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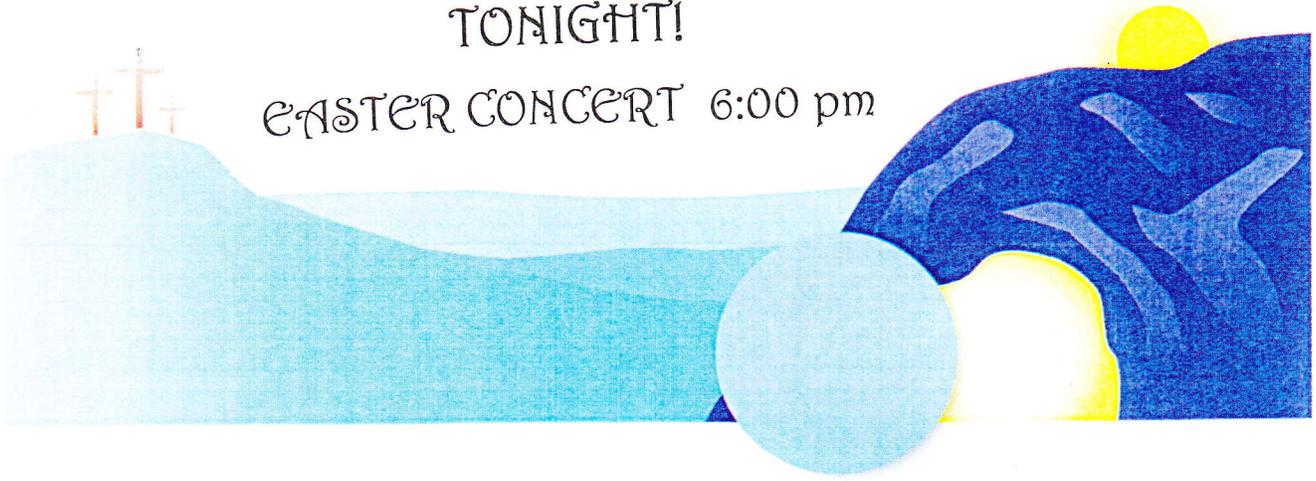
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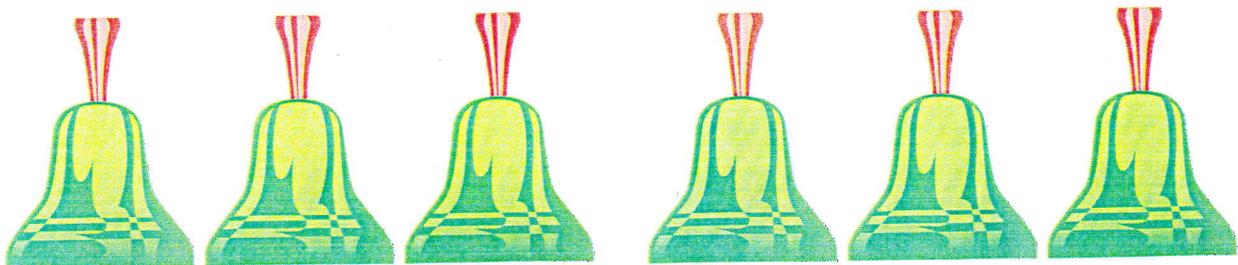
Alleluia! He Is Risen!

TONIGHT!

EASTER CONCERT 6:00 pm



Come out and support our music department tonight as they offer songs of praise and celebration for this Easter season! The Junior Bells are playing, the Junior Choir is singing, the Celebration Quartet is singing along with the Celebration Choir. There also is a skit by Simon Peter. The Worship Band will accompany our congregational singing. Enjoy an uplifting evening of meaningful music! God loves it when His people sing! Refreshments and Childcare will be provided.



The Junior Bells have been hard at work learning their number for the Choir Concert tonight. Our members are Mia and Collin Adamus, Jack Krzyston, Kenny Pickard, Levi Schutt and Samantha Stegenga. Keep up the great work, ringers!

## KID CONNECTION



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Last week, opening exercises for Kid Connection was an introduction to the Price is Right, known now as "The Facts are Right". Three contestants were called on down to participate. Gabe, Eddie and Megan took their seats and were asked questions such as: In baseball, the person who stands between second and third base is called a) middle guy b) pop fly c) shortstop. Another fact up for question: During Bible times people didn't like you if you were a) a rock collector b) a garbage collector c) a tax collector. Fact three: If you wanted to climb the tallest tree in the world you would have to go to a) the Sahara Desert b) the North Pole c) California. Did you know all the answers? They are all the letter c. The Junior High Sunday School class then presented a skit under the direction of their teacher Christine Stegenga. Their story was about a man who was invited to "Come on Down". Who was the Man that Jesus invited to visit with him. In today's episode of "Extreme Makeover: Spiritual Edition" we catch up with host Ty Suspenders who was telling the children about a man named "Zack".

Zack was a wee man and climbed a tree to see what was happening. He saw Jesus and the crowd following him, the miracle man everyone's been talking about. It WAS Jesus and he was heading for Zack's tree. Jesus knew who Zacchaeus was and what he had done. Jesus invited Zack to come down from that tree. Jesus's love and acceptance of Zacchaeus made for a changed man with an extreme spiritual makeover by changing his ways. We can all be a part of God's family by accepting Jesus as our Saviour. If, you would like to be a part of our Kid Connection Program please speak with Pastor Tom Archer.

Greetings all, I hoped you enjoyed the photo's of our Sunday School Children in the February edition. A special thank you to all the parents who faithfully send your children and to all our teachers for their faithfulness in preparing lessons.

Our third quarter mission project will be to collect non-perishable food products for the Lansing Food Pantry. We did this last year, and it was very much appreciated by the community. Children can bring donations to their classrooms and adults can put items in the mission boxes in the narthex. This food drive will begin today and run through May 17th. And, speaking of May 17th, we will have our year end Sunday School Program during the morning service. We WILL have class afterwards for adults and children.

## CALLING ALL GRADUATES



The *New Review* will continue its tradition of honoring our graduates. **If you are graduating from grad school, college, high school or middle school, we need to hear from you!** Please compose a short biographical article, telling of your educational accomplishments and achievements and your plans for the future. We also need you to include a wallet sized photo (which will be returned to you.)

**Please submit your article/photo by Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> immediately following the morning service.** It may be placed in the box at the Information Center, in the mailbox across from the office or emailed to [office@thorncreek.org](mailto:office@thorncreek.org).

We will publish your information in the **May** issue. Please don't forget, we would like to celebrate with you.



## CADETS

The Cadets would like to thank everyone who came out and supported them at the Pinewood Derby race a few weeks ago! We hope a good time was had by all. If you'd like to cheer on the winners of our Pinewood Derby as they participate in the Illiana race where all the churches from the area compete, the race will be Saturday morning, April 11, at Illiana Christian High school in the gym.

Due to different life circumstances and as the year winds down, we've realized the need for help with the Cadet program this year and the upcoming year. It doesn't need to be help as a full time counselor. We would appreciate help even for just a few nights with a craft or badge that one might be more knowledgeable in, though we'd always be open to a new counselor. If you're interested in helping out the cadet program contact Chris DeYoung or Dave Pickard.

## REFORMED CHURCH WOMENS MINISTRIES



Unending thanks to all - - in the congregation and others who helped last November to make and buy our Apple pies. In the RCA TODAY magazine sent to our homes this winter the article "FEEDS BODY AND SOUL" -- explains how our monetary gift to them was used. The article is informative of their nursery school. They also provide sewing machines for young ladies to learn a trade and provide cows for needy families to sell milk for income. Our involvement said Linn Gann, director, "will spread the gospel message of Jesus Christ, educate and provide meals for rural poor children and provide families with help to sustain themselves." Thorn Creek has been a supporter for many years past to the Church of South India. Because of the help of many hands making pies our checks for Mission Partners-India and Samaritans Purse equaled \$760.00 each. And all the people said - "Amen"!

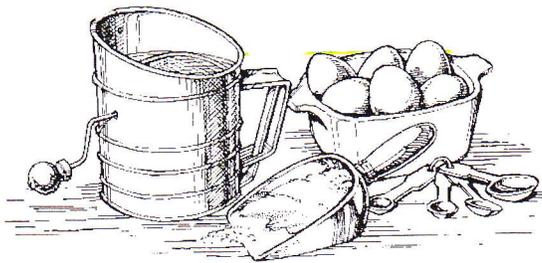


The Adult Winter Reading Contest ended March 22 with 12 individuals winning by reading at least 2500 pages during the ten weeks of the contest. Each winner receives a restaurant gift card. The total number of pages read by the winners is 43,954. The winners are:

Shirley Aring  
Lorna Bischof  
Jane DeVries  
Doris Dienema  
Idell Ebbens  
Wayne Ebbens  
Cheryl Hart  
Jodi Huizenga  
Brenda Kallemeyn  
Linda Miedema  
Jane Rot  
Carol Santefort

Congratulations to the winners! A big "thank you" to everyone who participated! Keep reading! The next contest for all readers begins in early June. Plan now to participate.





## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### MINI EGG OMLETTE MUFFINS

Have following available:

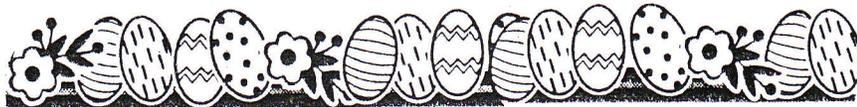
- Chopped vegetables – onions, tomatoes, red or green pepper, spinach, mushrooms etc.
- Ham, cooked sausage or bacon
- Shredded cheese, etc.

Put any of the above in a greased muffin pan. Can be made all the same or individuals can pick whatever they wish.

Beat 6 eggs with 2 Tbs. milk. Pour mixture into individual muffin cups.

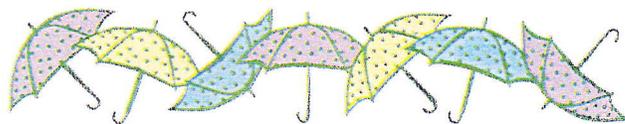
Bake in a preheated 200 degree oven for 20-28 minutes until a little brown and puffy.

Loosen with a knife. Makes approximately 12 muffins.  
Can be made ahead and frozen. Reheat in microwave.



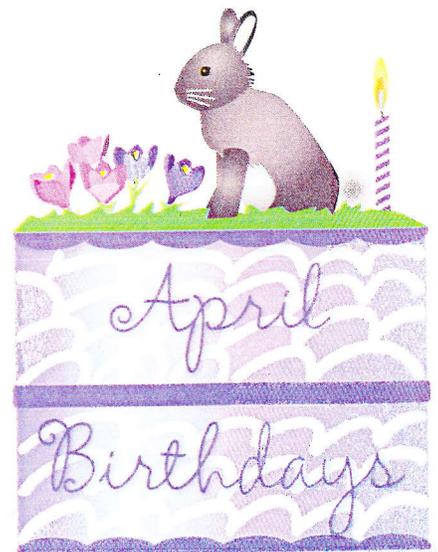
### HELP US TO SEE AND UNDERSTAND

God, give us wider vision to see and understand  
That both the sun and showers are gifts from Thy great hand...  
And teach us that it takes the showers to make the flowers grow  
And only in the storms of life when the winds of trouble blow  
Can man, too, reach maturity and grow in faith and grace  
And gain the strength and courage to enable him to face  
Sunny days as well as rain, high peaks as well as low,  
Knowing that the "April showers will make the May flowers grow"!



### NEWS REVIEW STAFF

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Idell Ebbens  
Thea Stienstra



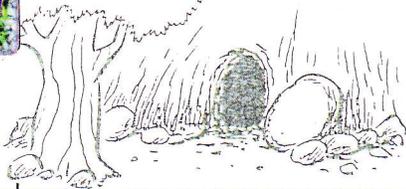
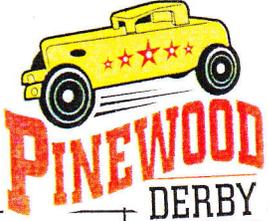
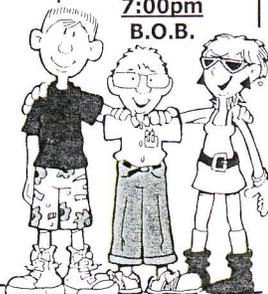
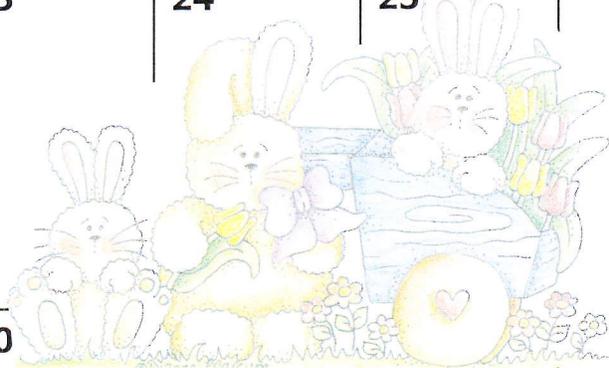
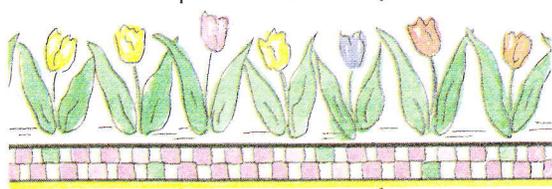
April 4	Biegel, Douglas
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April 6	Haitsma, Addyson
April 6	Kuiken, Richard
April 7	Sanner, Kristin
April 8	Adams, Bria
April 8	Vander Meer, Sharon
April 10	Archer, Betsy
April 12	Lightfoot, Ernest
April 13	Schutt, Maria
April 14	Lanting, Cheryl
April 15	Heersema, Scott
April 15	MonteMayer, Kimberly
April 18	Tremblay, Jean
April 20	Koditek, Lori
April 21	Bischof, R. William Jr.
April 25	Cain, Alexis
April 25	Cain, Kayla
April 28	Kallemeyn, Eric
April 28	Vander Molen, Jennifer
April 29	Maupin, Rebecca



Jim & Holly Haitsma	April 12, 2008
Andrew & Genesis	April 19, 2013
Larry & Janis Schaeffer	April 25, 1996
Gus & Julia Spyksma	April 26, 1990

Please turn in all articles for the May issue on April 19th following the morning service (11:00a.m.)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>*9:30am:</b> Worship Service Junior Choir following service <b>*10:45am:</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>*11:00am:</b> Sunday School</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>*DENOTES WEEKLY ACTIVITIES</b></p> </div>		<p><b>1</b> <b>7:00-9:30:</b> Coffee &amp; Donut Drive-Thru <b>5:30pm:</b> Junior Bells <b>6:30pm:</b> GEMS &amp; Cadets <b>6:30pm:</b> Celebration Singers <b>8:05pm:</b> Worship Team</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>9:15am:</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:00pm:</b> Maundy Thursday Communion Service</p>	<p><b>3</b> Combined Good Friday Service @ Spirit of God Church</p> 	<b>4</b>
<p><b>5 *</b></p> 	<p><b>6</b> No B.O.B.</p> 	<p><b>7</b> Elections</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>6:30pm:</b> Celebration Singers <b>8:05pm:</b> Worship Team Practice</p>	<b>9</b>	<p><b>10</b></p> 	<p><b>11</b> Super Saturday Pinewood Derby @ Illiana</p>
<p><b>12 *</b></p> 	<p><b>13</b> <b>7:00pm</b> B.O.B.</p>	<b>14</b>	<p><b>15</b> <b>5:30pm:</b> Junior Bells <b>6:30pm:</b> GEMS &amp; Cadets <b>6:30pm:</b> Celebration Singers <b>8:05pm:</b> Worship Team</p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>9:15am:</b> Women's Bible Study</p> 	<p><b>17</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>GEMS End of Year Event</b></p> </div>	<p><b>18</b> <b>8:00am:</b> Men's Prayer Meeting <i>Life is fragile, handle with Prayer</i></p>
<p><b>19 *</b> <b>5:30pm:</b> CROSSwalk &amp; CROSStraining</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES</b></p> <p><i>New Review Articles Due</i></p> </div>	<p><b>20</b> <b>7:00pm</b> B.O.B.</p>	<b>21</b>	<p><b>22</b> <b>6:30pm:</b> Celebration Singers, <b>8:05pm:</b> Worship Team Practice</p> 	<b>23</b>	<p><b>24</b></p> 	<b>25</b>
<p><b>26 *</b> <b>AM:</b> Communion</p> 	<p><b>27</b> <b>7:00pm</b> B.O.B.</p>	<b>28</b>	<p><b>29</b> <b>5:30pm:</b> Junior Bells <b>6:30pm:</b> Cadet &amp; GEMS Mother /Daughter Night <b>6:30pm:</b> Celebration Singers <b>8:05pm:</b> Worship Team</p>	<b>30</b>	