



We joyfully greet our members and visitors as we come together to praise the living God who makes all things new. Paul reminds us that it is God who enables us to “walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). Let us glorify God with that reality in mind.

Join us for refreshments, after the service, in our fellowship hall.

January 29, 2012

OFFERING TODAY— Gift Support for Dennis Hoekstra (mission work thru Partners Worldwide)
Next Sunday — General Fund

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS—We are NOT meeting today....see you next week!

VISUAL ARTS—Abraham: Living between Promise and Reality. Living between promise and reality is represented on stage with a green tent. Green is the liturgical color of what is called ‘Ordinary Time’, the time between Epiphany and Lent. The tent reminds us that we are on a journey of faith, and this is our temporary home. We use maps and compasses to give us direction as we travel. In the same way, we use the Bible to give us direction in following God.

W.O.W. is under re-construction. Plans are underway for monthly gatherings that are inspirational, educational and to which you may invite a friend. Evenings would include a meal and a time for fellowship. We look forward to opportunities to make new friends!

MISSION TEAM will meet Saturday, February 4, at 8:00am, here at church.

2ND SUNDAY LUNCH SIGN-UP— We’re having a baked potato lunch with all the fixin’s on Feb. 12 at noon. If you plan to attend, please sign up so we know how many potatoes to bake, and we’re asking you to bring one topping, or dessert, or pop. There are a variety of suggestions for toppings listed on the sign-up in the foyer, but if you have another idea, feel free to add it to the list! Everyone is invited!



Year-End



Contribution Statements

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS were placed in the mail slots last week. If you did not receive yours, or have a question, please contact our Church Treasurer, Jim Wassenaar at 423-9339. We would like to thank everyone for their faithful contributions throughout the year. Without your support, we would not be able to be about the Lord’s work here at Grace Community. As we begin this new year of giving, we would like to encourage you to continue your faithful tithing to the church.

GUATEMALA MEDICAL MISSION TRIP—On Feb. 18, LeAnn Kooyenga will once again be going to Guatemala. Your prayers for the preparations will be appreciated. Monetary donations are also appreciated and will be used to purchase medications to take with as we visit the villages in the jungles of Guatemala. Checks can be made out to Maranatha Chapel, the organizers of this trip. If you have any questions, feel free to call LeAnn at 708.275.6250. *Thank you!*

ART CONNECT—Next Sat., Feb. 4, we will be hosting our once-a-month Art Connect. Art Connect is a way to meet neighbors and friends while learning an art medium or craft. This month, Ken Schutt with Rich Vanden Bout, will be leading a clay project. Feel free to attend next week Saturday and bring a neighbor or friend!



An abbreviated version of our church newsletter is available in your mail slot today!



WE PRAY FOR THE COMFORT OF CHRIST, OUR RISEN LORD, TO SURROUND THESE GRIEVING FAMILIES:

—Our sympathy to the family and friends of Jennie Beenes, to Jennie’s sister Anne, Wally & Pat Schuurman in Jennie’s death last Monday, January 23rd.

—Our sympathy to the family and friends of Anne Buikema, sister Janet & Harold Wierenga, niece Bonnie & Rich Mulder in Anne’s death Friday, January 20th.

—Our sympathy to Ange & Ben Dykstra and the family and friends of Jacob (Bud) Stoit in Bud’s death last Thursday. In Christ, we know that our Redeemer lives. Pray that the comfort of Christ will guard Ange and Ben and the Stoit family as they trust in him.

—Christian N. Beezhold was in Christ Hospital this past week receiving treatment for congestive heart failure. We thank God for means to promote health and pray God to guard Chris’ heart and life in Christ.

—Byron Breems underwent abdominal surgery at Sherman Hospital in Elgin. The surgery was successful in removing the cancerous tissue and no new cancer sites were found. We pray for God’s healing for Byron.

—Ella Bruinius continued at Emeritus in Burr Ridge for rehabilitation. We thank God for his care and strength for Ella and pray that he continue to guide her and Bill.

—Ange Dykstra had a PET scan that showed cancer cells in the lymph nodes. Ange will be receiving treatment next week, Lord willing. We pray that the treatment will be effective in eliminating the cancer as we look to Christ for his strength.

—Pray for safe travel as Joe Vloedman, Harry Beezhold (Jr.) and Dave Phillips leave this weekend for Alabama to work on the housing project being sponsored by CRWRC-DRS. They will be helping to build a house for a tornado victim. Pray for the volunteers from Orland Park CRC who will be traveling and working as well.

—WE REMEMBER those who are serving in the military, that the Lord may watch over them and their families: Stephen & Dan Brucken, Elizabeth Boldt, Ernest Soderlund, and Thomas Tate.

—MILITARY UPDATE—Dan Brucken, son of Dan & Marilyn , will be deployed again next week Thursday, February 2nd. He will be going to Jabuti, Africa. His deployment is for 6 months. Please pray for God’s protection on Dan as he serves his country yet again. And pray for his family as his wife, Jessica endures a high risk pregnancy, and daughter Jasmine misses her father. Pray that this family will feel God’s loving arms of comfort and protection while they are separated and that Jessica will come through her pregnancy with ease.

—WE ALSO REMEMBER those who are in continuing care or homebound, including: Lorraine Bakker, Jennie Beenes, Helena Creaney, Millie De Vries, Florence De Wit, Jeannette Fischer, Grace Ozinga, Rose Pels, Nell Ridderhoff, Julius Sias, Elsie Sluis, Jacob (Bud) Stoit, Tina Stovall, Theresa Ter Maat, Bill Van Wyk, Jeanette Veen, Angeline Vloedman, Evelyn Vloedman, Harold & Janet Wierenga, and Marian Weidenaar.

—"Pray to the Lord of Harvest" : Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:37b-38). During the winter, harvest seems far away; yet winter is a great time to pray and plan for the seed planting time and harvest yet to come. A prayer card will be found in your mailbox or on the foyer table. Use these cards as an encouragement to pray to the Lord to send out workers into his harvest field.

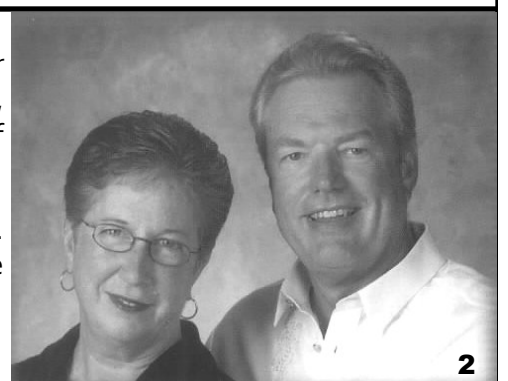


Rev. Russ & Sherry Palsrok have settled into their permanent residence in Fremont, MI. From there, Rev. Palsrok will continue his supervisory work of

CRC World Missions in EurAsia.

The Palsroks’ relocation to Fremont will enable them to attend to the needs of Rev. Palsroks’ 94 year old father and to maintain close contact with CRWM’s home office in Grand Rapids.

Please continue to remember the Palsroks in your prayers.



MARILYN BRUCKEN, will return this week as **Prayer Chain Coordinator**. Please send all prayer requests to her at: dutchemen680@comcast.net. *Thank you to Tom Huisenga for filling in this week!*

Men's Life will NOT meet this week. We'll resume February 7th!

SMALL GROUP LEADERS—GroupLife Midwest 2012 is a FREE leadership development and training event for small group leaders! GroupLife training will be held Friday night, Feb. 3rd and Saturday morning, Feb. 4th at Parkview Christian Church in Orland Park, IL. Steve Gladen, Saddleback Church's Small Group Pastor will give presentations, along with other small group leaders. If you are interested in participating, contact Pastor Michael Kooy at 636-2848 to register.



Community News

JEROD CLARK OF CHURCH JUICE, a ministry of the Christian Reformed Church, will present information for churches about welcoming people via your church website, Facebook, the building and the people, this Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 6-8pm, at Palos Hts. Christian Reformed Church. Come to this free, informative evening and find out what you can be doing to become more welcoming. Contact Jan Visser (Christian Service Ministries) to reserve a seat: jvcsm@sbcglobal.net or 307-2370.

THE WELLNESS COMMITTEE AT PILGRIM FAITH CHURCH will be holding a 10 week weight loss/healthy living program for those who want to explore a spiritual approach to living well. The sessions are based on the book, *Craving Hope* by Joni Woelfel, which provides a practical yet spiritual framework for achieving weight loss and healthy living goals. There is no charge to join the program, although you must provide your own book if you choose to read it. The first meeting is Mon., Feb. 6, at 7:00pm in the lounge at Pilgrim Faith, 9411 S. 51st Ave. in Oak Lawn. (Please enter through the courtyard on 51st Ave.) For information, call 422-4200 or email office@pilgrimfaith.org.

SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ANNOUNCEMENTS—

—**Annual Pancake Breakfast** will be held on Sat., Feb. 4, at the Tinley Park campus, from 7:30-10:30am. The proceeds go to help teachers purchase items for their classrooms. The food will be great, and it is always a great community building time. In addition, the PTL will be sponsoring a Book Fair. The proceeds from the book sale benefit the libraries at the Oak Lawn and Tinley Park campuses. Mark your calendars and come out to support your schools!

—**Alumni and Friends of Chgo. Christian High School**, please join us for the 2012 induction to the Wall of Honor on Saturday, Feb. 4. The induction ceremony recognizing 6 athletes from 1948 thru 1983 will take place at 7:00pm, prior to the CCHS vs. Immaculate Conception Varsity Basketball game in the CCHS Competition Gym in Palos Heights.

—**The Oak Lawn Campus will host an Open House** for interested families on Thurs., Feb. 9 from 6:30-8:00pm. The campus offers Pre-School—8th grade along with before and after school care. If you know of someone who may be interested in Christian education, please encourage them to attend. The campus is located at 10110 S. Central Ave. For more information call 388-7656.

—**Spring/Summer Children's Clothing & Equipment Resale** is just around the corner! The sale will be held in the Oak Lawn campus gym on Sat., March 10 from 9:00am-12:00pm. *Registration for sellers* will be held at the Tinley Pk. campus on Sat., Feb. 4 from 8:30-10am and the Oak Lawn campus on Tues., Feb. 7 from 3-5:00pm for a fee of \$8. Space is limited!! Register by phone on Feb. 8-15 for a fee of \$12 by calling Trisha Schutter at 499-3308. Questions? Call Lisa McClelland at 444-1135.

Serving with a Glad Heart...

GREETERS TODAY:

(No. entrance)

John & Gloria Roos

(Sanctuary)

Carol DenBesten & Phyllis Johnson

USHERS TODAY:

John Rosier—Dan Brucken Sr.

George Voss

LIBRARY TODAY:

Evelyn Van Dellen

INFANT-TODDLER NURSERY TODAY:

Helen Noort

PROJECTION TODAY:

Cheryl Wassenaar

SOUND TODAY:

Bill Kamp

REFRESHMENTS TODAY:

Ken & Carol Schutt

Karen Buikema

REFRESHMENTS Next Week:

Pete & Yvonne Deckinga

Catherine Solle

SHARE-A-MEAL:

LaVerne Yff (614-1986)

For Feb.—Helen Noort

(448-9241)

The Week Ahead...

- Sun-Jan 29 10:00 am Worship Service —Abraham: The Peaceable Kingdom Genesis 14:1-24
Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the service
The Prayer Room (located in the hall by the mail slots) is available for anyone to use for a quiet time of prayer or reflection.
- Mon-Jan 30 9:15 am JAZZercise
- Tue-Jan 31 9:15 am Coffee Break
9:30 am Ruth Fellowship
- Wed-Feb 1 9:15 am JAZZercise
9:30 am Coffee Break
- Thu-Feb 2 7:30 pm Praise Team rehearsal
- Fri-Feb 3 9:15 am JAZZercise
7-8:45 pm **GEMS Girls Club**
- Sat-Feb 4 1-2:30 pm **ART CONNECT** for ALL ages!
- Sun-Feb 5 9:00 am Worship Service — Abraham: *Standing on the Promises* Genesis 15:1-18
Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall between the services
Marilyn Brucken & Bob Cooper will be available, after the service, in the Prayer Room (located in the hall by the mail slots) to have a time of prayer or reflection with anyone who wishes to join them.
- 10:20 am Adult Sunday School class
10:45 am Contemporary Worship Service—Abraham: *Standing on the Promises* Genesis 15:1-18



SUNDAY SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE IN AN AUDIO VERSION ON OUR WEBSITE at www.gccrc.org!

Go to: www.gccrc.org/weekly_bulletin_audio_sermons to check it out!