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Birthdays

100 Years



ROOY, SIDNEY H Sept 16, his family and former CRWM missionary colleagues to Argentina and Costa Rica wish to share this special occasion. From an Iowa farm to Calvin Seminary, a NJ pastor, and Vrije Universiteit doctorate in missions, Sid and Mae (VanDyk) served a Patagonian Argentine Reformed church and then taught twenty two years in seminary education in Buenos Aires. Co-founder of the Latin American Theological Fraternity, as historian and missiologist he published articles and papers and collaborated in international congresses with Kingdom emphases (CLADE). During another 10 "retirement" years in Costa Rica Sid taught in seminaries and co-promoted the International Network for Christian Higher Education benefiting six continents. His mentoring and correspondence, coupled with gardening, preaching, and volunteering (PET) are filling out his years; PO Box 87 Penny Farms FL 32079.

Church Anniversary

100 Years



1ST CRC OF VANCOUVER By God's Grace, honouring our past, embracing our future. First CRC of

Vancouver, BC will be celebrating 100 years (1926-2026) as a congregation with a celebration service & reception on Sunday, October 18 at 10:30 am. Please join us or forward notes of congratulations to office@firstvan.ca or mail to 2670 Victoria Dr. Vancouver, BC V5N 4L2.

BY GOD'S GRACE, HONOURING OUR PAST, EMBRACING OUR FUTURE First CRC of Vancouver is celebrating 100 years (1926 - 2026) as a congregation with a celebration service and reception on Sunday, October 18th at 10:30am. You are invited to join us in person or online (YouTube link on our website: firstvan.ca or search FIRST CRC Vancouver). Forward notes of congratulations to office@firstvan.ca or by mail to 2670 Victoria Drive, Vancouver, BC, V5N 4L2.

LEE STREET CRC CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY Lee Street CRC, Wyoming, MI, is celebrating its 100th anniversary. A service of worship and celebration will be held on Sun-

day, September 27, 2026. Former pastor Kent Rottman will bring the message. We invite former members, friends, and family to join us as we celebrate God's faithfulness.

75 Years

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY" - CELEBRATING 75 YEARS Plymouth Heights CRC invites you to celebrate three-quarters of a century of God's faithfulness in our community. Since 1951, Plymouth Heights has been striving to equip disciples to become neighbors and inviting neighbors to become disciples. Celebrate with us Sunday, October 11, 2026. For more information contact our church office at (616) 243-5638 or office@phcrc.org.

75TH ANNIVERSARY, BETHEL CRC, LISTOWEL, ONTARIO November 7, 2026 @ 7PM Slide show, singing, desert social November 8, 2026 @ 10AM worship service, potluck lunch 345 Elizabeth St.E, Listowel, Ontario.

50 Years

PROVIDENCE CRC - CUTLERVILLE, MI is celebrating 50 years of God's faithfulness. Celebrate with us at our 9:30 AM worship service on October 11.

Church Positions Available

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Obituaries



DEBLAEY, MARCELLA ANN (KONING) died peacefully on July 27, 2026. Marcie was preceded in death by her husband Gord; her parents; her three sisters, Alice Owen, Betty Koning and Mary Bosker and their

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spouses, John Owen and Bob Bosker; two nephews; and her son, Michael. Marcie is survived by her daughter, Mary (Bob) Jackson; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren: Philip (Anna Dowell) Jackson with children Geneva and Gregory; Ellen Jackson; Grif-fin (Colleen) Jackson with children Finn, Honor and Eden; and Drew Jackson with daughter Simona; as well as nieces, nephews and many dear friends. Marcie was a member of Shaw-nee Park CRC.

KUIPER, LUCILLE RUTH age 81 went to be with Jesus after a lifetime of great joys and struggles on 7/23/26. She is survived by her loving husband and soul mate of 61 years, Don; sons Joel, Mark, and Matthew. Twin sister Margaret Vredevelde, brothers Marvin and William Huizinga, and 8 adoring grandchildren. She was an RN and a lifelong member of River Terrace CRC where she touched the lives of generations of children and adults with her singing and served as an elder. She demonstrated the model of Jesus throughout her life in many acts of love and service. Praise be to God!

PRUIKSMA, GEORGE Age 87, went to be with his Lord on Aug 4, 2026. Surrounded by his wife Sally (Folkersma) of 65 years. His daughter Linda and two granddaughters, Rozlynn and Tanasha.



SMEELINK, JUDSON LLOYD, 99, went home to be with his Savior, Jesus Christ, on June 20, 2026. Jud was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Elaine; his sisters, Carol and Lorraine; and his son, Joel (with Jesus in 1971). He is survived by his children: Judy (Harvis Beene), Jack (Diane Banas), Joy (Paul Boerman), and Joni (Rob Mitchell). He had 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grand chil-



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warden) influences for good for a lifetime, and CRC ministry career of Southern California missionary pastor, Western U.S. regional missionary, CRC Home Missions director (22 years), post-retirement ministry at Oakdale Park Church and Victory CRC, an African church, both in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

(Amazon, \$16, 450 pages)

dren. While we miss him deeply, we rejoice knowing he is home with his Savior.

VANDER WOUDE (HENDRIKSE), CAROLYN CARRIE, age 97 of Palos Park, IL, went to glory on July 15, 2026. Her beloved husband, Stewart, died in 2017. She is survived by daughters Cheryl(Charles) Marcus, Marcia(Charles) Kooger, sons James(Jayne) Vander Woude, John(Janna) Vander Woude, 14 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.



VANGROUW-BANDSTRA, RUTH (KONING) In loving memory, at the age of 98, of Grand Rapids, MI was welcomed into the loving arms of Jesus on July 5, 2026. Born in Bozeman, MT her childhood was shaped by living in the West and Midwest.

Ruth was known for her letter writing to family and friends. Throughout her life, Ruth's greatest desire was to know and serve Jesus Christ. Ruth was preceded in death by her first husband of 54 years, Clarence Lee VanGrouw; her second husband of 10 years, Andrew Bandstra; daughter, Cheryl DeYoung; parents, John and Nellie Koning; stepmom, Wolly Koning; grandson, Steve VanBeek. She is lovingly remembered by her children: (Bernie) DeYoung; Karen (Bob) Veldman; Ruth (Ron) Verwys; Crystal (Paul) VanBeek; Lee (Donna) VanGrouw; Barbara (Norm) Hawkins; and Lynette (Greg) Andriese. Ruth leaves behind a rich legacy of faith through her 7 children, 23 grandchildren, 70 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren, step family, and many friends whose lives were touched by her kindness, encouragement, and steadfast love.

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Wedding Anniversary

70TH ANNIVERSARY Gerben and Lila Voetberg of Zeeland, MI celebrated their 70th Anniversary in August. They were joined by their 4 children, Lynn (Bruce) Walters, Lisa Goetsch, Rick (Betsy) Voetberg and Jaci (Greg) Gartland. They are also the proud Grandparents of 12 Grandchildren and 17 Great Grandchildren.