remember:

Family VisitingAug. 8,10,15 Bring Your Favorite Ride August 13 Rededication Service September 10

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Search Committee

Going into the summer, the search team was hopeful for four pastor interviews to occur in late June and early July. However, God closed the doors with two of the pastor prospects prior to interviews. The team was grateful to conduct interviews with the remaining two pastors during that time. Following the interviews, the team prayed and discerned and concluded to pursue one of the pastors that was interviewed.

The team is continuing to have contact with the pastor of interest and is surrounding him with prayer. At the present time, the team is finalizing a date and time that would work for this pastor and his wife to meet with our council.

Please pray for the search team as we continue to encourage this pastor and his wife and wait on the Lord as they discern whether God will open doors for them to come and lead the congregation at Sully CRC.

This stage of the process will take some time. We, as a search team, need to keep confidentiality for the sake of the pastors, but will keep you updated as we go forward.

Coffee Servers		
August 6	Jason & Jen Lowry	
August 6	Mike VM & Val Nikkel	
August 13	Jaron & Tasha Vos	
August 13	Scott & Vicki Nikkel	
August 20	Randy & Jodi De Vries	
August 20	Kevin & Brenda VK	
August 27	Nolan & Karla Vos	
August 21	Rick & Kim Vos	
Sept. 3	Kevin & Jared Laverman	
	Loren & Shawna Fopma	
Sept. 10	Dan & Sharla Dunsbergen	
Sept. 10	Kelsi VH & Heather Hastings	
Sept. 17	Kevin& Melanie VM	
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Sept. 24	Jud & Pam Vos	
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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



Attention Quilters!!!!

As you all know the summer is flying by again, but we are trying to get things lined up for several quilt piecing, tying, and sewing days!!!

Treva Nikkel has informed us that she and her sewing machine are retiring!!! She has been finishing quilt bindings for many years. Thank You!!! Treva said she hoped to come and tie if feeling up to it.

Is there anyone out there that would like to fill her shoes? What this would mean for you would be taking your portable machine and about 5-8 basic color spools of thread to church each morning we are quilting. Your love of sewing and quilts is also another requirement!!!!! It is amazing the quilts this awesome group can produce!!!! Give it prayerful thought and get in touch with anyone of the Quilt Crew!!!! We have a goal before Christmas, so 2 dates will be necessary maybe 3???? The first date is not finalized but thinking the end of September. Jodi Stravers, Norma Beerends, and Marilyn VanSoelen

Bring your Favorite Ride to Church:

On August 13 you are invited to bring your favorite ride to church. Polish up that favorite ride—vintage or new car, truck, tractor, sports car, motorcycle, bicycle; whatever you enjoy rid-

ing, and drive it in for the evening service. There will be a meal and time of fellowship following worship.





April Report			
Category	Amount	Year to Date Received	Year to Date Budgeted
General Fund (includes Ministry Share)	38,701.05	\$56,104.48	\$62,228.04
Missions	2,458.18	\$ 4,310.53	\$ 3,916.66
Building and Grounds	3,110.77	\$ 4,529.99	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$44,270.00	\$64,945.00	\$71,144.70

	Offerings Received	
Date	Recipient	Amount
July 2	412 Youth	\$1,868.00
July 9	Sully Christian School	\$2,004.90
July 16	Gideons	\$2,918.50
July 23	Christian Education Encouragement Fund	\$1,497.00
July 30	Hope Ministries	\$1,870.00

August Offering Schedule

August 6 Sully Christian School with SCS Envelope Offering

August 13 Lake View Camp

August 20 Christian Education Encouragement Fund

August 27 Resonate Global Missions

Thank You...

We want to thank our church family for the cards, words of encouragement, and prayers offered for us after the passing of Gary's brother Greg. The Lord is truly near to the brokenhearted.

Gary and Lynnette Christensen

2023 Family Visiting Schedule

	Time	August 8, 2023	August 10, 2023	August 15, 2023
Room 5-Up	7:00	Harris Vos	Jason Lowry	Kevin Plowman
Lawrence Van Zee	7:45	Marv Slings	Bob Van Soelen	Joel Vos
Zach Dunsbergen	8:30	Rick Fopma	Bryce Arkema	Brent Rolffs
Library	7:00	Neva Lanser	Doug Van Zee	Curt Vos
Tim Vander Schel	7:45	Melvin Lanser	Duane Arkema	Jeff Pastoor
Kyle Van Kooten	8:30	Alvin Fopma	Murray Pothoven	
Room 3-Up	7:00	Wes Zylstra	Scott Roose	Norm Nikkel
Nolan Vos	7:45	Brennan Veenstra	Alenna Jansen	Melvin Jansen
Mike Vander Molen	8:30	Jared Laverman	Monte Goodyk	
Council Room	7:00	Kevin Veenstra	Ron De Nooy	Wayne Ritter
Mike Arkema	7:45	Marv Goodyk	Loren Vander Wilt	Brent Vander Molen
John Kramer	8:30	Val Nikkel	Lauren Van Wyk	Duke Zylstra
Room 2-Down	7:00	Larry Van Wyk	Berdena Vos	Doug Vos
Gary Christensen	7:45	Roger Bruxvoort	Arlyn Van Zante	Carolyn Vande Voort
Rick Jansen	8:30	Gary Fynaardt	Dwight Vander Leest	
Room 1-Up	7:00	Kelsie Van Haaften	Ron Swank	Miranda Nikkel
Roger Zylstra	7:45	Clarence Van Zee	Judson Vos	Wes Laverman
Trevor Nikkel	8:30	Ed Dieleman		

If you have a conflict with the time you are scheduled, please call your elder or deacon to make other arrangements.

Question #1

How is Sully CRC equipping and pushing you to grow in your relationship with Jesus?

Question #2

How is Sully CRC equipping you to walk alongside others in their faith journey?

Question #3

What can Sully CRC do to better equip you to strengthen your personal relationship with Jesus?

Question #4

What can Sully CRC do to better equip you to walk along side others?

Greeting Schedule		Nursery		
	(N) Kyle and Kendra Van Kooten			Jacie Kramer
August 6	(S) Wes and Heather Zylstra		August 6	Conrad Kramer
	(N) Daryl and Linda Menninga			Owen Vos
August 13	(S) Brennan and Shelby Veenstra			Michelle Van Kooten
			August 13	Abbie De Berg
August 20	(N) Alvin and Mary Fopma			Trevor De Berg
	(S) Zeke V Leest/Ben V Molen			Linda Menninga
August 27	(N) Scotty and Brenda De Nooy		August 20	Isabelle Vos
	(S) Verlan and Sally Van Wyk			Chloe Vos
Sept. 3	(N) Jamie & Michelle Van Kooten (S) Ed and Judy Van Kooten			Brenda Vos
	(N) Craig & Linda Zylstra		August 27	Alli Pleima
Sept. 10	Sept. 10 (S) Trevor & Jerri Nikkel		J	Jessa De Vries
	(N) Gary & Lynnette Christensen			Linda Zylstra
Sept. 17	(S) Roger & Carolyn Zylstra		Sept. 3	Breckyn Lowry
_	(N) Merl & Candy Van Zante			Abbie De Berg
Sept. 24	(S) Darrell & Angela Veenstra			
NOTE: If you	are unable to greet on your assigned		Sept. 10	Rededication Service
Sunday, pleas	se 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.		Sept. 17	Candice Vos
				Adri Vos
			Bethany Kramer	
To educate a person in the mind		Sept.24	Megan Vos	
			Joel Vos	
			Owen Vos	

To educate a person in the mind but not in morals is to educate a menace to society.

Theodore Roosevelt

If unable to serve in the nursery on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone on the list.

Celebrating



Birthdays and Anniversaries

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS		
August 1	Myrna Goodyk	
	Sandy Van Zee	
August 2	Philip Hoogeveen	
August 5	Sheryl Cooling	
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 16	Shawn Vande Voort	
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	
	Sawyer Dunsbergen	
August 31	Gary Van Wyk	
	Diane Roose	
	Atticus Vos	
	Lydia Vos	

Take some time on your birthday to count your blessings.

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August 3	Verlan & Sally Van Wyk
August 5	Keith & Darlene Struik (40)
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 (35)
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)



Looking for a break and some great fellowship? Coffee Break Bible Study is nondenominational. It meets weekly at the Sully Christian Reformed Church social room. The starting date for

this season will be Tuesday September 12. Coffee time and fellowship begins at 9:30 with the lesson to follow at 10 AM. A nursery is provided free of charge for infants and toddlers. Little Lambs is a structured time for preschool children, with lesson and crafts. Please join us as we open God's word and continue the study of Lessons From the Upper Room taken from the book of John. If you have any questions, contact Norma Beerends at 594-3498.

Celebrating...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 3 Marla Fopma

Ron De Nooy

September 4 Kevin Van Kooten

September 5 Gary Christensen

Scott Nikkel

September 6 Tim Vander Schel

September 8 Barbara Van Zante

September 9 Marlene Van Soelen

September 11 Mike Arkema

September 13 Gary Fynaardt

Sally Van Wyk

Roger Jansen

September 14 Allison Pleima

September 15 Isabelle Vos

September 17 Dale Van Wyk

Heather Zylstra

Bethany Kramer

September 18 Erica Vos

September 19 Candice Vos

September 20 Sharla Dunsbergen

Marcus Goodyk

September 21 Alene Fopma

September 22 Norm Nikkel

September 23 Steve Fopma

September 27 Ethan Vander Leest

Larissa Simbro

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 3 Larry and Joan Pleima

Kevin and Brenda Van Kooten

Trevor and Jerri Nikkel

September 5 Rick and Staci Jansen

Jamie and Michelle Van Kooten (25)

Bradley & Allyson Van Sant

September 6 Dennis and Staci Schut

September 9 Melvin and Wanda Lanser

September 15 Marvin and Lynda Slings

Craig and Linda Zylstra (45)

September 21 Don and Deloris Van Rees

Scotty and Brenda De Nooy

September 23 Wayne and Nora Ritter (35)



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FROM THE ARCHIVES...

Dear Son,

It is Sunday evening and now I will write you a few lines. Again today it was our privilege to worship with God's people. How thankful we should be that we live in a land where we can worship as we please. Although you are far away from home we are happy that you too have been able to attend either chapel or church services nearly every Sunday, both while in the states and now too, and often times even in our own churches. How nice it is that now most weekends you can get together and enjoy the couples of our own denomination. We are grateful to the Young Calvinist for their fine work in keeping you in such close contact with each other.

We are glad to hear that you are getting along O.K. We are all well, also.

The past week has been terribly hot. The temperature has been past 90 degrees about every day. We had a nice rain. This cooled the weather off some but it is really hot again today.

The crops really look good so far for which we are very thankful. The corn is surely growing fast. Everyone is busy cultivating and some are putting up hay. It is certainly going to be busy yet for several weeks as everything is growing so fast. The oats are heading out too already. Our garden is also doing good. The strawberries are almost finished now and this week some of the peas will be ready to pick.

I will have to close again for now as I don't have too much more news. It is our constant prayer that in due time you will, along with all the other boys, return home safely. Even though we are far separated from each other we can find comfort in the fact that our Heavenly Father cares for His own wherever they are.

This will be all for now.

With all my love,

Your Mother

News Flash (from the June 1952 Chimes)

- ♦ Last Sunday, June 15, Wilford (home on furlough) and Henrietta had their baby baptized. She was christened Gayle Ilene.
- We are glad to hear that Pete Van Soelen arrived safely in Japan. Don Fopma was there when the boat arrived. They spent Saturday and Sunday together. It must have been thrilling for both boys. Pete is scheduled to leave for Korea July 13.
- Mary Zylstra and Case Van Soelen plan to start for home next Saturday.
- Word was received that Seymour (Zeke) has left the hospital in Korea and was moved to a hospital in Japan somewhere. His doctor was not satisfied because his wounds were healing too slowly. He still was having quite a lot of pain. We pray that our Heavenly Father will be very near to him and all those who have special needs.

From Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, Nelson Geels writes...

Dear readers of the Sully Chimes,

It soon will be time for our letters to be in again, so I'll just get busy now. Quite a little has happened since I last wrote and I find myself quite some distance from Fort Riley.

The trip to New Jersey was quite an experience for me; it being my first airplane ride. We rode above the clouds and had plenty of altitude. It seemed funny to be looking at the big white clouds from the top. We had coffee and dinner on the plane, too. The flight was smooth all the way except shortly before we landed. The clouds had rain in



them and we hit some air pockets. About like a roller-coaster only the drop wasn't so far.

The city of New York really is a big one and quite a sight from the air. The trip from the airport to camp was a nice one. Through a tunnel, the highway being a boulevard.

There sure are a lot of men here. When I was at Ft. Riley I thought we had a big chow line, but it was little compared to ours now. The mess hall is six times as big and more, and they have four lines moving which makes it move faster, but it still takes about an hour to handle them.

Today we were in the theater all day. They gave us lectures and showed films. The films dealt with Europe; and also a very interesting one named "Abandon Ship".

At present I don't know how long I'll be here, but by the time you are reading this more than likely I'll be across the pond.

There are quite a few boys from Ft. Riley here now. I just wonder how bad they will split us up.

The weather is pretty warm over here too. It was raining when we got to the airport, but it quit shortly after we got to the bus station. (We took a taxi to the bus station.)

Thanks for all the birthday cards, and the many kindnesses given to me while home on furlough.

For this time then I'll sign off. May God be with each and all of us,

Sincerely,

Nelson



ONE CENTER MANY PIECES Eastern + Southern Africa

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PHOTO: Not having a venue on week 1 made for a tricky beginning. So grateful we got into the little cozy little chapel, our intended venue at Tshwane Leadership Foundation, on week 2!

Not SHINE-ing but in the Idea Lab!

Well, neither Through Their Eyes nor TLF met Shine.

But through your prayers, God has been stirring and providing.

And we need continued prayers more than ever! :)

Hence this update to get you up to speed for those continued prayers.

Megan arrived on a Friday for the first Shine workshop - only to learn that it has been canceled. As in, the whole program had been canceled. The plan to follow up the Friday Shine workshops with a reflective space for the women to cement what they were learning through therapeutic photography on the following Monday had now evaporated. We had some quick pivoting to do if we

wanted to offer something meaningful for the women!

The thing about ministry, especially in vulnerable communities, is that you can go in with plans, but if we hold them too tightly, it can send one spinning, missing the real opportunities before us. In TLF's book, Finding Community in the City: The Story of Many Journeys, commemorating their 25 years of ministry, chapter one begins:

"Working or living on the margins, where vulnerable people fight death, where abuse is stealing people's joy, is almost always an entry into perceived chaos. Some people enter our communities and their immediate instinct is to try and create order in the chaos. Then they realize that what they want to organize, will not always allow itself to be organized, and what they view as chaos, is often an opportunity for innovation and rediscovery of the self and of others. In the reality of human pain and suffering the neat order of things is often stripped away. What remains is humanity in all its frailty, stripped to the bone. Sometimes it is dark and shapeless. But, at times, surprise and wonder emerge from the chaos."

With Shine pulling out and other hiccups along the way, things were certainly feeling chaotic. But what was clear was the invitation God had set before us. There indeed was an opportunity for innovation, discovery, wonder and delight in this unfolding process.

So, how has the program taken shape?

Lungile and Manisha agreed they still wanted a program that focused on identity for the women. Which meant that we needed to put our minds together ASAP if we wanted to offer something to the women in three days time. On Monday, Lungile and Megan launched **The Idea Lab**.

We entered with story to transport the women into a world of imagination and hope. When life is dark and shapeless, it can be hard to wonder, celebrate, imagine. We let the book The Fantastic Bureau of Imagination by Brad Montague usher us into a magical land where untold stories were slipping away. Why a children's book? Stories create a safe distance - between people, between people and their problems. It invites a sense of wondering and delight. Playful atmospheres can help regulate stressed out nervous systems - activating our bodies and minds in a healthy way while also making space for calm and connection - the best of both worlds. It also gave us a frame for our own storytelling. We were able to explore what keeps us from telling our stories and the importance of telling our stories. Each week, we enter a different department of the book, explore a topic, and the women receive a photo task.

- Week 1 and 2 = the Department of Wonder! We explored our identity the aspects of ourselves that we are proud of, what we want to celebrate ourselves, and what God says about who we are.
- Week 3 = the Department of Noticing. We continued to explore our identity as we learned about the sacred design of
 our emotions using scripture and the <u>RULER</u> framework. We focused on R U L Recognizing emotion, Understanding
 emotion and Labeling emotion.
- This coming Monday, we will enter Week 4 = the Department of Repaired and Re-imagined Things. We'll explore
 the E R- Expressing and Regulating part of the RULER framework. We will look for evidence of strong emotion in
 scripture, how the Bible advises us, and will focus on strategies for healthy decision making.

- Week 5, the Department of Dreams and Doing. We will explore our dreams, both short and long term dreams, and steps required to achieve them. For as the book urges, "we must dream, but we must also do."
- Weeks 6 and beyond = we will look at the visual stories we've told so far and begin to refine them. We will add photos
 or text for missing stories. We will select our favorites and edit the written descriptions in preparation for the workshop
 and exhibition at the annual

Feast of the Clowns celebration on Aug 26.

or our Idea Lab, please continue to pray that:

- God maintains the sense of safety and trust that has been established.
- That God engulfs us as we dig into the good and hard parts of our stories! The women are showing ownership of our space in the ways they've helped to decorate our Dept of Wonder and many are sharing vulnerably. But some are still skeptical why "play" with a camera or spend time telling my story when I have serious problems. It's a valid question!
- Pray for the challenges our women are facing! Some of the challenges include: not having work, being separated
 from the children, being at risk of losing their children, traumatic and violent memories and experiences all the way back
 to their childhood, pressures and lies from their former lives that tempt them to derail the important work they are
 currently doing.
- That the plans come together for each week's lesson. This was a concern before but the weekly planning demands
 have increased! Please pray God continues to guide us as we contextualize our content and develop the weekly lesson,
 workbook pages and the photo tasks.
- Pray for Safety. This community has experienced 3 armed robberies in the last 2 weeks and safety is a concern for all
 who live there.
- For truth to shine in the women's lives as they reconnect with who they are in Christ. It was heartbreaking when on week 3 one of the women was still unable to name one positive thing about herself. When the other women jumped in to name the goodness they saw in her, she could only look down. The wounds are deep. Please pray God brings healing and restoration as the women connect with themselves and their Creator.

Ve are so grateful for the ways you are holding us in your prayer!

Serving Christ together,

like and Megan

A few visuals of our time together so far:

The women ensuring our space looked like a Department of Wonder on week 2. So thankful for the relationship Megan is establishing with Lungile, the social worker!



Many of the women have never used a camera. It was pure delight when we brought them out! It was wonderful to see them helping each other as they began to take their images. Strengthened connections is what we want to see!



PRAYER CORNER

GRATITUDE

 God is Growing Teens!: Nico and Shepherd's whatsapp Bible study has grown from 5 to 63 teenagers. They are currently studying Romans together. What a blessing to see their agency and growing faith! ReConnecting with others in Ministry: The last few weeks God has reconnected us to others doing
ministry - some old friends and other new relationships. It's been such a blessing - we are eager to see how
God will weave these relationships and opportunities.

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 add 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. It seems the
 endometriosis and surgery have caused damage that still needs healing. 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!

HOME + WORK LIFE Father's Day family photo - but always missing Amira!



In recent children's church learning adventures at Following Jesus, the children embodied the story of Mary and Martha - listening to the

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KEEPING US ON OUR TOES:

We are back to stage 6 loadshedding this week - aka planned electricity outages. Stage 6 means 3 times of 2 1/2 - 4 hours without electricity each time.

In addition, this week we have 4 days without water due to system maintenance. We think we've hacked the system for the week

- prior food prep to reduce cutting boards, pots and pans.
- buckets filled and placed in bathrooms and outside the kitchen

story and then retelling the story from each perspective.
Unsurprisingly, we all found it easier to be Martha's! But the children were encouraged that they felt calmer being Mary. What a joy to learn with them!



On Monday, we woke up to -4c in the house. And not too much later, when Megan was on the road to Pretoria to teach, her phone was flooded with videos and photos of SNOW! Last time it snowed in Joburg was 2012. The time before that was 1981. To say it is rare is an understatement! What delight that ensued for many people to see snow for the first time ever! So thankful the teachers let the kids fully embrace the rare moment! It was all squeals, dashing around, and rolling in the grass.



to make it through the week. The below buckets are for minor cooking, dishes, drinking, and for the dog.

- Prizes to the person in the house who uses the fewest dishes when eating!

All this extra prep to accommodate for water and electricity shortages/outages eats into productive time - but sure does make one thankful for when it all works!



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Angels Watching Over You

Wow, wherever you go, God's angels are protecting you. This raises the thought, if angels are protecting me, it's because there is an enemy who is after me wherever I go. Yes, and if you've just had an uneventful day, it's probably because God's army of angels has been working very hard to block the enemy's attempts to mess you up! Likewise, getting stuck behind that slow driver yesterday, or not being able to meet up with friends as planned, or any other "frustration" you've encountered could all be part of God's angels protecting you from an even greater unwanted incident. Hmmmm... that is something to think about!

My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths. They haven't hurt me, for I was found innocent before Him.

Daniel 6:22 HCSB

For he orders his angels to protect you wherever you go.

Psalm 91:11 TLB

Lord, I get so busy each day, I forget that I have an angel protecting me. The next time things don't go as planned or I experience a near miss while driving, I'll thank You and praise You for Your protection.

100 days of Bible Promises by Shanna Noel