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# THE Outlook

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## Family Classics Car Show



OPCRC  
*Car Show*  
+ 2019 +

Join us for the annual OPCRC Family Classics Car Show on **September 11, from 5:00-7:30 p.m!** There will be tons of fun for the whole family, including kids' activities like a bouncy house and touch-a-truck, delicious food, and mums for sale. Enjoy an evening with your family as you check out the classic cars, trucks, hot rods, and motorcycles! Dinner will be by donation and proceeds will benefit our preschool.

Volunteers are needed to help in many ways - assisting in the children's activity area, attending the parking lot, cleaning up, etc. Volunteer forms are available at the information center - please stop by and fill one out. Forms can be returned to Brenda Harms's church mailbox.

If you have a car to enter, registration is online at [www.orlandchurch.com](http://www.orlandchurch.com), or email [opcarshow1@gmail.com](mailto:opcarshow1@gmail.com).



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**September 1: Combined Service at Palos Heights CRC**

The offering at Palos CRC on September 1 at 6:00 pm will be for Trinity Christian College.

**September 8: Calvin Seminary Distance Education**  
[calvinseminary.edu/academics/distance-learning/](http://calvinseminary.edu/academics/distance-learning/)

Calvin Theological Seminary is about preparing faithful, creative and compassionate leaders who will nurture disciples, renew churches and be bearers of shalom to a world in turmoil. Its Reformed approach to theological education uniquely equips its students to face the complexities of ministry in this rapidly changing world. The program allows students to obtain a high-quality theological education through online course study at times that work best for them throughout each day. Along with 5-day "intensive" course training at Calvin's campus in Grand Rapids 3 times a year. This program allows the student to gain an education that fits into their life that otherwise might not be obtainable due to distance or other circumstances.

**September 15: Resonate Global Mission**  
[resonatglobalmission.org](http://resonatglobalmission.org)

Christian Reformed Home Missions and Christian Reformed World Missions are now Resonate Global Mission; a single agency with a global focus. Resonate will continue the good work of Home Missions and World Missions by planting churches, campus ministry, train and equip pastors, and develop future leaders within the United States and Canada. Additionally, sending missionaries overseas to proclaim the Gospel and forging lasting partnerships internationally. Our vision is to bring the Gospel to people, neighborhoods, communities, churches and the world to embolden them in participating in God's mission and faithfully proclaiming and living out the good news of Jesus.

**September 22: Safe Church Ministry | [crcna.org/safechurch](http://crcna.org/safechurch)**

The CRC Safe Church Ministry is a resource for churches in abuse awareness, prevention and response. They help churches to understand and prevent abuse; and where abuse has occurred, to respond with compassion and justice that promotes healing.

**September 29: Self Help Jobs**

Unemployment is often filled with disappointment and discouragement, but for those within reach of Self-Help Jobs Program, Laura Vande Werken provides education and encouragement. For more than 15 years, Vande Werken has served as director of the program she describes as a teaching ministry. In her role as job search coach, she helps clients explore career options while providing tools from skills assessments to resume and cover letter training. She provides the free services from an office at Faith Christian Reformed Church. This program is funded by donations and Chicago Classis funds.

**MEN OF A-CHORD NEEDS YOU!**

**Are you interested in singing with this great group of men?** We would love to have you come alongside us and enjoy singing for the Lord. The Men of A-Chord season will start, Wednesday, August 28, @ 7:30 pm at our new rehearsal location at Oak Glen United Reformed Church. The church is located at 2244 Indiana Ave., Lansing, IL. You don't have to be a soloist or an accomplished singer. Please consider coming out for a practice. You will be welcomed "richly" and warmly. For more information contact Max Mejan @ 708-846-3574 or Justin Rich @ 219-588-5471.

**OUTLOOK SUBMISSIONS**

Submissions for the October issue of the Outlook are due on **Sunday, September 15**. Please send to Denise Vander Plaats at [denise@opcrc.org](mailto:denise@opcrc.org) or drop off in the church office.

## DIVING INTO A NEW PRESCHOOL YEAR!

It's almost time to begin a new year of learning at Orland Park Christian Preschool! The staff has been working hard to get ready and soon we will be welcoming about 40 children to our classrooms.

The goal of Orland Park Christian Preschool is to offer a positive first-school experience that will nurture academic, social, and spiritual development in three- to five-year-old children. We provide the daily setting where these children will grow in faith and learning as they are educated from a Christian perspective. It is our joy to introduce these children to our great God and the world He has made.

One of the first questions we will ask the children when they come to school is... "Do fish go to school?"

They will probably answer with a resounding "NO!" But they will meet the fish we have as pets in our aquarium, and this first month of school our studies will be based on the theme "Diving into a New School Year!" We will use many stories and teaching tools to learn about the ocean and many of its living creatures as we introduce the children to the school setting, help them meet new friends, and teach them to praise God for the marvelous world He has made. We will find out that fish like to swim in schools! We will also enjoy many varied learning activities that help us learn about fish, whales, sea stars, sea anemones, salt water vs. fresh water, and much more! The areas of curriculum that we include in our thematic planning throughout the year are Bible, math, science, language, reading readiness,

large motor development in the gym and outdoors, and fine motor development with creativity through arts and crafts.

On Wednesday and Thursday, September 4 and 5, we will begin our year with "Family Visit" days. The students and their families will be welcomed for one hour in the morning on each of these days to explore our classrooms, meet the teachers and each other, and gather all the information needed for a

successful transition into the new school year. Our first days of classes are Monday, September 9, and Tuesday, September 10.

Please remember this ministry with your prayers and support. Pray that the children will experience the love of Jesus as they learn, and also pray that

their families will be impacted as we work to plant seeds of faith in God and positive Christian values in the hearts of the children. Thank you for your continued interest and support! You are invited to come to the OPCRC Family Classics Car Show which will be held on Wednesday evening, September 11. The preschool board and staff will serve up a delicious dinner, First Responders will be honored in view of the 9/11 date, and there will be lots of fun for the whole family! We also hope that many people will feel comfortable and welcomed and be interested in learning more about our faith and our church.

To God be the glory! This is His ministry.

*Preschool News Continued on page 5*





# Sunday School News

**CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 15!**



We are excited to be starting another year of Sunday School for kids ages K-12th grade, Adult Education, and Friendship Class (for adults with special needs). All of these classes will meet between the services from 9:40 am-10:30 am. You

can register your child for Sunday school online at [orlandchurch.com](http://orlandchurch.com).

This year's Sunday School staff is as follows:

Superintendent: Lisa Boersma	3rd Grade: Katie Vree
Song Leader: Kate Huizenga	4th Grade: Vince Hultman
Friendship Class: Lisa Cavanaugh and Julia Galemb	5th Grade: Christy Soulian
Kindergarten: Amy DeRuiter and Nina Ahrens	6th Grade: Chase Deaton
1st Grade: Jenni Deaton	7th Grade: C.J. & Corey Bulthuis
2nd Grade: Cindy Schipma and Kara Marcus	8th Grade: Mike Otte
	9th/10th Grade: Bob Kamp
	11th/12th Grade: Jeff VanWyk

Kindergarten-4th graders will begin in rooms E/F for a time of singing and prayer. 5th-12th graders will go directly to their classrooms.

**FRIENDSHIP CLASS** will meet in rooms A/B and will be doing select units from three different studies: "God Our Father", "Jesus Our Savior" and "The Spirit Our Helper" by Faith Alive Ministries. We are blessed to have the residents of Bethshan plus some other special needs adults attend this class. We do provide homemade treats for this class, so if you are interested in baking some goodies for them please contact Elaine Olsen or Judy Kamp.

**ADULT ED** will be meeting in the youth center and will be studying Pleasing God, a six week DVD teaching series by R.C. Sproul. Pleasing God offers practical guidelines for Christian living. Here R.C. Sproul shows us how to be diligent in overcoming our enemies: the world, the flesh, and the devil. This series is an encouraging, no-nonsense look at the lifelong process of sanctification. There will also be time for class discussion following the video teaching.

Please pray for our education programs as we begin a new year of teaching and learning from God's holy and inspired Word.

## **HOLY LAND TRIP OPPORTUNITY**

Have you ever thought about traveling to the Holy Land? This coming March, former OPCRC pastor, Marshall Holtvluwer, would like to invite you to join him for a trip to the Holy Land. This 10-day life-changing trip will cause you to read the Bible in a new way. If you have questions, you can email Pastor Marshall at [mtholtvluwer@gmail.com](mailto:mtholtvluwer@gmail.com) or talk to Don or Linda Miltzow. You can also check out his website site <https://gkitours.org/trip/clc20>.

## **PASS BANQUET**

Make plans to attend the 36th Annual PASS Banquet at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley on October 3 at 6:30 pm. This year's theme is "Extreme Ownership." Rev. Cory Musgrave of New Beginnings Church in Fairfield, IL, is our keynote speaker. Musgrave prayed on the Illinois House floor after the decision was made to allow abortions up to 40 weeks of pregnancy. Join with us as we hear about extreme ownership, embracing who we are and the work that God has given us to do. To reserve your spot, please call 708/614-9777 ext. 121 or go to [passnetworkforlife.org/custom/donate](http://passnetworkforlife.org/custom/donate) by September 15!

## MEET THE STAFF AT ORLAND PARK CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL!



**RUTH BAAS** is the director and one of the teachers. She has been teaching at our preschool for 23 years and this will be her 11th year as the director of the school. She will be teaching both the 3-year-old and the 4-year-old classes.

**BRENDA HARMIS** is the assistant director and one of the teachers. She has been teaching at our preschool for 7 years and this will be her 3rd year as the assistant director of the school. She will be teaching both the three-year-old and the four-year-old classes.



**JANNA KUYVENHOVEN** is a teacher for the four-year-old class. She has been teaching at our preschool for 14 years.

**BARBARA VREE** is a teacher for the three-year-old class. She has been teaching at our preschool for 4 years.



We are so grateful for the dedication these ladies have toward their work at the preschool and especially for the love of God that flows through them to the children and their families.

# Choir Notes

## SING YOUR FAITH!

*"Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day."*

-Psalm 96:1-2

**W**e are created to sing the praises of our Lord and King. The Bible commands it and we must obey! As a choir, we have a deep desire for the praise of the Lord to be daily on our lips.

Choir rehearsals start again in September. We meet in the music room between the morning services and have scheduled week night rehearsals to prepare for cantatas.

We invite you to join us! Sing to the Lord a new song. Bless his name. Tell of his of salvation. In other words: Sing your faith!

*Sing it* to yourself to plant the truth in your heart and mind.

*Sing it* with to the other choir members to encourage and strengthen their faith.

*Sing it* with our church family, united in awe-some worship of our faithful God.

*Sing it* to the community and to the world to lift high the name of Jesus.

*Sing it* so that the glory of the LORD is revealed for all to see and believe.

*Sing it* in preparation of eternity when our faith will be sight, our eyes will behold our salvation and we will worship:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Hallelujah, Amen.



## WOMEN IN THE WORD BEGINS SEPTEMBER 16

Women in the Word begins a new 7-week study, "Romans," by Melissa Spoelstra on Mondays beginning September 16 at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm.

We live in a world full of bad news. The media recounts stories of natural disasters, violence, and conflict. In the midst of all this heartbreak, we can't lose sight of the fact that God has given us good news. We call it the gospel. It reminds us that God loves us and longs to redeem our suffering. The gospel truths shared with the early church at Rome echo into our day, reminding us that we still have good news to embrace personally and to share with others. Whatever bad news we may receive, in Romans we will find good news to encourage and transform us.

Join Melissa in taking a posture of listening and learning as we approach this powerful book packed with good news. Please sign up at the information center if you will be attending.



Join the OPCRC Mom Squad! Moms of school-age children and younger are invited to join our Mom Squad as we encourage and disciple each other through the ups and downs of mom life. We will meet once a month on a Friday morning beginning September 6; 9:15-11:00 am. Child care will be provided. Pick up a registration form at the information center!



## COFFEE BREAK BEGINS OCTOBER 2 WITH NEW STUDY ON ESTHER

Join us on Wednesdays this fall! Open the book of Esther, and you step back in time to ancient Persia around 480 B.C. It's a time of kings and queens in a vast empire covering most of what we know as the Middle East today—and beyond. Esther's story is filled with risky twists and turns, happy and fearful moments, dangerous and deadly outcomes. What's more, it shows us God's deliverance and care.

Coffee Break is a wonderful opportunity to make friends in a small group setting. It's a place where women meet to study the Bible, connect with Christian women and grow in the faith together. No previous Bible knowledge is necessary. We meet every Wednesday morning from 9:45-11:00 am, October - April, with breaks for the holidays.

A nursery is available for infants and toddlers; and a Story Hour program is offered for children ages 3-6 years old. This is a wonderful program of Bible stories, crafts, and play time.

**Mark your calendars, and invite a friend or neighbor to join you on Wednesday, October 2, at 9:45 am for our Get Acquainted Brunch! Contact Carol Venhuizen for more information**



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GROWING  
IN CHRIST**

# **OPCRC MINISTRY FAIR**

**SEPTEMBER 8 • 9:45 AM & NOON IN THE GYM**

## **BIKE FOR ROSELAND**

**Calling All Cyclists:** Saturday, October 5, Roseland Christian Ministries will host a bike ride to raise funds for the Women's and Children's Shelter at RCM. The ride (40, 25, or 19 miles) will begin at 8:00 am on Trinity Christian College's campus in the parking lot of the Bootsma Bookstore Café and take place on the Cal-Sag and Tinley Creek trails. Registration fee is \$45. Details and registration at [roselandchristianministries.yapsody.com](http://roselandchristianministries.yapsody.com) or [www.roselandchristianministries.org](http://www.roselandchristianministries.org).

If you cannot attend or ride, you can sponsor a Roseland kid to ride! We look forward to a great day.



## **ELIM'S DUTCH FESTIVAL COMING SEPTEMBER 28!**

Come one, come all to Elim's 24th annual Dutch Festival on September 28! Dutch Festival features great Dutch and American foods, fun entertainment,

Dutch Village shops, and a bunch of fun activities for kids of all ages.

Festivities begin with a pancake breakfast at 7:30 am, and the day's fun concludes at 4:00 pm. Dutch Fest features shops, a farmer's market, and games and activities for the kids, including pony rides and reptile shows.

Dutch Festival is held on the grounds of Elim Christian Services (13020 S. Central Ave., Crestwood). Free parking is conveniently located nearby.

All proceeds benefit Elim's children and adults with disabilities. Questions? Contact Elim at (708) 293-6509 or visit [www.elimcs.org](http://www.elimcs.org) for more information.





# PLANNING for Peace of Mind

September 17, 2019 | 7pm

Orland Park Christian Reformed Church  
7500 Sycamore Dr. | Orland Park, IL

**Gain practical, confidence-building insight on money and planning during this women's night out!**

Together, we'll discuss how to...

- Live within your means, reduce debt and plan effectively for the future.
- Begin critical conversations with your spouse, family and/or personal advisors to prepare for the unexpected.
- Ensure you have the proper plans in place to care for you and your loved ones.

**Plus!** Hear personal stories from women who—in spite of difficult circumstances—found peace, independence and the courage to move forward.

**Special Guests:**

**Amy Bakker Baty, J.D.**  
Estate Planning Attorney

**Andrea Prince Karsten**  
Financial Advisor

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A candid, important conversation for women ages 55+, whether you are single, married, widowed or divorced

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**Registration**

There is no cost for this event, but please help us prepare enough refreshments and seating by registering in advance.

Online: [BarnabasFoundation.com/PeaceofMind](http://BarnabasFoundation.com/PeaceofMind)  
Phone: Laura DeVries, 888.448.3040 (ext. 129)





# Book Review: "Uninvited"

**AUTHORED BY LYSA TER KEURST**

*A book review by Grace Kamp*

In *Uninvited - Living Loved When You Feel Less Than, Left Out, and Lonely*, Lysa shares her own deeply personal experience of rejection, an incredibly painful childhood abandonment by her father.

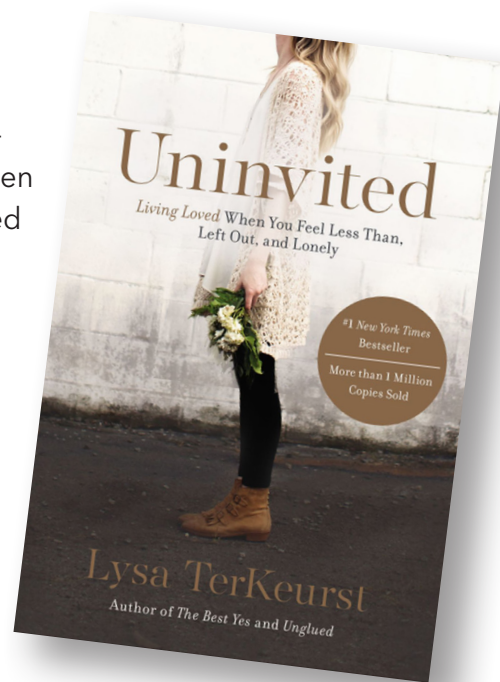
Lysa honestly examines the roots of rejection as well as rejection's ability to poison relationships from the inside out, including our relationship with God. She suspects that honesty will always feel like a dangerous thing. However, honesty isn't trying to hurt me. It's trying to heal me, she says.

In her research, Lysa discovered two core fears that feed a person's sensitivity to rejection: the fear of being abandoned and the fear of losing one's identity. Old patterns of thought must be torn out, and a new way of looking at the core of who I am using God's truth has to be put into place. My identity must be anchored to who God is and who He is to me.

God's love isn't based on me...it's simply placed on me. And it's the place from which I should live loved. Lysa says that we should stop feeling left out. We can

do this by believing that, even when we are overlooked by others, we are hand-picked by God. Overcome the two core fears that feed our insecurities by understanding the secret of belonging. *Uninvited* reminds us we are destined for love that does not reject or uninvite.

*\*Note: If you enjoy reading and would like to write a short book review of a selection from our library, please let the library staff know or email Judy Kamp at [judy@opcrc.org](mailto:judy@opcrc.org).*



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## **"PRAYING FOR PRODIGALS" EVENT AT BETHEL CRC IN LANSING**

This special prayer event will be held on October 19, 9:00 am-3:00 pm at Bethel CRC (3500 Glenwood Lansing Rd, Lansing, IL 60438).

Other parents may not understand what you're up against with your prodigal son or daughter, but God understands. He knows what it's like to have a world full of prodigals. And he waits for you to bring yours to Him through committed, passionate prayer.

Praying for Prodigals will help you and your church pray for prodigal children while encouraging you and reminding you of the power of God to answer prayer. Speaker James Banks shares from the depth of experiencing the pain of prodigals and the power of God through praying God's Word. Through his own life experiences, James connects with the hearts of parents who have prayed for and agonized over their children who have walked away from family and faith. James is the author of multiple books on prayer, and his best-selling book *Prayers for Prodigals* has given guidance and hope to parents around the world.

The cost for the event is \$10/person. For information or to RSVP, email Jon Hoekema at [jhoekema@horizoncc.org](mailto:jhoekema@horizoncc.org).

# Orland Park Church Family News



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Hil Muhlena**  
88 years  
September 4

**Al Bosma**  
88 years  
September 7

**Gean Krueger**  
87 years  
September 11

**Bill Schaafsma**  
81 years  
September 11

**Louise Van Kuiken**  
83 years  
September 12

**Ken Mels**  
85 years  
September 13

**Clarence Sturwold**  
84 years  
September 17

**Rich Overzet**  
82 years  
September 23

**Arlene Hoekstra**  
84 years  
September 24

**Marcia Mels**  
83 years  
September 24

**Christian Crince**  
82 years  
September 26

## CONGRATS!

**Scott and Julie Staal** were blessed with a baby girl, **Liana Belle Staal**, on July 30. Congratulations!

**Dale and Laura Du Bois** were blessed with the birth of a son, **Liam Thomas Du Bois**, on August 9. Congratulations!

**Kacie (Stoll) and Trent Vande Kamp** were united in marriage on August 3 at our church. We rejoice with them during this joyful time!

**Samantha (Bruinius) and Bryan Soto** were united in marriage on August 17 at our church. We rejoice with them during this joyful time!

**Ryan and Jillian (Visser) Kuyvenhoven** were united in marriage on August 17 in Indiana. We rejoice with them during this joyful time!

## HIS PLAN...OUR PURPOSE CONFERENCE AT OPCRC

On Saturday, September 14, from 8:30 am-noon, Bible League International Volunteers host their "His Plan...Our Purpose" conference at our church.

You will hear from keynote speaker Kendra Broekhuis, author of *Here Goes Nothing - An Introvert's Reckless Attempt to Love Her Neighbor*. Kendra has a story that has been doused with joy, hilarity, grief, depression, and all sorts of things in between. She is learning to trust God by taking one day at a time, and by praying, "Thy will be done." You will also hear from Nervana from Bible League who is passionate about building God's church in the Middle East.

Rich worship will be led throughout the morning by Claire Ratliff, our former Director of Worship at Orland Park CRC.

Registration deadline for the conference is September 8, 2019. Get your tickets today online at [bibleleague.org/tickets](http://bibleleague.org/tickets). For more information, please call Judy VanderWall at (708) 745-1617 or visit the website at [bibleleague.org/retreat19](http://bibleleague.org/retreat19).

## SYMPATHY... WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO:

**Pat and Bill Schaafsma and Arlene and Gerry De Horn** as they mourn the loss of Pat and Arlene's sister, Evelyn Boersma, who passed away on August 8. We extend our deepest sympathy to them and their families. May the Lord grant his loving comfort.

# Orland Park Church Family News



## THANK YOU, OPCRC!

A huge thank you to our Orland Park Church family for concern shown for Cal's surgery. Thank you for the prayers, cards, phone calls, especially Pastor Dan keeping in touch. God is good and we are thankful Cal is on the mend. Isaiah 41:10: Do not fear for I am with you, do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

-Cal and Alyce Drenth

OPCRC, I had knee surgery in July, and I have been overwhelmed with the cards and concern during my recovery these past few weeks. You are truly a caring people. Thank you to all, and to Pastor Dan for his visit. It has all been encouraging! God is our strength and refuge!

-Marlene Vos

We often stand in amazement as we open the mail each day and witness the Lord's faithfulness through the financial gifts entrusted to the Luke Society. It's selfless people like the members of Orland Park Christian Reformed Church who help us fulfill our ministry's calling to bring the Gospel message through the means of health to the ends of the earth. Thank you for your continued support and for committing yourselves to furthering Christ's kingdom here on earth.

-The Luke Society

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember these people in prayer who are recovering from recent hospitalizations, or who are shut-ins or dealing with other health issues.

Jim Boerema	Bob Hoekstra	Carol Van Kuiken
Len Donofrio	Jerry Jager	Bob Van Lonkhuyzen
Doris Doorn	Kim Kuster	Terry Vander Laan
Cal Drenth	Rich Oost	Dan Vander Plaats
Gerry Erffmeyer	Howard Rynberk III	Jim Venhuizen
Julia Galemb	George Schaaf	Marv Vis
Bob Hofstra	Karen Schultz	Louetta Voss
Arlene Hoekstra	Bob Staal	Judy Yonker

To request prayer or give thanks for answered prayers, please send your request by email to [prayer@opcrc.org](mailto:prayer@opcrc.org) or contact the church office.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

### John & Gail Daane

September 5  
60 years

### Clarence & Marlene Vos

September 11  
60 years

### Jim & Ashley Bruinius

September 12  
10 years

### Robert & Blanche Staal

September 15  
63 years

### Jim & Carol Venhuizen

September 15  
40 years

### Calvin & Alice Drenth

September 22  
58 years

### Chuck & Shirley Vander Velde

September 23  
58 years

### Andrew & Margaret Buikema

September 26  
61 years

### Ziggy & Adrienne Urbanski

September 27  
50 years

### John & Audrey Laskey

September 30  
52 years