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Bethany Reformed Church Monthly Newsletter/September 2020

Greetings from the Action & RCYF groups!

The summer days are coming to a closing and the beautiful fall weather is about to start. We are well under way back into the school routine with a few changes. As we begin to gather for youth groups, I hear students talk about the changes happening in school. Some are temporary and OK, while others, let's just say the students are adjusting.

Even these small changes in life can be huge in the grand scheme of God's plan. More often than not, we do not see the benefits until we have come through the change. This past July, some RCYF students and leaders were able to take a trip out to Deadwood, SD to do outreach work. We planned this event to help those in need and for bonding between students. However, it became clear during this trip, God had some changes in mind for those attending.

Normally I would say the students come back more aware than the leaders, however, this was not the case on this trip. God decided that it was time the leaders learned a thing or two on this trip about change.

This was our season to change and become as one, more aware of how graceful his work can be if we learn to let God change our perspective on things. Our eyes were opened to the beauty change can hold.

This was not the end of our trip or lesson either. God continued his lesson, this time to the students. One evening, while preparing supper (yes, all students had to help) God proceeded to show the students that we need to change how we see people. Too often we think we know someone just by how they look, only to find out, the person we judged is someone who changes our perspective on life.

Whenever I think back to this trip, I am reminded of a few things. First, Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Second, I am filled with joy about the change that happened in our lives during this trip, not only for

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the students but us leaders. This trip will forever remind me that we never know what God has in mind for us and every day can be a day of change.



### **JUST THINKING by Sarah Muecchow**

Sometimes, when you least expect it, some truly amazing thoughts crosses your path. A thought that perhaps has been thought a thousand times before but you just finally pick up on it and realize the implications of that thought. This happened to me this week and it set into motion a slough of other thoughts that seemed disconnected but at the same time, wholly coherent and amazing. You discover that those thoughts aren't so disconnected at all. Did I relate that thought very well? I feel as if I didn't. But please allow me to explain how that thought became a thought.

Did you know that the lowest point on earth is in the Mariana trench, located in the Pacific Ocean? The deepest portion of the trench is called the Challenger Deep, which boast a depth of nearly 36,000 feet. To put it into perspective, the average height that an airplane flies is 30,000 to 40,000 feet. Roughly 7 miles high. The depth of the trench is equal to the cruising height of a passenger airplane, roughly 7 miles deep. Amazing.

The highest mountain on earth is Mt Everest. However, there is an ongoing argument between Mt Everest and the strato-volcano Chimborazo in Ecuador for the trophy for the highest place on earth. They argue between themselves as whether measurements should be taken from sea level or from earth's center core. But in the grand scheme of things, Mt Everest is 29,029 feet tall. You could turn that gigantic mountain upside down into the Mariana trench and nearly fill it. Chimborazo could do just as well.

Did you know that the deadliest on earth is only 2 inches long? The Golden Poison Dart Frog packs enough poison to kill 10 men.

The fastest animal on earth is Peregrine Falcon. It can fly up to 200 miles an hour. Drag racers, take notice.

The slowest animal on earth is the Three-toed Sloth. It travels at a leisurely pace of .003 MPH.

The hottest place on earth is Death Valley. The hottest temperature of an oppressive 134 degrees F. was recorded in July of 1913.

The coldest place on earth is in Antarctica where on July 21, 1983, at the Russian research station in Vostok, Antarctica they recorded a brisk temperature of -128.6 degrees F.

The largest vertebrate animal on the planet is the Blue Whale which, according to National Geographic, boasts of an average length of 80-100 feet long and can weigh as much as 200 tons. That's 400,000 pounds. Whoa, boy.

The smallest vertebrate animal on the planet is the Paedocypris Progenetica, which measures in at a whopping .3 inches.

So, after thinking all of these thoughts, and trying to put these thoughts together, I thought of something that my minister said last Sunday. Pastor Tom Brown reminded us that God is in control of everything. If He thought enough of us to create all of these amazing creatures and places on the earth for us to enjoy, He is no slouch. He is in control. He is amazing, deserves all the glory and that should give us comfort.

If God, in his infinite wisdom, can create the fastest, the coldest, the tallest, the hottest, the slowest and the deepest places and creatures on earth and still know when a sparrow falls, how much more does He think of us, the crowning achievement of His creation? What a great comfort.

Take a deep breath and think about that.

(Sarah Muecchow, daughter of Bob and Pat Van Roekel, is a regular columnist for the Courier whose writings appear the third week of every month.)

**Sunday School 2020-2021**

Kick-off will be Sunday, September 13, following the service. The students will find their classroom and meet their teacher. A treat will be served to the students following the Meet-N-Greet.

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teacher = Angie Wiersma  
4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher = John Van De Stroet  
6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher = Brad Peterson  
High School teacher = Tami Van De Stroet  
Adult Leader = Karren Peterson

3yrs old – Kindergarten = The Education Committee has decided that these students will have their learning time during Children & Worship. Children & Worship is held during the morning Worship Service.



**Family Night**

Students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, Family Night is tentatively scheduled to start in the beginning of October. Be looking for more info to come out soon.

**Action Group Students**

Kick-off is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, at Kennedy Park. Meet your leaders for burgers and dogs at 6:30pm. Bring your own drink and dish to pass.

**RCYF**

Next Meeting- in the Youth Room at 7pm on Wednesday, September 2.

**September Monthly Servants**

**Praise Team**

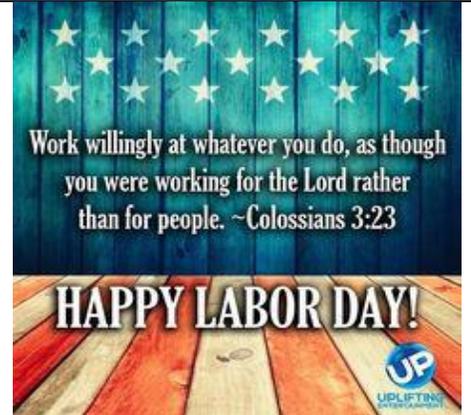
6- Mel Van De Stroet, Nancy Feekes, Angela Baune, Brad Peterson  
13- Dee Brown, Breanna Bierschbach, Karren Peterson, Rachel Kelderman  
20- Mel Van De Stroet, LaVonna Lems, Angela Baune, Brad Peterson  
27- Praise Band

**Sound/PowerPoint**

6- Tim Lems and Lorna Haverhals  
13- Joe Kelderman and Jordan Van De Stroet  
20- Tim Devitt and Bubba Bierschbach  
27- Jerome Van De Stroet and Gerrett Devitt

**Consistory Meeting Sunday, September 13**

Anyone seeking transfer of membership, profession of faith or baptism is welcome to come to the Elder’s mtg at 6PM. The Deacon’s will meet at 6:30PM and full consistory at 7PM.



Congratulations to Dan & Molly Windschill on the birth of their son, Levi Matthew. Levi was born on August 13, was welcomed home by big brother Harvey, and is being watched over from above by big sister Josie.



**Proud Relatives:**

Grandparents, Tim & LaVonna Lems.  
Aunt & Uncle, Emily & Ted Souvignier.  
Cousins, Heath & Vivian

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 <i>Mace and Carol van De Stroet</i>	3	4  Jeanne Boote	5  Tillie Zielstra  <i>Cory and Kris Jorgenson</i>
6  <b>9:30am Worship</b>	7  <i>Jesse and Tanya van De Stroet</i>  <i>Labor Day</i>	8	9  <b>Action Group meet at 6:30pm @ Kennedy Park</b>	10	11  Charlie Hilt Jesse Van De Stroet Stacy Brown Davin Richardson <i>Craig and Angie Wiersma</i>	12  Sally Peterson Biruk Van De Stroet Bekka Koller
13  <b>9:30am Worship S.S. Kick-off Consistory Mtg 6pm</b>	14  Sharon (Jerry) Van De Stroet  Leroy Feekes	15	16  <b>RCYF &amp; Action Group Corn Maze</b> (leave church at 6pm)  Isaiah Hall	17	18	19
20  <b>9:30am Worship</b>  Jason Vande Vegte Jeremy Ackerman	21  Dwayne Tiedemann Rick Sehr	22  Dave Wallenburg  <i>John and Kristi Robinson</i>	23	24  Sharon Staude	25  Dennis Boote Denise Winter	26  Aletha Hoogeterp Presslee Brown
27  <b>9:30am Worship</b>  <i>Jason and Ruth Wiersma</i>	28  <i>Dan and Molly Windschill</i>	29  Christa Winter	30  Patty Sehr			

As you clean out your closets to transition from summer to fall, please keep **Love INC** in mind. We will be sending out winter outerwear vouchers to the children/students in need at the end of September. Love INC will be taking special precautions due to Covid-19. Heavier winter coats, snow pants, boots & gloves are needed. Thank you in advance for supporting our community. The donation box is available in the parking lot at Love INC or you can bring donations to your church during the month of September. Thank you!



COVID-19 has created a lot of changes for us this year. Our church youth groups have not been exempt to these changes. Normally, the Action Group would be able to bring donations to Savers in S.F., but at this time we are not allowed to leave them with all the items we have. Numerous items are going to be on display at Bethany Reformed Church on Saturday, September 19, from 9:00-11:00AM for you to choose from. A Free Will donation can be given, and the proceeds will go to support our Youth Group Activities. See Kris J. or Rhonda T. with questions.

*Let us go somewhere else — to the nearby villages — so I can preach there also. That is why I have come. — Mark 1:38*