



4<sup>th</sup> July  
 Happy  
 Independence Day

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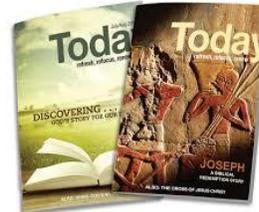


**Raymond CRC Summer Services Schedule:**

July continues as...  
 9:30 am worship service at Raymond CRC  
 5:30 pm reflection via YouTube channel



If you would like a copy of the newest "Our Daily Bread" or "Today", please contact Lora in the office to have the devotional mailed to you.



**Church Membership Transfer:** The Consistory of Raymond CRC has released the membership of Kourtney (TeBrake) Schwitters to Bunde Christian Reformed Church in Clara City, MN.



**GEMS Summer Event**  
 will be held on Thurs., July 16<sup>th</sup>.  
 Event details to follow.

**Red Cross Blood Drive - Unity CRC**  
 Wed., July 8<sup>th</sup>

Due to Covid-19, walk-ins will **NOT** be available and appointments are a must.  
 Make an appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)



Be sure to complete your "rapid pass" online before your appointment. This will help to ensure a quick check-in process. ALSO, donors will have the opportunity to be tested for Covid-19 antibodies during this drive...this does not indicate a current infection, but rather, a previous exposure to the virus. As always, if you are showing any signs of illness, please wait to donate blood until you are feeling well. Thank you so much for this life saving gift!

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# Welcome

## Grant Allen Feikema

Grant was born on Thursday, June 11th  
to Clark and Megan Feikema.

Grant weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and was 21 in. long.

Grandparents: Mike & Jolene Bonnema  
Great-Grandparents: Gordon & Geneva Grussing  
Marge Groen



# Welcome

## Josiah Michael Reichert

Josiah was born on Sunday, May 10th  
to Nathan and Melanie (Bulthuis) Reichert of Sioux Falls, SD.

Josiah weighed 9 lbs., 3 oz., and was 21 in. long.

Grandparents: Michael & Lenae Bulthuis  
Great-Grandparents: Stan & Sandy Wubben  
Melvin & Joyce Bulthuis  
Harold & Ruth Post

A Memorial Service for David Ryks,  
Sat., July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 am  
Unity CRC

David passed away on Thurs., June  
11<sup>th</sup> in Trophy Club, Tx.



Condolences to Lora, Chad, Morgan,  
Jocelyn, and Oliver Taatjes in the  
unexpected death of Lora's Father,  
Jere Olson, who passed away on  
Sun., June 7<sup>th</sup>.



## "Spreading the Fragrance of Life" conference

### September 14 & 15

### First Reformed Church - Sioux Center, IA.

Guest Speaker and author, Kelli (Kredit) Gotthardt, whose roots are in Iowa, has a story that will encourage and inspire you. Tickets are available online at [bibleleague.org/tickets](http://bibleleague.org/tickets) or call 708-367-8541 during business hours through Mon., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. Need further information, contact Sandy W. at 212.0944.

## Read: Hebrews 11:8-12

Jack helped Dad load the last of the boxes into the van. Then he jumped down to the street and looked up at his house. It wasn't the largest or fanciest house on the block. The black shutters had faded to gray and the walkway concrete was crumbling. But it was the only place he'd ever called home. Now his parents had accepted a position as missionaries helping needy kids in Guatemala. They were moving away to an entirely new country.

The moving truck door rumbled shut behind him. "That's the last of it," Dad said, wiping his dusty hands on his jeans. He turned to Jack. "Ready to get to the storage unit?"

"Yeah, okay," Jack said.

He shuffled toward the front of the van and climbed in. Dad started the truck, and they drove slowly down the street. They passed Jack's favorite park, where kids he knew climbed on the jungle gym and played tag in the field.

"Does our new neighborhood have a park too, Dad?" he asked.

"I don't think so," Dad said. "But there's a playground at your school."

Jack swallowed a groan. A new school with kids who would probably all speak Spanish.

The red-and-white-striped umbrellas outside Mimi's Ice Cream Shoppe came into view. "Are there ice cream shops in Guatemala?" Jack asked, unable to keep the longing out of his voice.

Dad glanced over at him. "Things will be different in Guatemala, Jack, but that doesn't mean they'll be bad."

"But how do you know?" Jack asked.

"Well." Dad stopped the van at a red light. He squinted against the setting sun. "It isn't always easy to see the next turn in life. But that's what faith is all about – having confidence that God will see us through each new thing." The light turned green, and Dad guided the truck on to the next road.

Jack thought about how he trusted Dad to drive the van. He couldn't see the storage unit from where he sat, but he knew Dad would get them there safely. Maybe faith was kind of like that.

"I think so," Jack said. "Can we stop at Mimi's one last time on the way home?"

Dad smiled at him. "Sure. One last time."



### HAVE FAITH THAT GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU

#### KEY VERSE

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

"Keys for Kids"  
Devotional

**Is there something new and kind of scary in your future?** Maybe you're moving to a new school or neighborhood, or a friend or family member is moving away. Even if you don't know all the details will work out, God does. Tell Him how you feel and ask for His guidance, then trust Him to take care of you.