



Comstock Communicator

January 2019

Daniel 1:8

We have learned in our Bible Study as we met Daniel in Chapter 1 that he had made a commitment. Verse 8 says: “but Daniel resolved not to defile himself...”

Many people at this time of year resolve when they make a New Year’s resolution. Usually these are time related and rarely do people accomplish their goal. These goals are also usually temporal and have very little value for redemption.

This year I am suggesting that many of you consider Daniel’s resolve. His resolution was to continue on his commitment in his faithfulness to his God by continuing to do what he knew would

strengthen his relationship to God so that he would not desire to live the life of the Babylonians.

Please consider joining him in your own way this year. I have two suggestions and I invite you to join me if either or both may strengthen your resolve this year.

Number 1: I have downloaded an app “Devo Reader” to my phone. It is written in the New Living Translation of the Bible which has not been my favorite but I felt like I would try it (maybe like going from the NIV from the King James).

Number 2: (No internet needed) Memorize Isaiah 40 with me this year. It begins



with words we know: “Comfort, comfort my people”. There now, you already have a start. There are a total of 31 verses and it will be a lot of work but it finishes with “those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength”.

I would love to hear from you along the way if you accept either or both challenges in strengthening your resolve in your commitment to God this year.

Linda French



Working on Our Communication Channels

Everything changes over time, and that is particularly true of the way we communicate with one another. Technology (and especially the internet) has flooded us with so much information we can't pay attention to it all.

There was a time when newspapers were how we kept up with what's happening in the world. Today most of us don't have a daily newspaper delivered to our door, and we don't miss it because we get our news from TV, or increasingly from the internet.

In church life we used to depend on the weekly church bulletin to keep us adequately informed. Most members of the congregation were in church on most Sundays, and reading the bulletin was the way to keep up with what was happening in the congregation.

Today, however, even the most active and committed members of the congregation are regularly out of town, or otherwise unable to attend the Sunday worship service for various reasons, and consequently don't get a bulletin. Furthermore, most of us have so much printed material coming into our lives that it piles up before we have a chance to read it. Often the church bulletin ends up in that pile.

Of course the church bulletin is still an important channel of communication in our congregational life. But things being what they are for most of us, we need other channels of communication to supplement the church bulletin.

We are currently sending out weekly emails on Friday mornings with "membership situation" and "what's happening" updates. The same information is available by calling the church office and accessing two voice mail boxes as directed.

Hopefully we will all find our preferred way to keep informed. Very likely many of us will use all of these channels of communications at times.

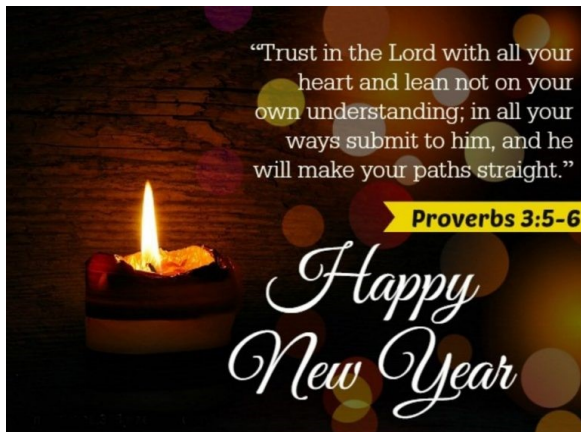
If you are not getting these email notifications, let Lisa Bosch or Pastor Dan know and we will add you to the email list.

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Birthdays

- 4 Andy Selles
- 10 Hannah Larkin
- 11 Wanda Schaap
- 11 Jo Dusslejee Linders
- 14 Mark Smit
- 15 Chris Terpstra
- 16 Tyler Meier
- 23 Bethany Schaap
- 29 Marie Dykhuis



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January Schedules

NURSERY

- 6 Jack & Joanne Karsten
- 13 Bob & Meredith Gano
- 20 Chris Selles & Grace Triemstra
- 27 Rachel Slager & Lexi Hinds

OFFERINGS

- 6 Ministries/CSST Fund
- 13 Ministries/Ministry Shares
- 20 Ministries/Missions
- 27 Ministries/Cadets

COMSTOCK FOOD PANTRY

Giver's Choice

WELCOME CENTER

- 6 Paul & Evelyn Kemp
- 13 Mark & Julie Smit
- 20 Mike & Karen Tiesman
- 27 Kay Triemstra

FELLOWSHIP COOKIES

- 6 Dave & Judy Joling
- 13 Linda Kamminga
- 20 Jack & Joanne Karsten
- 27 Tom & Ann Triemstra

LIBRARIANS

- 6 Karen Tiesman
- 13/20 Evalyn Soderquist
- 27 Karen Triemstra

PRAISE TEAM & AUDIO/VISUAL

- 6 Mari M, Dean D, Dave J, Jeremy S, Owen S, Mark T, Leah H, Lexi H, Lilly H. A/V: Jim & Tina
- 13 Mari M, Dean D, Dave J, Jeremy S, Owen S, Jared J, Grace T, Leah H. A/V: Mark T
- 20 Jack K, Dean D, Dave J, Jeremy S, Owen S, Sammy G, Mark T, Grace T. A/V: Jim & Tina
- 27 Jack K, Dean D, Dave J, Jeremy S, Owen S, Mark S, Jared J, Leah H, Lexi H, Lilly H. A/V: Mark T



JANUARY 2019

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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6 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 6:00 Youth Group	14 6 PM Hobby Night	15 7:00 Council 8:00 Deacons	16 6:30 GEMS 6:30 Cadets 6:30 Daniel Bible Study	17 9AM Power in Prayer	18	19
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