

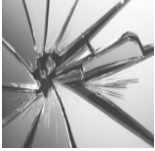
ANNOUNCEMENTS — MARCH 10, 2019 — 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

OFFERING TODAY: Mission Fund

Your donation today will help support 6 missionaries around the world and here in the U.S. that our church has chosen to sponsor: Alan Breems-Evangelist Training Program, Moreno Valley, CA; John Hoekwater-Church Planting, Rogers Park, IL; Jerry An-BTGMI, Chinese Broadcasting; Sergei Sosedkin-BTGMI, Russian Broadcasting; Steve Michmerhuizen, CR World Missions, Romania; and Evy Smith-CR World Missions, Mali, Africa.

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY: Benevolence Fund

This fund gives the deacons of our church the opportunity to show our loving care and support of those in our church family and surrounding community who may be in need of assistance while facing a hardship.



Visual Arts: LENT is a time of reflection on our life and faith. The mirrors invite us to remember that we are broken in sin, and we often don't see ourselves for who we really are. Written on the mirrors are statements we might believe about ourselves that don't fit with the gospel message. Jesus calls us to reflect him in our lives of faith and obedience.

MISSIONARY UPDATE: Evy Smith, Resonate Global Mission, Mali. Evy works among the Fulani people in Mali; among other ministries, Evy helps translate the Bible into the "heart language" of the Fulani people. Pray for God to work through his word to continue to bring new life. Pray, too, for our Fulani brothers and sisters in Christ as they live in areas where there are security problems.



Join us tomorrow, March 11, at 7:00pm to discuss the book, "Earning the Rockies" by Robert Kaplan. "An incisive portrait of the American landscape that shows how geography continues to determine America's role in the world."

LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST: Tuesday Coffee Break invites all women to join us this Tuesday, March 12 from 9:15-11:00am for a potluck breakfast followed by the opportunity to participate in prayer stations titled, *Becoming Like Christ*. Please sign up on the poster in the foyer to let us know you will be attending. Invite your friends also!

The **GEMS Girls Club** is hosting a **Scrapbooking Event on March 22-23**. Registration/information forms are available on the foyer table by the office. Join us for fellowship and fun!

Thank you to those who have been collecting plastic coffee containers for Ronal McDonald House. Due to changes in the way meals are being provided, these containers are no longer needed. The Ronal McDonald House is really grateful for your help.

ALL groups are asked to please submit a budget for the upcoming fiscal budget year no later than the 2nd week of April.

Congratulations to the Kooy family in the wedding of *Nick Kooy and Linnea Carrera* who married yesterday. We thank God for his gift of marriage and pray for God's guidance for Nick and Linnea in the years ahead.

THANK YOU

"We were so overwhelmed by the care bestowed upon our family in the recent weeks by Pastor Kooy. His visits meant so much and his comforting words were such a blessing. Thank you to the entire congregation for your thoughts, prayers, and visits for our dad, John Bakker, during these past few weeks. It's been an exhausting journey, but we feel blessed by being part of an amazing community of believers."

"This year was a rough trip to Guatemala knowing when I said my goodbyes to my father I knew I wouldn't see him again on this earth. I don't know if he even knew that I was there that day, but he always supported the mission trip and I knew he was in good hands. There was nothing I could do here to change what was happening, but I knew there were thousands of needy people waiting for our help. Thank you all for praying for us and supporting us. It was a very difficult decision to make but I feel God was with us every step of the way and the support from our Christian brothers and sisters that we served with in Guatemala was a true blessing reassuring me I did the right thing. Thank you."

—Larry & LeAnn Kooyenga



—**Carol Breems** is at Providence Central for continuing care. We pray for God's hand of guidance for Carol and her family in this time of transition.

—**Bill Weidenaar** returned home. We thank God for his healing and pray for God to continue to guide and strengthen Bill and Sue as they trust in him.

—**Dorothy Beezhold** has returned to her home in Victorian Village. She is now under Hospice Care. We pray for God's continued peace and grace for Dorothy.

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

Community News

Roseland Christian Ministries invites you to attend our **3RD ANNUAL ROSELAND YOUTH PARTNERSHIP BENEFIT** on **Sat., March 16 from 3-6pm** at Chop Shop in Chicago. Come out for a fun-filled afternoon to raise funds for all the youth programs. Your support can help push back against violence and provide a place of safety and belonging to the youth of the area. For more information and to purchase tickets, please go to: roselandyouthpartnership.yapsody.com.

You're Invited to the ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON HOSTED BY BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS ON THURS., APRIL 11 at 11:30AM at TEIBEL'S IN SCHERERVILLE, IN. You'll enjoy a violin concerto by Katie Mattix and get a special "inside scoop" on Bible League International ministry from Andrew Earnshaw. Tickets can be purchased from a Bible League volunteer for \$18 for chicken or \$22 for perch. Please contact Judy VanderWall (708-745-1617) if you have questions.

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