



Fellowship Findings

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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 *1 Corinthians 10:31* and edify others. *1 Thessalonians 5:11*

June Worship

June 2	AM—Mr. Scott Roose PM—Mr. Scott Roose
June 9	AM—Mr. Scott Roose PM—Small Group Discussion
June 16	AM—Mr. Nate Van Wyk PM—Small Group Discussion
June 23	AM—Pastor Al Bandstra—Communion PM—Pastor Al Bandstra
June 30	AM—Mr. Nate Schelhaas PM—Small Group Discussion



Worship TIMES

Morning Worship
9:30 a.m.

Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.



Dates of Interest:

June 2 Profession of Faith
.....Of Tysen De Vries
June 23 Communion

Greeters

June 2	(N) Kevin/Melanie Van Maanen
	(S) Jud & Pam Vos
June 9	(N) Clarence & Judy Van Zee
	(S) Gary & JoAnn Fynaardt
June 16	(N) Roger & Carolyn Zylstra
	(S) Gary/Lynnette Christensen
June 23	(N) Ed & Joyce Dieleman
	(S) Berdena Vos/Pearl Vos
June 30	(N) Loren & Shawna Fopma
	(S) Kevin & Jared Laverman
July 7	(N) Rick & Carla Fopma
	(S) John & Jodi De Berg
July 14	(N) Wayne & Nora Ritter
	(S) Brent & Brenda Rolffs
July 21	(N) Randy & Karen Altena
	(S) Harris & Darlene Vos
July 28	(N) Bob & Marilyn VanSoelen
	(S) Bryce & Donna Arkema

If you are not available to greet on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone on the list.



Angel Tree Camp

It's that time of year again, and Lake View Camp is gearing up for Angel Tree camps this summer. The following items are the supplies they need this year.

Bath or Beach Towel

Sunscreen

Shampoo

Soap or Body Wash

Brush and /or Comb

Notebook

Pen

Toothbrush/Toothpaste

Please put your items in the Angel Tree camping supply box in the quilt room. Thanks for helping send Angel Tree kids to camp!!!



Coffee Servers		Nursery	
June 2	Craig and Linda Zylstra	June 2	Norma Beerends
	Jamie and Michelle Van Kooten		Harlan Beerends
June 9	Seve and Sharon Fopma	June 9	Sheila Pleima
	John and Jacie Kramer		Alli Pleima
June 16	Trevor and Jerri Nikkel	June 16	Judson Vos
	Stuart and Sheila Pleima		Pam Vos
June 23	Merl and Candy Van Zante		Ada Van Wyngarden
	Landon and Jana Van Zante	BJune 23	Jentri Van Wyngarden
June 30	Darrell and Angela Veenstra		Bethany Kramer
	Mike and Marlene Van Soelen	June 30	Michelle Van Kooten
July 7	Rick and Staci Jansen		Emma Plowman
	Alex and Jentri Van Wyngarden	July 7	Brenda Vos
July 14	Lauren and Julie Van Wyk		Aspen Kramer
	Dale and Julie Van Wyk	July 14	Laura Fynaardt
July 21	Eric and Laura Fynaardt		Alicia Fynaardt
	Dennis and Staci Schut	July 21	Angela Veenstra
July 28	Kevin and June Veenstra		Chloe Vos
	Loren Vander Wilt/Stan Fopma	July 28	Melanie Van Maanen
	Erika Van Maanen		



*Thanks, friends at Sully CRC, for your recent collection for support of our ministry. Sully has a special place in **our** hearts as the place where Joel spent his early years. We are so grateful for your support over the years!*

Jeannie and Joel Huyser
 Resonate Partner Missionaries
 Email: jhuyser@crcnapartners.org

BUDGET REPORT



May Report			
Category	Amount	Year to Date Received	Year to Date Budgeted
General Fund (includes Ministry Share)	\$26,212.12	\$361,762.72	\$373,368.22
Missions	\$ 1,838.86	\$ 24,805.96	\$ 23,500.00
Building and Grounds	\$ 2,103.69	\$ 29,867.55	\$ 30,000.00
Total	\$30,154.67	\$416,436.23	\$426,868.22

Offerings Received		
Date	Recipient	Amount
May 5	The Table	\$2,381.00
May 12	Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa	\$2,168.00
May 19	Sully Christian School	\$1,955.00
May 26	Christian Education Encouragement Fund	\$1,299.00

June Offering Schedule

- June 2** Resonate Global Missions
- June 9** Sully Christian School
- June 16** The Gideons
- June 23** Benevolence
- June 30** Christian Education Encouragement Fund

Another GEMS year is in the books, so to speak! Our theme "Rise Up: Lessons from Queen Esther" gave us assurance that God is Always Working, that He is Trustworthy and Is With Us Wherever we Go!!

Another year of Prayer Friends is in the books! Thank you dear women for being a TRUE friend and praying for our GEMS girls and their families this past year! I am sure that some great friendships have been created.

Another year of meeting openings where we sing songs that move our hearts toward God, where we share devotions about God's plans for us, and where we mingle with each other in silly games like Would you Rather? or Rock, Paper, Scissors! And, there's the Birthday Cupcakes!

Another year of awesome GEMS Leaders, who loved on and encouraged our GEMS in their classrooms. Lessons, crafts, badge work, listening, guiding, encouraging, praying and having fun are all part of a busy season. Thank you leaders, you are the ones who hold us together and you excel at your God given calling!!

Another year of parties! We have caroled, crafted, celebrated and consumed awesome food! We began with a Scavenger Hunt and then games/food at Bear Island. We celebrated Christmas with our Prayer Friends and Caroling. "Sleepless in the Church Basement" seemed the theme for our Overnighter! Fun games included "dusting the church floor", and the Easter scavenger hunt. And then, our final Hawaiian Theme Wednesday, celebrating our GEMS year. We hosted our moms and prayer friends; enjoyed great fellowship & food, and shared about our year and handed out awards for Badge Work.

One highlight of the evening was honoring Hayden Lowry with the Gold Star Award. Hayden has completed all 100 badges in her 4 years at GEMS! We celebrate her accomplishment!! Congratulations, way to go, Hayden!!

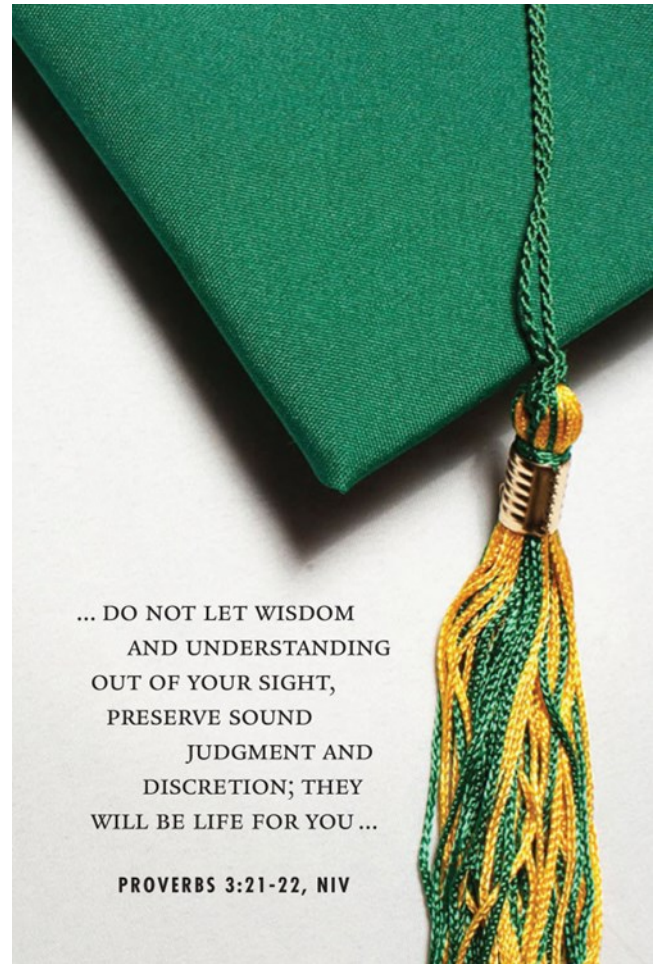
Every girl that attends our GEMS program is Special and Loved! Every one has gifts and talents and personalities in the person that God has created her to be. We value each and every one.

2023-2024 GEMS year is "In the Books".

Congratulations Hayden!



**CONGRATULATIONS
GRADUATES!**



Tysen De Vries

Graduated from Pella Christian High School
Attending Dordt University to study Business Management and play basketball.



Keagan Fopma

Keagan graduated from Pella Christian and will be attending Dordt in the fall to major in Mechanical Engineering

Raeann (Fopma) Van Zee

Raeann graduated from the University of Illinois Chicago with a Master of Design.



Trevor Veenstra

Trevor graduated from Pella Christian on May 18. He will continue his education at Liberty University in Virginia and major in business finance. He will also be a member of their track and field team as a thrower.



Elijah Vos -

Graduating from Dordt University with a bachelor's degree in Biology and Environmental Science and is seeking employment in Northwest Iowa.

Josiah Vos -

Graduating from Pella Christian High School. Josiah plans to attend Dordt University in the fall for Engineering Technology.



Isaac Vos graduated from Lynnville-Sully High School. Isaac participated in Football, Track and Field, Band, and Jazz Band, for which he received the Louis Armstrong Jazz Band Award for his leadership. Isaac was a member of the National Honor Society and was named to the High Honor Roll each semester. He also was awarded an All-Activities award from the South Iowa Cedar League for academic excellence and extracurricular activities.



Aiden James Vander Leest

Aiden is a graduate of Lynnville Sully High School.

Aiden plans to attend DMACC this fall and pursue business studies. Aiden played football a couple of years in high school and enjoys spending time with his friends and family.



Heather Hastings

University of Iowa
Master of Social Work

Heather plans to take her state licensing test and provide mental health therapy to children and families in rural Iowa. She spent her practicum placement working at Pella and Oskaloosa school districts providing therapy to students. Heather has been awarded several scholarships and grants and has specialized in trauma informed practice.



Atticus Payson Vos

Atticus is the son of Jaron and Natasha Vos. This fall he will attend DMACC to complete his degree in Information Technology/Network Administration, while continuing to work at Vermeer in IT. During high school, Atticus ran on the state championship cross country and track teams, was on the shooting team, and actively served in his youth group.

A favorite verse of his is Deuteronomy 31:6: "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

Lydia Raelle Vos

Lydia is the daughter of Jaron and Natasha Vos. In the fall she will attend Liberty University online seeking a degree in psychology while continuing to teach piano lessons to approximately fifty students. Throughout high school, Lydia has run cross country and track, been the Little Hawkeye Conference art award recipient several years in a row, and loved serving in various leadership roles with Teens Encounter Christ. Her favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11.



Celebrating...



And Anniversaries

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- June 2 Treva Nikkel (85)
Rick Vos
- June 5 Nelson Geels (94)
Kevin Laverman
- June 7 Cindy Laverman
- June 8 Clint Vos
Murray Pothoven
Tasha Vos
- June 11 Marvin Goodyk
- June 12 Larry Van Wyk
Matthew Fynaardt
- June 16 Marilyn Van Soelen
- June 17 Irene Moes (101)
- June 18 John Kramer
- June 19 Henrietta Laverman (94)
- June 20 Beth Vander Molen
- June 21 June Veenstra
- June 22 Jenna Van Maanen
- June 23 Renae Van Wyk
- June 24 Donald Van Rees (85)
Joshua Fopma
- June 25 Kyle Van Kooten
- June 28 Dan Pastoor (92)

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- June 1 Loren and Shawna Fopma
- June 6 Jaron and Tasha Vos
- June 9 Lawrence and Sandy Van Zee
Landon and Jana Van Zante
- June 10 John and Jodi De Berg
- June 11 Norm and Treva Nikkel (65)
Clarence and Judy Van Zee
Kevin and Dawn Plowman
- June 13 Vernon and Lucille Jansen
- June 17 Judson and Pam Vos
- June 18 Nathan and Rachel Nikkel
- June 20 Alvin and Mary Fopma
- June 23 Howard and Marilyn Vander
Griend
- June 27 Darrell and Angela Veenstra
- June 29 Joel and Megan Vos

May *blessings* follow you through life,

Wherever Christ

MAY LEAD YOU.

May **LOVE** be right

Beside you, and

Joy and peace precede you.

May God's Word Light your path each day

While *grace and patience*

GUIDE YOUR WAY.

Winston Porter

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 16 Larissa Pleima
- 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 (94)
- July 29 Aiden Vander Leest
- July 31 Nancy Swank
- Bowen Lowry

And Anniversaries

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- July 3 Roger and Caroll Jansen (25)
- July 7 Larry and Sharon Van Wyk
- July 9 Jaden and Kelly Vos
- July 12 Eric and Laura Fynaardt
- July 14 Rick and Kim Vos (35)
- July 19 Wesley and Heather Zylstra
- July 25 Bryce and Donna Arkema



Thank you to our Church family for all your prayers and expressions of care and concern over the past few months. Thank you for your expressions of

sympathy in the passing of Dwight's brother Norm. Also prayers as we both went through surgeries. The love and concern we experienced from you was amazing. We are so thankful to be a part of the church family.

God is Good!

Dwight and Glenda Vander Leest

Thank you all for the cards, prayers and kind words following the passing of our sister, Dorothy. It is such a blessing to be part of the family of God and our church family here at Sully CRC!

Scotty and Brenda De Nooy
Ron De Nooy

Thank you so much for remembering us in prayer as well as other expressions of sympathy in the loss of our sister Donna. Your kindness means a lot to us as you helped us through a difficult time.

Glenn and Navonne Shultz



Dear friends,

Change is part of life. Children grow to be adults. We move to a different home. We change jobs. We all have experienced change.

Jeannie and I have experienced our share of change. We have lived in at least 14 different homes. We have lived in three of the states of the U.S. We have lived in the United States and Nicaragua. Now we live in South Korea. I (Joel) have had four or five significant career changes. Each of you could tell your own story of change!

There have been studies of the stages of cultural adaptation. These stages could be applied to almost any change, including changes of location and job. The stages are:

- Honeymoon phase: Excitement and fascination with the new situation.
 - Crisis period: This is where excitement turns to disappointment and there are more and more differences that occur.
 - Adjustment phase: This is where we learn to accept the new context and negative attitudes begin to change to positive ones.
- Acceptance and Adaptation phase.

So, in which stage do Jeannie and I find ourselves after eight months in Korea? Hmm, thanks for asking. I think we are in the *Adjustment phase*. The *Honeymoon phase* has mostly passed. We have both experienced some disappointments, even crises. Cultural differences have become more marked. But we are adjusting and learning! God is good! We are thankful for the privilege of serving Him in this time and place - and with these particular people!



Little Lambs students singing for parents



Some of the elementary students preparing for service project

For me (Joel) it has been a gradual realization of my role. Frankly, when I agreed to be principal, I had little idea of what was expected of me. I saw myself as accompanying Jeannie in her role of starting a kindergarten. I wondered if the school simply needed a missionary pastor as a figurehead for promotional purposes. That would have been fine with me. I have since learned that when the school asked me to be principal, it really wanted me to be principal!

I have also learned that the role of a principal has a lot of similarities to that of a pastor of a congregation. In many ways the teachers, students and parents of Grace Christian School have become my congregation. There is the same need for spiritual and pastoral leadership as I would have experienced if I were pastoring a congregation. There are similar challenges informing a Christ-centered community made up of imperfect humans (including Jeannie and I!). If I had imagined this to be a part-time retirement job, I would have been sadly mistaken!

Jeannie has gone through a similar process. Jeannie came to Korea with a very definite idea of how the Little Lambs Kinder should be organized. Jeannie is by nature very organized. She likes to have her lesson plans finished weeks if not months in advance! She found that the Korean culture tends to be more focused on the urgent and the immediate. Her Korean staff has not always been on the same page as her with respect to routines and boundaries for students. Like me, she has been adjusting!

And through it all we are so grateful for God's faithfulness. This past week Jeannie held an "open class" for parents of the Little Lambs students. The parents were amazed at the progress their children are making in English! On the same day, I was pleased to see our primary school students involved in a community service project. Each day there is something that reminds us of why we are here.

Praise and Prayer

Praise:

- For the many opportunities Joel is getting to preach and teach.
- For the rapid progress the Little Lambs Kinder students are making in English. Young minds are like sponges for language!

Prayer

- For our plans to be in the U.S. during the month of July. We will be in Iowa for the 100th birthday of Joel's Mom and will spend time in Michigan and Texas with family and friends.
- For the series of teachings on Christian worldview that Joel is sharing with the parents.
- For wisdom in the pastoral issues that arise in both the school and the Little Lambs Kinder.

How can you help?

Most importantly, you can support us in prayer. This is a major move for us into a culture that is quite different from that of Nicaragua. Pray that we would be gracious learners of culture and language. Pray for our own discipleship as we learn from Korean Christians. Pray for the community of teachers, students, and parents of Grace International School as they live out a gospel of grace in a culture of achievement and performance.

You can stay informed. We will be sending out regular prayer letters to keep you informed and to invite your partnership in prayer. (You are on our prayer letter list from our previous time work on the field. If you no longer wish to receive these emails, you can unsubscribe below.)

You can support us financially. This work is not possible without a mission-minded community. If you wish to partner with us in ministry, you can send your donation to Resonate Global Mission one of two ways:

1. You can send your gift by mail to either of the addresses below. Clearly designate your gift for our Resonate fund code: 804233

United States

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3475 Mainway
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2. Or you can give online at <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/give-us>. Choose "Missionaries-Asia" and then "Huyser, Joel and Jeannie."

Thank you for partnering with us on mission!

Our mailing address is:

Grace International School 2115 Coral Ct Irving, TX 75060-7343 USA



SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER

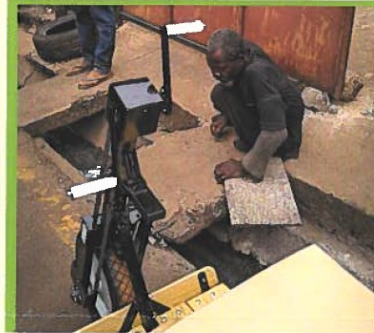
Our mission is to reflect the love of Jesus by bringing mobility and dignity to those in developing countries who are unable to walk and provide the opportunity for meaningful work for volunteers.



Email received—
12-31-2023

“Hello ladies and gentlemen, hello my brothers and sisters, my name is kantché Adjovi Faipa, I am in the Agoè district in Lomé, the capital of Togo in West Africa. I had the great pleasure

of receiving the tricycle last week from your partners on site here. Honestly, I don't know how to express the feelings of joy and gratitude that overwhelmed me when I received the cart. I say simply and from the bottom of my heart thank you, thank you, thank you... Since my old cart is spoiled and it has become definitively impossible to repair it, I have now become doubly handicapped, because my job consists of traveling the city over long distances (especially party squares) looking for plastic bags and cans for recycling. For almost a year, it has been my three children who have been doing this work for me if they are not at school (the oldest is an apprentice). In short, with this cart, I fully regain mobility and my activities. I say thank you once again and pray that God will repay you a hundredfold. Attached you will find some photos of me in the cart. Thank you so much.”

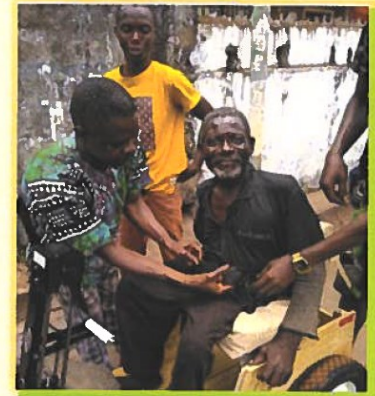


From Africa Surgery:
“James, whose legs are totally paralyzed, used to carry a wooden board to help navigate city streets and sidewalks.”

The photo to the left shows James crossing a dirt pathway that has drainage of sewage running down the middle of the passageway.

James was crippled by polio as a child. He had worked hard his whole life as a blacksmith. Now, retired and with no wife or children, at age 58, James lives at a small shelter for the disabled, in Freetown, Africa. Africa Surgery in Sierra Leone gifted James this Mobility cart. The cart will get him around safely.

This is one of 70 carts shipped to Sierra Leone by Africa Surgery.



With your steadfast support, we have constructed 7300 Mobility carts & celebrate the joy, hope, dignity & productivity these carts will give!

Shipments from Mobility IA-Leighton in the last 6 months:

70	Africa Surgery	Sierra Leone	11/10/2023
70	Partners for Care	Kenya	11/30/2023
218	Brightstart	Cambodia	01/22/2024
201	Mobility in Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone	01/26/2024
120	Pathways to Hope	Uganda	01/31/2024
182	Brothers Brother	Pennsylvania	04/02/2024

SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE WITH YOUR GENEROSITY!

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If You Say It, Do It!

It is easy to say, "I'll be praying for you." Too easy, sometimes. One of the alerts I remember from my early pastoral training is about promising to pray for people. We were warned not to let those words too easily flow from our lips. To this day, that advice affects me. I rarely say "I'll be praying for you" unless I am determined to do so. It is an important issue. If the promise is going to have strengthening power in itself, it must come from a sincere and committed heart that will follow through. Otherwise, the words are destined to become a mere salutation or a farewell, meaning little.

Being prayed for is an enormous gift. Those who pray conscientiously put time into their supplications. They exert energy. They think about the situation and the need. Their hearts are heavy with concern and love. To offer this is a wonderful gift. To be offered prayer should be thoughtfully appreciated. A warm, moving and grateful response is an appropriate way to say thank you.

*"The Miracle of Kindness"
James R. Kok*