

Community Reformed Church

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The missions committee has booked Christian artist Jason Gray to come perform a concert at CRC on Friday, November 8th at 7pm!

Tickets are on sale now through itickets! Or you can grab them from our website crclaf.org! If you need help getting tickets email or stop Kelsey and we can get them ordered at church! Seating is first come, and doors will open at 6pm!

Grab some flyers of the resource table to share and share the event on Facebook!



Every Sunday in November CRC will be hosting Fusion from 5:30-7pm.

Saturday, November 2nd the youth will be running the bake sale at the holiday bazaar and then will be shopping for Operation Christmas Child after!

VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



Thursday, November 28th

Birthdays and Anniversaries!

- 3 Heather Holley, Bob Patterson, Bill English
- 13 Judy Hahn
- 15 Grayson Massie
- 24 Amanda DeVries, Carolyn Megathlin
- 30 Mallory Vanderkolk
- 11 Ty & Marcie Vanderkolk
- 18 Jerrod & Heather Holley
- 19 Jim & Jan Hainje
- 21 Seth & Stephanie Graves
- 28 Kreig & Emily King

If your birthday and/ or anniversary is incorrect or missing, please contact Kelsey to have it updated.



Happiness Is...

- * **Thankful for such an amazing church family!**
Blessed by your thoughts, prayers, cards, all of it as we lost our dad/ grandpa and sister-in-law/ aunt, Debbie! -The Bowman, Haywood, King, Evans Families
- * **The great turn out or the Ladies' Bible Study PMS event!**
- * **All the volunteers who are pulling together to make this years Trunk or Treat possible!**

***If you have happiness to share please write it on the clip board on the resource table or email it to Kelsey at Kelsey@crclaf.org**

Food for Thought by Bethany: Beloved Characters

Somewhere in the mid-1900's our televisions began to see an increase of what would become popular television shows of the time. Some shows were so popular they have been reintroduced for our current generation. When I was young, I remember my parents watching reruns of I Love Lucy, The Roy Rogers Show, Lassie, The Honey-mooners, Leave It to Beaver, The Twilight Zone, Bonanza, The Andy Griffith Show, Bewitched, and Hawaii Five-O to name a few. As I got older, I started watching shows of my own era—Full House, Saved By The Bell, Growing Pains, Life Goes On, Family Matters, Home Improvement, Friends, and CSI. Again, only to name a few. Watching these shows brought my family together and quite often brought my sister and myself together. We would share laughs and tears. We would predict future scenarios between characters. Our hair would be cut in the same style as our favorite character. Many favorite quotes were memorized and often utilized. These characters became a part of us and we looked forward to watching them each week. Which makes it very disheartening when a character is killed off or leaves the show.

In October 2013, my favorite show lost one of its regular characters. Ziva David, former Mossad liaison, said good-bye to her NCIS fans. Ziva was allegedly in a house that was fire-bombed. It was shattering to see a character that I grew to like over eight years walk away from the show. Although I knew there were probably good reasons for the actress who played Ziva to take a step back, it was still very disheartening to have one of the main characters break the strong family bond that NCIS created within its characters. Ziva was a very strong character, emotionally and physically. Even though she was strong and tough, she could be playful and humorous. I loved the fact that she was a woman warrior who was always ready to jump into battle to protect herself, her coun-

try, and her NCIS family. The show created very intense characters but at the same time knew how to draw the audience in by creating scenes of family banter between the cast. These characters as time went on developed a family bond and when Ziva decided to part ways, a piece of that family was gone. It was very disheartening. Yet, there was hope at the end of the tunnel (they never showed her actually dead!)

The actress who played Ziva left the door open for a possible return. As years went on and new seasons came and passed, I remained hopefully that one day Ziva would return. Last spring before the season finale, there were hints that Ziva would possibly be returning after being gone for six years. I made sure to make myself free every Tuesday night so I wouldn't miss either another hint or even an unexpected appearance of Ziva herself. However, nothing happened. There were a few small mentions of Ziva here and there but there was no grand appearance. I began to speculate and hoped that this wasn't just some ruse by the show producers to increase the show's ratings. But then it happened! In the last few seconds of the Season 16 finale, Ziva appears at the top of Gibb's basement stairs. I remember jumping off the couch (Josh can testify to this) and yelling "Yes!" My beloved character was back!

In the same sense, I await for the return of Jesus. I have studied His Word and have read many of His stories. Stories that are so captivating because they include people like you and me. The Bible is like one long television show, full of different characters and storylines. Sure, the times are different but the circumstances and emotions are very much alike. It includes all the same elements a good television show beholds— complex characters, stimulating plots, challenging conflicts, family moments and at the end either a joyful or heartbreaking resolution and even our very own hero—Jesus Christ. Just like NCIS, I have grown to develop a bond with many

of the characters in the Bible. Whose heart rate doesn't increase when you read about the story of Daniel in the lion's den or Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego thrown into a fiery furnace? Or what about the story of Samson who was so strong he could kill a lion with his own two hands! The world, the real world we live in, was in such turmoil and disgrace that God sent His son to save us all. One day He will be returning!

I don't know where any of us will be on the day that Jesus returns. We're not supposed to know. Will we jump off the couch and scream "Yes!?" I don't know. I do know that we should be just as excited as we are when one of our favorite characters returns, or really more! What is also different about the return of Jesus is that God gave us His promise: there is no doubt that Jesus is returning. Remain watchful and be ready!

"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak." Luke 12:35-38

The November special offering will take place November 10th and will be used towards the youth group's mission with Operation Christmas Child! They will shop and pack shoeboxes on Saturday, November 2nd!



NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Prayer Time

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

11:00 a.m. Sunday School

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Craft Bazaar Set Up	2 Craft Bazaar 8am Men's Bible Study
3 Communion Congregational Mtg. 3:00pm REFIT®	4 1-3:30pm Line Dancing Class	5 9:30am Ladies' Bible Study	6 Backpacking	7	8 7pm Jason Gray Concert	9
10 Mission Highlight & Offering 3:00pm REFIT®	11 1-3:30pm Line Dancing Class	12 9:30am Ladies' Bible Study	13 6:30pm Elders' Mtg. 7:15pm consistory 6:30pm Small Group Backpacking	14 1:30 Craft Club	15	16 8am Men's Bible Study RUF Event- Gym reserved
17 3:00pm REFIT®	18 1-3:30pm Line Dancing Class	19 9:30am Ladies' Bible Study	20 Backpacking	21	22	23
24 3:00pm REFIT®	25 1-3:30pm Line Dancing Class	26 9:30am Ladies' Bible Study	27 8am Work One 6:30pm Small Group Backpacking	28 Thanksgiving	29	30 Gym Reserved 8am Men's Bible Study

Morning Greeters:

3 Dennis & Bonnie Brenneman
10 Andy & Lisa Cree
17 Arlene DeHaai & Taya Camp
24 Dave & Pat Dietrich

Morning Coffee Hosts:

Karrie Bowman/ Karen Bosma

Consistory Opening & Closing:

Jon Bowman & Andy Cree

Nursery:

Karrie Bowman & Kelsey Haywood

Morning Ushers:

Tom Walsh, Mary Megathlin, Aaron Courtney, Jim Swick

Morning Announcements:

3 Pastor Dale
10 Jon Bowman
17 Pastor Dale
24 Barb Walsh

Backpack Packers:

6 Megathlin & Hysong
13 Jim Swick
20 Budzik
27 Thanksgiving Break

Backpack Drivers:

6 Walsh
13 Plantenga
20 VanderHoff
27 Thanksgiving Break

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*Come get a jump on your
Christmas shopping!
Saturday, No-
vember 2nd will
be the annual
Holiday
Bazaar!
8:30am-2:30pm*



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Sunday Morning Worship
9:30 a.m.
Sunday School
11:00 a.m.

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Bookkeeper.....David Kensingler
Accompanist.....Tim Galema
Custodians.....Jim Collie & Jim Swick

THE CONSISTORY

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Terry VanderHoff, '20
Jim Collie, '20
Jon Bowman, '21
Jim Dietrich, '21
Deacons
Andy Cree, '20
Janet English, '20
Emily King, '21
Kali Vanderkolk, '21

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Worship & Praise.....Andy Cree &
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Education.....Terry
VanderHoff & Jim Dietrich
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.....Jon Bowman

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kins

LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. GROW & MAKE DISCIPLES.