



August, 2018

## From the Pastor's Desk...

This year once again I rode along with RAGBRAI for a day. I had three cousins that were doing the whole week of RAGBRAI. One of them was driving her RV as a support vehicle and the other two were riding. The two that were riding had done it several years ago with their dad, my uncle, who had since passed away. They all stayed at our house on Wednesday night and I jumped in with them and the three of us joined other thousands of bikers to Sigourney.

While on the ride I observed that there were all different shapes, sizes and ages of people riding. There were road bikes, tandem bikes and many other kinds of bikes. Some people rode fast and others were slow but they were all riding towards the same goal.

I had been training for my ride. Many of you see me on my bike in the morning. Because of this training I felt prepared for the ride. While the hills were tough, my legs were ready for the challenge. Combine the training with the weather and the wonderful tailwind and it was the easiest 52 miles I've ever done.

I think about our spiritual lives in relation to this. In life we are all headed towards the same goal. That ending point is death. Someday, we will all cease to exist. What will our ride be like though on the way? When we train in God's Word we are much better able to handle the "hills" that life throws at us.

Some of the people looked miserable as they rode. My guess is that they hadn't trained well enough and they had no one to encourage them. This is why the body of Christ is so important. Together we train in the Word and we encourage one another along the way. As you ride through life make sure you take time to enjoy all that life gives you along the way.



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### Upcoming Greeters

August 5  
Front: Wes & Jaci Vande Krol  
Canopy: Shawn & Amber Van Ryswyk

August 12  
Front: Jim & Jane Vander Weerd  
Canopy: Brandon & Melissa Ver Meer

August 19  
Front: Randy & Carrie Vander Weerd  
Canopy: Darwin & Faye Vos

August 26  
Front: Keith & Becca Vos  
Canopy: Verlan & Lori Vos

## Nursery for July

August 5: Dot Zylstra & Donna Zylstra

August 12: Trent & Michelle Jansen

August 19: Mariah Terlouw & Kinsley Tice

August 26: Jason & Dawn Allbee

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### BLOOD DRIVE AND FREE CULVERS CUSTARD!!!!

The next blood drive in honor of STELLA will be held at Lynnville Friends Church on Tuesday August 28th from 2:00-6:00pm. To schedule an appointment you can call the blood center at 1-800-287-4903 or contact Julie Jones at 515-238-3273. First time donors will receive a free t-shirt stating "Today is the Best Day Ever" and other donors will be able to redeem points for a special summer edition T-shirt "Not ALL Superheroes Wear Capes" at the online store. Another exciting incentive is that all who attempt to donate (if successful or not) will receive a voucher for a free pint of Culvers' custard through their "Pint for a Pint" program - vouchers will be handed out at the canteen during the blood drive!! Hope to see you there - donating blood is a life-giving priceless gift to those in need!!

## Missions Around the World

Sunday, July 29 we had to great mission opportunities! The FOCUS Youth Group and Daniel and Sarah Zagami.

The FOCUS Youth Group returned Sunday morning around 12:45 and still attended church! They headed to Houston, TX on Sunday evening, July 22 on a charter bus. They were given the privilege of helping to rebuild after, I believe, Hurricane Harvey. The youth and adults shared their experiences of rebuilding homes. It sounds like they did a lot of sheetrocking! Not only did they build homes but they built relationships...relationships for God's Kingdom. That is more important any day! But we don't have to go very far to do that. You can build relationships with the people you encounter every day. I'm sure you encounter people every day that do not know Christ. How are you building those relationships so they will see Christ in you? And it doesn't matter your age. Sarah grew up in Lynnville Friends Church and we support Daniel and Sarah and they are one of the missionaries that we support monthly. Daniel and Sarah, along with their three children, are in Clarkston, GA, known as the most diverse square mile in America. Previously, they were missionaries in Madagascar. They came back to the United States because Sarah had an eye disease. Then God called them to Clarkston where they minister the Malagasy and Swahili people and other ethnic groups and churches. Being white, they are certainly a minority. Isaiah 55:8-9 says "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." This reminds me God is in control and I need to trust Him more. He is in control and sometimes I forget that. Looking back, I'm sure Daniel and Sarah see all that happened was for God's Glory and for his purpose!

This leads into a mission's opportunity that Julie Jones would like everyone to know about. In early 2019, she will be going to Clarkston, GA to spend time with Daniel and Sarah to minister to the people and see their way of life. The hope is to be there a week and to be there over a weekend. Saturday is a very busy day for the Zagami's and helping the people with different issues and then be able to spend a day worshipping with them. Sunday, August 5, Julie J would like to meet with anyone that would be interested in going on this trip. This would be another great opportunity to support our missionaries! If you have any questions or even thinking about going on this trip, please talk to Julie!

7th & 8th Grade Summer Trip: They will meet at the Lynnville Friends Church parking lot on Friday, August 3, at 2:00 p.m. and travel to Chicago. This trip will be focused around helping Pastor Luke Dudenhoeffer and New Life Community Church Bridgeport along with local ministries such as Urban Youth and Family Outreach. They will then leave Chicago on Wednesday morning, August 8, and head for home. Please pray for a safe trip and changed lives for God's Kingdom!

As always, thank you for your prayers for the Missions Committee and please continue praying for all our missionary's.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Dawson James 1	Julie Jones 2	Chris Merten 3	4
Don Van Genderen 5	Jason & Dawn Allbee Mission Meeting 6	Ron Nikkel 8:00 Church Softball 7	Rich & Karen Van Manen 8	Boyd & Kathy Arthur Church Council 7:00 9	Scott & Gayla an Soelen 10	Lori Vox Kathy James 11
12	13	Libbie Vos Jim Vander Weerd 6:30 Church Softball 14	Deanne Tice 15	16	Barb Paul 17	18
Sheri James Curt James Mark Norman 19	20	Ben Conover Curt Zylstra Tanner Vander Weerd Rylan James 6:30 Church Softball 21	Gorman & Ladonna Rozendaal 22	23	Faye Vos Dawn Allbee 24	Henry Terlouw Coleen Van Dyke Young Friends Meeting 25
26	27	28	29	30	31	