I SANG WITH ELDER CLINTON TAYLOR in the gospel choir at Lawndale Christian Reformed Church in Chicago, Ill., as a fledgling leader. He had a pithy saying he’d repeat to anyone who asked how he was doing. In his deep baritone voice, Elder Taylor would reply, “Well, I never had it so good.” Like many African Americans who came from the South to northern industrial cities after World War II, Elder Taylor and his wife, Emma, came to Chicago to find a better way of life for their family. Lawndale was his home church, a church that joined him to fight for their covenant children to attend Timothy Christian School in the 1960s. Taylor believed that Christian discipleship meant giving God alone the glory, from the cradle to the grave.

Elder Taylor kept a full head of hair, along with a full salt-and-pepper beard. His hands were huge, with a couple of fingers bent by working hard at his job. However, his voice filled the gym that functioned as the sanctuary and found sweet communion in singing on Sundays.

Elder Mamie Bryant played the piano faithfully and always in the same key, no matter the song. With some coaxing from Bryant, Taylor had to sing “Coming Home.” His voice grew louder and his arms lifted a bit toward heaven. Standing next to him, I heard Taylor sing, “Coming home, coming home, nevermore to roam; open now thine arms of love; Lord, I’m coming home.” Taylor sang and believed his entire life was going somewhere, to someplace, to someone.

All roads of the Christian life lead toward home with God. Home isn’t home unless there’s someone at the door to meet you. The holy Word reminds Christians that life broke down in a garden, but the garden isn’t our future home (Sola Scriptura). The gift of faith is like a pair of miracle glasses that enable the sinner to see that Christ paid it all (Sola Fide). Master Jesus revealed our pitiful efforts to make something out of ourselves by ourselves (Solo Christo). Grace is the compass that keeps pointing us back to home in the world (Sola Gratia). Coming home is the twisting, bumpy road of mistakes, disappointments, deaths, scars, and ordinary epiphanies which signal that we were meant for so much more than this place. All the while, Jesus keeps calling us to give him the glory along the road toward our eternal home (Soli Deo Gloria).

The Reformation was the business of going back to dealing with the triune God as the exclusive object of our worship, living, and witness. The Heidelberg Catechism instructs us that our Lord requires our exclusive worship and that we are to “avoid and shun all idolatry, magic, superstitious rites or prayers to saints or other creatures” (Q&A 94).

The men and women of the Reformation risked their lives to go back to God alone. In his book My Only Comfort, the late Fred Klooster, my former theology professor, remarked that the Word alone “express(es) the wholeness and exclusiveness of the gospel!” In other words, the gospel reveals God’s glorifying presence in our work, our worship, our praying, and serving. It’s coming to understand that we never had it so good! Soli Deo Gloria.

Reginald Smith is director of race relations and social justice for the Christian Reformed Church. He attends Madison Square Church in Grand Rapids, Mich.
Church’s 125th Anniversary

The Christian Reformed Church of Midland Park, NJ will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary on Sunday, September 10 at 4 PM. A light supper will follow the service. Please call 201-445-4260 if you plan to attend the supper.

Miscellaneous

SHORELINE CHRISTIAN 65TH! Watson Groen/Shoreline Christian School celebrates 65 years on September 30. We invite you to celebrate with us on SCS campus. Contact our office for details. 206-364-7777

Birthdays

106th Birthday


100th Birthday

Pauline (Van Kooten) Terpstra will celebrate her 100th birthday on August 25. Celebrating with her are her children Greta (Chester) Geels, Nancy (Gerald-deceased) Kuiper, Carole (Henry) Stavinga, Georgia (Sander) de Haan, Frances (Charles-deceased) Van Waardhuizen, and Myma (Gerald-deceased) Schuiting; several of her 19 grandchildren and their spouses; 37 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. We praise God for His blessings and faithfulness all these years. Greetings may be sent to 1746 North Main Street, Gelderland Cottage #10, Pella, Iowa, 50219.

94th Birthday

Marion Donkerbrook celebrates her 94th birthday on Sept. 3. Please celebrate her life in Christ by sending greetings to: 4940 Birmingham Dr., San Jose, CA 95136.

90th Birthday

John Bakker of 3284 W. 97th St. Evergreen Park, IL 60805, with gratitude to God, celebrated his 90th birthday on August 27 with his 5 children, 17 grandchildren, and 24 great grandchildren. Praise God for His blessings.

Rose Brink Vandenberg, with gratitude to God, will celebrate her 90th birthday on September 7. Congratulations may be sent to 330 W. Rock River Dr., Edgerton, MN

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**PASTOR NEEDED** Zion Church in Oshawa, Ontario is looking for a pastor. Profiles available on website www.zioncrc.ca

**SEEKING LEAD PASTOR:** Do you hear God’s call to serve Bethel Christian Reformed Church, an authentic grassroots community situated in the picturesque riverfront town of Dunnville, Ontario (pop. 12,000)? Bethel CRC needs a dynamic preacher and caring shepherd who models a close relationship with God, to minister to all ages. We are seeking spiritual growth and discipleship opportunities within and outside the church building, and welcome a servant leader who inspires and encourages the same. We are actively visioning how our facilities and programs can take us confidently into the future. To find out more, please contact the calling committee in confidence at: bethelfcrcalling@gmail.com or contact the correspondence clerk directly at 289-880-2225 or mail to Calling Committee, Bethel CRC, 17 Robinson Road, Dunnville, Ontario N1A 2W1. We look forward to meeting you!

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**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY DIRECTOR** Community CRC of Roselawn, Indiana, is seeking a full-time Children’s Ministry Director. If you are a committed follower of Jesus Christ and passionate about seeing children and youth come to know Jesus as his/her Savior, and have a vision to reach both churched and unchurched children through creative and powerful children’s programming, please send a resume to Pastor Barry Foster at bk foster@gmail.com. The job description for the Children’s Ministry Director can be found on our web page at ccrcofroselawn.com.

Jansen, Peter and Betty (Ruiter), 7932 22nd Ave., Jenison, MI 49428; celebrated God’s faithfulness with their family on July 22: Chris and Evie Jansen (Lie and Jason, Chris and Leah, Kate and Cam, Brittany), Dan and Theona Cooke (Joel, Kelly and Graham (Landon and Zoe), Jeff and Ellen), Kevin and Barb Jansen (David and Olivia). We continue to celebrate “Your faithfulness... through all generations” (Ps.119:90).

Kwantes, Dick and Anne With thanks to God for His faithfulness in and through you both, congratulations on 60 years of wedded bliss (celebrated August 30) from your children.

MACHELE, VERNON AND DELORES (Hulst) of Holland MI will celebrate 60 years of marriage on Sept. 6 with their children; Steve & Jadene, (Kathy) & Scott Prins, Paul & Michelle, Beth & Craig Walters; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

VANDER LAAN, RICHARD (DICK) & ARLENE (Goemaat) of 1428 Edgewood Dr. Pella, IA, celebrated their 60th Anniversary on August 14. Children: Lori (Dr Galyn) Vande Zande, Mark (Darlene) Vander Laan, and Lisa (Mike) Van Sall. 10 Grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. We thank God for all of our blessings.

50th Anniversary

KUIPER, REV. ALDON & JANICE (Bosman) celebrated 50 years of marriage on August 2, 2017. Their children & grandchildren invite you to send messages of congratulations to PO Box 51, Orange City, IA 51041. Praise God for his faithfulness & blessings!

Obituaries

BOELENS, Peter A., M.D. (age 83) of Vicksburg, Mississippi, went to his heavenly home on June 9, 2017, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Born in Lansing, Illinois, Peter began his career as a medical missionary in South Korea. He continued his work in Mississippi, developing the Cary Christian Health Center. Then, as executive director of the Luke Society, he launched 22 Christian medical-evangelistic programs in various countries around the world. In retirement, Peter and wife Eleanor began a prayer ministry and published a research study showing the healing power of prayer in transforming the lives of over 60 participants suffering from anxiety and depression. In addition, he published a groundbreaking study with Baylor Medical Center using fMRI that showed significant brain changes following healing prayer. He and Eleanor produced three books: Delta Doc, Where Next Lord?, and Released to Soar. Peter enjoyed fishing, photography, and more recently, brain research. Fuelled by his deep love for God, he was passionate that everyone would experience the power and healing touch of Jesus in their lives. He is preceded in death by sisters Sheila Van Oyen and Alice Van Kley; brother Ray, and Louis. Roy leaves behind his children: Mary and Larry (Ronald) Redder, David (Debby), Mark (Pam), and Joel (Kristin); grandchildren Kendra (Brian), Krista (Adam), Kelesia, Jason, Adam, Grant, Zack, Luke, and Anneke; and great-grandchildren Simon, Elliott and Ethan.

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HUIZENGA, BERNARD “Bernie” H, age 80, of Elmhurst, went to be with Our Lord on June 13, 2017. 15W073 Harrison St, Elmhurst, IL 60126. Beloved husband of the late Joann Huizenga, nee Laning; loving father of Cynthia (Scott) Meyer, Bernie Jr. (Lisa) Huizenga, Mark (Barbara) Huizenga, and Jason (Rebekah) Huizenga; grandfather of 16; step-grandfather of 2; great-grandfather of 5; fond brother of (Barbara) Huizenga, and Jason (Rebekah) Huizenga; grandfather of 16; step-grandfather of 2; great-grandfather of 5; fond brother of (Barbara) Huizenga, and Jason (Rebekah) Huizenga; grandfather of loving father of Cynthia (Scott) Meyer, Bernie Jr. (Lisa) Huizenga, Mark with Our Lord on June 13, 2017. 15W073 Harrison St, Elmhurst, IL 60126 or Hope Children’s Home, 11415 Hope International Drive, Tampa, Fl. 33625 are appreciated.

KOORDYK, BUD, age 95, of Grand Rapids, went to be with his Lord on Tuesday, July 25, 2017. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, June (Wolters) Koordyk; and is survived by his children, Marsha and Greg Peters, Pat Koordyk, Meriel and Jack DeGraaf, Bob and Nancy Koordyk; 25 grandchildren; and 28 great grandchildren.

MEYER, WILLIAM JOHN age 77, of Greenwood, Indiana passed away March 31, 2017 surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by his parents John and Josephine Meyer, sister-in-law Mary Meyer. He will be deeply missed by his wife of 55 years Judith (Bruinius) Meyer, children Debbie (Chuck) Pulley, Nancy (Brett) Price, Cindy (Barry) Shoemaker, and Bill (Billie) Meyer; siblings Beverly (Ron) Wade, Bob Meyer, and Roger (Eileen) Meyer; grandchildren Keith, Derek, Clayton, Ian, Travis, Sam and Connor; great-grandchildren.

OOSTEMA, CLARA (KLEIN) age 91 of Ripon CA went to her heavenly home July 29, 2017. Preceded in death by her husband Bernard, daughter Carol Zuidema & granddaughter Lauri. Loving mother to Bud (Betha) Oostema, Judy (Dennis) Lucas, Roger (Marilyn) Oostema, Kristie (Mike) Sanny & Sandy (Rick) Post and mother-in-law to Ben Zuidema. Dear sister to Anjean (James) Hofland. Loving Nana to 19 grandchildren & 24 great-grandchildren. To God be the glory!

POST, JOHN W., Jr. “Jack” age 73, of Bradenton, FL and Holland, MI, entered heaven on May 7, 2017. He is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Arden Ruth De Vries Post, daughters, Caroline Post Cone of Franklin, TN, Rev. Joel and Janine Post-Anderle of Peabody, MA, and daughter-in-law, Audrey Hovinga Post of Grand Rapids; grandchildren: Courtney, Tanner, Carli, and Jack Cone; Micah, Evangeline, Sophia, Magdalena, and Mathias Anderle; Simon, Samuel, and Lucy Post. Jack was preceded in death by son John W. Post III in 2011 and his parents, John W. and Marjorie Post. He is survived by siblings Mary Hudson, Pat Post, Jo and Ken Blackport, Mike and Barb Post, Chas. and Elaine Post, and Betsi Post. After graduating from Calvin College and Michigan State University, Jack worked in management for Kleeber Co. for 34 years, taking the family to Denver, Phila., Atlanta, Cinti., and Grand Rapids. In retirement he enjoyed “swinging a hammer” while volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and Jubilee Ministries in Holland, MI. Rest in peace “Daddy Jack”; we’ll love you forever!
RIP, Joyce, 90, of Oak Harbor WA passed away on June 18, 2017. She is preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence, and is survived by her children: Launa (Leroy) Riepma and Jeff (Rose) Rip; 6 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren.

ROELOFS, STANLEY, went to be with his LORD on July 9, 2017. 430 E. Highland Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181. Beloved Husband of 70 years of the late Pauline Roelofs; loving father of Richard (Mary Kathryn), and Scott (Sandra) Roelofs; grandfather of Robert, John, Daniel, William, and Patrick Roelofs; step-brother-in-law of Henry (June) Trepp; brother of the late Davis (the late Margaret), the late Edward (the late Edith) and the late Harvey (the late Jane) Roelofs. Memorials to Timothy Christian Schools, Mock Trial Fund, 188 W. Butterfield Rd. Elmhurst, IL 60126, are appreciated.

VANDER WERF, WILLIAM (BILL), 86 of Sioux Center, IA died March 18, 2017. he is survived by his wife, Jo (Van Essen), and son David (Rebecca) and grandchildren Abigail, Jonathan, and Sarah.

VAN HALSMA, FRANCES Jean (Vander May) passed away peacefully Friday, July 14, 2017 in Grand Rapids, MI. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Gerard (d.1987) and cherished son Mark Emmett (d.2005). She is survived by her best friend and sister, Gladys De Vos; her loving daughters Sharon May (Donald) Traeger, Brenda Ruth (John) Friedman, Lisa Jean (Dietrich) Rathjens, Donna Gail (Daniel) Kallemeyn, and Pamela Jo (Dwayne Mulder) Van Halsema; daughter-in-law Helen Mae Sterk; dear grandchildren James (Stephanie), Rebecca, Linda, and Marianne Kallemeyn; Nicholas and Andrea Friedman; Gerard (Rita) and Catherine Van Halsema; Jeffrey, Joanna, and Alex Roaer; Galen and Anders Rathjens; Talia, Alicia, and Isaac Mulder; great-grandchildren Levi, Selah, and Benjamin Kallemeyn and Susan Van Halsema.

VIS, PEARL E., nee Bruinius, age 90, of Orland Park, IL went to be with her Lord on June 27, 2017. Beloved wife of Marvin for 70 years. Loving mother of Sharon (Robert) Haas, Joan (William) Ooms and LuAnn Vis. Cherished grandmother of Lisa Haas, Amy Rutledge, Marcia Ooms, Rachel (Jeremy) Oosterhouse and Laura (Kyle) Stewart. Dearest great-grandmother of Jonathan, Alex, Leah and Asher. Dear sister of William (the late Ella) Bruinius, Judith (the late William) Meyer, LaVerne (John) Yff and Leonard (Patricia) Bruinius. Fond sister-in-law of Annette (the late Carl) Hulford and the late Cornelia Vis. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. ZEILSTRA, JESSIE (JONGMA), 94, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, went to meet her Lord on June 10, 2017. She was preceded in death by her husband Chet in 1980. She is survived by her children Ed (Ruth), Barb (Edwin) Kamphuis, Bill (Nancy), Jim (Alida); her 11 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. Psalm 27.

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**Why are frogs so happy? They eat whatever bugs them.**

*R. Smit*

**When my grandson Kyle was 3 years old, he asked what we were having for supper. I told him it was tuna casserole. “Sounds kinda fishy,” he replied.**

*Sandy Sall*

**Inflation is when you pay $15 for the $10 haircut you used to get for $5 when you had hair.**

*Cyndi Boss*

**An American was touring Wales. Upon entering a hotel in one town, he noticed the word “TAM” written on the mat. “Ah,” he said. “I suppose that’s Welsh for ‘Welcome.’” “No, sir,” replied the doorman. “That’s the bath mat upside down.”**

*John Veltkamp*

**My daughter explained that no one was supposed to talk in church. The 2-year-old looked at her mom, pointed to the minister standing in front of the church, and said loudly, “But he’s talking!”**

*Diana Leyendekker*

**I'll broke her finger today, but on the other hand she was completely fine.**

*Patrick Smith*

**If our ministers are not environmentally aware, would you say that we should be moving on to greener pastors?**

*Alleta Whipple*

**The Sunday school teacher was describing what happened to Lot’s wife when she looked back at Sodom: she turned into a pillar of salt. Then Bobby interrupted. “My mommy looked back once she was driving, and she turned into a telephone pole.”**

*Cyndi Boss*

**My daughter was having a difficult time keeping her 2-year-old daughter quiet in church and kept telling her to shush. The little girl responded, “Why do I have to shush?” My daughter and the pastor and calmly said, “Well, she’s there.”**

*Marcia Allspach*

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