



First Reformed Church of Ravenna

As you may know, on the evening of April 2, 2022, a fire destroyed First Reformed Church in Ravenna. The entire sanctuary, offices, classrooms and Fellowship Hall were lost. Since First Ravenna is one of our Muskegon Classis churches, the Executive Committee of Classis is requesting that all our

congregations set aside **Sunday, June 5** as a day of prayer, support and special offering for our sister church. Please join fellow churches in support of our brothers and sisters in Ravenna.



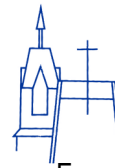
2022 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

as of 4/30/2022

General Fund Account

General Fund Offering Income:	\$ 81,693.08
Expenses:	\$ 58,582.91
Net Income:	\$ 23,149.40
Main Checking Account balance	\$184,867.70
Total Assets*	\$424,313.52

* \$224,977.25 in the checking account & money market accounts
 \$ 16,225.91 in a certificate of deposit
 \$199,336.27 total in future fund accounts



FERRY LOG



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June 2022

Let's give thanks for Moms, Dads and Families!

Mother's Day and Father's Day are great opportunities to celebrate the family. We had a wonderful Mother's Day get together at our home this year. All our kids and grandkids, minus our son and daughter in law who live in Las Vegas, joined us at our house. Our family, now consisting of our children, their spouses and our grandchildren, is an enormous treasure house of blessings.

Perhaps one of the greatest blessings of family is that it is a source of love and support. In a healthy family there is a strong sense of belonging. You know that you are in a safe place and not alone – you have a support system that is unsurpassed.

I saw this acted out before my very eyes just recently when a family at the church I serve was dealing with the last moments of life for their mother. I was there in the hospital room as the pastor, but the main characters in the room were the husband and his four boys. They all came except for the son who was in California, but he was there too, via the cell phone. They all spoke tenderly to their mom and tightly hugged their dad. You could see that gratitude and love for their mom that each of them had.

I've observed that scene many times throughout my ministry and I must say that it is a tremendous blessing. God is there as well. And there is an overwhelming sense of peace that comes at times like that.

I truly believe that God knew what he was doing when he put us in families. Like nothing else, families provide plac-

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es of security, love and support. It's also a place for joy and laughter. God did not create us as individuals to live isolated lives on our own. He gave us mothers and fathers and sisters, brothers and grandparents to do life together.

Families aren't perfect. We all know that. Even the first family in the Bible included brothers who did not get along. That is sad, but it is reality. We live in a fallen world. But we also live in a world that is being redeemed and someday will be restored back to God's original purpose. In the meantime, the family is one of the best places to learn and practice forgiveness. When we ask for and receive forgiveness, we learn that we are cared for and that we matter to others.

How we need to stay committed to values like that! Many things like forgiveness are learned first in the home. And often this takes place in a very natural way by observation and replication. It is often said that values like that are better "caught than taught."

Here are some that are important values and virtues that can be learned in a family: honesty, trustworthiness, patience, gratitude, humility, integrity, empathy and compassion for others, respect for elders and the ability to laugh at one's self.

Some may say that the above values can be learned in school or in other settings, and that may well be true, but when they are taught at home and at an early age, they seem to stick better. Here the writer of Proverbs had some good instruction: "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

We are living in an age when the family is often criticized and there are even those who would like to destroy

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NURSERY INFANTS -AGE 4



5 Shirley Dahl, Julie Knoester

12 Katie and Bella Bultema

19 John and Molly Smit

26 Lyndsey Near, Mary Grotenhuis

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it. I feel sorry for people like that. They have not experienced how good and helpful to one's upbringing and life in general it is to be raised in a caring home where there is love and stability. Of course, if you ask me, that is especially true when the family acknowledges God is the true head of the household. And what makes families like that an especially secure place is prayer. The phrase, "The family that prays together, stays together," is no lie.

So today, I give thanks for our families. As former Secretary of Education, William Bennett has said, families are "the fundamental cornerstones of society" and "vital to civilization's success." Obviously, from those quotes it is evident that we need families. Families are vital in forming the thoughts and values of our kids. We also need mothers and fathers who are committed to their families. They perform such important roles. Thanks, moms and dads! Keep up the good work, for your labor is not in vain!

Pastor John Koedyker



OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

SOUND BOARD

- 5 Jeff Auch
- 12 Jeff Steensma
- 19 Jeff Auch
- 26 Josh Fredenburg



POWERPOINT

- 5 Ann Jeffries
- 12 Dawn Auch
- 19 Dave Roodvoets
- 26 Ann Jeffries



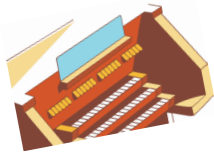
BROADCAST

- 5 Naomi Huttenga
- 12 Greta Auch
- 19 Stephy Grotenhuis
- 26 Naomi Huttenga



Scheduled Accompanists:

- 5 Deb Schutter Jellema, Praise Team
- 12 Cheryl Lohman
- 19 Carmen Huttenga
- 26 Cheryl Lohman



- 03 Don Poel
- 04 Stephy Grotenhuis
- 07 Gary Hedrick
- 10 Barb Paton
- 11 Joan Grasman
- 12 Maureen Johnson
- 12 Ivy Near
- 16 Bern Bolema
- 16 Owen Weesies
- 17 Ron Bekius
- 18 Mari DeRose
- 19 Evalynn Schutter
- 20 Jill Mahan



- 21 Nancy Radel
- 22 Trent Grasak
- 25 Josh Fredenburg
- 26 Neil Flanders
- 26 Ann Grinwis
- 26 Phyllis Sikkenga
- 30 Gary Ransom



- 01 Randy & Carissa Biggs
- 07 Ben & Ann Jeffries
- 13 Bryan & Jill Mahan
- 17 Jim & Onolee Franks
- 19 Brian & Sarah Balon
- 19 Adam & Deann Falkowski
- 19 Jason & Misty Jaekel
- 26 Rich & Gina Houtteman
- 29 John & Molly Smit



Mission of the Month

Adult & Teen Challenge

June 2022

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1	2	3	4
5 9:30 am Worship, Baptism Pentecost 	6	7 1 pm Prayer Shawls	8	9  General Synod (June 9-14) Pella, IA	10	11
12 9:30 am Worship, Baptism	13	14 10 am Bible Study at the park (church, if rain) 1 pm Prayer Shawls	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 am Worship Father's Day	20	21 1 pm Prayer Shawls Consistory	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 am Worship	27	28 1 pm Prayer Shawls	29	30		