A Young Heart Guided by Faith

It did not take long for twelve-year-old Cora Leppert to make a lasting impression. As we settled into our chairs for the interview, I complimented her outfit: a breezy red gingham top paired with a white midi skirt. Cora explained, simply, that she felt it was time to start dressing up for church. Within just a few minutes, I felt like I was interviewing someone far beyond her years. Her confidence, warmth, and natural people skills are sure to serve her well throughout life.

This year, Cora will be taking the court as a member of the Batavia Middle School seventh-grade volleyball team. She genuinely loves the sport, but being part of the team has given her something even more meaningful: two best friends who get to share the experience with her. Cora also has a superpower of her own: she is an exceptionally fast reader, often finishing a book each week.

Family is at the center of Cora's life. She says she gets her sense of adventure, her looks, and even her short temper from her dad, while her personality and drive come from her mom. As the oldest of three children, Cora sees both the perks and the challenges of leading the way. She enjoys being trusted with responsibilities—just maybe not quite so many when it comes to her younger siblings.

Cora's faith has also been shaped in a meaningful way by her mom. Even though the drive to church from the east side of town is a long one, Cora enjoys the Sunday trip and the time it gives her to reflect and connect. That steady influence has helped Cora develop a calm and trusting outlook on life.

Cora's philosophy is simple: go with the flow. She believes everything happens for a reason and that God has a plan for each person's story. Because of that, she tries not to worry, trusting instead that things will unfold as they are meant to.

This past June,2026, Cora became a confirmed member of Hope Lutheran Church, a meaningful milestone in a life already shaped by faith and family. Today, she serves during worship as a reader and helps her mom with Children's Ministry. It will be exciting to watch where God leads her next!