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"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you
I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." ~ Isaiah 41:10

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From the Superintendent's Desk

By Dr. Teri Lynn Schrag, Superintendent

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:14-21

There are many days in prayer that I am drawn to Paul's prayer to the church of Ephesus, praying these words for our Cornerstone students and teachers, praying that we would know upon know the Love of Christ that surpasses all understanding.

The Ephesus church was founded by Paul and shepherded by the Apostle John. This church, the site of many miracles and powerful sermons by Paul on his missionary journeys, is also mentioned in Revelations.

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. 'I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Revelations 2:1-4

John commends them for their steadfastness, but then grieves that they had lost their first love. What a sad picture of a church and a picture that is seen over and over even now, but God's word is eternal and does not return void. Even in the reprimand from the Lord through John, the prayer of Paul echoes,

I am on my knees praying for you. Praying that Christ will abide and live in your hearts with a deep, deep faith. I am praying that you are rooted and grounded in love, that you are growing in your love and that you truly understand the deep, deep love of Jesus. I am praying that you know the love of Christ that surpasses all understanding and knowledge and experience, and that you are filled to overflowing with God.

This is also my prayer for you today.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3:20-21

- May 5 Elem Chapel – Ryan Jantz, LifeSpring Church
- May 6 HS Chapel – Prayer Chapel
- May 7 Walk-A-Thon
- May 7 Children’s Scholarship Fund Applications Due
- May 11 MS Chapel - TBA
- May 12 Elem Chapel – Jeremy King
- May 13 HS Chapel – Kolton Mann
- May 14 MS/HS Academic Awards Night & 8th Grade Promotion, HS Chapel
- May 14 Last Day of 12th Grade
- May 18 MS Chapel – No Chapel
- May 19 Elem Chapel – Whitney Julian, Citylight Church

- May 20 HS Chapel – All School Chapel
- May 20 Last Day of Pre-K & Movin’ On Up Party, 2 PM
- May 21 Baccalaureate – HS Chapel, 7 PM
- May 23 Senior Graduation – Brookside Church, 3 PM
- May 24 Last Day of K – Noon Dismissal, K Graduation 1:30 PM
- May 25 MS Chapel – Prayer Chapel
- May 26 Elem Chapel – Mrs. Schrag
- May 26 Last Day of School Grades 1-8
- May 26-27 High School Finals, Noon Dismissal
- May 27 Last Day of High School, Noon Dismissal



Events & Info


 Only two more days until our 2021
Walk-A-Thon!
May 7th
 — All School Fun —
 Walk – Carnival Games – Lunch
*Thank you for praying for this event,
 volunteering your time and donating supplies.*



You are invited to Cornerstone Christian School

Graduation

 Monday, May 24, 1:30 PM at our Elem/MS cafeteria
 Refreshments following the ceremony


Class of
2021

*You are invited to attend the
 2021 Cornerstone Christian School
 graduation ceremonies.*

*Baccalaureate
 Friday, May 21, 7:00 pm
 at our High School Campus*

*Commencement
 Sunday, May 23, 3:00 pm
 at Brookside Church, Omaha, NE*



Thank you Mrs. Parker, Mr. Lambert and CCS students for a wonderful performance at our Spring Program.

High School Guest – By Amy Kieser

TSgt Matthew Clark is an Air Force recruiter. On May 11th he is coming to speak to our students about furthering their education by enlisting in the Air Force. He will visit with all interested students during their homeroom.

Water Lily Sculptures – By Julie Clarahan

The first graders learned a little bit about Claude Monet and his beautiful water lily paintings. We painted paper, cut it up to make petals and a lily pad, and then glued it all together to make these beautiful 3D paper sculptures. I'm so proud of all the beautiful art that these young artists created with me this year. This is the first in a series of three displays of student art sculptures that went to the Art Fair in April. Look for more in the coming editions of the Chronicle.



**Mark your calendar
Fireworks Stand**

June 24 - July 4

We appreciate all the volunteers who make this such a wonderful event.

All proceeds go towards the CCS tuition assistance fund!

Watch your email for more info and sign-up!



Summer Tutoring –

Summer tutoring will be available throughout June and July for Cornerstone students. The rate for tutoring is \$25 per student for the first hour and \$20 for any additional hour in the same week. Please email Mrs. Bookless at sarabookless@ccsnebraska.org or Mr. Evans at levans@ccsnebraska.org for more information or to register your student.



Shape Poetry – By Mrs. Benson

9th grade English students put what they have been learning about poetry to write shape poems about the symbols of the resurrection story. Each poem is in the shape of what it represents to give a picture of the story that changed everything. This is the first in a series of three editions of our students' poetry.

Cross Poem
by Charlie Campbell

Dragged along side
the cross, carried by
the soldier. Beaten,
bruised, battered,
torn from friends,
wrongfully accused
the perfect son of
God put on a
pedestal, to be
laughed, mocked,
shunned. Innocent,
Spotless, lamb of God. Bloody, burnt, bleeding. The people, shouting, shunning,
sinful. Become blameless, nothing against them. The gift, yet, tortured, and torn.
Nailed to the cross, the symbol, that leads many people to everlasting life. Nailed
to the wood, one in each hand, one through both feet. The rotten bread, the sour
water. The people, peer pressured, enjoying, the suffering, of the innocent son of
God. Two thieves by His side. One, mocked the Lord. The other, defended, and
will be remembered. The disciples, crying, mourning, their hope torn from them.

His family, didn't
understand, didn't
know why their
perfect son was
being killed. The
soldier, realizing
the sins being
committed,
worshipping the
Lord, knowing
there is no more
fault in him. Then,
darkness, the
curtain is torn, the
sky rips open, the
Son is dead. The
thieves still hang,
alive, but the Son
of God spoke the
last words, "It is
finished." The
spear goes through
His side. He gets
taken to the tomb.

Tears Poem
by Eli Maas

"Tears"

A
Tear.
The droplets,
They smolder, smother
The faces of the mourners,
Seething, pleading, astray from
Certainty, almost certainly
Without hope; Refugees
Torn from Him.

A
Deep despair.
How could they
Have nailed Him down?
What do we do now?
Where is the sun, if no
Light is found?
Light is found?

The
Doubt,
Questions pound
Through heads in hands,
Hands that tremble in laps
Or wring at the sky, reaching,
Pulling toward The Cross,
Toward the tomb.

Cup Poem
by Kayla Hall

Alone in the garden, and full of despair, Our Lord
offered up a somber prayer. The will of the Father
waged war within. But nevertheless, The Son
committed no sin. In anguish He uttered his
divine plea: "Father, if possible, take this
cup from me." Though subject to the
flesh, temptation had not won
"Not my will, but yours be
done." The hour
drew near,
when His
betrayer
would appear.
It was only the
beginning of
His torment.
Yet through it
all he remained reticent.
His blood was poured out on
a criminal's tree. And so he commanded:
"Do this in remembrance of me."

Shape Poetry by CCS 9th Grade English Students
(1 in a series of 3)



Mrs. René Sprunger



If you have passed through the Cornerstone high school doors, you have most likely met Mrs. Sprunger. For the last nine years, she has served as a high school receptionist and Office Support Specialist. Besides her first love of greeting students, staff and visitors, she says she thoroughly enjoys tasks such as producing the monthly Chronicle, and creating and updating CCS documents, brochures and signs to make Cornerstone look good!

René’s connection to Cornerstone began years ago when her children attended Cornerstone. Now she feels blessed that her grandchildren, Olivia and Paxton, attend here.

Growing up as a member of a military family, René lived in many places including California, Georgia, Wisconsin, Mississippi and Japan. After her father retired from the Air Force, the family moved to Lincoln, Nebraska when her dad took a job at Back to the Bible Broadcast.

She graduated from Lincoln High School and then moved to Omaha to attend Grace University (then Grace Bible Institute) where she received a diploma in Christian Education. She continued her schooling at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, earning a Bachelor’s Degree in Education. She taught school at Bellevue Christian Academy and Springfield Elementary. She received a Master’s Degree in Computer’s in Education from Lesley College in Massachusetts.

During the decade of the 1990s, René felt privileged to help move Grace University into the “computer age” as she served as the Computer Application professor. She said that two of her favorite parts of that job were providing computer education to the other professors at Grace and helping students learn to use the computer for their future ministries.

Years before, while a student at Grace, René met her soulmate, Mike. René and Mike were married for 37 years and God blessed them with two sons and a daughter. In 2010, Mike was promoted to glory after confidently and patiently trusting God through 10 years of cancer. René reflects on their years together, “It was amazing to be married to such a positive, Godly man.”

Two years after Mike’s death, the Lord led René to apply at Cornerstone. She Said, “My time at Cornerstone has been such an encouraging experience. Over the years, I have watched CCS children mature into confident, God-serving young adults under the guidance of our dedicated teachers and administration. I could not have asked for a better place to be for this season of my life. I will truly miss Cornerstone when I retire later this summer.”

Fun Tidbit: In the early 1990’s René had a side job selling educational robots. In addition, for about 15 years, she created and sold her photography and worship graphics locally and around the world, over the internet. Her works were translated into Danish, Swedish, Norwegian and Spanish.

Favorite Scripture: *“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* ~ Romans 8:38-39 NIV

Verse for Retirement: *“...If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”* ~ James 4:15 NIV



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Cornerstone Summer Office Hours

Pre-K—MS Campus – Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM ♦ High School Campus – Tuesday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Offices are closed on Fridays