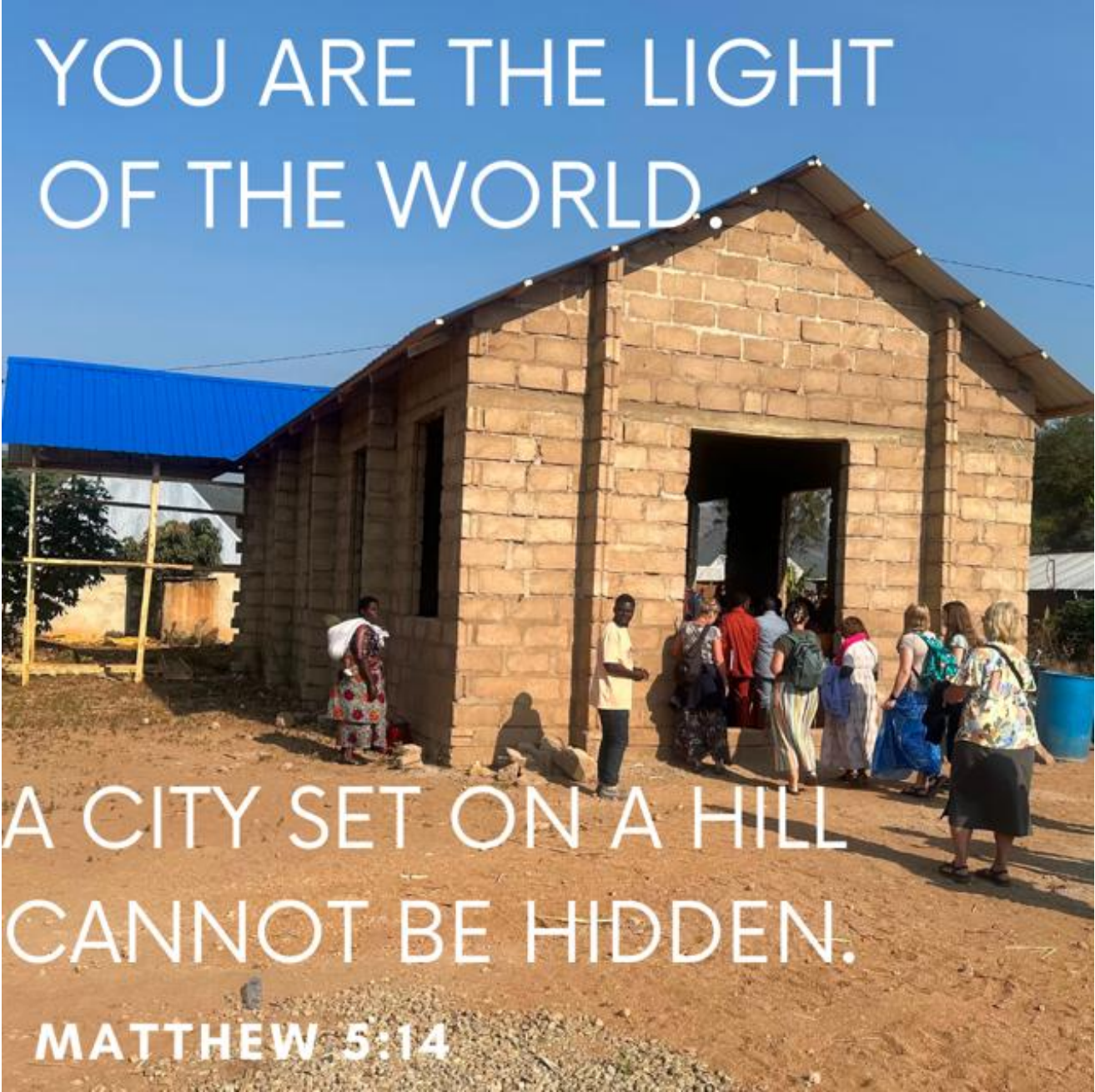




YOU ARE THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD.

A CITY SET ON A HILL
CANNOT BE HIDDEN.

MATTHEW 5:14

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“And they sang a new song, saying, ‘Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.’” –

Revelation 5:9-10

God is good. He saw the mission team throughout our trip and has brought us all home. I’m glad I could share a little this past week and the team is looking forward to sharing with all of us this coming Sunday. God is at work in Tanzania—just as He is at work here in our area! He is faithful to complete the work He has started in and through all of our lives.

We’re closing out our year focusing on seeking the lost and we’ll soon launch into a new focus. But before we do, we need to remember what the purpose of seeking the lost is—what the result of witnessing, evangelism, and missions is. The verses above come from a passage in Revelation that talks about Jesus opening a scroll. The reason He is worthy to open the scroll—and is the ONLY one who is worthy to do so—is because of His death and resurrection. Immediately upon taking the scroll, we see the reaction in heaven in the verses above. There is praise and worship.

But look at the content of this worship. They praise Jesus for His worthiness. They praise Him for shedding His blood. And they praise Him for ransoming a people from every tribe, language, people, and nation and making them into His kingdom. People from every place on earth are included in God’s kingdom because of the gift of salvation given through Jesus’ death and resurrection. It doesn’t matter what race, gender, education, wealth, nation, location, or any other status the person is a part of—the Gospel is for everyone. Romans 10:13 says, “For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Just as heaven praises Jesus for this truth, we too should glorify God.

But in addition to worship, we need to realize that this is the purpose of our mission to seek the lost. As we live on this earth, we have the privilege of participating with Jesus to reach people from “every tribe and language and people and nation.” Every step we take should be to bring more people into the kingdom of God. As people from all over the globe place their faith in Christ, we get to witness the beautiful vision God has for His kingdom—and the incredible love He has for the world. We get to see His glory on display.

Our purpose is to bring the Gospel to all people because the result that God seeks is that all people would be a part of His kingdom. This is what heaven will look like. We will spend an eternity with God alongside people from all over the world throughout all of time. Thus, the result and the purpose of missions is the same—to glorify God. We will do that now while we are on earth—and we get to do that for eternity in God’s presence. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!

In Christ,
Jesse

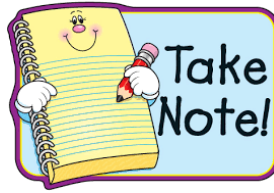
OUR SCHEDULE!

GREETERS	NURSERY WORKERS	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Sunday, August 2 Henry & Joan Boneschans	Sunday, August 2 Judy Eben	Sunday, August 2 Rachel Kramer
Sunday, August 9 Doug & Donna DeBoer	Sunday, August 9 Josie Klingenberg	Sunday, August 9 Kayla Reck
Sunday, August 16 Greg & Sharon DeBoer	Sunday, August 16 Terresa Wagenaar	Sunday, August 16 Abby Kramer
Sunday, August 23 Stan & Crystal deBoer Judy Eben	Sunday, August 23 Donna DeBoer	Sunday, August 23 Sarah Gruis
Sunday, August 30 Jim & Sharon Douglass	Sunday, August 30 Alyssa den Hoed	Sunday, August 30 Katie DeBoer

*Thank You
So Much*

Thank you to the church for the visits, cards, prayers, meals, gifts and flowers as Paul and I traveled this journey. At times we were simply overwhelmed, but very thankful. Also, thanks to Pastor Jesse for his visits and calls. We will never forget your kindnesses. - Paul and Sharilyn

Thank you for the lovely flowers and thank you to everyone that has been praying for me. - Robert Klingenberg



- Deacons, staff, and Advisory Board don't forget to mark your calendar for the leadership retreat on Thursday, August 13th. We will meet from 6:00-9:00 pm and go through our upcoming calendar. There will be food!
- There will be an Awana leaders meeting right after church on August 9. Please let Rachel know if you/your family can make it. Pizza will be provided. Awana will start Wednesday, September 2.
- The Sunday School Picnic will be on Sunday, August 16. Group 5 will work in the kitchen. We will be having grilled hotdogs and hamburgers. Please bring a salad and/or dessert to share. We will have a bouncy house, the Amazing Race, and other activities.
- Sunday School Promotion will be Sunday, August 30, at 9:00 am. There will be donuts and juice in the Fellowship Hall before the promotion, and then the kids will be dismissed for Sunday school.

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We would like to thank the Mission board and our church family for all your support leading up to and during our trip to Tanzania. We also would like to thank everyone for their prayers before and during our trip, as well as now that we are home. It was a blessing to be able to go to Tanzania!

- Crystal & Ava

Dear church family, thank you so much for your prayers and support for us through Jesse's back injury. We are truly humbled by all your encouragement and prayers. God is faithful and we are so thankful that He answers our prayers and is with us through everything. - Jesse and Katie Sternke



August	3	Lon Arends
	5	Harold & JoAnn Schneiderman Joan Boneschans Cole Kannegieter Theodore Kramer
	9	Jason & Connie Christians
	10	Rachel Busse David Eben
	11	Nathalee Macias
	12	Paul & Sharilyn Reemtsma
	15	Miley den Hoed
	18	Ashley VanTubergen
	19	Helen Eben
	22	Ryan & Cricket Arends Lila Walters
	23	Ross & Amber Kooiker
	24	Lesli Kramer
	25	Lon & Linda Arends
	26	Lexi Cottington
	27	LeAnn Doeden
	29	Kayla Reck Katie Wagenaar Dennis Winkowitsch
	30	Jeff Eben Shirley Winkowitsch

TANZANIA





August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM Discipleship U Bday/Anniv Celeb	3	4	5 6:30 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	6	7	8 Wedding of Alexis Meyer & Dominick Rozeboom
9 9:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Awana Leaders Mtg 6:30 PM Discipleship U	10	11 7:00 PM Deacon Board Meeting	12 6:30 PM Youth 7:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	13 6:00-9:00 PM Leadership Retreat	14	15 Wedding of Emily Donaker & Samuel Kramer
16 MISSION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Trustee Board Mtg Sunday School Picnic	17	18	19 6:30 PM Youth 7:00 PM Visitation	20	21	22
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