

Traveling Through Mark and/or Romans in July

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- **July 12** —Pastor Frank will be preaching from the book of Mark. A group from the Christian Motorcyclists Association will be sharing brief testimonies . Bruce Lucas will be the worship leader.
- **July 19** — Will Pastor Frank be preaching or will Pastor Dave be back?
- **July 26**— Will Pastor Dave be back?

Red Cross Blood Drive Held on June 23

Thank to those who helped with the blood drive: Carol Kleinjan, Marion Mulder, Keith and Shirley Van Duyn. Twenty-nine people took the time to help others by donating blood to those in need.

REMINDER about Hy-Vee Receipts

If you turn in Hy-Vee (Brookings only) receipts to the basket along the north wall in the fellowship hall, you can be part of a MESA fund-raiser. When we have \$150,000 worth of receipts, Hy-Vee will donate \$1,000 toward a MESA project yet to be determined. As of June 24 we have collected \$68,827.94.

Thank you for your willingness to help.

Pictorial Directory

Due to COVID, the church directory is delayed in the production process.

Recycled Greeting Cards

Cards are still needed. At the present time, the Neighborhood in Brookings has an ample supply of greeting cards. Recently, a box of cards was sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Boulder City, Nevada. The children are either neglected, abused or abandoned. They participate in a program designed to teach skills by making cards with the fronts and attached to a new back. The cards are sold in their gift shop as a fund raiser for the Ranch.

First Reformed Church, Volga, SD

July 2020

Glad Tidings

“I bring you glad tidings of great joy...”

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We will still observe some social distancing practices, at least during July. These would include not having ushers, nursery or a coffee time after the service. We will also hold off on having children's messages at this point. The offering plates will not be passed, but we encourage you to put your offering in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary. We also encourage people to maintain a 6 foot distance from one another when entering, exiting and choosing places to sit. If you feel more comfortable sitting in the fellowship hall, you are welcome to sit there.

Because Pastor Dave is at Mayo Clinic at this time for his stem cell transplant process, Pastor Frank Feltis (who led us last summer) will be our preacher. Various members of the congregation will be leading other parts of the worship service.

Here is what we know about the services in July:

- **July 5**— Pastor Frank will bring a message from the book of Mark. Nichole Franklin will be the worship leader.



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The following members needed medical care recently and appreciate your prayers:

- Sue Feltis —knee replacement
- Bernita Kooima—chemotherapy
- Dawn Lucas—chemotherapy
- Jodi Koerner—chemotherapy
- Pastor Dave—stem cell transplant
- Linda Vande Weerd—sinus surgery

Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to the following:

George and Bev Cotton on the death of Bev's sister, Marcia Moore on June 15

Congratulations



- Jason and Laci Volkers on the birth of their son, Asher Allen on June 3
He joins brother Cade, sisters Blaike Leigh and Maesyn
Congrats also to the grandparents, Jake and Roberta Volkers
- James and Missy Vande Weerd on the birth of their son, Jaxson Hugo on June 14. He is welcomed to the family by an excited sister, Ashlyn.
Congrats also to grandparents, Lee Vande Weerd and Dori Ohm

**Anxiety and fear are cousins - but not twins.
Fear sees a threat. Anxiety imagines one.**

- C Celebrate God's goodness**
- A Ask God for help**
- L Leave your concerns with Him**
- M Mediate on good things**

Looking Back Ten Years..... 2010!!

- FRC ladies and guests spent an evening out at the Quiltin' Post in Bruce. Marilyn Eighmy was our gracious host showing us some of her quilts as well as telling us how to make a quilt from t-shirts. We concluded the evening with dessert at the home of Tom and Carol Kleinjan.
- MESA Task Force sponsored a basket auction and ice cream social. Monies raised from this event will be used to offset the costs of serving a meal at the Banquet in Sioux in September. Profit amounted to \$1042.
- The Giving Garden began giving away produce
- Kayla Janssen, Ellie Koerner, Stephanie Ludens and Kim Ludens attended Power Connection in Minneapolis.
- Golf Outing was held at Meadow Creek followed by an ice cream social in the church fellowship hall

Christian Motorcyclists Association will be our Guests

Plans are to have The Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA) be our guests on July 12 to share a testimony. This will be the Madison Chapter, a small group with a large message.

CMA is a world wide group of people who love the Lord and love motorcycle riding. They minister to all people but focus on bikers.

Since 1996, Pastor Frank has been associated with five different chapters in three states as he has moved around in his pastoral duties.

AS a CMA member, he was involved in prison ministry in South Dakota and Iowa.

Pastor Frank has preached in prisons, taught classes and mentored many prisoners. According to Pastor Frank, it was so satisfying to know the number of people who came to know Jesus and were saved because of the efforts of the CMA chapters where he was involved.

Happiness is not created by what happens to us,
but by our attitudes toward each happening.

My Name is America— William Arthur Ward

I am a country...
but I am more than a country. I am over two hundred years old, but my mountains, forests and rivers are ageless. Before I was a dream in the minds of mortal men, the land was a beautiful reality in the hands of a beneficent Creator.

I am a nation...
but I am more than a nation. I am a republic of fifty sovereign states each with its own heritage and individual greatness, each a vital part of one indivisible whole—the United States of America.

I am a government...
but I am more than a government. I am a symbol of plenty, a model of representative government, a hallmark of freedom, justice, and independence to hundreds of millions throughout the world.

I am a melting pot...
but I am more than a melting pot. I am a haven for the oppressed, a living adventure in brotherhood, a community of compassion, and a dynamic example of liberty under law, opportunity with responsibility, and democracy through equality.

My name is AMERICA!



A Prayer for our Leaders

HEAVENLY FATHER, I thank you for our country, our Constitution, and our leaders. I pray for our President and for every elected appointed official who serves Him.

I pray that You will build a spiritual wall of protection around the marriage and family of every national, state and local official.

I pray that You will give them wisdom and courage to uphold our Constitution which established a republic based on Your absolute laws, not a democracy based on the changing whims of man's reasoning.

I pray that You will rebuke Satan for the deception of his lie that we can be "as gods" in deciding for ourselves what is right and what is wrong.

O LORD, may our leaders cast down every law, policy and personal example which weakens marriages, families or Your moral standards.

I pray that our leaders will understand and follow the principles of Your Word. May they realize that all authority comes from You, not the voters, and that one day they will stand before You to give an account of the power You gave to them.

I base this prayer on the promise of Your Word, that if I will humble myself, pray, seek Your face, and turn from my wicked ways, then You will hear from heaven, forgive my sin, and heal my land.

In the name and through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, I pray,

Amen.

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