

CORNERSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Bulletin Announcements for November 3, 2024

Today, both of our worship services will be led by **Dr. Jared Poulton**. Next Sunday, both of our worship services will be led by **Rev. John Vermeer**.

This morning, the sacrament of baptism will be administered to **Lucas Allen Berens**, infant son of Devin and Erika Berens, who was born on September 17, 2024. The display in the center of the narthex with the roses is there both as a reminder for our Cornerstone family to celebrate the birth of Lucas, and as a visible recognition and proclamation of the sanctity of life. We praise and thank God with them that they have honored God's command to defend, protect and preserve life in the womb. Let us all be mindful that ALL life is precious in the sight of God; the unborn, the disabled, the handicapped and the very aged. "For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well." (Psalm 139:13-14). Continue to pray that the Lord will deliver us as a nation from the heinous evil of abortion.

From the Outreach Committee: **TONIGHT**, there will be a time of prayer after the evening service. A few minutes after the service ends, we will meet in the front pews of the sanctuary. Everyone—regardless of age—is invited to attend. Our goal is to focus on 3 points: missions, congregational needs, and—with the elections this week—our country. Our plan is to limit this time of prayer to 20 minutes so that everyone will still have time for their regular Sunday evening activities. Please join us as we pray to our great and mighty God—Who alone is able to do all things.

TOMORROW is the final day to RSVP for the Hands-On Evangelism Seminar that will take place this coming **Saturday, November 9**. We would love to see you there! Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. and the seminar will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon. There is no cost for you to come. Rev. Ken Anema will give us timely instructions for Hands-On Evangelism. **RSVP by tomorrow night, November 4**, by emailing Rob at rob@rms.org or by text, (616) 502-4007. See you Saturday morning!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to the Fun & Fellowship Committee and to all who donated pies and other goodies for the Pie Social last Sunday. What a wonderful time of fellowship that was! Also, thank you for the tokens of appreciation for Pastor's Appreciation Month. We feel loved and appreciated here at Cornerstone. Thank you! **The Vos and Poulton Families**

Sunday School and Catechism classes meet immediately following the morning worship service.

The Adult Sunday School will NOT meet today.

The NEW Church Photo Directory pages are now complete and ready to be collated. The plan is to do this after our **Family Night Dinner THIS WEEK Wednesday!** **For those who regularly attend the Adult class—please do so!** For those who typically go home after dinner, would you be willing to stay and help collate? It would be greatly appreciated!

The next Family Night is THIS WEEK Wednesday, November 6. We will be having delicious ham & cheese sliders, Dutch Vegetable Soup and more for dinner. We are also **looking for volunteers to clean up and volunteers to bring 4 dozen cookies**. **Please sign up in the narthex if you are coming** or you can sign up online at the following website: <https://signup.com/go/zjsCUby>.



The Family Night Adult Class will meet at 6:45pm in the sanctuary, and we will be viewing “Evolution vs. God; Shaking the Foundations of Faith.” Ray Comfort, from Living Waters Publications, went to several colleges asking questions of both professors and students.

Copies of the URCNA Missionary Prayer Requests for the month of NOVEMBER 2024 from URCNA Missions Coordinator, Pastor Rich Bout, are available on the table in the narthex for those who do not receive the e-mail Prayer Postings. Let us fervently remember these brothers and their families in our prayers this month.

Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study will meet this week, **November 5**, beginning at 9:45am with coffee / refreshments. In preparation for our study, **please read Week 3: “A Spiritual House” (I Peter 2:4-25) – 3) An Urgent Matter, and 4) Who’s In Charge? (pp. 50-52) and answer the corresponding questions.** A Nursery is provided. **Coffee: Gloria Miedema and Isla VanNoord.**

Early-Risers Men’s Group meets this **Wednesday** from **6:00-7:30am** at Arrows Restaurant in Hudsonville. We are studying Jesus’ miracles using G.M. Bilkes’ book entitled *Mercy Revealed: A Cross-Centered Look at Christ’s Miracles*. This week is **Lesson 17: “Healing of the Boy with an Evil Spirit” (At the foot of the Mount of Transfiguration)** from Mark 9:14-29.

Sus Manos Gleaners ~ We are scheduled to volunteer again **THIS WEEK Wednesday, November 6**, from 9:00-11:00am. Thank you!

Casual Connections II will meet **THIS WEEK Thursday, November 7**, beginning at 6:45pm. Come when you can. If you need a ride, contact Irene VanDyk.

Attention Young Adults! Reminder that our next *Brave by Faith* meeting is **NEXT SUNDAY, November 10**, at 7:00 p.m. at Doug & Sheryl Ulberg’s house. We are doing Lesson 1 in the ***Pray Big*** book by Alistair Begg. All are welcome. If you haven’t come before and you want to join this wonderful group of young adults, contact Pastor Vos for a book.

Dear Congregation: For Christmas this year, the Bible Club leaders would like to give ESV youth study Bibles to all the children (ages 5 - 12) who attend the Bible Club at Presidential Estates on Thursday evenings. If you would be willing to purchase one or two of these Bibles, it would be very helpful to us, and much appreciated. Please give your donations to Elena Overway or Ashlyn Spoelma. Thank you very much for your prayers, and for your assistance with this important endeavor.

As you noticed in the Cornerstory, December will have some extra special Christmas activities, so please watch the bulletin for all the details!

December 4 – Family Night Christmas Dinner – reservations required (coming soon)

December 7 – Widow/Widower’s Breakfast – sponsored by the Deacons

December 15 – Sunday School Christmas Program – before evening worship service and fellowship after the service (goodies requested)

December 18 – Cornerstone Church Family Night and Christmas Caroling – reservations required for dinner and signups for caroling.

December 25 – Christmas Day Worship at 9:30 a.m.

The monthly Cornerstone Seniors Bible Study (The Hilltoppers) will have their November meeting on **Wednesday, November 13**. Come early, at 9:45am for snacks and a time of fellowship. Our lesson, beginning at 10:00am, is **Chapter 9** titled “Discovering God’s Will” from the series *The Basics of the Christian Life*, by Sinclair Ferguson. Pastor Vos will lead our discussion. **ALL Seniors, aged 60 and above, are invited—no urged, to come and join us.**

Advance Notice: Plans are being made for a Christmas Choir. **Practices will begin mid-November.** Watch the bulletin for details.

Word & Deed - International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church ~ This Sunday, November 3, is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. As many as 8 countries that Word & Deed partners with suffer from ongoing persecution or live in areas that are under the threat of persecution. Often, instead of asking for relief from persecution, our partners ask for boldness and opportunity to share the Gospel message with their persecutors. Please join us in praying for protection, boldness, and a peace that passes understanding together with the experience of a rich harvest of souls by God's grace for our partners who face the daily threat of persecution.

Reformed Mission Services

- **RMS is looking for volunteers to serve internationally!** We need volunteers for Ministry Development Trips to assist churches in **Peru from Dec. 2-11** and the **Dominican Republic from Jan. 7-15**. For more details and to sign up, visit rms.org/trips.
- **Exciting news! New TASC sites have been added for 2025!** If you're ready to serve and grow through Teens Actively Serving Christ, visit rms.org/tasc to learn more. The upcoming dates and locations include **Ejido-Uruapan, MX** from June 14-21, **Cornerstone URC in Sanborn, IA** and **Covenant URC in Pantego, NC** from June 21-28, **Pompton Plains Reformed Bible Church in Pompton Plains, NJ** from August 2-9, and **Trinity URC in Lethbridge, AB**, and **Cornerstone URC in Hudsonville, MI**, with dates to be determined. Questions? Contact Steve at steve@rms.org!
- **RMS is thankful for the opportunity to assist Ascension Reformed Church in Cincinnati** with renovations of their new building. We are looking for volunteers to help with various phases of the renovation, and your support is greatly appreciated. The current schedule includes interior demolition from **November 4-29**, interior finishes from **January 15-28**, interior painting from **January 29-February 1**, and paver installation from **February 3-12**. If you're interested in lending a hand, please visit rms.org/arc to learn more and sign up to help!

CADETS

- **Cadets will meet this week Wednesday, November 6.** Bible lesson this week, B Lesson 3, "Being Content." Don't forget to bring your Bible, wear complete uniforms, and bring your Guide Book if you are working on merit badges.

GEMS

- **Our next meeting is THIS WEEK Wednesday, November 6, beginning at 6:40pm.** Please do your assigned lesson as follows:
 - **3rd and 4th Grades:** Lesson #6 – Who is the Holy Spirit?
 - **5th Grade:** Lesson #16 – Worship
 - **6th Grade:** Speak Truth: Chapter and Journal 6
 - **7th and 8th Grades:** PRC – Willing to Wait Class

JHYG

- **Our next meeting** will be on Sunday, **November 10**, after the evening worship service. **Food Responsibility: Main Dish—Gil; Sides—Alsum; Drinks & Dessert—TenBrock.**

HSYG

- **HSYG meets TONIGHT, November 3**, after the evening service. **Food responsibility: Gil and DeWitt.**

YOUNG ADULTS

- **Looking to create friendships with other like-minded young adults?** Lord willing, the **LOGOS Winter Retreat**, intended for singles and married couples ages 18-30, will be held **January 2-4, 2025**, at a new location - Faholo Conference Center in Grass Lake, MI. Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Doug Barnes from Grace URC in Alto, MI who will speak on the theme “Forgive and Forget.” Along with your sessions, there will be swimming, pool volleyball, indoor games, and bowling. This year, RYS is offering an extra incentive if you register early! **If you register before November 30, you will have the option of purchasing our new LOGOS cap!** For \$13, you can choose between our classic RYS design or our new LOGOS design. The **regular registration deadline will be midnight December 16**, with late registration being open until December 23 at midnight.

THIS WEEK AT CORNERSTONE

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism classes NO Adult Sunday School
	4:50 PM	Song Service
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
	6:15 PM	Time of Prayer – meet in the sanctuary
	6:30 PM	HSYG
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women’s Bible Study (basement)
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Early Risers (Arrows Restaurant in Hudsonville)
	9:00 AM	Volunteer at Sus Manos Gleaners (until 11:00am)
	5:45 PM	FAMILY NIGHT Dinner
	6:40 PM	GEMS
	6:45 PM	Cadets
Thursday	6:45 PM	Adults (meet in the sanctuary)
	6:30 PM	VBS at Presidential Estates
	6:45 PM	Casual Connections II
Saturday	8:15 AM	“Hands-On Evangelism” seminar (until noon)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Offerings: **November 3 AM:** Building Fund **PM:** Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling
 November 10 AM: GEMS **PM:** Mid-America Reformed Seminary

Coffee Keepers: **November 3** – Paul & Gail Steenwyk
 November 10 – Deb Brinks & Nancy VanderWey

Host Family: **November 3** – Pastor Jeff & Cheryl Doll
 November 10 – Tod & Sarah Moelker

Nursery: **November 3 AM:** Karlie Anderson, Brie Alsum
 PM: Makayla Deemter, Leah Hodges

November 10 AM: Bonnie Bratt, Marissa Spoelma
 PM: Shannon DenHerder, Alice DenHerder

Security: **November 3 AM:** Jayson Alsum, Jake Alsum **First Responder:** Nancy Kerkstra
 PM: Jeff Berens, Reece Alsum

November 10 AM: Walt Decker, Devin Berens **First Responder:** Sara Beute
 PM: Scott DenHerder, Mason Berens

2024-2025

ELDERS

26 Jim Horjus, Chairman
25 Rob Brinks, Clerk
26 Lee DeWitt
25 Tom VanDyken
27 Tom Kerkstra
27 Randy Moorman
27 Jayson Alsum
27 David Hondred, Vice-Chairman
25 Larry Huttinga
26 Dave VanBeek
25 Jeff Berens
26 Kurt Schuiteman, Vice-Clerk

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27 Gary Veldhof, Treasurer
25 Jake Lengkeek
27 Mitchell Wagner
27 Eric Renkema
25 Bob Hulst, Benevolent Treasurer
26 Mitch Stuive, Vice-Chairman
25 Scott DenHerder, Chairman
26 Isaac Vroegindewey, Secretary

Elder Districts

J. Alsum – R. Brinks
P. Carbone – D. DeZwaan
H. Docter – R. Groendyk
D. Haveman – L. Huttinga
S. Johnson – J. Lengkeek
R. Mast – S. Poelman
R. Potgeter – E. Spoelma
G. Steenwyk – T. VanderKolk
D. VanderMeer – G. Veldhof
G. Veldink – T. Zondervan

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J. Alsum – R. Deemter
E. DeGraaf, Jr. – S. Dykstra
M. Eefsting – J. Horjus
E. Hulst – M. Leighliter
J. Lengkeek – W. Renkema
T. Rickers – M. Swartz
B. Telman – P. VanDyke
T. VanDyken – T. Zondervan