

Search Team Update.

The Search team is currently reviewing profiles and resumes and following up with potential candidates. As we do, we ask that the whole church remain engaged in the process through prayer. Here is a short list of things to pray for regarding the Search Team.



Pray for patience. Search Team needs to respect God's timing. Our concern is finding the one already chosen by God for Ferry, we need to be open to God's timing being different than ours. Patience comes from faith that God will carry out *his* plan in *his* time.

Pray that Search Team will have the mind of Christ and agree. Much of the process is subjective. Personal opinions and preferences are involved. In challenging the Philippians about unity, Paul pointed them to the example of Jesus (Philippians 2:1-12). *Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus* (Philippians 2:5). Pray that we focus on God's agenda, not our own.

Pray for wisdom. As we look over profiles and resumes submitted by different Pastors we need wisdom to work through them and listen for the Spirit's leading and direction.

Pray for discipline as a team and as individuals. The search process requires a great deal of follow through on the part of individual members. Just finding the time to review profiles can be a challenge.

Please pray!

F.M.R.C. Search Team

Rev. Amy de Groot Bowling, family and youth pastor

Rev. Nick Bowling, family and youth pastor

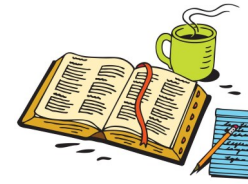
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Ferry Log

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Tuesday Morning Bible Study~

Ferry Family and Friends—



We invite and welcome you to Tuesday morning Bible study! We are in the midst of Romans presently, and gaining a deeper understanding of God's power of salvation through faith.

Please join us Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. for a precious time of fellowship and sharing our hearts with one another.

Come—be blessed—and be a blessing to others!

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Property Committee has been hard at work!

- Installed 7-day programmable thermostats throughout the church building-replacing 5 day
- Removed items from the boiler rooms
- Repaired a hot water heater (hooray for warm water in the nursery bathroom!)
- Testing out 2 new energy efficient LED lights in the sanctuary
- More "fix-it" projects in the works!



Thanks to Ron Aulerich, Neil Flanders, Ken Giddis, Dick Parker, Gary Ransom, Bob Steensma, Roger Grasman and Mark Grotenhuis for their great work!

Thanks to the wonderful sr. high kids who make Kids' Night Out a success! Kate Hamann painted faces, Kate and Ryan Springer helped kids roll out dough for Lenten pretzels (which remind us to pray during Lent), Seth Cherry playfully roughhoused with the boys and hid clues for a "big church" scavenger hunt, and Hannah Moulds ran the registration table and played with the youngest. Thanks also to the middle school students who helped out! Kids' Night Out gave parents a break (free babysitting!), but it also helped our high school, middle school and younger students get to know each other and play together. It is important for the older kids to serve, and for the younger kids to have great teenagers to look up to.



Canada bound! The **Sr. High summer mission trip** is to Ontario, Canada on June 27-July 4. The Sr. High will go with SERVE and stay at a Christian Reformed Church in the small town of Vanastra, joining 50 other kids from the USA and Canada to serve the communities around Vanastra. Work will include a Habitat for Humanity house, local food banks, creation care, and possibly street ministry in London, Ontario.



S.O.S. has continued to rock! And grow! S.O.S. (Servants of the Savior) continues to draw middle school students from the neighborhood and Ferry kids. On Wednesday the church is full of life-and joyful noise. There are 20-25 kids slurping Slushies, playing games, and learning what it is to love Jesus and live for Jesus as a middle school student. About 10 of the students have no church home, and are hearing about Jesus' love-and experiencing it through leaders Jeanne Flanders, Seth Cherry, Gary and Diane Hedrick, and Pastor Nick.

NO S.O.S. or Kid Connection April 8



Prayer Shawl Ministry



The prayer shawl ministry just gave away their 200th prayer shawl! Started in 2007 by Barb Smit, the prayer shawl team has knitted, crocheted and prayed for the recipients of the shawls for 8 years. Each prayer shawl is given to someone as a tangible reminder they are loved and being prayed for. Prayer shawls are given to those facing surgery, death of a family member, depression, cancer treatment, families with new babies, and other times. If you know of someone who could use a prayer shawl, please let the team know (Sue Joyce or Karen Bolema). This person does not have to attend Ferry. Each shawl is given with a card with this inscription:

May God's grace be upon this shawl...
Warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing.

May this mantle be a safe haven...
A sacred place of security and well-being,
Sustaining and embracing
In good times
As well as difficult ones.
May this shawl cradle you
in hope and love.

How can you help? The ministry is in need of white tissue paper and gift bags (10"w X 12"h).

Happy April Birthday!

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| 01 MaKenna Flanders | 13 Grace Brower |
| 01 Chris Sikkenga | 13 Vern Peterson |
| 03 Dianne Weesies | 14 Kobe McCoy |
| 04 Brock Weesies | 15 Chris DeRose |
| 05 Kay Drinkwater | 16 Hawk Hakken |
| 05 Rich Weesies | 17 Rachelle Johnson |
| 06 Rachel Springer | 18 Dave Roodvoets |
| 07 Cara Falkowski | 20 Nick Bultema |
| 07 Kim Springer | 20 Luke DeRose |
| 08 Katie Bultema | 20 Jim Sytsma |
| 08 Lynn Nelson | 20 Jim VanderMaas |
| 08 Rachel Weesies | 22 Griffin Lownds |
| 09 Karl DeWitt | 23 Kathy Loker |
| 09 Ben Jeffries | 24 Bill Jellema |
| 11 Rick Holman | 24 Chris Ritchie |
| 11 Ken Kooiman | 26 Bob Paton |
| 11 Gayle Strasser | 28 Margaret Amstutz |
| 12 Cathy Aulerich | 28 Linda Schutter |
| 12 Nicole Grask | 29 Pastor Amy |
| 13 Marcia Brichan | 29 Luke Hakken |



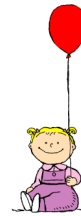
Celebrating Anniversaries!

- 05 Neil and Jeanne Flanders
 16 Mike and Lisa McGahan
 29 Bill and Karen McClain
 30 Jim and Gayle Strasser



April Volunteers!

NURSERY



- 05 Ike Nelson, Joyce Brownell, Hannah Moulds
 12 Scott & Angie Schutter, Emma Hector
 19 John & Michelle Hamann family
 26 Dave & Abigail Vermeulen

SOUND BOARD

- 05 Roger Grasman
 12 Jeff Cherry
 19 Jeff Auch
 26 Mark Grotenhuis



POWERPOINT

- 05 Casey Lownds
 12 Elizabeth Cherry
 19 Ann Jeffries
 26 Ryan Springer



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 05 NO Children's Church
 12 NO Children's Church
 19 Eric & Rachel Weesies family
 26 Pastor Amy, Dawn Auch, Rachel Houtteman, Braley Johnson



GREETERS AT THE DOORS

- North: Neil & Jeanne Flanders
 South & East: Don & Barb Poel



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME -

coffee preparers/servers

- 05 Lois Brinks & Carol Brand-Twa
 12 Mark & Diane Levandowski
 19 Tony & Sue Moulds
 26 Lynn & Ike Nelson

cookies/snacks providers

- 05 Bonnie Gouine & Phyllis Zatzke
 12 Michelle Hamann & Lisa McGahan
 19 Rachelle Johnson & Rachel Weesies
 26 Lynn Ramthun & Ginny Sytsma

