

You are invited to the Bible League Ambassadors Salad Luncheon on May 1, 2023, at First Reformed church in Rock Rapids, Iowa. Please bring one salad for every two people. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. The speaker will be Marie Hofmeyer, owner of Holland House and Jade & Co. in Orange City, Iowa. She has a degree in Interior Design from the University of Northern Iowa. She will give a demonstration on creating home decorations from objects found in the Legacy Thrift (formerly Bibles for Missions) stores in Orange City, Iowa, and Worthington, Minnesota. Come and enjoy good food and be inspired to redecorate your home.

Acoustic Storytime will be held on Sunday, May 7th, at Rejoice Community Church in Le Mars beginning at 6 p.m. The concert features Contemporary Christian Music Artists Jason Gray, Cade Thompson, and Mike Donehey of Tenth Avenue North. It will be an evening of storytelling, jokes, and great music!! Tickets are just \$10 each and are available in Le Mars at Hotopp Jewelry & Gifts, Side by Side Ministries, or KLEM Radio. You can also purchase them online at www.Spirit712.com.

Youth Worship Event, Sunday, May 7 at 7:30 pm at SW Christian High School Music Room, Edgerton. Meet at Zion Presbyterian Church at 6:00 pm. Let Pastor Randy know if you might have interest in attending. Friends are encouraged and invited to attend. If parents are able to drive, it would be appreciated. Please let Pastor Randy know ASAP so we might be able to have enough drivers.

You're invited! Join members of the RCA restructuring team and GSC staff leadership for a denomination-wide, virtual event on Thursday, May 11, at 8:00 p.m. Eastern. During this time, attendees will hear what the restructuring team has been working on and the outcomes around which they feel called to restructure, after much discernment. Attendees will have the ability to ask questions and provide feedback on what is presented in the Zoom chat. This invitation is for all RCA members, especially young people with a heart for the RCA's future. RSVP is required. To register, use this link: www.rca.org/virtual-roundtable.

Bulletin announcements – if you have an announcement, you would like placed in the bulletin for the week, please email it to bethelbulletin1@gmail.com by noon on Thursday.

6 GREAT REASONS TO PRAY:

Why do we pray?

God knows everything already anyway. He's almighty, sovereign, and in control of all things. What could we possibly add to His wisdom with our feeble attempts at prayer? It's a great question.

**FIRST, WE PRAY
BECAUSE WE
ARE GOD'S
CHILDREN, AND
HE LOVES TO
HEAR FROM US!**

Zephaniah 3:17

**SECOND, WE
PRAY
BECAUSE IT
DEEPENS OUR
TRUST IN
GOD.**

Philippians 4:6-7

**THIRD, WE
PRAY
BECAUSE IT
CAUSES US TO
DEPEND ON
GOD.**

Isaiah 40:26

**FOURTH, WE PRAY
BECAUSE IT GIVES
US THE CHANCE
TO EXPRESS
OURSELVES
COMPLETELY TO
THE LORD.**

Psalms 62:8

**FIFTH, WE
PRAY BECAUSE
OUR PRAYERS
MOVE THE
HEART OF
GOD.**

James 4:2

**SIXTH, WE PRAY
BECAUSE IT'S AN
AMAZING WAY
THAT WE GET TO
BE INVOLVED WITH
WHAT GOD IS
ALREADY DOING
IN OUR WORLD.**

1 Thessalonians 5:25

PRAYER

"God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil." - Mother Teresa