

ANNOUNCEMENTS — APRIL 28, 2019

OFFERING TODAY: Christian Education Fund

Your donation to this fund helps provide our church families with the assistance they may need to provide a Christ-centered education for their children when they otherwise would not be able to meet the cost on their own.

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY: General Operating Fund

Your donation today provides our church with the opportunity to show our love and care for those in our membership and surrounding community through the funding of our many ministry programs. This fund also gives us the means to maintain our church property and compensate staff.

Communion—June 2: Our next Lord's Supper celebration will be on June 2. Normally, we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month, however, in light of our Easter communion celebration last week, we will celebrate our next Lord's Supper in June.



Congratulations to Matt Huizinga and Mary Huisenga who were united in marriage on Friday, April 26. We pray for God's Spirit to guide and bless Matt and Mary as they build their home in Christ, our sure foundation.

National Day of Prayer: On Thursday, May 2 @ 7:00pm, the Prayer Team will lead a service of prayer. Join in prayer for the needs of our country and our community. Light refreshments will be served.

Art Connect: Saturday, May 18, 1-2:30pm: Everyone is invited to this last meeting of the season. Art Connect is a FREE program that provides time to learn a new craft or join in an art project with friends from our neighborhood.

COFFEE CHANGE CUPS: If you haven't already, please turn in your coffee change cups today! Thank you for participating in this special fundraiser!

Thank You to: David & Kaitlyn Van Kuiken, Eleanor Lamsma, Marilyn Vanden Bout, Evelyn Van Dellen Rika Kooy, and Jim & Barb Wassenaar for letting us use their mirrors in our Lenten visual arts. We appreciate your generosity!



Our fleece blanket supply is getting depleted again—which is a wonderful thing! These blankets are a blessing to so many people. Plan now to join the Tuesday Coffee Break group in making more blankets on Tuesday, May 21 from 9:30-11:30am. Fleece donations are always gladly accepted. For more information, talk to Diane Ritzema, Eleanor Lamsma or Ruth Kuipers. Thanks for your help!

Book Club: Join us for discussion on May 13 @ 7pm. We'll be talking about the book, "Educated" by Tara Westover. This unforgettable memoir is about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and eventually goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University.

Are you Spring cleaning in your closets? The Visual Arts storage closet is in need of more pants hangers to hang up our fabric. Please leave them by Diane Ritzema's office. Thanks in advance!



—**Char Kros** asks for prayers for her granddaughter, Kylie Wolfe, who has joined the Navy. Please pray for safety and guidance for Kylie. Char would also like prayers for her health as she is having trouble with dizzy spells. Pray the Lord will grant her a measure of his love and healing. Char is thankful for all her family has done for her and for helping her sell her home. Her permanent address at Arden Courts is listed in the church directory.

—**Pray for** the family and friends of Judy Doornbos who passed away on Easter Sunday. The service and burial were private and have been held. We pray that the comfort of Jesus, our risen Lord, will give hope and renewal to Judy's family and good friends.

—**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** those serving in the military & their families, and those in continuing care or homebound, including: Carol Breems, Dorothy Brink-Schutt, Helena Creaney, Marv DeVries, Jay Dorn, Ben Dykstra, Connie Dykstra, Rich Knudsen, Char Kros, John Langeland, Pauline Meekma, Mason Patterson, Ray Peterson Jr., John Roos, and Jeannette Veen.

Graduation time is fast approaching...if you have children, or other family members graduating, why not include them in our June newsletter on a special graduation page? We would need their name, relationship to you, grade and school/degree information. And you can include a picture! Information can be placed in the newsletter mailbox outside the church office.

Sunday Coffee Time: Our Sunday coffee fellowship is always looking for servers! If you can help out on a Sunday morning it would be greatly appreciated! Sign up for serving is posted on the kitchen door. *Thanks for helping!*

Community News

The **Men of A-Chord** is pleased to announce their annual "**Night of Song**". The concert will be on **Sat., May 4 at 7pm** at the First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland (16248 South Park Ave.). The concert will include the Heritage Singing Men of Jenison, MI and the Singing Crusaders of Kalamazoo, MI. Make your plans now for a great evening of praise to our great God. A free will offering will be taken. For more information visit: www.menofachorc.org.

Sign up TODAY for the 9th Annual Elim Eagles' Wings 5K! This year's totally tubular 1980's-style event takes place on Sat., May 11 at 9:00am. Run, Walk or roll in the traditional 5K or the 1-mile short loop. Participants will enjoy music, refreshments, raffle drawings, and a free event T-shirt. Free pre-race obstacle course for kids! Or sign up to be a virtual participant and we'll send you a T-shirt! All proceeds go to purchase much-needed equipment, technology, and other resources that directly benefit children and adults with disabilities. Visit elimcs.org to register today! Questions? Call Laura at 708-293-6509.

Pregnancy Aid South Suburbs (PASS) would like to invite you to "save the date" of **Sat., June 8** for their annual **Hike4Life** fundraising event! As in previous years, the event will be held on the grounds of Peace Community Church in Frankfort, IL from 7am-1pm. We'll have an untimed 5K "Candy Fun Run" at 8am and a Hike at 9am. Run or hike with your family! There will be many activities for kids and youth! For more information, please go to our website: www.helppass.org or contact Allison Alons, Advancement Manager at PASS (708-614-9777 x121).

The **Self-Help Jobs Program** exists to help unemployed and underemployed people of all ages and skill sets to learn to navigate through the maze of current job search methods to find job leads and successfully become employed. We also assist business owners to find qualified people, entrepreneurs needing advice, and students needing internships and summer jobs. To get started, **call 708-633-6580 for an appointment.** Office hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Bethany's Safe Families for Children Ministry testimony: *"My family enjoys being a refuge for the children."* If you feel called to volunteer for Safe Families or would like your church to be engaged in this ministry, please call Melissa at 708-385-4889.

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