

Stewardship of Technology

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OUR REFORMED UNDERSTANDING of stewardship begins with the notion that everything we have—time, talent, or treasure—is a gift from God’s hands. And we, in gratitude for these good gifts, seek to use them effectively and efficiently in service of the kingdom of God.

While we may acknowledge technology as one of the gifts God has given us for our work in the world, we do not always consider what it means to develop an attitude of stewardship in our use of these gifts. When we do, we tend only to think in terms of the limits we place on our use of technology—for example, the number of hours we should spend using television. Yet just as we would not subject our stewardship of time, talent, or treasure to such a truncated understanding, neither should we do so to our use of technology.

A Reformed understanding of the stewardship of technology begins from the same foundation as our broader view of stewardship—technology is a God-given gift mediated through the good gift of human culture and innovation. Stewardly use of these gifts does indeed recognize the effects of sin on our use of technology and the need for limits—the corruption of sin opposed to the kingdom of God cuts through every aspect of creation, including technology. As such, a healthy view

of technology will adopt neither wholesale acceptance nor outright rejection.

A positive vision of stewardship ought to celebrate the ways that technology can be used in the service of God’s kingdom—in our individual, congregational, and communal lives.

Social media and the ubiquity of cell phones have dramatically changed the landscape of how we communicate with one another, and our churches are wise to adapt to this. Youth leaders can communicate effortlessly and instantaneously with large groups of students and parents. Our use of natural resources can be dramatically reduced by the simple act of digitizing the endless paper trail of council minutes and agendas. Not only do I now carry a Bible with me everywhere in app form, but I can also check my schedule in a moment, decreasing the likelihood that the suggestion “Let’s find a time to grab coffee” becomes only a half-hearted attempt at maintaining a relationship. We do not have to look far to find ways that God can call us to use technology in service of the kingdom.

Of course, our use of technology must be done with discernment. After a period of self-evaluation, I determined that my own use of Facebook was not aiding my discipleship journey. In fact, it was forming and shaping me as a whole in ways that run counter to my

identity as a child of God—and so I deleted my account. This is not, however, a decision that everyone needs to or even should make. Like the way that we use our time, our money, and our abilities, our use of technology should be subject to God-given wisdom. We are right to ask tough questions about the values of the companies from whom we purchase our technology and to prayerfully consider how our use of technology points us and others toward or away from God.

The contemporary testimony *Our World Belongs to God* has this to say about our stewardship of technology: “Grateful for advances in science and technology, we participate in their development, fostering care for creation and respect for the gift of life” (par. 50). These guiding principles form the backbone of a stewardship of technology.

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CALL TO SYNOD 2015 The council of First CRC, Sioux Center, Iowa, calls all delegates to Synod 2015, elected by their respective classes, to meet in the B. J. Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa, on Friday, June 12, at 8:30 a.m.

All area CRC members are invited to join the delegates in worship at the synodical Service of Prayer and Praise on Sunday afternoon, June 14, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. at First CRC, 321 Second Street SE, Sioux Center, Iowa. Rev. Mark Verbruggen will deliver the message. All CRC churches across the continent are requested to remember the deliberations of synod in their intercessory prayers on Sunday, June 7, and on Sunday, June 14. Council of First CRC, Sioux Center, Iowa

Retirement

PASTOR ROBERT POHLER Fruitport Christian Reformed Church announces the retirement of Pastor Robert Pohler and is searching for a new pastor for our 100 member church. We are located near the shoreline in Western Michigan. Interested candidates are asked to contact our Search Committee at crfruitport@aol.com.

Available for Call

REV. EDWARD ROCKETT Following the closure of Fresh Word Ministries, the council of Bethel CRC, Lansing, IL would like to acknowledge the faithful work of Rev. Rockett. He is now available for call & we heartily commend him to the churches. Rev. Rockett can be contacted at 773-953-5839 or erockett25@yahoo.com

REV JACK VANDERVEER has faithfully completed his term call (Jun '11 - May '15) as River Park Church's Associate Pastor while we waited for God to provide our next Senior Pastor. River Park Church is thankful for Jack's leadership and pastoral care and warmly recommends him. Our congregation prays for God's blessings on Jack's journey ahead. He has completed his MA in Counseling Psychology and has demonstrated effectiveness as a pastor in the community beyond church walls. Jack can be reached at jackv@gmail.com or 403-803-0329

Congregational

Church's 100th Anniversary

100TH ANNIVERSARY Neerlandia Alberta CRC plans to celebrate 100 years of God's Faithfulness on August 1&2, 2015. Visit www.neerlandiacrc.org or phone 780-674-4232 for information and dinner tickets. Everyone welcome.

Church's 90th Anniversary

GRACE CRC, KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN plans to celebrate 90 years of God's faithfulness on Saturday, August 1, 2015. All friends and past members are invited to attend a Pig Roast. For reservations, location, and time, call Kim Westrate, 269-388-3584, e-mail Dwestrate@aol.com, or call the church office, 269-345-2864.

Church's 60th Anniversary

KENTVILLE CRC 1955-2015. On June 26, CRC of Kentville, Nova Scotia will celebrate 60 years of God's faithfulness and care. The congregation will celebrate this special event with joy and thankfulness and a potluck supper on Friday June 26, 2015. We invite friends, former pastors and members to join us in giving thanks and praise. For more information you may contact the church at 1-902-678-6293 or by email kentvillecra@ns.sympatico.ca or you visit our web site; www.kentvillechristianreformedchurch.org

Church's 50th Anniversary

NORTHERN HEIGHTS CRC Kalamazoo, MI is celebrating 50 years of God's faithfulness. All former Pastors, members and friends are invited to a cake and ice cream social on Friday, July 24 at 7:00 pm.

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Announcements

VACATIONING IN THE EASTERN U. P.? Join us for worship (10 AM) at New Hope CRC of Kincheloe. We are 20 miles south of Sault Ste Marie and 35 miles north of Mackinac Bridge - just off I-75/Kinross exit. More info: newhopekincheloe.org

Birthdays

100th Birthday



SADIE (EISMA) DEVRIES will reach her 100th birthday on June 20, 2015. Please send cards to Hillcrest Healthcare Center, 2121 Avenue L, Hawarden, Iowa 51203. Her grateful son, Curt, gives thanks to God for her alert mind and a life of faith and service. Great is His Faithfulness!

Church Position Announcements

PASTOR Hope CRC is looking for a Pastor to lead our congregation in Stony Plain, AB. We are looking for someone who is an effective preacher and a dynamic leader. For more information and a church profile, please contact Esther Duplisea at hopecrc.clerk@platinum.ca or 780-892-2149.

PASTOR: 2nd CRC of Fremont, MI is in need of a Pastor to share the good news of Jesus Christ to our congregation and community. For more information and our church profile, please contact Jason DeKuiper at jdekuiper@comcast.net.

SENIOR PASTOR Faith Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center, Iowa is looking for a Senior Pastor. We are searching for a candidate who is gifted in preaching, can provide motivation for outreach/discipleship, is an effective leader, and is compassionate, caring and sensitive to the needs of our congregation. For information and/or a church profile contact Search Committee Chairman, Lyle Gritters, at Lyle@dordt.edu.

FULL TIME PASTOR Third CRC of Zeeland, MI is seeking a full time pastor to keep us rooted in truth and growing in our community. For more information contact Steve Langeland at Steve.Langeland@gmail.com.

PASTOR The CRC of Collingwood ON is seeking a pastor who desires to lead a small, dedicated congregation. We seek a spiritual leader who is gifted in preaching, meeting the pastoral needs of our congregation and mentoring us to reach out with love to the community around us. For more information, contact Jeff Beck at jtandbeck@hotmail.com.

PASTOR/CANDIDATE Bethel CRC in Saskatoon Sk is offering a one year renewable term for the pastor position. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Anthony @ 306 221 1598 or nienhuis@sasktel.net

MUSIC DIRECTOR Edmonton, Maranatha CRC-10 hour position to lead and organize music ministry. Details at 780-479-5824, averboon@telusplanet.net

YOUTH DIRECTOR Western Springs Christian Reformed Church, located in the western suburbs of Chicago, seeks a highly qualified individual to lead the youth ministry of the church. The ideal candidate for this half-time position will be able to lead the junior high and senior high youth programs of the church through organizing regular meetings, planning special events, coordinating youth involvement in worship, and participating in youth education. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college is required. In addition, candidates should have prior experience working with youth. Salary for the position is commensurate with experience and qualifications. We invite qualified candidates to send us a cover letter and resume by email to office@crwv.org. Projected start date of July 1, 2015. Additional information about the church can be found at www.crwv.org.

PASTOR Faith Community Fellowship CRC in Mount Vernon, WA is seeking a pastor who would be dedicated to the preaching of the



AGNES STROO VANDERMOLEN wife of the late Jack Stroo and Herman "Dan" VanderMolen will celebrate her 100th birthday D. V. with an open house June 20 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Lake City Chr Ref Church. Formerly of Jenison, she now resides with her daughter Elaine at 5711 Falmouth Rd. McBain, MI 49657 She has been a life-long blessing to her blended family: Suzanne (George) Towers, Maxine (Harvey) Brink, Elaine (Robert) Clark, Cathleen (Leo) VanArragon, James (Dorothy) Stroo, Mary (Jim) VanderKam, Lois (John) Lukaart, and Marie (Paul) Jacobs. She has been blessed with 26 Grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren. We thank God for her life of service and her Christian witness to her family.

MARGARET (BRUNSTING) BLANKESPOOR celebrated her 100th birthday with friends and family on May 10, 2015. God has blessed her with 4 children, 13 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, and

Word and to providing pastoral care to our congregation. For more information as well as our church profile, please contact Chris Ledebouer at cledeboer@hotmail.com.

SENIOR PASTOR Bethel CRC, Churchill MI is a rural church located in the Gallatin Valley just outside of Bozeman, a fast growing university town. Bethel's mission statement is "Planted to Grow and Sow". As believers, God has planted us here to grow spiritually into Him by the hearing of His word and to sow that same Gospel message into our families and neighbors of the greater Gallatin Valley and beyond. Is this where you should be planted? If interested, contact Ron Hoekema at rb_hoekema@yahoo.com

WORSHIP COORDINATOR Westwood CRC (Kalamazoo, MI) is seeking a half-time Worship Coordinator to help plan and lead both traditional and contemporary worship. Applicants must have worship leading experience with the ability to sing, play the piano, and develop musicians/vocalists. Some music training and sound/projection proficiency is desirable. Contact Randy De Jong at ranjodejong@att.net.

WORSHIP DIRECTOR WA State Mill Creek Community Church is currently accepting applications for a Worship Director as well as a Children's Ministry Leader. For Info. please email Rene' at millcreekchurch@comcast.net 425-745-2094

PASTOR POSITION at Calvin CRC in Le Mars, IA. We are located in the ice cream capital of the world in Northwest Iowa. Our congregation is seeking a leader who cultivates a personal, daily relationship with God, is gifted in preaching, has a passion for reaching the community by inspiring both young and old through Jesus' example to integrate their faith in their daily lives, and does this by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our church profile is available at crca.org. For further information contact search committee chairperson Tom Bjorge at tlbjorge@yahoo.com.

MINISTRIES PASTOR Forestview Community Church is seeking an individual who will join our church as Ministries Pastor. Our desire is that all members of our church will be equipped and empowered to live out their fullest potential in Christ. This new position is being created to help us achieve that vision. Working alongside our Teaching Pastor and Office Administrator, the Ministries Pastor will oversee and support the organizational ministry structures; develop and implement new programs; ensure all ministries are adequately staffed and cultivate servant leadership among the members. To learn more about us please visit www.forestviewcommunitychurch.ca. Please send credentials or request more information by email to: Jessica.Romaniuk.jessr@cncwoodcraft.com

FULL TIME, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES WoodyNook CRC, a multi-generational large church located outside Lacombe in Central Alberta, is seeking someone passionate for working with youth and intergenerational ministries. A degree in youth ministry is preferable. For the job description and full church profile please visit the website www.wncrc.ca/serving. If this position interests, you please send your resume to erijondoe@yahoo.com

1 great great grandchild as well as several siblings. She resides at 725 Baldwin, Apt. 256, Jenison, MI 49428.

95th Birthday



DENA KOOY (Withage) of 301 Homestead Blvd. #322, Lynden, WA 98264 plans to celebrate her 95th birthday on June 12 with her husband John and children Wayne, Beatrice and Brenda, Greg, Garth and Ted along with 12 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Thank God for longevity.

JERRY JONKER, of Holland MI, will celebrate his 95th birthday on June 13 with a family dinner. We thank Dad for his wonderful Christian example and thank God for His goodness and faithfulness throughout the years.

RICHARD D. SYTSMA turns 95 on June 20. His birthday also marks 74 years since he married Dorothy Baar, who died October 31, 2014. His children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren thank God for his faithfulness. Happy birthday, Dad and Grandpa!

90th Birthday

STUART D. EPPINGA SR. 2111 Raybrook Ave. SE #4004 Grand Rapids, MI. 49546 on June 17, 2015. Celebrating with him will be his wife of 68 years Helene (Batts); his children: Stu and Vicki, infant son William in Heaven, Bill and Arlene, Marla and Scott Huizing; 9 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Psalm 104:33



JAMES JAGER of Grandville, MI, will be 90 years old on June 23, 2015. His birthday will be celebrated with an Open House on Saturday, June 20, 2015, 2 to 4pm, at the Sunset Manor, Town Square Room, 725 Baldwin St., Jenison, MI. Cards may be sent to him at Sunset Manor, 725 Baldwin St, B22, Jenison, MI 49428

ANNETTA DEBOE PRINS Thanks be to God! On June 5 Annetta will celebrate her 90th birthday. Her children invite you to join us for a party from 2 to 4pm, Saturday, June 6th, at Breton Terrace, 2500 Breton Woods SE, Grand Rapids.

REV. KENNETH SLAGER of Grand Rapids, Michigan, will be 90 years old on June 11, 2015. His wife, Alice, seven children, nineteen grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren give thanks for his life and faith. Cards may be sent to 2111 Raybrook SE, #1006, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."



KATHRYN "KAY" (VANDER LAAN) TALSMA of Grand Rapids MI (formerly of Wyckoff NJ, Bloomington MN, and Ponte Vedra Beach FL) will be 90 years old on July 14! Friends may send greetings to 2105 Raybrook SE, #3056, Grand Rapids MI 49546. "Van het concert des levens krijgt niemand een program."

RALPH VISSER of Lynden, Washington, turned 90 on April 19. Celebrating the day with an open house at his home, he is thankful for the many family and friends who came. Married to Cora for 67 years, he has 4 children, 9 grandchildren, and 19 greatgrands. As a retired dairyman, he still volunteers, giving of himself as needed. His example of servanthood, love for the Lord inspires us all. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, a light unto my path."

SHIRLEY (SITTEMA) ZYLSTRA plans to celebrate 90 years of life on June 18. Her family praises and thanks God for her faith, generosity, and Christian example. We love you Mom. Happy Birthday!

Anniversaries

70th Anniversary



SJAARDEMA Don & Ruth will celebrate 70 years of marriage on June 28. They will take a cruise with their family as they thank God for good health and many blessings, including 3 children, 10 grandchildren, and 15 greats. 809 Spring Lakes Blvd. Bradenton, FL 34201

65th Anniversary

SCHOLTEN William and Shirley (Gorzeman), of Lynden, WA, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary April 17, 2015. We thank God for our children Joan and husband Dale Allen, and Steven (deceased). We are thankful to God for His goodness and blessings through the years.

SYTSMA Leonard and Hermina (Ten Harmse) of Elmhurst, IL, celebrate 65 years of marriage on June 7. Address: Park Place Unit 4303, 1050 Euclid Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

60th Anniversary

DEKRUJTER Gordon and Joyce (Schuitema) 5721 Lawndale, Hudsonville, MI, 49426, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 2, 2015. They with their children: Tim & Julie, Doug & Deb, Brad & Linda, David & Amy, 15 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren praise God for the many years of his faithfulness and blessings.

DE WAAL Nick and Maria celebrate 60 years of marriage on June 1. Their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren thank God for His faithfulness.

KREYKES, Donald and Coral (Haveman) of 6434 Leisure Creek Dr SE, Caledonia, MI 49316 will celebrate 60 years of marriage on June 16, 2015. Their children, Michael and Cheryl Brandsen, Robert and Barbara De Vries, Jon and Michelle Kreykes, and Jim and Katrina Kreykes, along

with 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, are grateful for God's faithfulness in their lives.

PETERS Neal and Ann (Koning) will celebrate DV 60 yrs of marriage on June 22, 2015. They with their children Ed & Susan, Tim & Sharon, Kathy & Ken Brock, Ernie & Maria, 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren are thankful for God's faithfulness and blessings through the years. We plan to celebrate with an open house on June 25, 6:30-9pm at Ridgewood CRC, 1571 Baldwin St. Jenison, MI 49428. We love you Mom and Dad.

VERHAGE Lloyd & Bernice of Holland, MI will celebrate 60 years of marriage on 6-17-'15. They and their 4 children and 8 grandchildren, share their joy and gratitude to God for all of his many blessings.

55th Anniversary

DEVRIES Richard and Janet (Van Ramshorst) of 46967 Elizabeth Lane, Decatur, Michigan 49045, will celebrate 55 years of marriage on June 17. Thanking the Lord with them are their children Dawn (Brian Gerish), Jeffrey (Lora) and Michael (Jodi) and six grandchildren. Praise God for his faithfulness and abundant blessings.

50th Anniversary

HOEKSTRA George and Sharon (Hoving), Burr Ridge, IL, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 25, 2015. We praise God for the love and devotion that they have shown to each other, their family, and those they encounter every day. Much love from their son and his family, Russ and Elise Hoekstra (Kaleb, Chloe, and Natalie).

NASSENSTEIN John & Judy of Highland, IN celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary together with their children Cheri (Mark) Kohut & Rick (Lisa) Nassenstein, 10 grandchildren. We thank the Lord for the many blessings and faithfulness through the years.

PLUG Leon and Rosalie (Schabacher), 18231 Walter, Lansing IL 60438, will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 5, 2015. Much love from your family: Eric and Amy Williams (Brian, Tyler, Katie); David and Diane Plug (Dylan, Drew). We rejoice in God's faithfulness

POORTINGA Richard & Tena (nee Pasma) of Ingersoll, ON hope to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30, 2015! Their daughters and their families give thanks to God for His many blessings and great faithfulness.



PRUIM Henry and Evelyn Pruim will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary July 2, 2015. They were married July 2, 1965 at the First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center, Iowa by Rev. B. J. Haan. They have two children: Sharon (Pruim) Barry, Kennett Square, PA; and Henry Pruim and his wife Christie, Orlando, FL. They have two grandchildren: Kayla and Kirsten Pruim, Orlando, FL.

RATERINK Gary & Shirley (Sneller) of Hudsonville, MI 49426 will celebrate 50 years of marriage on June 5, 2015. Sharing their joy & gratitude to God are: Lisa (Tim) Bowman- Gabrielle, Christian, Truisten & Gracianna. Michelle (David) Brouwer- Madeline, Lily, Jorja & Liza. Scott (Jeanna) Raterink- Tyler, Caden & Will.

Obituaries

BERKENPAS (GROOTHUIS) Grace Jacoba Berkenpas, age 82, of Byron Center, MI went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. She was preceded in death by her parents, Klass and Cathrine Groothuis and infant son Charles Berkenpas. She will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 64 years, Willard J. Berkenpas; her children, Patricia (Robert) Dykhouse, Laura (Steve) Meyering, Bill (Anola) Berkenpas, and Marci (Peter, Jr.) Woodfield; her 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren with 3 on the way.

GERRITSEN Robert G., age 93, passed away Tuesday, April 7, 2015. Preceded in death by wife, Irene; brother and sister-in-law Harold and Jerry Gerritsen; survived by sons Robert and Barbara (Bowman) Gerritsen, Lawrence Gerritsen, and Randall Gerritsen; sisters and brother-in-law Lois and Henry Vander Meer, Marian Sytsma; brother and sister-in-law Marvin and Verna Gerritsen.



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DANHOFF Adrianna Margaret passed away on April 18, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; her brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Kay Cok and her sister and brother-in-law, Marie Ellen and Bob. She is survived by her brother Calvin (Marilyn) Cok, brothers-in-law Menno Gremmer and Kenny (Ellen); her five children, Doug (Annmarie), Rita (Joel) Becraft, Becky (Dave) Veltkamp, Harve (Sue), and Don (Sharon); 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.



DE JONG Janis Dorn, age 80, of Holland, MI passed away on April 1, 2015. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Benjamin De Jong and her daughter Kimberly De Jong. Jan was a public relations representative for Pan American Airways in Honolulu, was a executive

assistant to presidents of corporations in San Francisco and was a leader of women's Bible studies and Christian women's associations for many years. Jan would like to be remembered as a devoted and loving wife, a caring mother and someone who had a deep and abiding personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

DE VRIES Lois (Rens), 79, of Lakewood, CA, went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 5, 2015. Survivors include her husband of almost 60 years, Virgil; a daughter, Verla (Harold) Van Foeken; two sons, David (Vali) De Vries & Brian (Leslie) De Vries; eight grandchildren, Kristen (David) McClure; Nolan Van Foeken; Shannon (Michael) Caldwell; Nicki De Vries; Natalie De Vries; Brianna De Vries; Chloe De Vries & Molly De Vries; two brothers, John (Gertrude) Rens & Gerald "Bing" (Audrey) Rens; sister, Helene Jasper; three sisters-in-law, Coba Rens; Bette (Ken) Venhuizen & Betty De Vries; many nephews & nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, Tim J. & Elizabeth (Huisman) Rens; brother, Bill Rens; sister, Hermina & her husband Mel Borgman; two brothers-in-law, Vernon Jasper & Stan De Vries. Born and raised on a farm

between Orange City & Sioux Center, IA, she was the youngest of six children. Lois & Virg lived most of their married life in California. A loving wife, mother, grandma, sister, aunt, & friend, she will be missed by many.

IPPEL Henry Peter Ippel entered his eternal home on April 27 at the age of 95. Henry was the loving husband of the late Marian Ribbens Ippel whose love and life he shared for 68 years. He is survived by his seven children; David and Barbara Ippel, Paul and Trudi Ippel, Charles and Sheri Ippel, Beth and Randy Zylstra, Tim and Linda Ippel, Robert and Mary Ippel, and Lester Ippel. Henry received a special joy and blessing from his 26 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren.

KONYNENBELT Aleida Konynebelt (Wevers) Passed away on March 13, 2015. in Abbotsford, BC (78 yr old); Beloved wife of the late Arie R. Konynebelt (1999) Children; Sharon; Wendy (Sam); Lesa (Ron); Joy, Ray (Denise) 13 Grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren.

LANTING Jane (Kampen) 80, of Mt Vernon WA, went home to be with the Lord her Savior on April 11, 2015. Survived by her husband of 62 years, Case, children George(Marilyn), Frank(Inggrid), Andy(Marcia), Jerry(Linda), Robert(Wendi), Heidi DeJong, Karen(Warren)Timney, Susan(Ken)Root, 34 grandchildren and 44 great grandchildren. Her parents, 5 siblings and her son-in-law Frank DeJong preceded her in death. She was a living example of Proverbs 31.

LUCAS Jacob died and went to be with his Lord in heaven on Monday, April 20, 2015, at the age of 91. He was preceded in death by wife, Esther H. Lucas, in 2010, after 64 years of marriage; also his brothers, Art Lucas and Harold Lucas. Jacob was a strong man of faith who was generous to all and was a dedicated daily prayer warrior for his family. He served his Lord with his time and talents with various disaster response teams, both in the U.S. and abroad. He was also influential in helping start the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity and served as past president of the Grand Rapids Home Builders Association. Jacob also served in the Naval 78th Construction Battalion from December 1942- January 1946. He will be greatly missed by his children, Steve (Patsy) Lucas, Mary Lucas, Roger (Mary) Lucas, Marlene

(Scott) Lehnert, Jessica (Jonah) Cajigas; grandchildren, Lona (Adam) VanLoozenoord, Jamie Erbes, Jenny Lucas, Katy Lucas, Hope Lucas, Jake Lucas, Steven Lucas, Jeff (Mandy) Lehnert, Laura (Ryan) Wiersema, Matt (Ashley) Lehnert, Sam Lehnert, Precious Cajigas, Faith Cajigas; great grandchildren, Ava, Abigail, Anna, Natalie, Jacob, Brielle, and Alexis; brother, Bob Lucas; sisters and brother-in-law: Ada and Harley Rillema, Esther Betten, Betty DeHaan, Doris Pennell; brother-in-law, Blaine Johnson; and several nieces and nephews. He was a loving father to 25 foster children. A funeral service was held Friday, April 24, 2015 at South Grandville Christian Reformed Church, 4130 Wilson Ave. SW with Rev. Dr. Daniel Mouw officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Grandville Friendship Homes Inc. Interment Rosedale Cemetery.



VANDERVELD Peter Frank Vanderveld, age 83 went to be with our Lord on April 9th, 2015, 4985 Gulf of Mexico Dr, # 406, Longboat Key, FL, 34228. Beloved husband of Anna Jean, nee Lanenga ; son of the late John and Rose Vanderveld; loving father of Barbara (Dale) Deschamps, Paul (Susan) Vanderveld, Glenn

(Karen) Vanderveld, and Patricia (Drew) Vlasak; devoted grandfather of David (Annie) Deschamps and Nicole (Rick) Brown; Elisa, Peter (Katie) Vanderveld, Jennifer (John) Arnold, and Laura Vanderveld; Lyndsey (Dan) Bolt, Katie, and Allison Vanderveld; and Mitchell, Ashley, Tyler, and the late Christina Vlasak; great-grandfather of Noah and Avery Brown, Ella and Abigail Arnold, and William Deschamps; fond brother of John Vanderveld and the late Jeanette Decker, Margaret VanderLeest, and James Vanderveld ; uncle of many nieces and nephews.

VANSLEDRIGHT Adrian, 92 went to be with his Lord 2/18/15. Preceded by brothers Peter, Elmer, and Rich. Survived by wife Florence Mitchell, brothers Ray (Lorraine), Henry, sister Martha, sisters-in-law Ardith and Ruth VanSledright.

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As he was dying, a very wealthy man regretted all he would leave behind. After intense negotiation, God allowed him to bring one suitcase to heaven filled with whatever the man wanted. He decided to bring gold bars because these would allow him to take as much of his wealth with him as possible.

Arriving at the pearly gates, he explained to St. Peter that God had allowed him to take the suitcase with him. Peter reluctantly agreed, but asked, "May I see what it is that was so precious to you that you would take it here?" The man opened the case, eagerly awaiting Peter's reaction to his great riches.

Peter peeked inside and then turned to the man, incredulous. "You brought pavement?!"

—Mark Stephenson

Ilearn a lot from my elementary age Sunday school students. One day, as an introduction to a Bible story about Elijah, I asked the class, "Is it always easy to follow God?" Grace answered confidently, "No. He's a lot faster than we are."

—Cindy Michael

My daughter is an educational assistant at a Roman Catholic high school for special needs students. One day the lesson was about Easter. She asked her student if he knew the meaning of Easter.

The young man thought for a while but had no answer. To help him along, she started to sing, "Up from the grave he arose."

The boy interrupted and said, "I know, I know!" He then started to sing, "He knows when you are good or bad, so be good for goodness' sake!"

—Corrie De Wilde

The Bible story I was teaching my grade 2 Sunday school students was about Jesus healing a man with a skin disease. One of the girls interrupted and said proudly, "I know that story—the man was a leprechaun!"

—Ashley Elgersma

My daughter and I often have to remind my 4-year-old grandson, Daniel, that when talking in church we have to use our "inside voices." One Sunday, when the pastor was getting particularly passionate during a part of his sermon, Daniel leaned over to me and said, "He has to learn to use his inside voice."

—Dick Vandersma

The pastor was preaching a stirring sermon on sin. He stated that all have sinned, and there is no one who has not sinned. To prove his point, he asked anyone in the congrega-

tion who had not sinned to stand up. An older man near the back stood up. The preacher asked, "Are you saying that you have never sinned?"

"Oh," said the man, "I have sinned, but I am standing up for my wife's first husband."

—Bob VanderLaan

During conversation at a dinner, I informed the man seated next to me that I was a preacher. He replied, "You know, we're actually in the same trade. I am an anesthetist; my job is putting people to sleep. And you do the same thing!"

—Walt DeRuiter

The other day, after one of her lessons, I was giving my 6-year-old daughter a pep talk. I told her, "I believe in you!"

Her response? "But Mom, we believe in God!"

—Torrey Edwards

The irony of life is that by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

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