

Week of August 21st, 2016

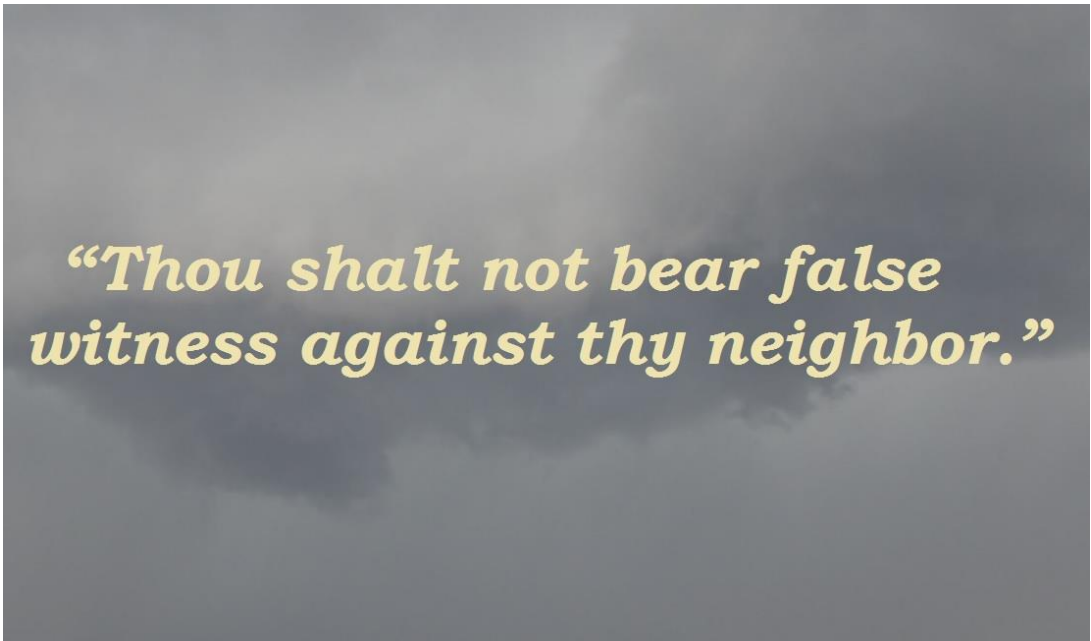
FRCC Weekly Reminder

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“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.”

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Watch our website and Facebook page to see what this week's sermon and scripture lesson will be!

Join us this Sunday, make it a good day!

The best and easiest way to get your prayer concerns in our weekly reminder, accurately and completely is to just click "reply" to the "Weekly Reminder" email. (This will also ensure I get the spelling of the names right and don't lose your request!)



Prayers of Joy Thanksgiving and hope:

New/Updated Prayer Concerns and joys:

John Ferris is doing very well, after a visit with his doctor this week he may be cleared to drive again and he should be with us again as soon as next Sunday.

Please pray for Jane DeWitt, she her hip surgery was successful but she's still dealing with pain and a reaction to the drugs.

Chris Forte asks for prayers for her friend Trot who has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer and is having a problem with doctors.

Prayers of joy for Heather Knetsch, she is "in the family way"!

Please keep Liz White in your prayers, they have found a spot of melanoma on one of her fingers.

Clair Coddington is doing very well and is now living at Independence Village. She loves to get cards and letters and would like visits, but please call first, she staying very busy!
Next Sunday we will be filling a Martha's Ministry basket for her.

Clair Coddington
Independent Living
3113 Charles Root Wynd
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Older Prayer Concerns:

Heidi asks for continued prayers for her friend Victoria, she has a job now but is having financial and medical problems.

Mike Shafer asks for prayers for one of his coworkers who is having a lot speech problems and they have been unable to diagnose what is wrong.

Eli Clarke asks for prayers for her 7-year-old granddaughter, they've determined she does not have autism but has a genetic disease and is going in for more tests.

Ethel Yarter asks for prayers for her brother in law who has two partly blocked arteries.

The Christians in northern Africa and the Middle East especially need our prayers, the ordeals they are being subjected too are far worse than we can imagine.

Please pray for the Christian missionaries doing Christ's work in dangerous places all over the world.

God is in Charge:
TRUST HIM

News and Upcoming Events:

New Place!

Mike Shafer is starting the process of finding a new regular meeting space for us, if you'd like to help please contact Mike.

No More Roaming!

At the August meeting the Consistory decided to conclude our experiment with trying different places. We are going to be worshipping at 555 SW Maynard until we find our new home.

Please see Mike Shafer if you'd like to help!

Wednesday Choir Rehearsals:

6:30 -7:30 Chancel Choir

Bell Choir practice resumes in summer.

Mission - Phoenix

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship room for mission opportunities at Phoenix. There is a lot going on, jewelry making, model trains, Bible Study, field trips and more, come help out! We especially need people to visit with folks who don't get many visitors.

Weekly Reminder Change!

Starting this week, you should be getting a copy of the Weekly Reminder from WeeklyReminder@CaryReformedChurch.org You'll also get a real text only copy from the old Gmail address and archived copies are on our website.

Supporting the troops!

Rebecca and Bill Kalsbeek are collecting items for our troops, sunscreen, body wash, deodorant, baby wipes, word puzzle books, Sudoku books, books and magazines, also candy that won't melt in shipping, protein powder, protein bars, snacks, drink mix (like Gatorade), and letters.

Please bring a donation for the Food Pantry

The most needed items are: cereal, sugar, tea, hot chocolate, **canned** milk, jelly, ramen noodles, beef stew, chili, crackers, canned chicken & tuna, vegetable oil, stewed tomatoes, tomato sauce, canned peaches, condiments like ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, salad dressing & hot sauce. They could also use laundry detergent, cleaning products, dish detergent, paper towels, toilet paper & toothpaste. Thank you for your help. Give thanks for all we have, and who we are.



Fellowship!

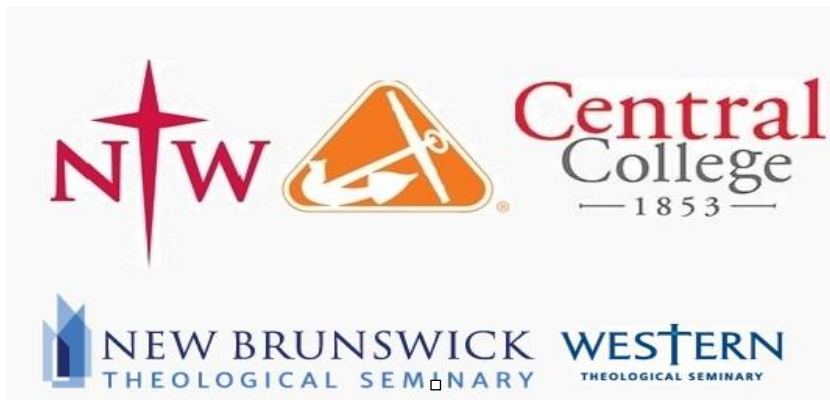
There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings, following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet in the fellowship room and sign up for the Sunday of your choice.

Mission of the Month for August:

RCA Colleges and Seminaries

Directed Prayer: As we continue to work out solutions for our church pray that Christ will lead us in the direction He would have us go.

Pray that we will work in unity and that His will be done. Give thanks for all we have, and who we are.



The Back Pew – “The Price of Deceit”

The Ninth Commandment says “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.”

Once again stories in the news remind us how wise that commandment is.

Ryan Lochte had everything going for him. He’s a young man, one of the best swimmers in the world with a total of 90 medals including six Olympic gold medals with endorsement deals that would have made it possible to not have to work, actually giving the freedom to do whatever he wanted for the rest of his life.

Then, one night in Rio he and three other American swimmers got drunk and for reasons not entirely clear got involved in an incident at a gas station where they damaged a door, tore down a sign, broke a soap dispenser and urinated around the place.

All of that was bad enough, but then Lochte and his friends lied about what happened, said they had been robbed at gunpoint by four men posing as police officers. Lochte then left the country.

When two of the others also tried to leave the country they were detained so they could testify as witnesses, then the real story came out.

The Brazilians were quite upset (and reasonably so, Rio has enough real crime problems), as of this writing Lochte still hasn’t admitted the truth, although he did apologize for his “immature decisions and behavior”.

Speedo and Ralph Lauren then ended their endorsement deals with Lochte. At least some good is coming of this mess, Speedo is going to donate \$50,000 from the endorsement fee to Brazil’s “Save the Children”.

Young men far from home tend to do stupid things, especially when alcohol is involved. Most people know and understand that. Lochte’s biggest sin isn’t being drunk and stupid, it’s lying about it afterward, it’s the cover-up. No one was really hurt, an admission of what he and they did, an offer to pay for damages and maybe do something more (like giving swimming lessons to poor kids) would have gone a long way to resolve this, instead they lied and tried to cover it up.

That’s the real lesson here, we all make mistakes and do stupid things at times. It’s how we deal with them that really shows what kind of people we are. Lochte is dealing with this badly and it’s costing him dearly.

The same kind of foolishness cost a former President, Richard Nixon, the Presidency.

Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Trump should take note.... even if your supporters don’t care God does.



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