

**Series: The Stories Have Power:
 How God Shows Himself in Our
 World**

UPCOMING SERMONS

During July, Pastor Scott will continue his series
 “The Stories Have Power:
 How God Shows Himself in Our World.”

July 6 (Pastor Scott)

God Tells Us of His Patience
 Judges 6

July 13 (Pastor Scott)

God Tells Us the Story of His Presence
 1 Kings 8:1-11

July 20 (Pastor Scott)

God Tells the Story of His Will
 Jeremiah 25:1-12

July 27 (Pastor Scott)

Jesus Tells God’s New Story
 Mark 2:13-17

August 3 (Pastor Scott)

God Starts a New Story with The Church
 Acts 5

August 10 Pastor Scott will begin a new series.
 Because of timing, his new series is not available yet.

SECOND OFFERING SCHEDULE

Every Sunday the offering bags are passed twice.
 The first offering goes to The River Life (or General)
 Fund. This is for the normal operation of the church.
 The second offerings are designated for a special
 purpose or for one of our Kingdom Partners.

July 06: Benevolence
July 13: Christian Education Fund
July 20: Missions
July 27: Safe Families
Aug 03: Benevolence
Aug 10: Christian Education Fund
Aug 17: Missions
Aug 24: Young Life
Aug 31: Christian Education Fund

**Summer Senior Fellowship Luncheon
 Friday, July 25, 11:30 AM**

The next Senior Fellowship Luncheon will be Friday,
 July 25, 11:30 AM. Because we are having a special
 presentation and want to leave as much time as
 possible, we will start promptly 11:30 AM. Feel free
 to come a little early. If you would like a little extra
 fellowship, come at 10:00 AM for dominoes and
 coffee.

This luncheon’s theme is Hawaiian. If you have an
 Island blouse or shirt, please wear it. The menu will
 be pulled pork on buns, coleslaw, macaroni salad,
 fruit plates, and ice cream sundaes for dessert.

After lunch, we will move to the sanctuary for a
 program presented by a small group from Praising
 Him Island Style. Some of you may have seen them
 at Darlene Barents’ fundraiser last September for
 the 9P minus network. Their presentation will last
 30-40 minutes.

There will be time
 to sign up
 Sundays July 13
 & 20 in the foyer.



Summer Fun Events for All Ages

The Children’s and Youth Ministries Departments
 have planned a number of fun events for the
 summer. These are for all ages!

July 12

Redlands Football (Soccer) Club Game against San
 Diego City Club at Redlands High School, 7 PM.
 (\$9 for Adults, Kids 12 & Under Free)

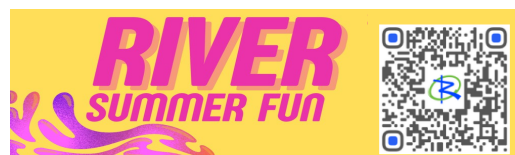
July 30

Skate Night @ Cal Skate in Grand Terrace; 6:30-
 8:00 PM, \$8.00 per person.

August 6

Inland Empire 66ers Baseball Game at San Manuel
 Stadium in San Bernardino, 6:35 PM. Tickets are
 \$12 and must be purchased by July 23.

Sign up for the Summer Fun events using the QR
 Code below. If you cannot use the QR code there
 will be a table with someone to help you register in
 the foyer.





SAVE THE DATE
Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, Aug. 24

The annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, Aug. 24. New elders and deacons will be selected and the budget will be presented for approval. Mark your calendars and plan now to attend.



Women's Ministry Hosts Paint and Sip Party
Sunday, July 27, 3:00 PM

Women's Ministry will be holding a Paint and Sip Party Sunday, July 27, 3:00 PM in The River House/Church Office Building. Cost is \$30 per person. Sign-ups can be done using the QR code above. There will be sign-up table in the narthex if you need help or are not able to use the QR code.

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM PASTOR RICK

Over the last weeks I have not been able to visit as I would have liked. As many of you know, we were in Michigan and Canada May 7-14. On the trip I suffered a neck/shoulder injury that we think is a pinched nerve. I was not able to do much when we got home due to pain and doctors' appointments. The pain subsided enough that I was able to go to the Reformed Church in America Clerk's Gathering and General Synod, June 3-10. I drove and was able to stop to see Deb Clinton in Scottsdale on my way home. I was able to make a few critical calls June 11-16, but caught the cold/cough that's going around and was out of commission again. As you read this, we are gone again, this time to our second granddaughter's wedding in Oregon. We won't be home until July 12. I have another short RCA church meeting the middle of August. We head back to Oregon to do our third granddaughter's wedding September 3-7 then head to Michigan for Gladys's dad's 95th birthday and a nephew's wedding September 30-October 12. I'm sorry I have not and will not be as available as I would like. I'm thankful that the Care Team along with the Elders and Deacons are able to step into some of the gaps, but I miss visiting in person and keeping in touch with you. I hope you understand and feel loved and cared for by Gladys and me. We will be back on July 12 and look forward to lunch together on the 25th.

Lunch with our Missionaries
Steve and Frankie Wunderink
Sunday, July 6
 Following the service, lunch will be served
 in the Fellowship Hall
 Sign up in the foyer today!



THE RIVER CHURCH

GENEROSITY AND OUTREACH TEAM
HOSTS LUNCHEON WITH MISSIONARIES
STEVE AND FRANKIE WUNDERINK
SUNDAY, JULY 6

Sunday, July 6, following the morning service and coffee the Generosity and Outreach Leadership Team will be hosting a luncheon with Steve and Frankie Wunderink. They will have a couple of minutes to share during service, but the luncheon offers an opportunity to find out more about their work and to meet them personally.

Steve and Frankie serve in Egypt with Resonate Global Missions. Frankie works with the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo and teaches English to pastors. She is also in leadership at their international church, counsels pastors in her classes, and has a ministry to young female workers in Cairo.

Steve serves in a Leadership Development role, networking with other ministries, both big and small. He comes alongside Egyptian leaders to help them do what they do even better. Current projects include developing a Media Center with the help from Back to God Ministries International and Words of Hope; supporting a pastoral counselor in his ministry to couples and families; and helping manage and mentor a Sudanese refugee micro-business. Steve also continues to lead vision tours for the CRC in Egypt and the Middle East. He also authored four books which are available online at GoodReads.com https://www.goodreads.com/author/list/3421917.Steven_J_Wunderink

There is no charge for the luncheon, but you are asked to sign up on the sheet located on the table by the events wall in the church foyer/lobby so the team can know how much food to have available.

Steve and Frankie also planted and pastored Grace Valley Christian Reformed Church in Las Vegas 1998-2015. Grace Valley recently moved from being an organized congregation to an emerging congregation under the care of The River. The GO Team organized a small team to go there in April to help with some maintenance and landscape work, worship with the congregation, and encourage them in their ministry and mission.

CAREPORTAL UPDATE
March 2025 – June 2025
by Debbie Bueermann



Once again, thank you for supporting The River's Careportal Ministries (Lugonia). It has been such a blessing to run this ministry, and I so appreciate the additional support for the local families we were able to help through Lugonia.

- 1 family received rental assistance.
- 1 young mom received a crib, mattress, and sheets.
- 1 family received a Wal-Mart gift card and a River Church food basket.
- 1 mom received a refrigerator, diapers, wipes, and a Wal-Mart gift card for future use.
- 1 family received new pots & pans.
- 1 aging out foster youth received a gift card for new clothing, towels, a River food basket, a River hygiene basket, a used vacuum, and a set of used pots & pans.
- 1 family received a Wal-Mart gift card for groceries, and a gas card. Mother had been taking time off work to care for her sick child (cancer).
- 1 family received a set of bunk beds, mattresses, and bedding.
- 1 mother received a gas card so she could visit her medically fragile child in foster care.
- 1 family received a gently used kitchen table and 4 chairs.
- 1 family received a gas card and Wal-Mart gift to help them transition from Path of Life family shelter to their own apartment. They also received a dresser.
- 1 mother asked and received a Wal-Mart gift card to buy clothing for her 4 children.
- 1 mother received a gas card to help her get her children to school after paying \$500 to get her car fixed.
- 1 Lugonia family received new shoes and clothing for 3 kids. This was a joint venture with Provisions of Hope. POH is a local non-profit that has come alongside The River and the CarePortal Lugonia ministry.
- 1 Lugonia Family with a single dad and 4 children received shoes and clothing. Again, a POH venture.
- 6 Lugonia families received River food baskets.
- 1 child received a new pair of reading glasses.
- 1 high school teen received tuxedo assistance so he could attend the prom. He and his 3 siblings had just moved in with their aunt after losing their mother.
- 1 new mom received a used car seat.
- 1 aged-out foster youth received a gas card to help get him get to and from college. He had been

taking public transit but was able to find another student in his area who was willing to help him with transportation.

- 1 grandmother received a crib, a mattress, and bedding for the grandchild she agreed to raise.
- 1 Lugonia family received lice chemicals to help the family get rid of the a lice infestation. They also received a Wal-Mart gift card to help buy new bedding. This family also received gently used bedding from our CarePortal room.
- 1 single mother and her 6 children who just moved into their own apartment received a table with chairs, a microwave, a food, cleaning, and hygiene basket, a blender, dishes, glasses, silverware, towels, and bedding.
- 1 family received a Wal-Mart gift card for food and clothing after leaving Path of Life Family Shelter.
- 1 mother asked for assistance buying her severely disabled child new glasses.
- 1 Lugonia family received a River church food basket and a gift card for new clothing.
- 1 struggling student at Lugonia received help with a River church food basket after coming in and explaining that his mom couldn't provide what he and his older brother needed. They also received a couple of fast-food gift cards so the student and his brother could go out to eat.
- Another struggling Lugonia student received 2 fast-food gift cards to help him stay motivated and finish the school year.
- 1 mom received a used car seat and stroller.
- 5 bicycle helmets were provided to Lugonia to assist in an end of year bike and scooter raffle. These items were donated by a Redlands Rotary group.
- Path Of Life Family Shelter asked for a grocery card to help a family who had spent most of their money paying for their new apartment.

CarePortal is an agency that provides contracted churches with local needs. These requests can come from social workers, school districts, family shelters, and other agencies that service children and young adults. The needs are usually immediate physical needs: beds, appliances, rental or deposit assistance, food, fuel, dishes, glasses, silverware, towels, bedding, and furniture. Once the request is submitted, someone in their agency will vet the request to make sure it meets the CarePortal guidelines. If it does meet those guidelines, the request is sent (via email) to churches within a 15-mile radius of the need. A church representative may choose to answer the request or simply close the request so that another church has an opportunity to answer it. If the request doesn't get met within a week, it is elevated to an "escalated" status. At that point the radius is then increased to churches within a 30-mile radius.



David Carnes Speaks at Men's Breakfast Next Breakfast to be Held Saturday, July 17

Dave Carnes, an Elder at The River, shared his testimony at the monthly Men's Breakfast Saturday, June 19. He said that his story is not dramatic or exciting, but it is stable. He had a good upbringing and his family life is good. He decided a long time ago that either God is in none of this or in all of this—and he's not in none of this so he must be in all of this. He hasn't had fireworks experiences but can see God's hand in all of his life. He also shared that the problem with stability is not letting it become complacency. He wants to continue to strive to be the best husband, father, and man that he can be.

The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, July 17, 7:00 in the church fellowship hall. The speaker has not yet been confirmed. The menu is scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, and coffee. The suggested contribution for the meal is \$5.00. That's a better deal than you can get at any restaurant! If you haven't ever attended, consider coming and enjoying the breakfast with other men.

4th Annual Cornhole Tournament Held June 1 - by Teri Heemstra

This year's Cornhole Tournament put on by our Hospitality and Community Events Team was a blessed success! The team hired the Berdoo Baggers to run the tournament and they not only brought along some great friends but they made it possible for the tournament to run smoothly. We had 3 outside food vendors and 2 church vendors, a bounce obstacle for the kids, and a raffle with over 10 baskets. Our winners included newcomers as well as our very own Landon Kern!

We want to thank everyone that participated, donated, served and supported this awesome event! We were able to raise close to \$2,000 for the Christian Education Fund and it was such an amazing opportunity for us as a church to connect with the Redlands community!

Make sure to mark your calendar for the first Sunday in June next year! You won't want to miss this awesome event in the future!



Hospitality and Events Team Host Trail Mix Bar for Dads on Father's Day

On Father's Day, Sunday, June 15, the Hospitality and Events Team hosted a Trail Mix Bar for dads. Men and their families could choose from craisins, yogurt pretzels, M&Ms, peanut butter nuggets, mixed nuts and Chex cereal to make a cup of trail mix. Thank you to the Hospitality and Events Team for planning and setting this up.





Celebrating the Life of Peter Kremer June 18, 1931—June 14, 2025

Peter Kremer, a beloved husband and father, passed away with his wife Betty at his side on June 14, 2025, just shy of his 94th birthday. He was born on June 18, 1931, in Uithuizen, Groningen, The Netherlands. His early years in the Netherlands laid the foundation for a life characterized by hard work, faith, and dedication to family. As a boy, Peter was a survivor of the German occupation of the Netherlands during World War II and occasionally could be coaxed to share colorful and dramatic stories from his childhood.

In 1956, Peter married the love of his life, Elisabeth Den Boer. Together, they embarked on a new journey, emigrating to the United States in early 1957. Initially, Peter applied his skills in poultry breeding, a trade learned from his father, before transitioning to a long career as a custodian with Alpha Beta Supermarkets and simultaneously as caretaker and gardener of the Highland Avenue Christian Reformed Church. It was here that Peter's strong work ethic and commitment to service became evident to all who knew him, often working 60-hour weeks to support his family.

Peter and Elisabeth raised six children, instilling in them the values of hard work, love of God, and the importance of education. His pride in their achievements was immense, as each pursued professional careers, a testament to the foundation he and Elisabeth provided.

Peter's faith was a guiding force throughout his life. He was a devoted member of the Highland Avenue Christian Reformed Church, now known as The River CRC, for over 60 years. His belief in God informed his actions and interactions, as he found connection to God through nature and creation. His relationship to God was reflected in his gardening, hard work and community service, including volunteer work in his retirement years with Mexican Christian Children's Aid (MCCA), which collects and delivers supplies to orphanages near the Tijuana border or by providing rides as needed for fellow seniors in his church community.

A memorial service celebrating Peter's life was held at The River on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 11 a.m., followed by a luncheon in the fellowship hall.

In remembrance of Peter's life and values, the family invites contributions be made to support the adoption plans of Peter's granddaughter and her husband, Bethany and Kevin Belfield, at AdoptTogether (<http://adopttogether.org/families/the-belfield-s>) or to Mexican Christian Children's Aid (MCCA) via Zelle at donate@mcca1964.org, or by mail to M.C.C.A., P.O. Box 9931, Redlands, CA 92375.

Pete's family says, "As we reflect on Peter's life, we recall his love of nature and his awe at the wonders of creation, a passage from Romans 1:19-20 resonates deeply, echoing Peter's belief in the Divine: 'For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.'"

Peter Kremer will be remembered for his unwavering faith, service, dedication to family and his love of God and the creation around him. His legacy lives on in the lives of those he touched and the family he cherished.



Dick	Dirksen	July 01
Norma	DeDoes	July 02
Dennis	Barton	July 03
Erich	Melzer	July 07
Wanda	Bachman	July 11
Jim	Lyzenga	July 21
Lucille	DeFouw	July 27
Ted	Silva	August 01
Paul	DeWaard	August 05
Mary	Bek	August 09
Ryan	Tolsma	August 10
Marie	Nymeyer	August 26
David	Oliver	September 05
Michael	DeDoes	September 08

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

Betty Kremer: Continue to pray for Betty and her family in their time of transition, particularly as the kids all go home and Betty is now alone. They are planning for Betty to take a week or two vacation with her daughter, Mary, staying with Betty's daughter, Karen.

Dennis and Trudy Barton: As of publication, Trudy was scheduled for knee replacement surgery Thursday, June 26. Pray for her recovery, recuperation, and physical therapy. Pray for Dennis as he cares for her.

Larry Zollner: Larry was admitted to the hospital Monday, June 24 and had surgery for his gallbladder on Thursday, June 26. He is home now recuperating. His daughter flew in from Tennessee to be with him. He continues to be very weak. Please pray for his recuperation, for health and strength.

Debbie Clinton: Debbie is staying at a hotel in Scottsdale as Mayo wanted her closer to monitor her health and be available when an organ becomes available. Mayo has reservations for her through September. Her daughter, Christy, is staying with her. Continue to pray for an organ to become available, for Debbie to stay strong physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. Pray for her and Christy as living in a hotel for an extended time gets wearing.

Chris and Jim Nydam and family: Chris is undergoing six months of chemotherapy following surgery. She is halfway through the treatments. The side effects are lasting longer now than they did at first. They have a consult coming up for radiation. Continue to hold Chris and Jim in prayer as they move through this valley. Pray for success of the treatments.

Pearl Koning: Pearl Koning developed pneumonia but is doing better. She has been eating well, sleeping a lot, and is comfortable despite being bed-bound now.

Grace Florence: Grace was taken to ER Monday, June 24, but declined to be admitted. She is having liver and kidneys issues. She has lost a lot of weight. Please pray for her to as she walks this difficult journey.

Dale and Glenda VanderTuig: Dale is doing better after a fall in April but continues to deal with some ongoing health concerns. Please pray for Dale and Glenda as they navigate those.

Bruce and Karen Grip: Karen is doing well after knee surgery April 14. Please pray for her continuing recuperation and therapy.

Rich and Karen Jarvis: Karen has resumed physical therapy after their trip. Pray for her health and strength. She has a six-month checkup with her doctor coming soon. Also pray for discernment both for the Jarvis's as well as their doctors as they talk about the possibility of another surgery.

Harold Milligan: Harold is praising God that he hasn't been in the hospital since May. He is doing better but still has some challenges. Continue to pray for his health and strength, as well as patience with his limitations.

Jack and Mae Bailey: Jack is in Skilled Nursing at Plymouth Village after numerous falls. Mae is in the memory care unit there. Please keep them in prayer for their health issues and for the pain of being apart after so many years. Jack does try to get to the hymn sings twice a week in the memory support facility.

Pastor Bill and Harriet Bierling: Pray for Bill and Harriet for their ongoing health challenges. Praise God that they are doing as well as they are and Harriet's weekly treatment can now be done locally.

Norma Greenfield: Norma is doing better and getting around, but please continue to pray for her health and strength.

Roger and Theora Whitman: Roger completed his treatment for erythrodermic cutaneous T-cell lymphoma and is in the evaluation phase. In this phase he will continue treatments as long as doctors think it is effective. Continue to pray for Roger and his family in this journey and for their travels back and forth to LA.

Glenn and Claire Huibregtse: Praise God, Glenn's treatments have lowered his cancer markers and he has not had any side effects and feels good. Please be in prayer for their daughter, Wendy, and their family. Wendy is still having severe migraines. They are still trying to decide on options for treatment.

Chuck and Joy Griffin: Continue to pray for Chuck and Joy as they manage Chuck's ongoing health issues.

Dick Dirksen: Dick is able to be in church most Sundays but continues to have in-home care during the day. Pray for him as he negotiates the challenges left from his stroke.

Jean Wagner: Jean continues to have severe knee pain but is doing well under the circumstances and staying as active as possible. Praise God for her strength and determination!

Jake and Shari DeHoog: Pray for their continuing health issues. They are not able to get to church anymore but watch online.

Sohail and Sonia Samson: Sonia is basically homebound most of the time with a debilitating auto-immune disease. Sohail stays home as her primary caregiver. Please pray for God's continuing grace and strength as they manage Sonia's pain, weakness, and limitations.