

COMMUNITY BULLETIN, July 9, 2017

HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- We offer our sympathy to Paula & Heath Oostenink and family in the passing of Paula's grandmother, June Van Dyke of Sanborn on July 3. Her funeral was held this past Thursday. We pray for the Lord's comfort as well as hope in the Resurrection of our Lord.
- Congratulations to Travis and Brianna (Van Der Zwaag) Even, who were united in marriage this past Friday. We pray for the Lord's blessing as they begin their life together.
- We remember those who recently have had surgeries or have been hospitalized and pray for them as they continue to heal and recover.
- Dave Mulder, brother in law to Marideth and Mike Van Otterloo, is currently in remission, but is still seriously weak. He needs to recover from his most recent round of chemotherapy before he can receive a bone marrow transplant. Please pray for Dave's physical as well as spiritual strength as they continue. We pray for his family as they support him as well.
- We remember our members who reside in care facilities: Mary Grooters at Pleasant Acres, Marv Boon at Prairie Ridge Care Center in Orange City, and Evelyn Dykstra in Byron Center Manor in Byron Center, MI. We also pray for their families as they support them.

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Pray for Val Brummel and her niece, Aysha De Groot, as they are involved in a work project with Bethel and Building Guate ministries. They will be returning on Friday.
- Teresa Vanden Bosch is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday at Avera McKennan Hospital to have her thyroid removed.
- Russ Vander Schaaf was released from the VA Hospital in Minneapolis on Tuesday. Doctors are still trying to determine the cause of his low blood pressure. Pray for strength.
- Continue to remember Eldon & LuAnn De Wild in your prayers as they wait for word from Madison concerning acceptance for a lung transplant for Eldon.
- Give thanks with Dar Sohl for progress made in her recovery from recent hip replacement surgery.
- Pray for those who will be participating in the International Cadet Camporee. From our church, Nic Van Engen and Joel Leusink are on the planning committee, Mary Leusink is helping with food service, Ken Leusink, Larry Hoekstra, Jason Kats and Eric Kroese are helping with the service project – cutting down trees. Cadets Cory Ney, Ethan Ney and Jesse Ney will be participating in the Camporee.
- Pray for our shut ins: Sally De Groot, Audrey Jongetjes, Florence Kroese, and Melvin Van Otterloo at Pleasant Acres; Wilma Altena, Verne Huisman, Julianne Kats, Esther Rozeboom, Goldie Veldman, and Anthony Smit at Aspen Heights; Don Westra in his home, and Ardelle Westra in Sioux City.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HCS Office Hours: Just a reminder that we are open on Monday mornings from 8:30-12:30 and Thursday afternoons from 12-3:30p. **We will also be open this Wed., July 12, from 6:00-8:00p.** Come in to register, fill out a NICSTO FORM, pick up report cards, drop off forms, sign up for lunch or tuition autodraw, or pick up some SCRIPT!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAWN CHAIRS NEEDED: The Local Conference Committee for the GEMS Conference to be held at Dordt College is looking to borrow lawn chairs for July 28&29. They will be returned following the Conference in early August. Contact Karinda de Boom atskdb@aol.com or 605-321-1038.

THE NAMI SUPPORT GROUP will meet at Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center on Tuesday, July 11, from 7:00-9:00p. "Out of the Shadow" a documentary film about one family's journey with schizophrenia will be shown. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are invited to join us.

LYON COUNTY FAIR Gospel & Praise Concert will be held on Sunday, July 16, at 2:30p at the First Ref. Church in Rock Rapids featuring “Four for Him” (Aaron Alons, Andy Prins, Nate Schreurs, John Schreurs).

SIoux CENTER HEALTH is providing a Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for patients and caregivers on Thursday, July 20, from 4:30-5:30p at Crown Point Gathering Room. Questions, call Yaby at 722-8378.

HOPE HAVEN: Thursday, July 20, is our annual Tractor Ride. Registration for this event will be held at Town and Country Implement in Rock Valley. Registration times are from 4:00-5:00p. Tractors will depart at 5:30p for Carmel with a stop at Post Equipment. Supper will be provided at Town and Country Implement after the ride. There will be a freewill donation for this event. To pre-register for this event or for more information, contact Scott Koedam at 712-476-2820 or email skoedam@hopehaven.org.

THE BIBLE LEAGUE “Christmas in July” will be held on Monday, July 24, at 1:30p at the Hospers CRC. You are asked to bring an item such as baked goods, crafts, plants, etc., to place on the silent auction tables. You will be given time to view the items and place your bids. Our guest speaker will be Loren Veldhuizen who will share his experiences in Africa with a power point presentation. Hope to see you all there.

KINGDOM BOUNDARIES PRISON AFTERCARE (KBPA) will be hosting a mini-festival celebrating 4 years of walking alongside men as they re-enter society after serving time in the SD prison system on Sat., July 29, from 4:00-8:00p at New Day Church in Harrisburg, SD. Dinner served with the meat provided by the Sioux County Pork Producers. Weather permitting this celebration will be held outdoors. Bring lawn chairs. In case of rain, we'll meet indoors at the Church.

JFA will be hosting our first Foundation Event on August 18th at Calico Skies winery. The doors will open at 5:30p with a catered meal starting at 6:00p. Entertainment will be provided by Nick Engbers. This event is for those who are a part of our Foundation or would like to become a part of it. If you're interested in learning more about this fabulous evening, feel free to contact Joel DeWit at (712) 476-2804 or joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org.

BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER RETREAT will be held Sept. 12 at the 1st Reformed Church in Sioux Center. You don't want to miss this time of warm Christian fellowship and spiritual renewal. Kendra Smiley, featured speaker at this retreat, is coming to share her wit and wisdom on living life intentionally. All are encouraged to come and stay for the evening dinner and concert with the Valley Male Chorus. This chorus presents every concert with the hope that each listener is encouraged and uplifted by God's love and grace. The banquet and evening concert are open to all. You don't need to attend the retreat to come for the evening, but reservations are needed.

LUKE SOCIETY: Pray for the final planning stages of the Luke Society's 2017 Eurasia Regional Conference, which is scheduled for July 11-17 in Puerto Princesa, Philippines. Pray that all the work that has been put in will be fruitful in educating, encouraging and renewing friendships among Luke Society ministries. Pray also for Eleanor Boelens whose husband, Dr. Peter Boelens, passed away on June 9. As first executive director, Dr. Boelens was instrumental in shaping the mission and vision of the Luke Society. Praise the Lord for his life.

Praise God that 18 children underwent successful cleft lip and palate procedures at the ministry in Moyobamba, Peru in May. Pray for the physical, emotional and social skills of the patients, and that the services they receive will lead them into a more personal relationship with Jesus Christ.