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**Senior Study –** Sunday, July 15 (tonight!). Graduates will meet at Faith at **4:00 PM,** where Anna Heinen will offer words of wisdom!

**HS Chicago Trip** – This week Monday, July 16th, students exiting 9th-12th grade will head to Chicago! We’ll check out the Sky Deck, spend some time downtown, and enjoy Chicago-style pizza! Permission slips are due today; check my office door if you still need one for yourself or for a friend.

**MS Youth Group –** Tuesday, July 17th (3:00-4:30). Students exiting grades 6-8 will meet at Faith Reformed and bike to Kups in Oostburg for ice cream! Bring a bike, a helmet, ice cream money, and a friend!

**Ice Cream Booth Fundraiser** – Please check the sign-up sheet in the back or the online sign-up genius to help with the Hollandfest Ice Cream booth on July 27-28. Proceeds go towards summer mission trips.

**Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry update** – Thanks to many generous donations, 28 families were served in July!  The pantry will be open again on Thursday, August 9th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at Faith Reformed Church. If you know of anyone who could benefit from the food pantry, please let them know about it. Right now we are low on pasta sauce, cereal, canned fruit and soup. (Please check the expiration dates on the food you donate.) Thank you! \*\*Please pray for Steve, who needs a lung transplant, and pray for Josh who is out of work.

**Summer Calendar & Biographies –** Students grades K-8 will have a chance to earn prizes this summer by reading missionary biographies and/or completing the tasks on the July events calendar. The biographies and calendars are located in the Narthex.

**Post-High Summer Bible Studies –** There will be a handful of Post-High Bible studies going on throughout the summer. Please contact Jon Damkot, Emily Sass (girls) or Josh Weiss (guys) if you’d like more information.

**Nursery Toys –** We are in need of someone to clean and check over our nursery toys. If you could help – please contact Debbie in the church office. **Help keep our little ones safe!**

**Adopt A Post High Young Adult Program –** If you would like to be part of this program this fall when the college kids go back to school – please sign up on the sheets at the Information Center counter.

**Scripture Writing Plan:** Are you looking for a way to have your heart shaped by God through His Word? Recently, I have found a Scripture Writing Plan (that takes as little as 10 minutes a day) which consists of writing out specific verses (2-4) each day, one topic per month. All you need is a pen, a bible and a spiral notebook/journal. The topic for July is “Patience & Perseverance.” Copies of the July Scripture Writing Plan are on the Information Center counter. Feel free to pick up a copy**. Margie Sanford**

Next Communion is Sunday, August 5th.

**Musical needs –** Do you have a musical talent and are willing to play preludes, offertories or hymns during the morning services? This could be organ, piano or any other type of instrument. Please contact Mary Holle (668-6383)

**Veteran’s Day Service –** We would like to continue our tradition of hosting the Veteran’s Day Service on Sunday, November 11th this year. We are looking for someone to organize the event. If you are willing to help or have any questions – please talk to Debbie in the church office. ***Help us remember our Veterans!***

**Thank You** for the many cards and other expressions of sympathy. Not many people are blessed by having a mother for more than 83 years.

 ***Herb & Marge Dirkse***

***The congregation expresses sympathy to:***

 Frannie Meinen and her family on the death of Earl last week Saturday, July 7th

Ric & Ann Villa and their family on the death of Ric’s Mom, Liz Villa.

**Sunday School News:** We received a letter from Sunday School’s Compassion Student in Ghana – this is her update. Some of my hobbies are reading books and watching television. I also like to learn gospel songs. Thank you for your letters. Please pray that my mother’s business can flourish. Goodbye, Daniella

**“Women Who Are Seeking God – Prayer Meeting,” Tuesday, July 24th 8pm.** Women from other congregations or non-affiliated with a church are welcome.

**August Newsletter –** All articles are due Sunday, July 22nd. Get you info to Debbie in the church office.

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS**

***Praises and Thanksgivings***

God’s sovereign purposes

God’s good purposes

Belize Mission Trip

The life of Earl Meinen

 ***Petitions***

Trusting God for His promises

Looking at God’s big picture

Learning to model graciousness

For Jesus to be our greatest treasure

To be guided by Scripture, not culture

Boldness and grace toward falsehood

Our hearts to be focused on Christ

Ongoing reformation of the Church

Our Consistory and Elders meetings

Our youth ministries-Jon Damkot

The denomination transfer process

Our Elders’ training

Disciplemaking at Faith Reformed

Spiritual revival

Our youth to grow in Christ

Those struggling with addictions

Our government leaders

Our persecuted brothers and sisters

Traveling mercies for vacations

***Health***

Delores Meinen - cancer

Members and friends with cancer

***Grieving***

The Earl Meinen family

The Ric Villa family

 ***Mission & Outreach***

Car Lake Team – Keres and Klockengas

Witness of Christ’s love to local families

For our unchurched neighbors

**SHUT-INS**

**Pine Haven Oostburg -** Jean TenPas-#128

**Cedar Grove Gardens** – Delores Meinen – Building 1 – Room #2

**Pine Haven Covenant Home-**Frannie Meinen – Room # 318

**Pine Haven Giddings Drive Campus –** Warren Heinen- Room # 514

**At Home:** Elda Veldboom, Phyllis Heinen, Wayne Meinen

**Today**

8-8:45am Breakfast is served

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service

4:00 p.m. Senior Study

6:00 p.m. Sunday School Guide Study

**Monday**

 High School Chicago Trip

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

6:30 p.m. Softball: Faith vs. Open Door Blue in Belgium

 **Tuesday**

6:30 p.m. Consistory

8:30 p.m. Elder’s Meeting

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:**

**July 29th –** Holland Fest Community Worship Service at Memorial Park

**August 5th -** Communion

**COMING YOUTH EVENTS**

**July 16 –** HS Chicago Trip

**July 27 & 28** – Ice Cream stand

**July 31** – HS & MS Great America

 Trip

**Serving in Military**

Jaedyn Kettenhoven

Fort Carson, Colorado

Sermon Notes

Deeply Loving God

Authentically Loving Others

Boldly Living God’s Word

**July 15, 2018**

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

 Prelude Jeni Hopeman

 Call to Worship Alison Zimmermann

\*Praise Songs

 Greeting One Another

 Prayer of Praise and Confession

 Assurance of Forgiveness

**THE WORD OF GOD**

 Children’s Message Simon & Sally

 Children’s Church (ages 3-5) Sheila Voskuil/Ashlee Krizek

 Scripture Genesis 45:1-11 Page 75

 Message When Things Don’t Go Your Way Rev. Ron Sanford

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

 Offertory Prayer Phil Holle

 Offertory Hymn # 370 Day by Day Jeni Hopeman

 Congregational Sharing

 Congregational Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Doxology The Gospel Song

\*Postlude Jeni Hopeman

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WELCOME: We delight in your presence at worship. May we all grow in our love for God and for one another as we present ourselves before our Lord.

The evening Study of the Sunday School Guide will meet tonight at 6:00 p.m.